



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for June 2025



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This month's letter is a bit late because I wanted to include some photos of our trip to the Trolley Museum & Model Train Display in Kennebunk. To be honest, though, the trip was mostly to see the **Maine Central Model Railroad**, a project that reflected Jonesport resident Buz Beal's lifetime fascination with trains. But in addition to a fun day at the museum, I learned a very valuable lesson: It poured buckets on the way home and I learned that our '07 Vette and its very wide tires is prone to hydroplaning at speeds over about 45 mph. So the ride home took a bit longer than planned but was a whole lot safer. Safer or not, it wasn't a fun drive home!

Celebrations, etc.

June Birthdays

Jim Babbit	Diane Bossert
Kit Dodge	Terry LaCombe
John Shea	Deb Shepard
Kay Woody	

July Birthdays

Jane Billings
Cindy Blanchette

June Anniversaries

Kristin & Joe Blanchette	Dan & Diane Bossert
Ken & Pat Minier	Bernie & Kay Woody

July Anniversaries

Marshall & Kit Dodge
Chris & Robin Houmiller
Don & Phyllis Houp

Kennebunk Trip — Trolley Museum & Model Train Display

While only we (the Deans) and Ed Dailide decided to go on the trip, we nonetheless had a great time. We met on Friday at noon in Bucksport by the Penobscot River cable-stay bridge and took the scenic route south. We stopped for lunch at *Bell the Cat* in Belfast (excellent) and then drove down through Appleton and Union to catch Rt.1 in Waldoboro. Then Rt.1 to I 295, through Portland, and back onto Rt. 1 all the way to Kennebunk. The last 25 miles or so was stop-and-go through the towns but it was worth it. We stopped at Libby's Candies in Scarborough and visited



In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

"Lenny," the life-sized moose sculpted out of solid chocolate. He weighs 1700 pounds! He's standing in a pond made from white chocolate and he's accompanied by a small black bear, also made out of chocolate. Of course, the candies they sell are pretty good and Carol couldn't leave without buying a few for the long ride home on Saturday.

After the candy story it was on to Kennebunk. We stayed at the Franciscan Guest House, which is on the grounds of the Franciscan monastery. It was a little spartan and dated, but nonetheless quite acceptable. The next day we hit the Seaside Trolley Museum and the phenomenal model train display, the **Maine Central Model Railroad**. The model train layout was created by Helen & Buz Beal in Jonesport over the course of decades and we first saw it in their 2-car garage perhaps ten years ago. We were amazed then and once again this past month. Buz died in 2012 but Helen maintained the display as long as she could. Finally, about five years or so ago, she donated the layout to the Trolley Museum. It is now housed in a much larger modern facility. If you search for "Buz Beal model train display" or "Maine Central Model Railroad" you'll find several websites with additional information.



After marveling at the model trains, we had to wander through the Museum's various workshops to see how they restore the trolley cars. Ed decided he could be a train driver and I just wanted to hang out with anything named "Desire."



Events in June & early July

June 21 -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 1414 Tremont Road. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. "Big Block Party."

June 21 — Wheels for Warriors car show, Bangor. Registration is by donation only to benefit The Marino Project assisting Maine military members with the help and services they deserve. Cross Insurance Center, Bangor; Car Registrations: 7:30am – 9:30am, Show Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm.

June 25 -- ARCC Monthly Meeting at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, starting at 5:00 pm.

June 28 – Owls Head 50th Anniversary invitational. Owls Head Transportation Museum. https://cdn.ymaws.com/owlshead.org/resource/resmgr/2025Calendar_8.5x14_032125.pdf.

July 5th — Cars & Coffee at the Seal Cove Auto Museum, 1414 Tremont Road, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. "Odd & Unusual."

July 12 — Southwest Harbor Flamingo Festival. ARCC has been one of the feature attractions in this parade for several years. Gather at Mt Desert Water Co after 8:30; the parade steps off around 9:30 AM on Seal Cove Road and travels Main St to Clark Point Road and then disbands. It is always a fun event, and the parade is short enough that no cars or clutches overheat.

All the other local events that I know of are listed on the Calendar on our website. If you know of something 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 continue to move along:

- We've received the 100 Z-fold flyers and have started to distribute them. Let's hope that together with our other print and radio advertising, we get a good turnout.
- I've had a last-minute minor issue with ordering the mugs for the show, but I expect to complete the order this week. The mugs will be all black; they will have white text and a yellow car silhouette on the front and a C-3 crossed flags and the Darling's logo on the back in white. I'm ordering 45 mugs.
- There's good news regarding our Friday-before-the-show afternoon gathering: Diane reapproached Julie at Pat's and she agreed that we could have one of the party rooms if we held our gathering in the afternoon. Right now, Diane is thinking 2:00–4:00 pm, which would give our Darling's Lot Crew ample time to set up for the show.
- It's now time to think about registering for the show. I've included a registration form at the end of this newsletter. Let's have another great turnout this year!

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

Can Corvettes fly? This is a question that stunt man Travois Pastrana set out to answer. The June 13th edition of Motortrend's online ezine tells the story. The title of the article is "Why Jump a Chevy Corvette Over 100 Feet? Why Not?" And the opening line of the story is "No stranger to making weird things fly, Travis Pastrana and



Photo from MotorTrend website

Jim York set out to see if Corvettes can fly down more than a road." Motortrend staff writer Justin Banner notes, "With Pastrana's stunt background and Jim York's tendency to drive vehicles for purposes they are not intended for, the team set about finding out just what the C8's flight characteristics are. After careful safety preparations, York's successful jump of 110 feet only damaged the car's radiator but left him unhurt. You can find the story and accompanying video at <https://www.motortrend.com/news/chevrolet-corvette-c8-jump-travis-pastrana-jim-york-video>.

See you on the road,

Roger Dean

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

ARCC President

***Our next meeting will be on
June 25th at Pat's Pizza at the
usual time of 5:00 PM.***



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11th Annual Corvette Autumn Car Show

September 20, 2025, 9:00 AM–noon, at Darling's Chevrolet, Rt 1, Ellsworth, ME
(Separate registration required for each car)

Owner(s) Name(s) _____

Year _____ Body Style _____ Color _____

Club Affiliation _____ Car Insured? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Street Address _____

Town _____ State/Prov/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Registration Fee Enclosed: ☐ \$15/car early registration (\$20/car Day of Show)

Please mail this form, in time to be delivered before the day of the show, to Dan Bossert,
ARCC Treasurer, 36 Salt Pond Road, Hancock, Maine 04640. Registration the day of the show is \$20 per car.



Car Number _____

Assigned by ARCC



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