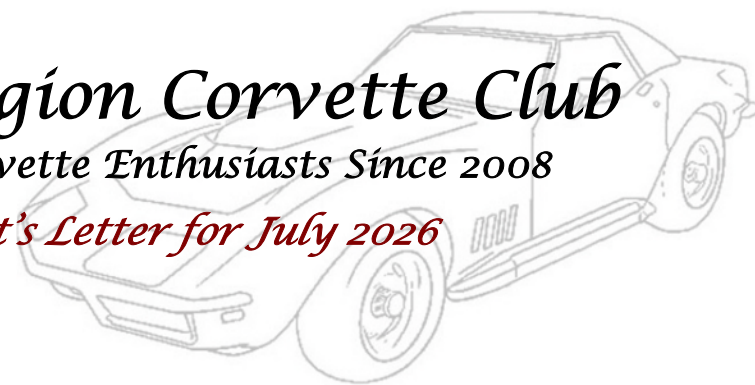




Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for July 2026



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June was a pretty good month for Corvette cruisin'... at least for the Deans. With the thought that our cars are meant for driving and not just sitting in the garage looking pretty, Carol and I managed to put 2000 miles on Firefly and a couple of hundred on Sweet Potato this past month. In addition to short outings around Ellsworth and surrounds, we took Firefly on a five-day, 1000-mile cruise through northern Maine and southern New Brunswick. It was a great drive: Our first day was a rain-soaked drive that took us to Madawaska, ME for an overnight stop on our way to visit the New Brunswick Botanical Garden in Edmundston, NB the next day. The gardens hadn't really bloomed yet, but it was a pleasant and relaxing wander around the grounds. Then we worked our way across southern NB—top-down to overnight in Fredericton (one of our favorite places to visit in NB), and then a drive with mixed mist, sun, and clouds the next day to another overnight stop in a very difficult place to find called Harvey Bank, just up the road from Fundy National Park. Once we found Harvey Bank and our B&B, we learned that there are two(!) towns in NB called "Harvey;" they are several hundred miles apart and our navigation system kept insisting we head to the wrong one. From Harvey Bank it was on to St. John to meet up Saturday with our new friends from *Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick* for a cruise to St. Andrews. And then at the end of the day, it was a short 2½-hour, top-down ride home.

Celebrations

July Birthdays

Jane Billings

July Anniversaries

Marshall & Kit Dodge

Don & Phyllis Houpp



In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

June Cruise to Lubec

A day trip to Lubec was one of the several outings we took in June. Prior commitments prevented many club "regulars" from joining the cruise, but Ed Dailide and Ruth Brunetti & friend Bernard set aside June 12th to join Carol and me for a run to Monica's Chocolates in Lubec. Despite early morning fog, it was a fine six-hour outing. We met Ed, Ruth, and Bernard at the Shell station in Steuben and took Rt 1 all the way to Whiting where we picked up Rt 189 into Lubec. It was mostly overcast on the way up but top-down nonetheless, and the sun came out when we got to Monica's. After loading up with chocolate, Ed led us down through Cutler to East Machias where he took us the back way (the very back way) to The Public House restaurant. That place is quite something! We had a great meal there (way too much food, but all good) and then headed home separately. Look for an email during the summer about the club going there just for lunch or dinner.



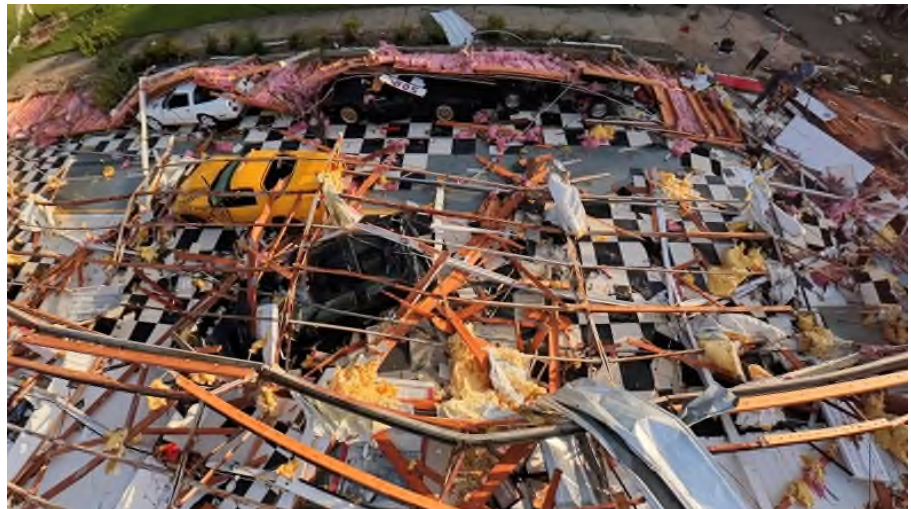
Cars & Coffee

In addition to the miles we put on Firefly over the month, we also took her to Cars & Coffee at the Seal Cove Auto Museum on June 13th. Although the day started cloudy with a threat of showers, we arrived at the museum in bright sunlight to find that the Miniers were already there. In addition to meeting up with friends, the lupines were in full bloom, which made the day particularly special. We took a photo of Firefly by the lupines and the Museum folks thought it good enough to make it the "cover" of their weekly e-newsletter.



Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This first item this month is simply heartbreaking. The title of the article found Hemming's Motor News website says it all: *"Catastrophe in Effingham: Tornado Destroys Mid America Motorworks and Iconic 'MY Garage' Corvette Museum."* On the evening of June 17, 2026, a "severe weather event occurred" and the nationally known "after-market parts complex... sat directly in the destructive path of the twister." The only good news from the event is that no one was hurt.



You can read details about the tragedy at https://www.hemmings.com/stories/catastrophe-in-effingham-tornado-destroys-mid-america-motorworks-and-iconic-my-garage-corvette-museum/?utm_content=latest_stories&uemlid=f1d7b74e4cba343957fb6e911918fdb65f350d4bdf6fd157905a6183b4f7cbb5&utm_campaign=eDaily&utm_source=Sailthru&utm_medium=email&utm_term=eDaily%20Newsletter.

The second item this month is considerably lighter: It's not news about Corvette, the car, but about a boat. Here's the headline from an article I found on an MSN page: "*2,700-HP Corvette boat reportedly outran authorities on open water — why this wild chase has everyone talking.*" A paragraph in the middle of the story should explain why I chose this story this month:

"A Corvette-Inspired Monster Built for Attention: The ZR48 is impossible to mistake for an ordinary speedboat. Its entire design leans heavily into Corvette styling cues, especially for enthusiasts who immediately recognize the details. The front end carries a sharp Stingray-inspired shape, while the enclosed canopy gives the boat a futuristic profile that feels more like a comic book machine than a traditional offshore boat."

Another clue is in the description of the boat separate from its performance: "This one tries to combine both personalities (luxury cruising or raw performance) into the same machine."

You can find the story at <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/crime/2-700-hp-corvette-boat-reportedly-outran-authorities-on-open-water-why-this-wild-chase-has-everyone-talking/ar-AA23P0IQ>. Here's what the beast looks like. Wow!



See you on the road!

Roger Dean

ARCC President

SPECIAL NOTE regarding ARCC monthly meetings for the summer. ARCC will not hold normal monthly meetings in June, July, or August. There will be a short business meeting as part of the picnic at the Miniers, following the Flamingo Parade. Monthly meetings will resume their normal schedule starting in September.