



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008



President's Letter for October 2023

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Sarah's House

This past Saturday Carol and I were privileged to attend Sarah's House Survivor Celebration on October 14th. With about 100 attendees (give or take), it was a remarkable event celebrating the history and mission of Sarah's house, those people and families who successfully beat the challenges of cancer, and honoring the memory of those who didn't. In any other year, we would have taken this opportunity to present their Director, Heather Massey, with a check reflecting *Corvette Autumn* show donations and proceeds. But as we are all painfully aware, our 2023 show was postponed thanks to Hurricane Lee. Rather than arrive empty handed, ARCC officers decided to make a "downpayment" on next year's donation. I presented Heather with a check for \$250 and a promise of more to come when we do get to hold our 10th annual show. Below is photo of the card that accompanied the check and a photo of Heather accepting it.

The Acadia Region Corvette Club is proud to help Sarah's House of Maine continue its mission to help Mainers who face the many challenges of a cancer diagnosis. Each year we raise money through our September Corvette Autumn car show. Unfortunately, this year Hurricane Lee forced us to postpone our annual show until Spring 2024. Our goal then, as always, will be to raise money for Sarah's House. Until then, we are pleased to be able to make this "down payment" on what we hope will be a more substantial donation.

Roger Dean, ARCC President

On behalf of all
Officers and Members of the Acadia Region Corvette Club



In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

People & Places

October Birthdays

Beth Crane Donna Shea
Ann Lee Franny Stackpole

November Birthdays

Bill Fernald

October Anniversaries

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

November Anniversaries

Bill Fernald & Ruth Brunetti

September's Cruise North

Three ARCC couples closed out September by traveling north of the border to St. John New Brunswick to participate in the Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick's 1st annual Moon Glow car show and poker run. The Deans, Shepards, and Miniers joined over 50 car's worth of Corvette enthusiasts from all over southern NB for the car show Friday night. (Fortunately for all, they had better weather than we did for our Lee-postponed car show.) We won a Tim Horton's gift bag and Deb Shepard won a voucher for one night's lodging at their hotel. On Saturday, Carol and I (in Sunshine) joined 41 other cars for the poker run around the St. John area. I had a perfect bad hand from start to finish, but Carol had a flush going... until the last card. 😞 Nonetheless, it was a fun day with a great gathering at Boston Pizza for prizes and camaraderie. Many thanks to CSNB President Sylvia Blanchard and her team for putting on a wonderful event.



Upcoming Events

October 25–29 — Vettes of Coastal Maine Fall Fallout weekend in Bar Harbor.

October 25 — ARCC monthly meeting at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth. 5:00 pm, with a Zoom broadcast (providing Pat's wi-fi decides to function).

There will be NO monthly meeting in either November or December.

December 10 — ARCC Holiday Party at the Seadog Brew Pub in Bangor starting at 1:30 pm. The party will include a Yankee swap with a limit of \$15/gift. Look for more information sometime in late November.

Looking into next year...

Corvette Autumn 2023 and beyond. If we are going to have "Corvette Autumn Take 2" at all, it would have to be in the spring, after it starts to warm up (we hope) and before summer activities get really busy. The weekend of May 18th is our only choice. Mothers' Day is May 12th, Memorial Day weekend is the 25th–27th, and the VOCM Bar Harbor weekend is May 30th–June 2nd. May 18th is also a day Darling's can accommodate and. We hope to have a final decision after our October meeting.

Here I want to take this opportunity to remind ARCC members that a lot of work goes into hosting any successful show. Even though most of the prep work will carry over from September, there would be some additional work and coordination necessary to host a show in the spring. And right on the heels of any spring show would be the planning and preparation of our annual fall show. **So I'll be direct and candid:** We are looking for someone to step up and help replan our spring show and then assume responsibility for organizing future *Corvette Autumn* shows. We have been assembling a show planning guide that includes show historical files and instructions to help the show chair know what to do when. And it's important to note that this is not a job you would have to do on your own; there are members who are willing to help with all phases of the show. But there has to be a leader to keep things moving ahead, in the right direction, and on time. Corvette Autumn is an important part of ARCC's event calendar. **We need your help to continue making it successful. Please consider volunteering for this important job.**

Events with Other Clubs. Activities Director Diane Bossert plans to investigate joint events with clubs in our region. In addition to those clubs right next door in Maine and New Hampshire, there are three in New Brunswick. At present, we are talking with CSNB about a joint meet in St. Andrews.

Offbeat Corvette News

This month I came across an interesting article written by Brad Anderson of CarScoops.com. Below are two photos showing this much-customized Corvette that is a merging of C2 and C6 designs. Billed as "the Love Child of a C2 Corvette Stingray and a C6," this 2011 custom Corvette has a handcrafted body, a 6.8 L supercharged engine, six-speed automatic transmission, and a very modern interior. This one-of-a-kind car could be yours for a mere \$189,000. Visit <https://www.carscoops.com/2023/08/the-love-child-of-a-c2-corvette-sting-ray-and-a-c6-could-become-yours/> for more information and photos.



ARCC Annual Meeting and Election of Club Officers

Ordinarily, our club would have its Annual Meeting in October. And every other year we would elect club officers for the next two years. Our last election was in October 2021, which means it's that time again. But this year things have to be different. Thanks to the "excitement" around the final preparation for our car show and its last-minute cancellation, all of your club officers managed to overlook the fact that this year was to be an election year, and so we are unprepared for any election. Since our bylaws allow me as President to change the dates and/or times of meetings, I am postponing our 2023 Annual Meeting to January 2024, concurrent with our regular monthly meeting on January 24th. This will allow us to establish a nominating committee and recruit candidates. Some of your officers are willing to continue in their present positions; others would welcome the opportunity to let someone else take over from them. Like overseeing the annual Corvette Autumn car show, it takes a team of people to keep the ARCC operating smoothly. Descriptions of all six positions are included at the end of this letter. We hope that some of you will consider becoming more active in **your** club and decide to take a leadership role.

Miscellany

With the success of my Car Bag keeping mice from taking up winter residence in our '72 coupe, I can no longer use the four car dollies I have for moving Sweet Potato into the corner of my barn for the winter. 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 for the winter. Asking \$100.



The cruising season is drawing to a close soon. If you took part in this year's scavenger hunt, please let me know so I can tell you how to upload your photos to a Google Drive folder.

See you on the road,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Dean".

Roger Dean
ARCC President

Duties of ARCC Officers

excerpted from the ARCC Bylaws

PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall perform all duties pertaining to this office, such as being the primary contact with other clubs, organizations, and contractors. The President may designate these duties to other active members. The President shall make arrangements for the places and times for Regular and Special meetings. The President may call Special Meetings in accordance with Article IV, Section 3. The President will appoint a nominating committee whose duty shall be to recommend the slate of officers to the active membership every other year or to recommend a replacement officer to fill an uncompleted term. The President shall appoint other committees as deemed necessary. The President or his/her designee shall review the records of the Treasurer no less than annually and shall report findings to the membership.

VICE PRESIDENT*: The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President and shall assume the office of President in the event the President is unable or unwilling to complete his/her term.

TREASURER: The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records of ARCC and shall be responsible for the club bank account, receive club funds and pay all club debts. Financial reports shall be given at each Regular and Annual meeting and shall include, at a minimum, bank balances and a list of receipts and payments since the last report.

No liability beyond customary operating expenses shall be incurred by the Treasurer without the approval of the Executive Board. The Treasurer will maintain the club mailing list and membership roster. The Treasurer will file the club's Annual Report to the State of Maine, Form 990-N with the Internal Revenue Service; and will renew the club's liability insurance annually, if approved by the membership.

SECRETARY: The Secretary shall record minutes of meetings, present minutes of the previous meeting at Regular or Annual Meetings and retain such minutes in the records of the club. In the absence of the Secretary at a meeting, the President will appoint a Secretary Pro Tempore.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR: The Activities Director will be the approving, coordinating, and scheduling authority for club events. Members are encouraged to offer to "chair" events and/or the Activities Director may ask members to "chair" events. The Activities Director will maintain the club events calendar, will approve the plans for events members are "chairing," and will keep the Executive Board apprised of event progress and details. The Activities Director will reserve the facility for the club's Annual Meeting and Christmas Party, if applicable.

HISTORIAN: The club Historian shall maintain a club scrapbook, a chronological list of club events, and records of other significant events as appropriate. The Historian will also keep photos and videos that show the history of the club and its members. The Historian shall also be the custodian of club property.

**Editorial note: Given that the duties of the VP are minimal, we hope that the VP role will grow to assume responsibility for overseeing the annual Corvette Autumn car show.*