



# Acadia Region Corvette Club

*A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008*

## *President's Letter for November 2025*

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The 2025 cruising season is over for most of us and it's time to put our cars to bed for the winter. Well, most of us... At least one member drives hers all year. I did that with my 1970 "back in the day," but no more. So, our two chariots will go into hibernation today for the next five or so months, Sweet Potato in its mouse-proof bag and Firefly just under a cover. Both will be sandwiched in the back of our barn so there's room for the snowplow to be available when needed. But looking back on the '25 cruising season, it was a good year for the Deans. Including club events, we put over 7000 miles on three cars: 800 miles on Sunshine (before we traded her for Firefly), about 5200 miles on Firefly (since late June) and 1200 on Sweet Potato. A good season's worth of Corvette fun! But 2025 was just a bit(!) more expensive than we expected at the start. (Thanks, Ed, for motivating us to upgrade from a C6 to a C8!) Now on to thinking about next season's activities.

### Celebrations

#### November Birthdays

Pat Minier  
Jeff Sussman  
Dave Billings

#### November Anniversaries

Gary & Betsy Cabit



#### December Birthdays

Heather Linnehan  
Kevin Crane

#### December Anniversaries

Ross & Anne Grant

### 2025 Events

The 2025 cruising season was outstanding, at least for those of us who took time to enjoy the fine weather and our cars... once it stopped raining in May! There were numerous Cars & Coffees at the Seal Cove Auto Museum, day cruises into New Brunswick to visit the McAdam Train Station and the Kingsbrae Botanical Garden, an overnight trip "down south" to Kennebunk to visit the Trolley Museum and model train display, several impromptu trips to Monica's Chocolates in Lubec, two VOCM events in Bar Harbor, the Flamingo Parade in Southwest Harbor and the Millbridge Days Parade in Millbridge (where else would it be?), our successful (!) Corvette Autumn car show, and a bunch of other shows within an easy day's drive. Even though our cars are just now being put away, we are already planning what we'll do and where we'll go in 2026. How about you? Have you thought about where you'll take your Corvettes in 2026... and maybe about club activities that you might organize and lead?

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*In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!*

## October 22<sup>nd</sup>, ARCC's Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting was sparsely attended this year—14 members out of 57—but we had enough to conduct our annual business. This included electing the officer slate you see on page 1 and amending the bylaws to remove the provision about charging new members an administrative fee in addition to their first year's dues. The revised bylaws are posted on the club's website. At the meeting, we also decided to donate a portion of *Corvette Autumn* proceeds to two additional organizations, the Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Ellsworth and the Schoodic Food Pantry in Gouldsboro. Each organization received \$100. The meeting also included discussions about the future of ARCC. See the meeting minutes, distributed on October 25<sup>th</sup>, for additional information.

## Corvette Autumn, a postscript

Checks went out to the food pantries on 10/31/25. Below is the note that accompanied the checks.



*Every September, the Acadia Region Corvette Club holds a charity car show. This year, in light of the current turmoil in Washington and the resulting disruption of food aid, our club voted to include area food pantries among its donations. We hope the enclosed check will make at least a small dent in the ongoing need in our community.*

*Officers and Members of the Acadia Region Corvette Club*

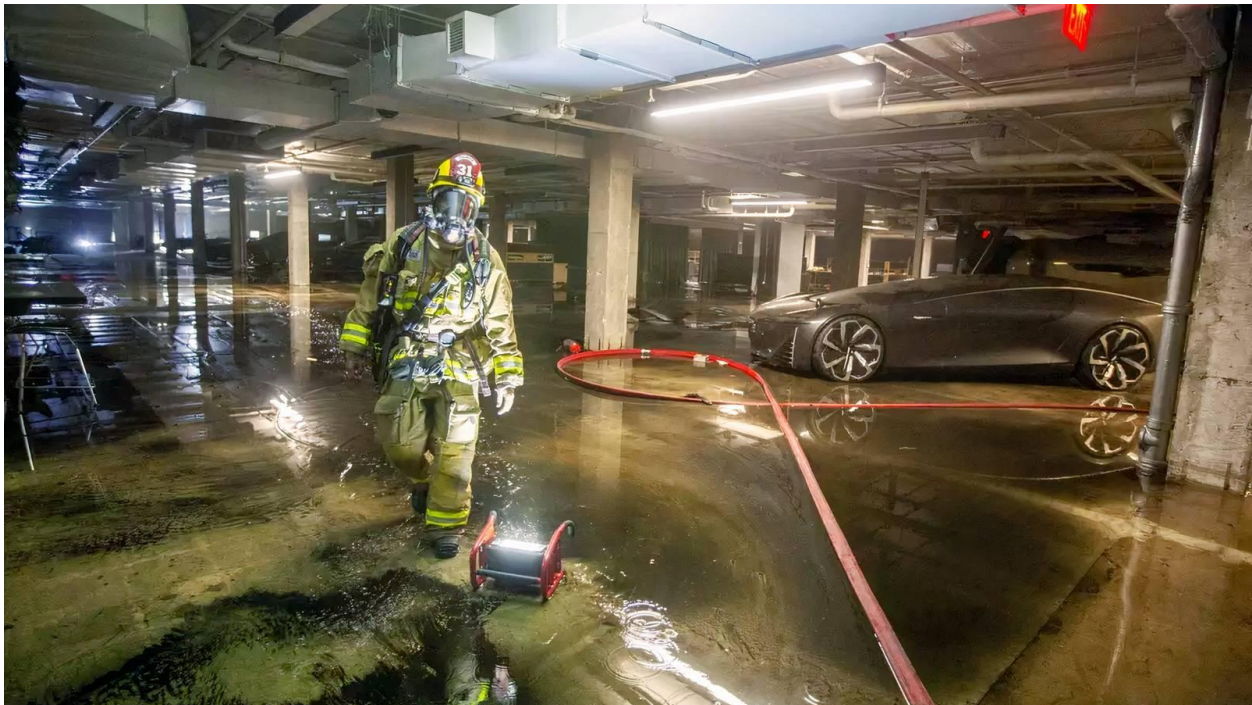
We also received a nice note from Heather Massey, the Executive Director of Sarah's House, thanking us for our donation of \$1500. That letter is at the end of this President's letter.

## Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This month, once again, I have two Corvette-related stories. One tells the story of the last remaining 1983 C4 Corvette "validation" car, one of 44 that most everyone believes were all destroyed in 1982. As development progressed, GM executives realized that key elements of the car were either unavailable or insufficiently developed for the car to be released to the market for the 1983 model year. So, the command went out, "Crush them all." But one survived and now lives at the National Corvette Museum. You can read the story at [Crush Them All, Chevrolet Said, and Every 1983 Corvette Was Destroyed. Well, All But One...](#) (The reason one survived is somewhat amusing. But you have to read nearly to the end of the story to find out why.)



The other article comes from *HotCars.com* and is about another catastrophe at a General Motors facility. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, a fire broke out at the \$71M General Motors' Advanced Design Center in Pasadena, CA. In addition to prototypes and an advanced concept car, "the building contained lithium-ion batteries and concept vehicles, a volatile combination that makes firefighting far trickier than a typical structure fire. Lithium-ion cells can ignite without warning, burn at extremely high temperatures, and reignite hours after being doused." The bad news was that "both electric and gasoline-powered prototypes were damaged in the fire." The good news was that "the [California Corvette Concept](https://www.hotcars.com/gm-concept-car-massive-fire-pasadena-design-studio-corvette-california-concept-survives/) appears to have survived, though any heat or smoke damage remains unclear. This radical, all-electric C10-inspired prototype with striking two-tone paint and futuristic aerodynamics was never meant for production, but its survival is a rare bright spot from the blaze." You can read that article at: <https://www.hotcars.com/gm-concept-car-massive-fire-pasadena-design-studio-corvette-california-concept-survives/>



*See you on the road,*

**Roger Dean**



ARCC President

***Our next meeting will be our  
annual Holiday party at the  
Sea Dog brew pub in Bangor,  
December 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:30.***





October 7, 2025

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Dear Friends,

On behalf of all of us at Sarah's House of Maine, we thank you for your gift of \$1,500.00 and your continued support. Your gift will help us continue Sarah's dream of providing "more than a place to stay" to our guests as they receive life-saving cancer treatment in the Bangor/Brewer area.

Sarah's dream was realized on October 1, 2014 when the house officially opened its doors. Today, we are proud to say that we have provided a place of hope and healing to more than 750 guests from 15 of Maine's 16 counties. In 10 years, we have saved our guests over 1.5 million miles of travel to and from treatments.

With gifts from caring people like you, Sarah's House will be able to touch the lives of an even greater number of guests and their families in the year to come.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely,

Heather A. Massey  
Executive Director  
Sarah's House of Maine

Lindsay Holmstrom  
President, Board of Directors  
Sarah's House of Maine

No goods or services were made in consideration for your gift. As always, your gift is tax-deductible to the fullest extent under law, so please keep this letter with your tax records.

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