



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for January-February 2026

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Yes, I know that 2026 is already one month old, but this is my first letter of the year. And besides, by now most of us (well, those of us who don't flee south) are a bit tired of the regular snowstorms this winter and need to be reassured that this will be, indeed, a happy new year. Or so we all hope. As for us and our Corvettes, so far so good. Our C3 is safely stored in our one-size-fits-all (and way too big) car bag that has so far proven impervious to the local small rodents. And turning on the random predator sounds of our electronic rodent chasers seem to be doing what they didn't do without the sounds: There are no mice or other rodents caught in any of the many traps that surround our C8. We never had any problems with mice attacking our C6 but wanted to make darn sure that they didn't get to the C8. Just two more months until, just maybe, both can come out of the barn for another cruising season. In the meantime, I'll amuse myself by reading (and rereading) the C8 owner's manual to try to remember how everything works.



Celebrations

January Birthdays

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| Dick Anderson | Larry Billings |
| Dave Blanchard | Joe Blanchette |
| Don Blanchette | Betsy Cabit |
| John Favour | Carol Dean |
| Roger Dean | Chris Houmiller |
| Mike Serota | Barry Shepard |

February Birthdays

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| Scott Allen | Mike Arbour |
| Meg Smallidge | Kristin Blanchette |
| Virginia Daries | Don Houp |



January Anniversaries

Bethany & Kevin Crane
 Roger & Carol Dean
 Ruth Brunetti & Bill Fernald

February Anniversaries

Dave Billings & Sharon Bates

ARCC's First 2026 Gathering

On January 28th following our latest snowstorm, fourteen club members took a break from huddling around their woodstoves to kick off the 2026 events season. We met at Helen's in Ellsworth for an

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

early dinner and mid-winter catch-up. We had lots of time for conversation as this wasn't a regular business meeting. It was good to see founding member Doug Lee back on his feet again after his longer-than-expected bout with back surgery. We had such a good time that we've decided to do this again sometime in February. After several members reported favorable experiences, we agreed that we should have the next ARCC dinner at Thai Conic on Downeast Highway. Stand by for details.



2026 Events

I continue to collect information on regional car shows and other major events for our 2026 calendar. Here's what I have so far. The only event added since my last report is the Back to the Beach event. If you know of any, please send me the dates.

- ARCC's mid-winter "Can't Wait for Cruising Season" gathering, sometime in February
- VOCCM Bar Harbor weekend, May 28th–31st
- Back to the Beach Corvette Weekend in Old Orchard Beach, June 12-14; info at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2093732044732781>
- Southwest Harbor Flamingo parade, July 11th
- Millbridge Days parade, July 25th
- Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick, Moon Glow show & poker run, September 26th & 27th, St. John, NB
- NE Corvette clubs gathering, October 23rd–25th, Ogunquit, ME
- VOCCM Bar Harbor weekend, tentatively October 23rd–25th

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

CorvetteBlogger reports that Chevrolet would be [dropping both Riptide Blue Metallic and Hysteria Purple Metallic](https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2026/01/27/leak-confirms-admiral-blue-and-a-new-exclusive-color-coming-for-the-2027-corvette/) for two new colors for the 2027 model year. The new colors will be something called Pitch Met (now that's a real helpful name) and Opulent Blue Metallic.

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HotCars.com brings us another story about an abandoned 'Vette. This one was a C8 found in a Florida pond. Their story opens with, "The C8 Corvette is an engineering marvel... (but) that doesn't mean everyone who owns one is treating them with respect..." Too true! The story goes on to say, "The Orlando Fire Department just recovered one from a pond, with no obvious explanation as to how it got there in the first place." Read the article at <https://www.hotcars.com/mysterious-c8-corvette-found-proves-stingrays-cant-swim/>.



Dues are Due!

ARCC's fiscal year begins on March 1st and club dues are to be paid at or before our March meeting, now scheduled for March 25th. Annual dues for the entire year are \$17.50/person. Since this is the first full year since the passing of DanBossert, our previous Treasurer and "keeper of the official membership list," our current Treasurer, Carol Dean, will be reconstructing ARCC's membership list. If you do not pay your dues, we'll assume you are no longer interested in being a member of ARCC and we will drop you from our list. So if you want to continue to learn about and participate in ARCC activities, mark your calendars so that you remember to pay your dues before the March deadline.

And for now, I'll go back to looking fondly at our cars and studying the C8's owner's manual.

See you on the road,

Roger Dean



ARCC President

There is no meeting planned for February. Our next gathering will be a club dinner sometime in February at the Thai Conic restaurant. Diane will let us all know the place, date, and time. Check your email regularly to make sure you don't miss it.