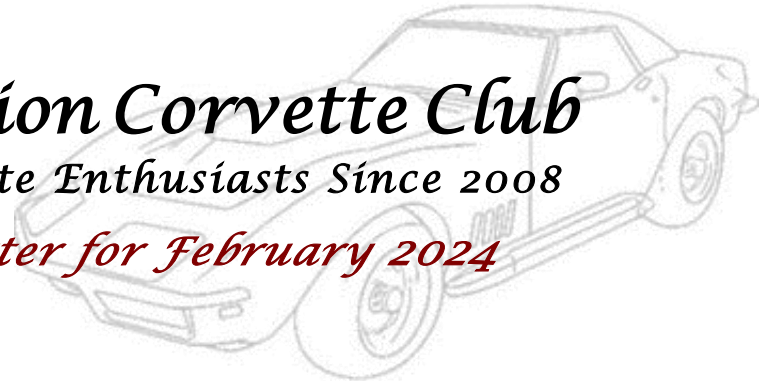




# Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

## President's Letter for February 2024



### Club Officers

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ARCC started off 2024 with a great turnout at our long-postponed Annual meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It was good to see so many of you, especially those who braved the weather and found their way to Pat's Pizza. It was especially good to see our recent hospital patients participate, the Kellys in person and Dan Bossert over Zoom. Let's hope they continue to improve daily! With the turn of the calendar to February, I'm hoping that we are now at least half-way through winter; I, for one, am starting to think about when I can plan on taking the cars out of the barn for their first wash and polish of the new season. I am eagerly looking forward to our first organized cruise!

### Member News

As you can see from the list of officers above, we have a new Vice President, Meg Smallidge. Thanks, Meg, for volunteering to help lead ARCC! (Happy Birthday, too.) And under the heading of "get well soon," Pat Minier is recovering from major shoulder surgery. Let's hope this doesn't slow you down too much!

Here are the celebrations for this month and next:

#### February Birthdays

Meg Smallidge	Virginia Daries
Bill Fernald	Alan Hamblen
Don Houp	Tarnya Sanborn

#### March Birthdays

Sharon Bates	Ruth Brunetti
Ross Grant	Chris Houmiller
Jackie Kelly	Doug Lee
Scott Lawson	

#### February Anniversaries

Sharon Bates & Dave Billings

#### March Anniversaries

Eric & Carol Judson

### Upcoming Events & Activities

February is traditionally a slow month here in Maine, and that includes ARCC. We have no formal events this month... BUT if anyone wants to organize an informal dinner this month, let Diane or me know and we can see who else might be interested.

The next organized ARCC event will be our February meeting and mid-winter party on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm at the Olive Garden on Hogan Road in Bangor. (Let's hope by then we can decide to call it the "almost-end-of-winter party." 😊) If you plan to go and haven't already let Diane know, please contact her no later than February 15<sup>th</sup>.

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*In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!*

Looking further ahead, I hope to organize a cruise to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Booth Bay. Right now, I'm thinking about a one-day trip in early June. The tentative plan is to have lunch at the Booth Bay Craft Brewery, visit the Gardens for a couple of hours, then head home. And for those who want to make it an overnight trip, perhaps organizing a group dinner and lodging in the Booth Bay or Bath areas. The entrance fee for the Gardens is \$24/adult (I'll check about a group rate) and it would be a rain-or-shine outing (since there are still flowers to marvel at, even in the rain). *Please email me by February 15<sup>th</sup> if this is something that might interest you and, if so, whether you can accommodate a mid-week trip or can only go on a weekend.* I'll pursue this further if enough people are interested. If there are enough ARCC members who want to go, I'll see about joining up with one or two other clubs for a larger gathering.

In addition, Diane is working on organizing a show-and-shine in St. Andrews with the Saint John club; she'll email club members with details once planning gets underway. Beyond what our officers have suggested, other club members have responded to our plea and come up with their own suggestions, including visiting some of the locations from the 2022 and 2023 scavenger hunts. *If any of you have suggestions for trips or activities that club members might enjoy, don't be shy about letting Diane or me know...* and maybe volunteer to organize it. All ideas are welcome!

I expect to have a Club event calendar ready for our website by our April meeting. If you know of an event that should be on our calendar, please let me know.

### Interesting and Offbeat Corvette News

I found this month's offbeat Corvette news article on *FuelCurve.com*. It's an article by FuelCurve's Mike Harrington about a custom builder called *The Auto Shoppe* in Burlington, Vermont. They took a 1965 C2 in a radically new direction: they split it in half and widened it by more than 6" to make the first (and probably only!) "Split Ray Corvette." The details of the build and some awesome photos of the end product are at <https://fuelcurve.com/split-ray-corvette/>.



Having lived in Vermont some years ago, the comment in the article that I liked best was, "Consider the man hours required to redesign and build the hood, glass, interior, chassis, grille...everything. But what else would the crew at the Auto Shoppe do with their long Vermont winters?" And I can attest to the fact that Vermont winters are usually a lot harsher than what we usually have in Maine!

Come on, Spring! (Punxsutawney Phil says it's not too far away.)

*Roger*

Roger Dean  
ARCC President