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Hello members!

What a dynamic year we have had! An exciting list of events kept us busy month after month. We are fortunate to have club officers who dedicate their time and talent to create an enjoyable experience for our members. We are extremely grateful to all of our members for your enthusiasm, participation, and support of our club throughout the year.

The Member Survey will again be available at our November meeting. Please take a few minutes to complete if you haven't already. I'm sure the new board will pay close attention to your responses. Your valuable feedback will help shape the program of activities for the coming year.

Our October meeting was well attended and the business portion of the evening brought everyone up to speed on plans to take us through the remainder of 2024. The November meeting will be our final meeting of the year. We will celebrate with a Pizza Party and elect our Board of Directors for 2025. Although our meetings are well attended, some of our members are unable to join us due to health issues or family obligations. Please know we miss you and you are always in our thoughts.

As we enter this season of gratitude, we will give thanks for our family, friends, and country. We may also take a moment to reflect on our good fortune to share great times and friendships with other like-minded people who own "America's greatest sportscar."

Best wishes,
David Osgood

Photo right: David takes advantage of a photo op with Miss New Hampshire and his Corvette at the Annual Grape & Italian Festival in Hollis, NH.



The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Our club meets the second Friday of the month at Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House, 393 State Rte. 101, Bedford, New Hampshire. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Gate City Corvette Club



Let's get together!

Pizza Party & Annual Business Meeting

Friday November 8, 2024

5:00 Social ~ 6:00 Dinner ~ 7:00 Meeting

Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House

393 Route 101

Bedford, New Hampshire

RSVP by November 3rd

Kevin LeBlond: kgvert1@outlook.com

What's more fun than friends and food?

& PIZZA

GCCC ACTIVITIES

It's the end of October and it's time we start thinking about putting our Corvettes to bed for a long winters nap, sadly. But the cooler weather held off most of the month so some of us got one more cruise in on some great backroads to Ludlow, VT and the base of Okemo Mountain. The good news was the leaves were past peak but still showed some beautiful rust colors and the maples were still displaying gorgeous golden hues. Good news you ask? Absolutely, with the leaves past peak the leaf peepers were home raking so we had nothing but sunny open roads all day! We had a wonderful lunch at Calcutta's restaurant located on the Fox Run Golf Club. They also posted a beautiful photo of our cars on their Facebook page, see below. Afterwards, we stopped for some soft serve maple ice cream at the Green Mountain Sugar House on our way home. Just a wonderful day enjoying our cars and great friends. Here are a few photos from our cruise. We're looking forward to 2025 with many more roads to be traveled with everyone!



For November, we have our annual pizza party and GCCC Board of Directors election at Murphy's Taproom on Friday November 8th. Please join us for club sponsored pizza and cast your votes for next year's leadership board.

That's it for this month, take care everyone.

Cheers,
Kevin LeBlond



Life is short, enjoy the ride!

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE



🔔 BREAKING NEWS: Not only do we have a new interactive, user-friendly Facebook page called: "Gate City Corvette Club +" but, we've also updated our website. Over the next few weeks and months, we will be posting upcoming events, photos from recent & past events, GCCC news and anything else newsworthy. We're also hoping that a freshened-up website will inspire non-affiliated Corvette owners looking for a club to join, to contact our Membership Director, Tom Stewart. thomas_stewart@comcast.net

Come check out our updated GCCC Webpage

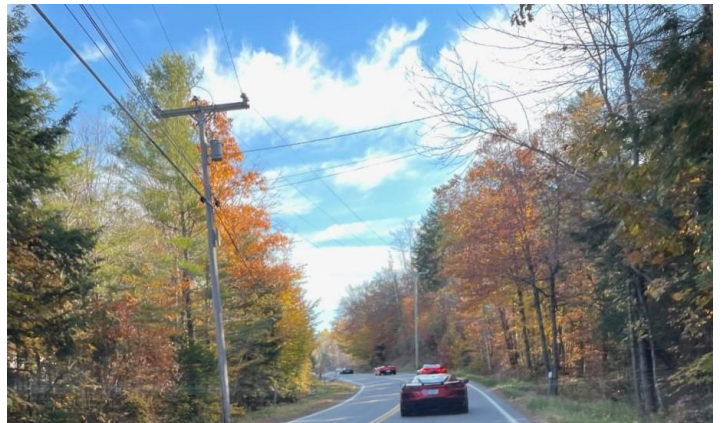
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Georgia LeBlond





Pictures provided by Allie DeCampo



Pictures provided by Mike & Terri Yenz



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Holiday Party

Saturday January 25, 2025

Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House
393 Route 101
Bedford, New Hampshire

Time: 6:00 – 11:00 pm

Holiday Dinner in the Carriage House
Cash Bar

Cost: \$50.00 per person

**Please submit payment by
December 21, 2024**

Mail to: Dean Gagne
11 Blackbird Drive
Bedford, NH, 03110

Hope to see you there!

President: David began the October 11th meeting by introducing our newest members Peter and Angela Connolly. Welcome! He expressed gratitude to Steve and Bea for hosting the fall picnic at their beautiful home by the lake. He complimented Murphy's Taproom for the wonderful service they have provided to our club each month.

Membership Director: Tom was unable to attend the meeting.

Treasurer: Dean presented the treasurer's report. He gave an update on the status of the club's charitable donations. We were fortunate to receive a generous anonymous donation to add to the total designated for the Adopt a Family program. The club will purchase toys and clothing for each child. Heather will coordinate a fun evening of shopping to fulfill the wish lists of the children.

Secretary: Allie thanked everyone for their contributions to the October newsletter. She distributed a survey for members to complete. She will also send the survey out again in an email and have copies available at the November meeting. The information gathered from the survey will help with activity planning for next year. It's been a great year for our club and we hope to have an even better 2025!

Vice President/Activities Director: Kevin announced the cruise to Vermont has been rescheduled to Sunday, October 20th due to an unfavorable weather forecast. He is also in the process of planning the holiday party at Murphy's Carriage House for Saturday, January 25, 2025. Because our February meeting falls on Valentine's Day, the meeting will be moved up a week to Friday, February 7, 2025. There will be no meeting in December.

NCM Ambassador: Larry said the National Corvette Museum has a new motorsport experience. (Please see his report beginning on page 16.) Museum membership is increasing. Please let him know if you become a member or renew a membership as he gets credits to maintain his ambassadorship. He gave a reminder that the Museum offers Corvette insurance, and premiums are often less than other insurers.

Norm and Larry have worked on updates to the bylaws. The club will discuss in detail next year. Any changes to the bylaws must be voted on by the membership.

Norm Wood presented to the secretary a list of those who are running for Board of Directors 2025. The election will take place at the November meeting. Please see sample ballot on the following page.

Rose Marie Weed was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The winner of the member raffle was not in attendance. David adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Thank you for your support of our newsletter!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Allie





GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025



Sample Election Ballot

November 8, 2024

Election Ballot Instructions: Below are the nominees for Board of Directors for 2025. In the event there is only one candidate running for each office listed, the secretary as representative of the membership may submit one vote for all.

President:

David Osgood _____

Vice President:

Kevin LeBlond _____

Secretary:

Allie DeCampo _____

Treasurer:

Dean Gagne _____

Officer at Large:

Norm Wood _____

Membership Director:

Tom Stewart _____

Corvette Trivia Question

What was the newest component on the 1953 Corvette?

Answer on page 23.

Submitted by Mitch Bagdigian



That Poor Vette

This poor Vette is a torch red C5 coupe that was feeling the cravings for a Whopper. The accident is still under investigation, but it looks like the Vette was unable to slow down completely in time to come to a stop in the parking lot. The car hit the wall of the BK, causing it to crash inwards into a table. Thankfully, no one was lingering there enjoying their fries, and no one was hurt in this accident.



TPV Submitted by Larry Shields

Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

For Membership Information please visit our website:

<http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

For more information or if you would like to join, please contact:

Tom Stewart, Membership Director

(617) 947-9254 or email thomas_stewart@comcast.net

Join us in celebrating November birthdays!



<i>Mitch Bagdigian</i>	<i>11/01</i>	<i>Al Whittier</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>Joan Guimond</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Linda Allain</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Mike Boudreau</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>Mike Hurley</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Larry Goelz</i>	<i>11/14</i>	<i>Tom Hopkins</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Bob White</i>	<i>11/15</i>		

If you do not see your birthday on the list and wish to be included, please send your date of birth (month and day) to Tom Stewart at the phone number or email address above.

FALL SAFETY TIPS FOR YOUR VEHICALS

Kevin LeBlond

As our seasons are changing, I thought I'd share a few maintenance tips with you, enjoy!



Oil changes: Some of us change our oil the end of the cruising season while others wait till spring. If you're the kind of owner that changes it in the fall, we suggest this oil for all year Corvettes, oil viscosity may vary.



Remember when you change your oil...



Blinka Fluid: I'm guessing most of you change your blinka fluid regularly but some of you let it go too long in-between changing it. Here's the fluid most of us use, we find the synthetic blend works best.



For those of you who have never changed your fluid here's how to do it:

Exhaust: You know your exhaust system needs maintenance once in a while too so why not perform it while you're changing your oil?



Tires: Some of us are running summer tires and some all-season, either way it's time to change from summer air to winter air.



While we're on the subject of tires, here's another tip for all of us especially you E-Ray owners:



Improved traction:

For your winter metal vehicles and E-Rays, we suggest:



Winter storage of our Vettes:

Before you know it, it will be time to store our cars for a long winter's nap so...



Any and all complaints about these tips please see our Compliant Department:



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Ambassador's NCM Update

November 2024

*As the GCCC Ambassador, I have goals to meet for the NCM. For me to meet the goals I need each of you to **let me know** if you attend a museum event, purchase memberships, purchase raffle tickets, purchase bricks/tiles/bench, or make donations to the museum.*

Artifact of the Month: Each month the NCM Curatorial staff selects an artifact from their collection that is connected to a significant moment in Corvette history and shares its story with you. For the current story, go to **2009 Corvette Stingray Concept Car and Full-Scale Model**

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2009-corvette-stingray-concept-car-and-full-scale-model/> .

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/lt5-engine/> .



Museum Transitions to Fall and Winter Hours

Beginning Friday, November 1, the Museum will be open Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT, and Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM CT. These extended hours will continue through Tuesday, December 31.

Expanded Membership Benefits

We're excited to announce that access to the North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) Association® has expanded to all Members of the National Corvette Museum. The North American Reciprocal Museum Association® network features 1,369 museums, galleries, botanical gardens, and more. Your membership includes reciprocal benefits like free admission. Learn more and find participating institutions on the NARM website.



NCM Special Exhibits:

LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting

Closing Soon! Undergoing a major renovation to transform the space into an art gallery, Luster will take residency in the Museum’s limited engagement gallery through the end of 2024. Art will be juxtaposed against Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that served as the inspiration for the work, including a 1937 Cord 812 on loan from the Cord Dusenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN.



American Love Affair: Pop Culture and Corvette

Coming in October, the widely popular exhibit documenting the love affair between America and the Corvette will be refreshed with new Corvettes and Corvette artifacts on display.



**Welcome Amy Hardin,
Director of Development**

An American Love Affair:
70 Years of Corvette *is NOW OPEN!*



The National Corvette Museum is proud to announce the appointment of Amy Hardin as the Museum’s new Director of Development. In this critical role, which bridges the Museum’s mission with its many philanthropic initiatives, Amy’s responsibilities include developing and implementing effective multi-year fundraising programs to support the ongoing programs, projects, and activities of the National Corvette Museum.

Motorsports Park News:

The NCM Motorsports Park is thrilled to announce the addition of another GM Performance car to its fleet as the Cadillac CT5- V Blackwing joins the lineup of Camaro and Corvette Driving Experiences!

DRIVE A NEW Z06 and Z06 Fast Pack! The Motorsports Park is the only commercialized track in the nation to offer consumer facing-driving experiences in the much-anticipated new Z06 Corvette. Test the power and performance of this amazing vehicle by signing up for the Drive a Z06 offering by driving 4 laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2-mile 23 turn road course plus “Zero to Sixty” launch and a Hot Lap driven by an Motor Sports Park pro drive. For the “Z06 Fast Pack” you will be driving (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2 mile, 23 turn road course, plus “Zero to Sixty” launch, and a Hot Lap driven by the MSP professional.

For more information please visit: <https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>

To register for track experiences: <https://book.peek.com/s/bdf5867b-553c-4f63-af19-cdc4abedc880/zg2mw>.

There are many other track experience packages offered. Go to: <https://www.motorsportspark.org/> for complete information on track offerings.



NCM Raffle Purchase online or print order form and mail in. Current Corvettes being raffled:



2025 Sea Wolf Gray Coupe
Price: \$150 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: November 21, 2024



2025 Arctic White Convertible
Price: \$200 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: December 5, 2024



2025 Torch Red Coupe
Price: \$100 Tickets 2000
Drawing: December 19, 2024



2025 Arctic White Coupe
Price: \$20 Tickets: Unlimited
Drawing: April 26, 2025

To learn more visit: <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/index.cfm>

NCM Membership:

The museum exists to support Corvette Enthusiasts worldwide and memberships are a large part of its sources of revenue. If you are a member, remember to renew it, if you are not a member, please consider purchasing one of the membership levels.

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/membership/>

An individual membership is \$65.00 annually and provides you with the following NCM benefits:

- Membership card
- NCM member lapel pin
- Free admission to members
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and Catalog
- 10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee

- Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency
- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- 20% discount on CARFAX reports
- \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos

Other membership levels include:

Family \$100.00/year, Life member \$1953.00, Senior member (over 65) \$750.00 20 years

For questions about the Digital Membership Card, contact Member Relations Specialist, by calling 270-467-8833. Your member pin and decal can be picked up on your next visit!

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<https://museum.inficaresoft.com/wallet/link/TmF0aW9uYWwgQ29ydmV0dGUgTXVzZXVt>



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For more information go to: www.ncminsurance.com

"The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy."

NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN REUNION

Plans are well underway for a 2025 New England Caravan Reunion in September of next year. Registration for this event will open in January of 2025. We hope to see many of you there! The reunion will be held at the Attitash Grand Summit Hotel in Bartlett, NH.

Dash to Attitash



Grand Summit Hotel at Attitash in New Hampshire
New England 2024 Corvette Caravan "Reunion"
September 25, 26, 27, 2025
Registration opening January of 2025



Thanksgiving Jokes for Your Friends & Family

(When you're ready for everyone to go home!)

10. What is a scarecrow's favorite fruit?
Answer: *Straw-berries.*
11. What's the key to a great Thanksgiving dinner? Answer: *The tur-key.*
12. What do you call when it rains turkeys?
Answer: *Fowl weather!*
13. What's the most musical part of a turkey?
Answer: *The drumstick.*
14. What happened when the turkey got into a fight? Answer: *He got the stuffing knocked out of him.*
15. What do you call a running turkey?
Answer: *Fast food.*
16. What happens when cranberries are sad?
Answer: *They turn into blueberries.*
17. Why did the turkey get grounded?
Answer: *He was using fowl language.*
18. What do pumpkins and gourds love to play?
Answer: *Squash.*
19. What is a turkey's favorite dessert?
Answer: *Peach gobbler!*
20. What do you use to make bread on Thanksgiving?
Answer: *May flour.*
21. Why shouldn't you share secrets in the cornfield? Answer: *Because corn have ears!*
12. What kind of music did the Pilgrims like?
Answer: *Plymouth Rock.*
1. What sound does a turkey's phone make?
Answer: *"Wing, wing."*
2. What is hard, oddly-shaped, and brings you good fortune on Thanksgiving?
Answer: *A wishbone.*
3. What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?
Answer: *The turkey trot.*
4. What did the mother turkey say to her disobedient children?
Answer: *If your father could see you now, he'd turn over in his gravy!*
5. Why didn't the cook season the Thanksgiving turkey?
Answer: *There was no thyme.*
6. What's the best song to play while cooking a turkey? Answer: *"All About That Baste."*
7. If an apple, pear, and peach come from a tree, where do turkeys come from?
Answer: *A poul-tree.*
8. Where do turkeys go to dance?
Answer: *The Butter Ball.*
9. What should you say when your family begs you to stop making Thanksgiving jokes? Answer: *I can't just quit cold turkey!*



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Trivia Question Answer

The fiberglass body was the only really new component on the 1953 Corvette.

Mitch



PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

The next article/ad submission date is **November 20, 2024**

Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input.

Reports, articles, notices, letters, photos and ads are to be received by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Thank you for helping to make our newsletter interesting and informative.

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ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS

President..... David Osgood
Vice President..... Kevin LeBlond
Secretary..... Allie DeCampo
Treasurer..... Dean Gagne
Membership Director... Tom Stewart
Officer-at-Large..... Linda Sutherland

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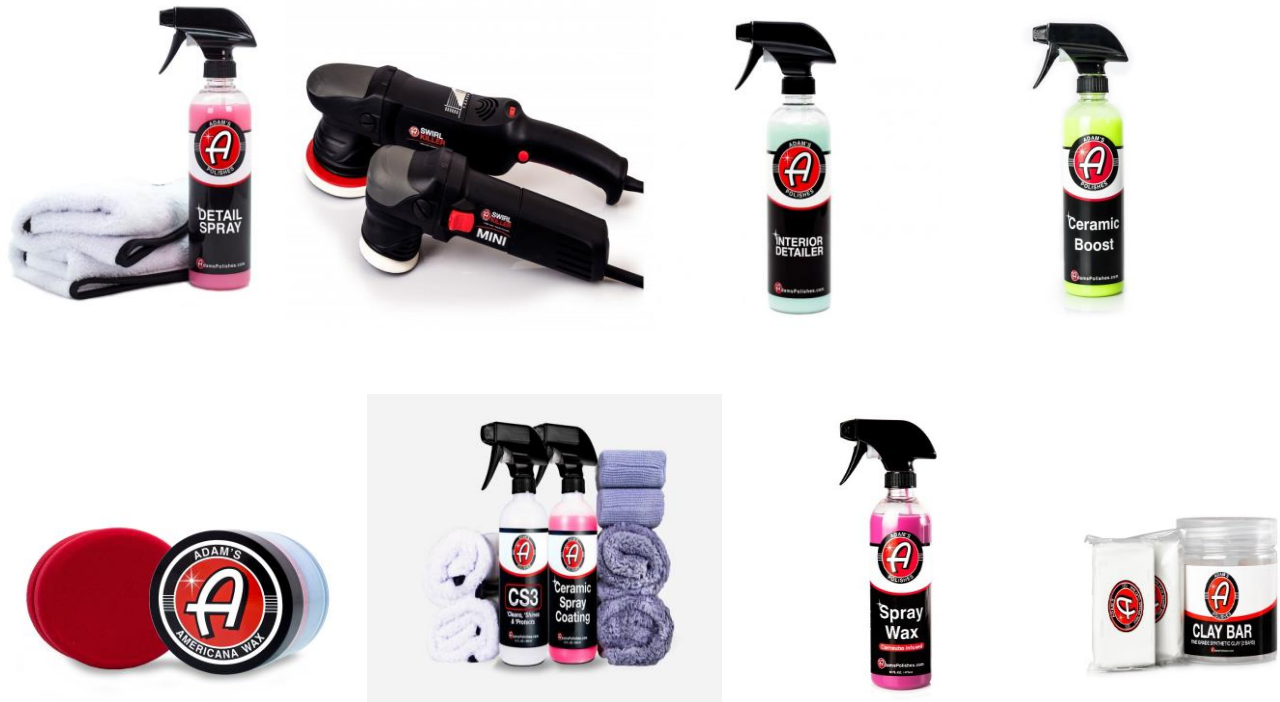
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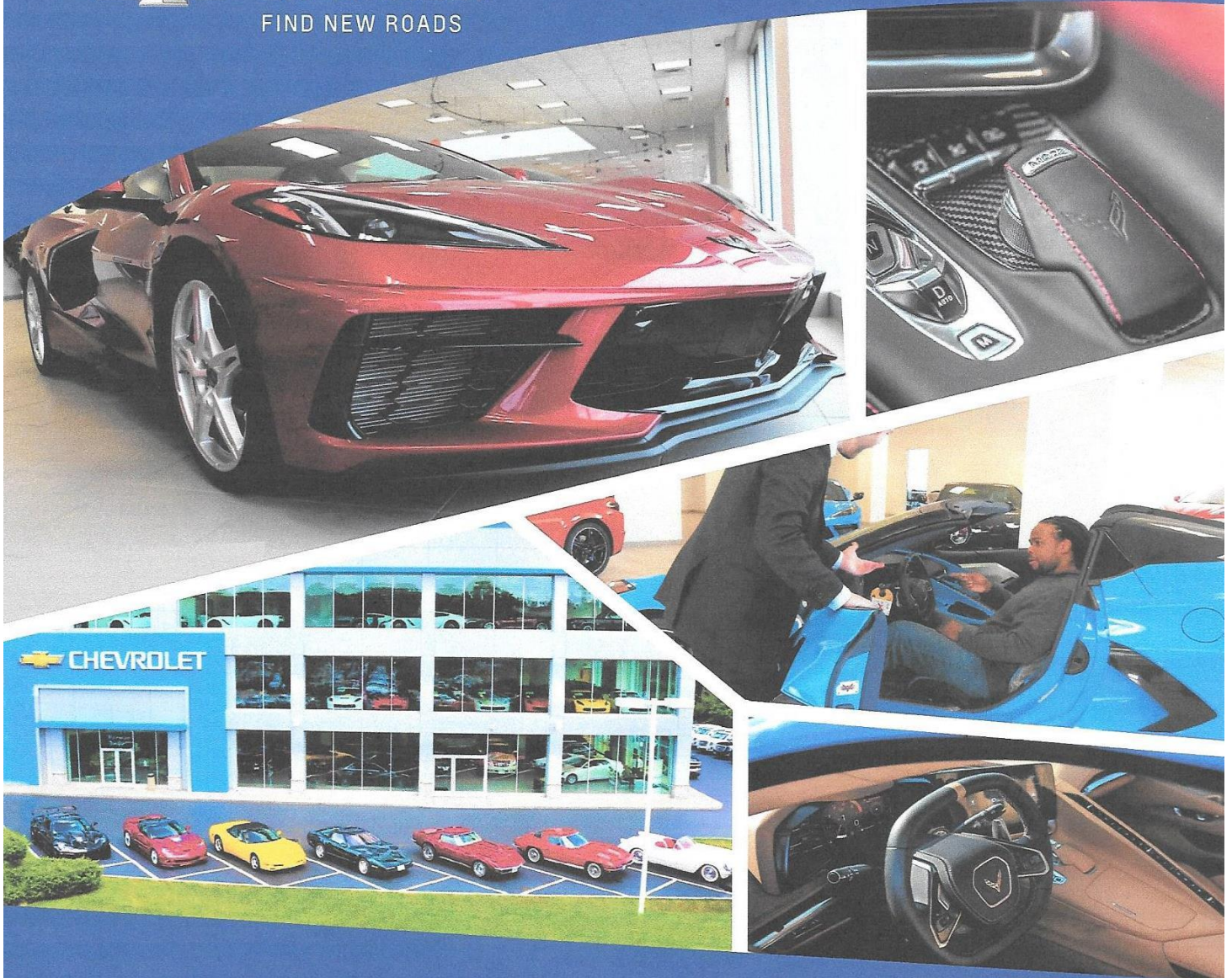
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