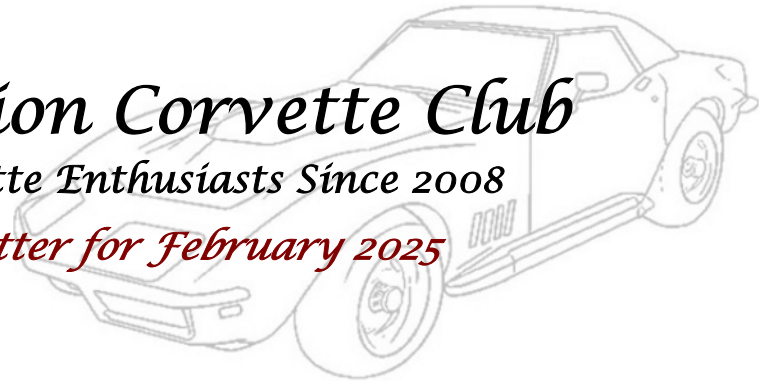




# Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

## President's Letter for February 2025



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Another day, another round of snow and cold weather. It's almost like winters of years gone by. But it makes it hard to be optimistic about an early spring and the prospect of having our cars out of winter hibernation in time for Easter, even though it's late this year. Nonetheless, optimistic I remain. How about you?

### Celebrations, etc.

#### February Birthdays

Mike Arbour            Don Houp  
 Kristin Blanchette    Meg Smallidge  
 Virginia Daries

#### March Birthdays

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

#### February Anniversaries

Dave Billings & Sharon Bates

#### March Anniversaries

(none)

Apologies to Mike Serota for leaving him off the January birthday list. Congratulations on another year, Mike. Sadly, not all of us could say that: We lost another club member last month; longtime member Bill Fernald died in January. Our condolences to Ruth.

### Events on the Calendar

**ARCC's Spring-is-Coming get-together.** Activities Director Diane has arranged an afternoon gathering and lunch at the High Tide restaurant ([www.hightidebrewer.com](http://www.hightidebrewer.com)) in Brewer for Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. She will be emailing club members with details as we get closer to the end of the month but mark your calendars for the Club's first event of 2025.

**Woodlands Senior Living Car Show.** This show, at the *Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington*, is still on for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00–6:00 pm. We'll do a static display, then a cruise around the facility so that their housebound residents can see the cars. VOCM might participate as well, so let's have a good turnout from ARCC. If you want to see where we will be going, 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.

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*In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!*

**VOCM's Veterans' Event.** This one is a bit early to be in the newsletter, but it's here because the event affects plans for our *Corvette Autumn* car show. VOCM is planning on a region-wide gathering of Corvette clubs to entertain veterans at the Togus Veterans' Home. The date is September 13<sup>th</sup> (I know... "Isn't this the date of our car show?" Not anymore, read the next section about *Corvette Autumn*.) Details are still developing, but the current plan is for participants to gather at the Augusta Elks Lodge and then caravan through the Veterans Cemetery to the Veterans' Home. In addition to showing off our cars at the Home, the Augusta Elks will be doing a pig roast. So, note this on your calendar—let's have a great ARCC turn-out!

**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.

### **Important News — Corvette Autumn Car Show**

Much of our January club meeting was spent trying to reduce early ideas into a firmer plan for continuing with the show. Thanks to comments and suggestions from several club members, we now have a working plan for a show, one that is a little different from past years. Probably the most important part of this plan is the new show date: Saturday, September 20th, a week later than our traditional date but still the week before Ellsworth's Autumn Gold car show. "Why?" you might ask. Three reasons: ♦ Some of our active club members have recurring commitments for the second weekend in September and aren't able to attend (or help out with) the show. ♦ VOCM has organized a region-wide gathering of Corvette clubs to entertain veterans at the Togus Veterans' Home (see above), and some of our active members want to participate in that event. ♦ And it just seems more fitting that a show called "Corvette Autumn" should take place a little closer to the actual equinox, which this year falls on 9/22.

Beyond the date change, the other significant change is that this year all registrants will be charged a registration fee, \$15 for advance registration and \$20 on the day of the show. (We want some incentive for people to let us know they are coming.) All other benefit car shows I know of charge a similar fee. Besides, if you can afford the car, you can afford a few dollars to show it off, enjoy the company of other enthusiasts, and provide yourself with a chance to win one of our door prizes or the new 50/50 raffle.

There are also several more details that we have resolved... mostly in an effort to simplify the show for the few club members who help to get everything ready for "show time." These include:

- dropping the free Friday night buffet at the Elks; it's just not worth the \$300 room rental for the handful of people who go to the party, Instead, we will gather at a local restaurant, most likely Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, to catch up with friends before the show.
- dispensing with the games — they were a bust last year.
- retaining the silent auction but putting more emphasis on door prizes.
- including a 50/50 raffle — yes, I checked with Maine law about this and we're OK providing the value of the raffle is less than \$2500. (One could only hope...)
- giving a *Corvette Autumn* mug (or glass, still TBD) to each driver.

Remember, our *Corvette Autumn* show is a way to showcase our club to the community and let everyone know of our support to a very worthy cause, Sarah's House. The more members we have willing to help—both with the planning and prep as well as day-of-show tasks—the easier it is for everyone. So please think about how you could help.

## Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This month I found a story that is a testament to the safety features of modern cars... and to sheer luck. The story is more than a bit unnerving and truly sobering. From *CarScoops.com* comes an article entitled, "Corvette C8 Splits in Half After Crashing into Pole, Driver Somehow Survives." The crash took place in Irvine, CA just before 1 am on November 29<sup>th</sup>. The car was nearly split in half but, somehow, the driver survived (but severely injured). You can find the story along with a video of First Responders extricating the driver from the car and officers inspecting what remained of the car at <https://www.carscoops.com/2024/12/corvette-c8-splits-in-half-after-crashing-into-pole-driver-somehow-survives/>.



While my days of going really fast are long behind me, this story still makes me shudder.

## Other Club Business

There's been a suggestion that we eliminate the \$5.00 new member administrative fee as part of our dues structure. This would require revising our bylaws, something that can only be accomplished through a vote of club members. I expect there to be a motion to this effect presented at our February meeting; please consider the question and come prepared to cast your vote.

Roger Dean  
ARCC President

***Our next meeting will be on  
February 26<sup>th</sup> at Pat's Pizza at  
the usual time of 5:00 PM.***