



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for January 2023



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Happy New Year!

Hurray! Hurray! Almost mid-January and the days are starting to get noticeably longer, even if only a tiny bit. I'm confident that most, if not all club members, are settling for looking longingly at our sleeping friends, wondering when we can safely bring them out to play. But at least one Maine 'Vette owner—not a club member—couldn't wait. Driving home from an early morning trip to Ellsworth on January 2nd, I saw what



I think was a late-'70s bright yellow C3 headed west on Rt 1. Seeing that car made me hopeful that it won't be long before we can look forward to cruising the state soon, but also reminded me that the weather so far this "winter" in our part of Maine has been anything but winter-like. For now, though, I'll settle for looking at photos, combing catalogs and web sites looking for parts to complete some long-postponed maintenance on our C3, and thinking about places we can go once cruising season comes again.

People & Places

Member Celebrations

January Birthdays

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

February Birthdays

Mike Arbour	Alan Hamblen
Meg Blanchard	Don Houp
Virginia Daries	Tarnya Sanborn
Bill Fernald	

January Anniversaries

Beth & Kevin Crane	John & Shelley Sala
Reg & Carol Dean	Reg & Tarnya Sanborn

February Anniversaries

David Billings & Sharon Bates

Other Member News

Diane Bossert reports that past ARCC officers Kay & Bernie Woody arrived safely at their new home in Oregon, but they had to "camp" indoors until their furniture arrived. The winter storm played havoc with the shipment. Nonetheless, they got settled in enough to celebrate Christmas. Their new address is 2650 Vintage Ave SE, Salem OR 97306, and (thanks to cell phones) their telephone numbers are unchanged—207-479-3001 or -2180.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

Diane also reports that Dan is recovering from a from a nasty New Year's Day fall, one whose result was fortunately nowhere near as serious as it could have been. I spoke with him on the 3rd and he's sore but in good spirits, all things considered. We all hope he recovers quickly and are back to normal activities soon.

January ARCC Meeting

Our January club meeting is still on for January 25th at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, starting at 5:00 PM. As we've done in the past, we'll Zoom the meeting as well for those who can't attend in person. If the weather turns wintery such that an in-person meeting isn't a good idea, we'll revert to a full Zoom meeting, starting at 7:00 PM. Look for a Zoom invitation sometime around the 19th with an email reminder plus an update on in-person or Zoom on about the 23rd. Topics at the meeting will include establishing a Corvette Autumn show committee and the start of planning for places to go in 2023. And as Diane has already reminded us, the meeting will also include our postponed Yankee gift exchange, cookie swap, and announcement of this past season's Photo Scavenger Hunt winners. So mark your calendars; we hope to see you at Pat's Pizza—in-person or online—on the 25th.

Corvette News

In my never-ending search for interesting things about Corvettes, I came across a story on www.hotcars.com about how some people have modified their cars... in decidedly unorthodox ways. My favorite, despite the color, was the Zeclat Corvette – 1930s Streamliner, aka the Cruelle De Ville Corvette, which they said started life as a C7.



The article had photos and brief descriptions of ten cars, some with unusual but attractive modifications and others... well, let's say that they would appeal to a very narrow segment of the population. The article's first line was, "These owners clearly weren't satisfied with their stock Corvettes, so they turned them into truly unique works of weird and wonderful art." My reactions went from "Interesting..." to "That was a Corvette?" to "Why???" You can find the article at <https://www.hotcars.com/modified-weird-wonderful-corvettes/> and judge your own reactions.

Other Upcoming Activities

Another activity that we will discuss at the January meeting will be our annual mid-winter party. At our meeting last October we agreed on a combined Feb/Mar meeting/party sometime in early March at the Elks Club. The idea was to combine what we hope by then will be a signs-of-spring celebration along with festivities for Valentine's Day (a little late) and St. Patrick's Day (a little early). We'd love to have a good turnout for our mid-winter party and hope that you will attend the January meeting, either in person or by Zoom, to add your 2¢.

If you liked the idea of the Photo Scavenger Hunt this past year but never quite got around to participating, all is not lost. Given that two club couples said they thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, and since Carol and I had such fun putting the hunt together, there will be another hunt for 2023. I have already identified more than 50 new targets and have riddles drafted for nearly all of them. Like last year, game packages (with much clearer rules 😊) will be available at the March meeting. And even if you aren't into the competition, the list of targets will help solve the problem of "Where should we go today?"

Closing Thoughts

While 2022 wasn't quite "back to normal" for all of us, there were still lots of 'Vette-related activities to choose from. Carol and I are looking forward to continued improvement in 2023 and can't wait for the first day we can take one of our cars out of winter hibernation. The last pages of this month's letter list some of the usual annual events we hope to attend plus some ideas for other cruises. I hope to see many of you at some of these. This is a club for all of us and you can help make it stronger by participating.

Stay safe, stay well, and plan to participate in Club events this coming season!



Roger Dean
President, ARCC

If you have Corvette-related photos that you think others in the club would be interested in, please send them to me for possible inclusion in a future President's letter.

Things to Do, Places to Go...

Annual ARCC-Relevant Events plus other Activities and Candidate Destinations

Regularly Scheduled Events

What	Where	When
Monthly ARCC meetings	Pat's Pizza, Knowlton Park, Ellsworth Marina Park, Zoom	January – October
ARCC Mid-Winter/Valentine's Day/St. Patrick's Day party	The Elks' Lodge in Ellsworth	March(?)
Back to the Beach car show	Old Orchard Beach, ME	June
Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee	Seal Cove, ME	July – October
Owls Head Transportation Museum All America Cruise-in	Rockland, ME	July
SW Harbor Flamingo Festival	Southwest Harbor, ME	July
Searsport Car Show	Searsport, ME	July
Potato Blossom Festival	Fort Fairfield, ME	July
Eastbrook Days parade	Eastbrook, ME	July
Millbridge Days parade	Millbridge, ME	July or August
Bucksport Bay Festival	Bucksport, ME	July
Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	August
Machias Wild Blueberry Festival	Machias, ME	August
Crown of Maine Balloon Festival	Presque Isle, ME	August
ARCC Corvette Autumn car show	Ellsworth, ME	September 15–16
Autumn Gold car show	Ellsworth, ME	September 23 rd
Castle in the Clouds car show (NH)	Moultonborough, NH	October
Damariscotta Pumpkin Festival	Damariscotta, ME	October
ARCC holiday party	Ellsworth, ME	December

Cruise Destination Ideas

Yes, this is the same list as appeared last year but the destinations are still good candidates for a day out in your 'Vette. Some are day cruises, others would require one or more overnights. Some places are open to the public, others require special permission. Almost all are seasonal.

What	Where
Aroostook County Planets ride	Rt 1, Aroostook County, ME
Bartlett Yarn Spinning Mill	Harmony, ME (2 days in August only)
Bryant Stove Museum	Thorndike, ME
Cellardoor Winery	Lincolntonville, ME
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens	Booth Bay, ME
Farnsworth Art Museum	Rockport, ME
Firefly Restoration	Hope, ME
Kancamagus Hwy & North Conway	New Hampshire
Kingsbrae Botanical Gardens	St. Andrews, NB
Knox/Penobscot Bridge Observatory	Prospect, ME
Len Libby's Candies & Lenny, the Chocolate Moose	Scarborough, ME
LL Bean	Freeport, ME

What	Where
Kittery Outlets	Freeport Kittery, ME
Lunch on the lake in Greenville	Greenville, ME, ME
Lunch on the Wharf	Corea, ME
Maine Forest & Logging Museum	Bradley, ME
Maine Forestry Museum	Rangely, ME
Maine Lighthouse Museum	Rockland, ME
Monica's Chocolates	Lubec, ME
Moosehead Lake region	Rangely, ME
New Brunswick Botanical Garde	Edmunston, NB
Owls Head Transportation Museum	Rockland, ME
Penobscot Marine Museum	Searsport, ME
Sunday River Brewing Company	Bethel, ME
Vermont covered bridges & mountain gaps	Rts 100, 7, and in-betweens; Vermont
Winterport Winery	Winterport, ME
Wreaths Across America Museum	Columbia Falls, ME

And if these aren't enough to give you ideas for destination trips, http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_museums_in_Maine has a list of all Maine museums.

All-Summer Photo Cruises

What	Details
Sculptures along the Maine Sculpture Trail	Hancock & Washington Counties
Road signs marking county lines for each of Maine's 16 counties	The front and back of a single sign, one for each county
Maine's "Four (Drivable) Corners"	Lubec, Madawaska, Cape Neddick, Wilsons Mills
The Alphabet in Maine Town Post Offices, Abbot-to-Woolwich	Most letters, most number of towns, fewest/most miles to accomplish
The Paul Bunyan Resting Chair Trail	Ten very-oversized Adirondack chairs, one in each town of Maine's River Valley... plus a bunch of others gracing various businesses around the state, including at least two in Ellsworth.