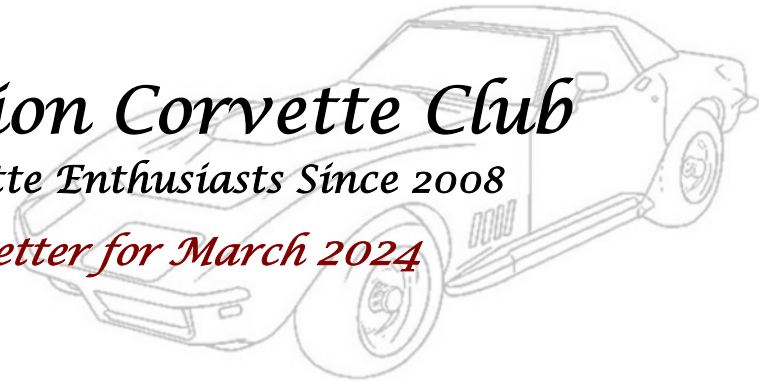




Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for March 2024



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As I write this letter, I'm looking at a weather forecast that shows about ten days in a row of cloudy and rainy weather with temperatures generally above freezing. It's almost enough to make me believe that Spring is on the way. Especially with the prospect of moving to Daylight Saving's Time this coming Saturday night. Over the winter I finally found someone to touch up the paint on Sweet Potato, our '72 Ontario Orange coupe, from where I got a little too close to a stone wall last fall. Now I'm starting to think it won't be all that long before I can take it out of its winter storage car bag and head to the autobody shop. Hurray!

Member News

Here are the celebrations for this month and next:

March Birthdays

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

April Birthdays

Ray Daries	Phyllis Houp
Rick Savage	Kay Woody

March Anniversaries

(none)

April Anniversaries

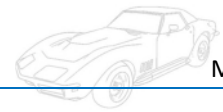
Don & Cindy Blanchette

Thanks to the miracles of modern medicine, Pat Minier reports that her shoulder—that she had repaired only last month—is healing fine and she has good mobility and no pain. Hurray! On a less happy note, Treasurer Dan Bossert continues to be plagued with problems that have had him in and out of the hospital for much of the past two months. He and Diane are optimistic that this time around the doctors finally understand the problem; Dan is slated for surgery soon. We all hope that things go well and you are back on your feet and ready to go cruisin' when Spring finally arrives!

Our Late Winter Gathering

March 1st was the day Activity Director Diane Bossert chose for our late winter party and very unofficial club meeting. It turned out to be a fine choice as the day was clear and warm-ish (i.e., above freezing), following on the heels of yet another of Downeast Maine's very strong winter windstorms. Eleven ARCC club members and one guest gathered at the Olive Garden restaurant in Bangor. We arrived a little before 4:00 and had to wait a bit for our area (half of a small dining area) to be set up. We started off being the

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only ones in the area, but that didn't last; it wasn't long before the other tables filled up. It was Friday night, after all. But we carried on socializing and didn't seem to bother the other diners. **Thanks for arranging this, Diane!** Those enjoying the food and good company were:

Roger & Carol Dean

Ken & Pat Minier

John & Donna Shea

Don & Phyllis Houp

Les & Franny Stackpole

Sally Howard & sister Pat

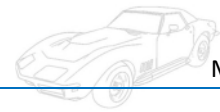


ARCC Financial Status and Club Dues

I had hoped to have a Treasurer's Report for this President's letter that summarized the financial status of the club through March 1st, the start of a new fiscal year. Unfortunately, with Dan back in the hospital we'll have to wait until our next Club meeting for the report. But there is one important matter to note:

Club dues were due on March 1st!

If you haven't paid and still plan to participate in Club activities, please mail a check for your annual dues (\$17.50 for a single, \$35 for a couple) to Dan Bossert, 36 Salt Pond Road, Hancock, ME 04640.



Upcoming Events & Activities

Calendar: The 2024 Club calendar is posted on the website. It is still a work-in-progress as he is still collecting dates for regularly scheduled annual events. If you know the date(s) of any events that should be on the calendar, please contact me. Noteworthy near-term firm dates include our Spring monthly meetings on April 24th and May 22nd, the opening of the Seal Cove Auto Museum on May 1st with the first Cars & Coffee on May 18th, and VOCM's Bah Harbor weekend May 1–June 3.

Scavenger Hunt: Carol and I have identified 50 new scavenger hunt targets for this coming cruising season. I've drafted all the riddle clues and will be refining them over the next couple of weeks. I expect game packages to be available on the Club website in early April. If you thought this was something you'd like to try but just never got to it, 2024 may be your last opportunity. *Someone please give the Stackpoles some competition!*

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens cruise: I've settled on Friday, June 7th as the planning date for a cruise to Boothbay for lunch at the Boothbay Craft Brewery followed by a few hours marveling at the flowers (and trolls!) in the Botanical Gardens. Currently, nine couples have expressed interest in participating. If you think you might want to join the cruise, please let me know sometime this month (March); I'll be looking for firm commitments by the end of April. Look for more details in a forthcoming email.

Corvette Autumn Show Car Show: March has traditionally been the time we start planning for our September car show. I've started by updating the planning spreadsheet I created for last year's show, checking off the first planning tasks that were completed late last year. These included setting the date (Sept 14), coordinating with the folks at *CruiseMaine* magazine, reserving the Elks Club for the Friday night party, and ensuring that the date was OK with Darling's. The next major task is to approve the draft of the tri-fold show flyer in time to have it available for the VOCM Bar Harbor gathering at the end of May.

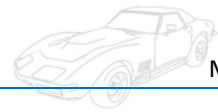
Now it's time for some of you to step up and volunteer for the show committee. In addition to the jobs that Dan and I will handle, we need people to take care of show promotion, merchandise (prizes, giveaways, & silent auction items), site preparation and traffic control, games, and food/party. If you can help, please contact me so that we can hold the first Committee meeting sometime in late March or early April. (And we are still looking for someone to take over running future car shows.)

Interesting and Offbeat Corvette News

This month's interesting items are either technological wonders or just plain sacrilegious. This first one (the red C2 in the photo to the right) I found on Pinterest. It was just a photo, no story to explain things. In addition to "Why???" you might ask "Is this thing street legal?" (Note the license plate.) The owners almost certainly cannot see the road in front of them!

Thanks to Cape Cod Corvette Club's March newsletter, I learned that the very first Corvettes (1953) were convertibles and came only in Polo White. There were 300 units manufactured; they had no exterior door handles and side windows that had to be removed rather than just being rolled down. My how things have changed!





And if that car isn't enough to curl your gas pedal toes, try this twin-turbo street-legal beast I found on StreetMuscleMag.com:



This image comes with an article by freelance writer/editor Paul Huizenga that provides some details about this beast's internals and performance. And it's for sale: its purported 2600 hp can be yours for a mere \$675,000. Find the whole story at <https://www.streetmusclemag.com/news/ebay-find-worlds-fastest-street-legal-car-for-sale/>.

Miscellany

I posted these car dollies back in the fall when I thought someone might snap them up for winter storage. No luck. So even though Spring is around the corner and it will soon be time to take our cars *out* of winter storage, I'll try again. With the success of my Car Bag keeping mice from taking up winter residence in our '72 coupe, I can no longer use these dollies; they would probably damage the car bag. They are 8" wide, made from heavy duty steel plate, and each has four full-swivel casters. They are the perfect solution for moving an older 'Vette (with normal-size tires) or just about any modern passenger car into the corner of your garage and out of the way. Asking \$100.



See you on the road,

Roger

Roger Dean
ARCC President

Contrary to previous announcements, we will probably have a March meeting, either in person at Pat's or over Zoom, depending on the weather. If we do, it will be on March 28th. Look for an email sometime mid-month.