



Acadia Region Corvette Club

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President's Letter for September 2023 (revised)



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There's what I've been told is an ancient Chinese curse that goes, "May you live in interesting times." By any measure, this past weekend—which was supposed to see ARCC's 10th annual **Corvette Autumn car show**—was certainly "interesting." Two spectacular days bookending a Saturday worthy of Noah and his ark. Friday was a bit cool but top-down weather, nonetheless. Sunday was similar. But where I live, all day Saturday we had driving, heavy rain (>3") accompanied by sustained winds over 30 mph and no power from about 9:00 am until after dark. I spent a good bit of Sunday's fine weather cleaning up the three large trees that uprooted during the storm rather than taking advantage of the nice weather with another top-down drive. Thank you, Hurricane Lee. So...

This letter was delayed from its usual date because I planned to report on yet another successful Corvette Autumn car show, a fantastic *Start Your Engines* party, and all the money our event raised for Sarah's House. A good crowd of local members and friends signed up to attend and our friends from Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick (CSNB) planned to send a contingent. But Mother Nature had other plans. As we watched the weather forecast get progressively more dire and more certain as the week progressed, it became obvious that our plans for the car show and party stood a good chance of having to be changed. And changed they were!

As our party dancers (Historian Pat Minier and friends) finished their practicing and club members thought about preparing dishes for Friday's potluck dinner, club officers struggled to find the least worst option. Not only had we been looking forward to hosting somewhere between 25 and 50 Corvette owners who were looking forward to the weekend, but we had a small mountain of donated items for our silent auctions and game prizes.

By Wednesday your club officers started to consider options... hold the show as planned on Saturday but move the games under cover or combine them with Friday's party, postpone or cancel the show but hold the party on Friday, or accept the increasingly certain forecast and postpone everything to some later date. By Wednesday evening we made the decision to postpone the show but hold the party. But by Thursday mid-day, we realized that the party would have to go as well. As if the radio, TV, and online news reports weren't enough to suggest we change plans, our Governor's state of emergency declaration on Thursday iced the cake. Damn! This certainly was not what any of us expected when we started planning in earnest at the start of the year.

Despite the fact our show didn't happen as we all hoped and planned, I want to thank the local merchants who decided that our show and our commitment to Sarah's House cancer hospitality

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

house were worth supporting. The show committee spent much of the last few weeks before the show weekend soliciting area merchants for donations. The committee was very successful: In addition to our **main sponsor, Darling's Chevrolet**, other local businesses that chose to support us included:

AutoZone	Home Depot	Maine's Own Treats
Merchant's Automotive	Coastal Auto Parts (NAPA)	Friends & Family Market
K&B Automotive	Hammond Lumber	Crocker House
Viking Lumber	O'Reilly's Auto Parts	Pirates Cove Mini-Golf
Cadillac Mountain Sports	Global Beverage Warehouse	Shirley's Yarn
DC Air's LobStore	Reny's	

In addition to the generous support and financial donation provided by Darlings, we estimate that we received about \$2000 worth of merchandise and gift cards from these other businesses to auction off or award as game prizes. Please remember our generous supporters when you choose local merchants to patronize.

After the decision to cancel, we then had to decide what to do with donated items. We converted gift cards with expiration dates into cash and will donate the money to Sarah's House. The merchandise and other gift cards we will hold until we can reschedule both the party and the show, probably in early spring. Club officers will try to establish some target dates at or before our October meeting. So stand by.

Offbeat Corvette News

The following story comes from the weekly **Corvette Mike's** weekly *Thundering Thursday* newsletter. My only reaction to this story was, "What the hell was this guy thinking???"

"The C8 is a very versatile automobile. It is just as good at driving to the grocery market as it is doing a full track day. But one thing it could improve at is driving on soft sand!

"The incident occurred at Pismo Beach on California's Central Coast. It's the only coastal beach in California to be legally driven on, making it a popular spot for weekend getaways. Typically, folks drive 4x4 trucks, quads, and motorcycles onto the sand, but one person thought it wise to drive their Corvette near the waterline and get thoroughly stuck.

"[The video shows](#) the Corvette stuck to its frame, its rear wheels spinning helplessly. A crowd gathered around, trying to free it from the rising tide. In the video, it looked dire for the 'Vette, with the tide licking the passenger side of the car. But not all was lost, as a commenter stated that the car was pulled out before things got terminal."

The C8 Is Not a Dune Buggy



Pismo Beach on the California central coast Via Instagram

People & Places

September Birthdays

Anne Grant
Shelly Sala

October Birthdays

Beth Crane
Ann Lee
Donna Shea
Franny Stackpole

September Anniversaries

Jill & Rick Gaspar Jr.
Doug & Ann Lee
Meg Smallidge & Dave Blanchard
Les & Franny Stackpole

October Anniversaries

Larry & Jane Billings
John & Donna Shea
Barry & Debbie Shepard

Upcoming Events

September 27 — ARCC Monthly Meeting. This is a **CHANGE** from previous plans. With our car show indefinitely postponed, club officers thought that we ought to have a September meeting after all. As usual, it will be an in-person meeting at Pat's Pizza and will be Zoomed for our distant members.

September 29&30 –Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick's Moon Glow Poker Run & Car Show.

The car show will be held Friday evening under the lights at Coast Tire, 455 McAllister Dr, St. John, NB on Sept. 29th, followed by the Poker Run on Saturday, Sept. 30th. Information and registration at: <https://www.corvettesofsouthernnewbrunswick.com/moon-glow-poker-run>. As of this writing, four ARCC couples plan to make the trip north. Contact Diane Bossert if you are going to the event and want to join the group driving north on Friday, the 29th.

September 30 -- Ellsworth's Autumn Gold Car Show. Ellsworth Home Depot parking lot. This date is a change from past practice, which saw Autumn Gold be the weekend after our car show.

October 7 – Searsport Fire Department Fling into Fall parade and car show. Searsport.

October 14 -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 1414 Tremont Road. Last one of 2023. Season Finale. The museum closes for the season on October 31!

October 25–29 — Vettes of Coastal Maine Fall Fallout weekend in Bar Harbor.

Miscellany

I received an email from club members Marty and Alan Hamblen saying they are selling their 2007 yellow coupe. Asking price is \$22,000. If you're interested, call Marty at 207-479-8933 or email her seawhispermdi@gmail.com.

That's it. Looking forward to a better end to the month, I hope to

See you on the road,



Roger Dean
President, ARCC

If you have an ARCC- or Corvette-related photo that you think others in the club would be interested in, please send it to me for possible inclusion in a future President's letter.