



Acadia Region Corvette Club

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President's Letter for October 2022



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ARCC Members & Friends—

I think we all know that our *Corvette Autumn* car show was an outstanding success, but it's worth repeating. With perfect car show weather, we had 46 cars on the lot at one point and we raised over \$2260 for Sarah's House. So one last time for this year, THANKS to all who helped with or just attended the show!

And under the heading of "Computers Make Life Simpler" (yeah, right), many of you have received unusual emails from "me-but-not me" recently that ask for gift cards or something. As Diane Bossert noted in a recent email to all of you, they were not from me; the sender used an address totally different and in fact used two different emails. I first learned of this scam because Carol got one of the emails. Then, not long afterwards, the Bosserts called to inquire because Diane was immediately suspicious of an email she got. What is interesting is that the only people to get these spurious emails are those on my ARCC mailing list; none of my other email contacts ever receive them. My suspicion is that one of our members' email addresses has been compromised, allowing some outsider to gain access to all club members email addresses. So, if you do get another request from "me," be assured that I am not a rich Nigerian prince, do not need a kidney, don't need bail money, and have no desire for anyone to send "me" gift cards or leave a bag of unmarked bills under a streetlight somewhere. The way to check if any email is from (the real) me is to view the email sender's details rather than just the sender's name; looking at the details will reveal the actual email address of the sender. If the email details don't show my ProposalHelp or Gmail address, the message is bogus. So again, as Diane said, do not reply to any of these emails or click on any embedded links; doing so will start you down the path of some sort of scam. And if the email does look like something I might have written, you can always call me—on the telephone—to check with the assuredly-real Roger Dean.

Recent New Members

Our club has grown a bit in the last month or so; we've added five new members: Larry & Jane Billings, who have a 2013 red convertible; Scott Lawson, who has a 2018 gray coupe; and Reg & Tarnya Sanborn who have a 2002 black Z06 coupe. Welcome to you all.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

ARCC-Embroidered Apparel

I have, at long last, receive pricing information from Logo Motion for most of the items club members have ordered in the past. Except, that is, for the three-season jacket, which is no longer available—I'm still searching for an acceptable alternative. Logo Motion prices are comparable to what our previous vendor, Emerson, charged. I am assembling a new catalog of apparel and can email a copy along with prices to you if you want. The approach the club officers have agreed on is for the person handling the apparel (me, for the time being) to charge members the cost of items from Logo Motion, plus tax, rounded up to the nearest \$5 increment to make bookkeeping (and change for cash transactions) simpler. The procedure will be to collect money from members sometime before item delivery, pay Logo Motion upon pick-up, and finally pay the mark-up to ARCC.

People & Places

Member Celebrations

October Birthdays

Beth Crane
Ann Lee
Donna Shea
Franny Stackpole

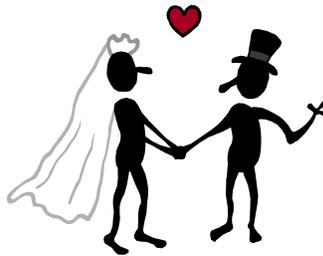


November Birthdays

Dave Billings
Bob Davis
Pat Minier
Rick Gaspar Jr.

October Anniversaries

Larry & Jane Billings
John & Donna Shea
Barry & Debbie Shepard



November Anniversaries

Gary & Betsy Cabit
Bill Fernald & Ruth Brunetti

Get Well! Activities Director Diane Bossert is recovering nicely from knee surgery last week. She's now at home working on regaining her mobility. Let's all hope she heals quickly.

Upcoming Activities

With both the Searsport *Spring into Fall* show and the final *Cars & Coffee* at the Seal Cove Auto Museum being held this weekend (October 8th), Corvette-season here in Maine is rapidly drawing to a close. The weekend of the 23rd is VOCM's fall weekend in Bar Harbor, but it is strictly a fun weekend... no gathering of Vettes on the ballfield as there is in the spring. After that, the only formal event left is our club Christmas party on Sunday, December 11th at the Elks. Look for more information on the party as the date gets closer.

Corvette News

Under the heading of "Still Trolling for Interesting Corvette Reading," this month I came across an article on the earliest mid-engine (OK, not exactly... actually "rear engine") Corvette. This one came from CorvSport.com and is titled, *Re-Visiting the Rear Engined XP-819 "Ugly Duckling"*

Corvette. For the complete article, go to <https://www.corvsport.com/the-xp-819-ugly-duckling/>. Here's a summary to pique your interest:

From CorvSport.com: "For those of you who wonder just how long Chevrolet was considering a mid-engined Corvette, you might be surprised to learn that the idea started more than a half-century before the 2020 C8 Stingray made an appearance on the automotive stage. The idea was birthed in the 1960 CERV (Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle) but started to take shape in the mid-1960s when designers like Larry Shinoda began designing cars based upon engineering specifications provided to them by Zora Arkus-Duntov. These specifications provided a baseline from which both rear-and-mid-engine Corvettes might evolve. In 1964, Shinoda introduced the world to the XP-819 – a rear-engined Corvette that featured styling cues that would become synonymous with the third-generation Corvette that would begin production four years after the 'Ugly Duckling's' introduction."



Et Cetera...

For those of you deciphering riddles and chasing down photo scavenger hunt targets, please email your Cruise Record (aka, scoresheet) to me by December 1st. If you need a clean copy of the scoresheet, there's one on the club website at <https://www.acdiavettes.org/2022-photo-scavenger-hunt>.

Don't forget: Our club's October meeting is on Wednesday, October 26th at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth starting at 5:00 pm. If something unforeseen happens to upset these plans, our meeting will be via Zoom starting at the usual time of 7:00 pm. Look for an emailed reminder with final details sometime around the 21st or 22nd.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Dean', written in a cursive style.

Roger Dean
President, ARCC

If you have photos from an ARCC event— or any other Corvette-related photos that you think others in the club would be interested in seeing— please send them to me for possible inclusion on the website and in a future President's letter.