



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for April 2025



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As I commented last month, "We could also see days of bright sun and warm temperatures before we can be sure we've seen the last snow." And sure enough, as I write this I am listening to a forecast of possible light snow here in the Ellsworth area and 6-8" in The County. But I'll keep hoping that "real" spring will be here soon. Seal Cove Auto Museum's opening day is in three weeks and there are lots of events on the calendar for May with more promised throughout the summer. I've made an appointment to get my '07 inspected later in the month and I'm planning to take the '72 out of its car bag soon. (Sure hope I find that the bag has again kept the rodents away from the car and out of the heating system.) So while I wait for the snow to come and quickly go, I keep thinking, "Maybe next week..."

Celebrations, etc.

April Birthdays

Charlene Clemons Bruce Cates
Rick Savage Ray Daries
Phyllis Houpp

May Birthdays

Gary Cabit John Sala
Marshall Dodge Reg Sanborn

April Anniversaries

Don & Cindy Blanchette

May Anniversaries

(none)

Events on the Calendar

The only "official" club event for the remainder of the month is our monthly meeting at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth on the 23rd. After that, it's look forward to May.

May 1 — Seal Cove Auto Museum Opening Day. 1414 Tremont Road. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.



Seal Cove Auto Museum
Antique Autos and Motorcycles from the Brass Era
Mount Desert Island, Maine

May 10 — 1st Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee for 2025. 1414 Tremont Road. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

May 24th — Cars & Coffee at the Seal Cove Auto Museum, 10:00 am — 1:00 pm, showcasing military and first responder vehicles.

May 25 — Gate City Corvette Club 43rd Annual Car Show. Judged & non-judged Corvettes, show & shine for other cars. Anheuser-Busch, 221 Daniel Webster Hwy, Merrimack, NH. FMI: www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com or Dean Gagne, 1-603-472-3524.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

May 28 — ARCC Monthly Meeting. Club meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of every month, usually at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, starting at 5:00 pm.

May 29–June 1 — Vettes of Coastal Maine (VOCM) weekend gathering in Bar Harbor.

There are two events a bit further out that I've mentioned before but want to again remind club members about. Both of these are opportunities for ARCC to increase its visibility around the state so I hope we can get a good turnout.

Woodlands Senior Living Car Show. This show, at the *Woodlands Senior Living of Farmington*, is still on for Saturday, June 7th, 1:00 (or maybe 2:00) to 5:00 pm. We'll do a static display, then a cruise around the facility so that their housebound residents can see the cars. VOCM might participate as well, so let's have a good turnout from ARCC. If you want to see where we will be going, here's their website: <https://www.woodlandsmaine.com/location/farmington/>. Diane will be coordinating our participation and I hope many of you will plan to join us driving over to Farmington. So please reserve the date. You'll hear more from Diane as we get closer to June.

VOCM's Veterans' Event. This one is a bit early to be in the newsletter, but it's here because the event affects plans for our *Corvette Autumn* car show. VOCM is planning on a region-wide gathering of Corvette clubs to entertain veterans at the Togus Veterans' Home. The date is September 13th. (I know... "Isn't this the date of our car show?" Not anymore, read the next section about *Corvette Autumn*.) Details are still developing, but the current plan is for participants to gather at the Augusta Elks Lodge and then caravan through the Veterans Cemetery to the Veterans' Home. In addition to showing off our cars at the Home, the Augusta Elks will be doing a pig roast. So, note this on your calendar—let's have a great ARCC turn-out!

All the other local events that I know of are listed on the Calendar on our website. If you know of others that I've missed, please let me know. And there's still room for others. ***Is there a cruise you would like to organize and lead?*** If so, let me know so I can include it on the Club calendar.

Corvette Autumn Car Show

Preparations for our show are moving along. I will be ordering flyers and mugs by the end of this month and our ads for WNSX and The *Ellsworth American's Out & About* section are ready to go once we get closer to the show. We are still trying to determine what, if anything, we will do about a Friday-before-the-show afternoon (or evening) gathering since Pat's doesn't reserve either room on Fridays. And I am still looking for one or two more volunteers to solicit the dozen or so Ellsworth area merchants who routinely donate for our show. Many of these businesses remember us from previous years and will be expecting our request.

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This is another month with two stories that caught my eye, one about a custom Corvette and one about a Corvette look-alike from years ago. The custom 'Vette story comes from *Motorious* through MSN.com. Elizabeth Pucket's article entitled "*2008 Chevrolet Corvette Transformed into 1963 Split-Window Coupe Now Available*" begins with, "In a remarkable blend of classic design and modern technology, a 2008 Chevrolet Corvette has been meticulously transformed into a 1963 Split-Window Coupe, providing enthusiasts with the best of both worlds. This unique vehicle, featuring a C2 Retro-Vette conversion, combines the iconic styling of the 1963 model with the comfort, safety, and reliability of a modern sports car." Her story goes on to describe the car in a bit of detail and then links to full description on a site called CarolinaClassicsandMore.com.



\$149,995

*C2 CONVERSION OF A 1963 SPLIT-WINDOW COUPE

STOCK	6234
VIN	1GRY26W985105842
ENGINE	6.2 LITER V8
TRANSMISSION	6 SPEED AUTOMATIC
EXTERIOR	SILVER
MILES	13,888

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Here's the link to the MSN/Motorious article:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/2008-chevrolet-corvette-transformed-into-1963-split-window-coupe-now-available/ar-AA1AvV4O?ocid=winp2fptaskbarmouseenter&cvid=acf7a31d79754032eaa24b1a58fcff7&ei=23>

If you want to jump straight to the site with all the details and a lot more photos:

<https://www.carolinaclassicsandmore.com/vehicles/9/2008-chevrolet-corvette?ref=motorious.com>.

Since the car was built to sell (Why, after all that work????), it may not be available anymore but it is certainly something to marvel at.

The other article is also from MSN.com and tells the story of a concept car from 1966. No, not a Corvette, but one styled after Chevrolet's 1962 Corvette Mako Shark concept car. The company that created this almost-look-alike (you'll have to guess before I tell you) "took inspiration from the second rendition of the Mako Shark concept car, the Mako Shark II." Click on the link below to find the story. (You'll have to click "continue reading" and scroll down a bit.)



<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/the-sports-car-that-could-ve-been-britain-s-corvette-killer/ar-AA1BW2XC?ocid=winp2fptaskbarhover&cvid=0b5e5d537a054131aa732107179ea22c&ei=10>

See you on the road,

Roger Dean

ARCC President

***Our next meeting will be on
April 23rd at Pat's Pizza at the
usual time of 5:00 PM.***

*The company behind the 1966
Corvette look-alike was Vauxhall.*