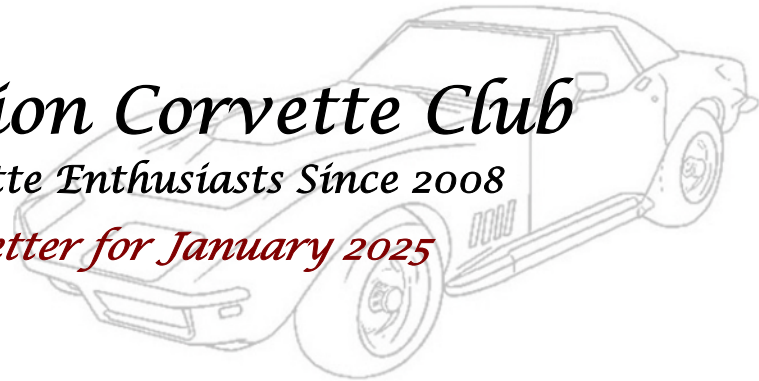




# Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

*President's Letter for January 2025*



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Winter is finally here for real and the local small rodents insist on finding their way into our garage for a dry home. Our '72 is in its car bag, safe from even the most determined rodents (at least so far) and the traps around our '07 keep it safe from them as well (again, at least so far). Hopefully, warm weather is only a few months away and our cars can come out of hibernation again. Having just ceramic coated our practical car, I'm thinking about coating the '07 during the first warm stretch this spring. While coating our other car took about 15 hours—most of it for prepping the car—the actual coating process was straightforward, simple, and quick. And the result is fantastic. At 18 years old, Sunshine's paint could stand to be rejuvenated and protected. We'll see if I have the requisite enthusiasm for the project come spring.

## Celebrations, etc.

### January Birthdays

Richard Anderson	Larry Billings
Dave Blanchard	Don Blanchette
Betsy Cabit	John Favour
Roger Dean	Carol Dean
Chris Houmiller	Barry Shepard

### February Birthdays

Mike Arbour	Bill Fernald
Kristin Blanchette	Don Houp
Virginia Daries	Meg Smallidge

### January Anniversaries

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

### February Anniversaries

Dave Billings & Sharon Bates

## Looking Ahead to the Cruising Season

**Woodlands Senior Living Car Show.** Back in November, I received an email through our website from the Activities Director of a senior living facility in Farmington, *Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington*. She asked if we would be interested in showing off our cars to their residents at a family & residents gathering. After talking about it with Diane, we agreed that some of our members would be happy to participate. I'm hoping it can be more than "some" and we get a great turnout. The date is Saturday, June 7th, 2:00–6:00 pm. They want us to do a static display for a while, then have a caravan through the facility so that their housebound residents can see

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the cars. Here's their website: <https://www.woodlandsmaine.com/location/farmington/>. Diane will be coordinating our participation and I hope many of you will plan to join us driving over to Farmington. So please reserve the date. You'll hear more from Diane as we get closer to June.

**Botanical Gardens Cruises.** Last year, Carol and I led cruises to both the Coastal Maine Botanical Garden in Boothbay and the Kingsbrae Botanical Garden in St. Andrews. We plan to do both again this summer. Like last year, we'll combine the trip to the CMBG with a stop for an early dinner at the Boothbay Craft Brewery (photos from last year's gathering)



The Kingsbrae cruise will include lunch at either the Five Kings Brew Pub in St. Stephen or the excellent restaurant in the Gardens.

**Impromptu Runs to Monica's Chocolates in Lubec.** Monica's is one of our favorite local rides, being only a couple of hours each way. It's easy to get there in back in a day and still have a good bit of the day left for other things. We generally decide only a day or so in advance, so if you think you'd like to be on the "let's see who wants to go along" list, let me know.

***How about you? Is there a cruise you would like to organize and lead?*** If so, let me know so I can include it on the Club calendar.

### Corvette Autumn Car Show

If you've been paying attention to Club activities, you'll know that we've been talking about how we can simplify our Corvette Autumn car show so that we can get greater participation in its planning and preparation and, hopefully, a real show chairperson. At our Christmas party, I distributed ideas to discuss at our next meeting in January. We need to resolve all this before we get too far into 2025 and I'll spend much of the January meeting trying to reduce the early ideas into a firm plan. Please come with *your* ideas so we can continue to make our annual car show the success it's always been.

### Interesting and Offbeat Corvette News

For this month's entry, I had to choose between a Road & Track article entitled "C8 Corvette Flies Off Highway, Goes Airborne, Then Calmly Merges Back into Traffic," and a story about another very customized 'Vette. I chose the custom 'Vette, a vehicle that might be considered a sacrilege by some (many?)... but it is interesting. I came across an article on *OldCarsWeekly.com* that shows

what a good designer and fabricator can do with a C5 Corvette. Robert Martino and his older brother, Marty, spent over a decade creating what they call a "CordVette," a portmanteau of a 1937 Cord and 2000 C5 Corvette. You'd be hard pressed to call the result a Corvette, but if you are a fan of the Cord, it is one amazing looking car and one I wouldn't mind seeing in my garage. The *OldCarsWeekly* site is <https://www.oldcarsweekly.com/features/car-of-the-week-cordvette-custom>. I also found a much longer and more comprehensive version of the story on the Hemmings website, <https://www.hemmings.com/stories/is-it-a-cord-is-it-a-corvette-or-is-marty-martinos-latest-creation-the-cordvette-the-best-of-both-cars/>. Together, the two sites will give you a good insight into the history of the project.



And if you're curious, you can find the airborne 'Vette story at <https://www.roadandtrack.com/news/a63350105/c8-chevrolet-corvette-goes-airborne-off-highway-calmly-merges-back-into-traffic/>. The video is quite something.



Roger Dean  
ARCC President

***Our next meeting will be on  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pat's Pizza at the  
usual time of 5:00 PM.***