



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for September 2026



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With Labor Day almost upon us, the calendar says summer is drawing to a close... but my Corvettes say we still have two more months of cruising left. As you'll see from the list of Upcoming Events on page 3 shows, there's something happening every weekend in September. Let's all make good use of these last weeks of our cruising season.

Celebrations

September Birthdays

Debbie Cates
Anne Grant



September Anniversaries

Dave Blanchard & Meg Smallidge
Bruce & Debbie Cates
Doug & Ann Lee
Les & Franny Stackpole

Annual Meeting

It's hard to believe that our Annual Meeting is less than two months away. And as we do every other year, it is time to elect club officers for 2027-2028. We won't try to strong-arm anyone to run, but if you think our club is worth preserving, I encourage you to help lead the club by volunteering to run for any of the five officer positions, two of which are currently vacant (Treasurer and Historian). If you are willing to serve in one of the officer positions, contact me (Roger) to be put on the ballot. But even if you don't want to run, please make an effort to attend the Annual Meeting.

A Postscript to the Millbridge Days Parade

For all the years I've been participating in the Millbridge Days Parade, ARCC has had the privilege of reserved parking at the Millbridge United Methodist Church as we wait for the parade to step off. For the last three years, Pastor Darlene Bearce has opened the church to us to use the restroom. And she has provided bottled water for those of us who neglected to bring our own. As a thank you, ARCC makes a donation to the church. This year, as in the past, our donation was \$50. If you happen to see Darlene, please thank her again for this generous and much appreciated gesture.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

August Lunch at Bunkers Seafood & Winter Harbor Lobster Festival Car Show

Last month, Diane's restaurant adventures took us to Bunkers Seafood in Birch Harbor. Good food and good company, once again. After the late lunch, the Deans, Ertels, and Kellys meandered over to Winter Harbor for their 2nd Annual Lobster Festival car show. It was a small (very small) show but the weather was fine and it was a good chance to again show off our cars. I think our four Corvettes got more attention—and oohs and ahhs—than any of the other cars. Especially from the children at the show. And as you can see from the photos, the Kellys took 1st place in the late model group. Shawn said he thought their stuffed stingray once again helped sway the voters. Congratulations!



The Ellsworth American chose this photo of our group to accompany their article on the Lobster Fest car show.



Jackie & Shawn (and their stingray) take 1st place in the late model group!

Upcoming Events

September 5th — Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 1414 Tremont Road. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Theme is "Bikes, Trikes, & More." Club lunch afterward, weather permitting.

September 12th — Orland River Day Car Show & Parade at the Orland Community Center.

September 13th — Brewer Days' Car Show. Twin City Plaza, 278 State Street, Brewer ME; 9am – 3pm. For more information, call 207-989-0411 or email tamaybury04@aol.com.

September 19th — Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 1414 Tremont Road. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Theme is "For a Cause."

September 19th — VOCM's 2nd annual Maine Vettes to Vets at the Veterans' Home in Augusta. Meet at the Augusta Elks then caravan to the Veteran's Home for a display.

September 20th — Loaves & Fishes Car Show at Loaves & Fishes, 175 Downeast Highway, Ellsworth. 12:30–4:30. FMI email jasminelocurto@yahoo.com.

September 23rd — ARCC Monthly Meeting. Our first monthly meeting following a busy summer. Come welcome the fall with other Club members at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, starting at 5:00 pm.

September 25th & 26th — Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick Moon Glow car show and poker run. St. John, NB. Go to <https://www.corvettesofsouthernnewbrunswick.ca/moon-glow-poker-run> for information.

September 26th — Ellsworth's Autumn Gold Car Show. Ellsworth Home Depot parking lot. Registration before 9/23 is \$10, registration day-of-show (8am–10am) is \$20. For more information, call 207-667-5584 or email katelin@ellsworthchamber.org. Sponsored by Darlings.

Diane's Next Restaurant Adventure

Our sort-of-monthly lunch or dinner gatherings have been such a success that Diane is already planning one for September. Weather permitting, the current proposal is for interested club members to head to Cars & Coffee on the 5th, stay until about noon, then head to lunch. Thoughts are either the Seafood Ketch in Bass Harbor or the Upper Deck in Southwest Harbor; Diane will be firming up plans in the next week but if you think you'd like to join the group, please let Diane know as soon as possible (diane.bossert@gmail.com, or text 207-266-9707).

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

Is this the future of the Corvette? General Motors thinks it could be. From Autoweek.com comes an article with the headline "*Gallery: Chevrolet Corvette CX and CX.R Vision Gran Turismo... Two wild new Corvettes represent the best of the future for 'America's sports car.'*" The article begins with this short introduction: "Chevrolet introduced the last of its recent round of Corvette concepts at *The Quail* on Friday, and you could argue they saved the best for last. The Corvette CX and CX.R Vision Gran Turismo are made without limits except to remain true to the vision of what a Corvette should be in the future. Scroll through and see what you think." It then goes on to show a series of fourteen images of what the outside and interior of these concept cars could look like. To see what you could be driving some years from now, go to <https://www.autoweek.com/photos/g65796872/corvette-cx-and-cxr-vision-gran-turismo-photos/>.



A little closer to cars of today, CorvetteForum.com had a brief article entitled *C9 Corvette Could Arrive in 2029 With Familiar V8, Sources Say*. The article notes that “the C9 will look a lot like the CX Concept that we first saw last year.” Both CorvetteForum.com and another site, CorvetteInformant.com, suggest that the C9 could arrive in 2029 as a 2030 model. CorvetteInformant.com also noted that the C9 will “build on the success of the C8. It will keep the mid-engine layout but refine nearly every other aspect of the car.” You can find these short articles at <https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/c9-corvette-could-arrive-in-2029-with-familiar-v8-sources-says/> and <https://corvetteinformant.com/the-countdown-begins-the-c9-debuts-in-2029/>.



Et Cetera

We had a few club members show up at the Seal Cove Auto Museum's Cars & Coffee on 8/22. Even though the theme was *Imports*, they did let us in with our American-made cars. Carol and I took “Firefly,” our C8, the Everetts had their C7, Rick Savage showed his '57 T-bird, and Ruth Brunetti-Fernald brought “Mildred,” her blue '73 Caprice classic convertible. The Cars & Coffee gatherings are a good chance to catch up with friends and just occasionally see a car you haven't seen before. This week it was a 1924 Rolls Royce that the Museum has on loan. It is in near original—and still just about perfect—condition. The next Cars & Coffee is on the 5th; I hope to see you there.

Four club members (we Deans, Diane Bossert, and Ed Dailide) closed out August in fine fashion with a cruise to Monica's Chocolates on the 29th. With the *absolutely perfect* weather, it was top down both ways. After a brief stop to load up on Monica's delicacies, we headed off to East Machias for lunch at the Public House. When we arrived at 1:00, we pretty much had the place to ourselves and we quickly learned why: there was a wedding party at 3:00. But plenty of time for a casual lunch. The food was great and we managed to finish and head for home just before the wedding party arrived.

For those of you who remember Kay & Bernie Woody, I had a lengthy conversation with Bernie on Sunday the 23rd. He and Kay are well and busy with all the things that seem to demand time once you are retired. Bernie & Kay still try to stay active in their local Corvette club but their other activities have, however, meant that, like many of us, they haven't had their 'Vette out much this summer. Perhaps in the fall.

Last month I told you about the 10% discount Darling's is offering ARCC members for Corvette oil changes. For those of you who haven't received your card yet, I'll have some at the September meeting. If you don't have your discount card and plan to have your oil changed soon, let me know and I'll mail it to you.



That's it for this month. Let's all get our cars out of the garage and on the road, making the best of the remaining good cruising days.

See you on the road!

Roger Dean

ARCC President

Monthly Meetings Resume —
We will hold our first Monthly meeting of the fall on September 23rd at Pat's Pizza. The usual time, 5:00 pm.