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Delivery Day at the Dealership!



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Hello Members,

There seems to be a new "bug" going around. It's very contagious and can only be contracted when you visit the Corvette Showroom at MacMulkin. Recently, an unusual number of GCCC members have been infected with this persistent bug. Symptoms include butterflies in the stomach, increased heart rate, weight loss due to a lighter wallet, and the inability to concentrate on anything besides buying a new Corvette.

Ok, now onto the business at hand. We had a great turnout for our first meeting of the year and fifteen for dinner afterwards at Bahama Breeze. Kevin gave an overview of a variety of activities he has been planning for the club, and the first activity was held on Sunday, February 18th at the Longhorn Restaurant. Fantastic food and fun getting together on a cold winter's day!

This is the time of year when we accelerate our planning for Spring Fling. As you know, this is our biggest event of the year and requires the involvement of all of our members. We will discuss the many details associated with preparing for the show at our next meeting on Friday, March 8th. I hope you will be able to attend!

We are changing our club social and meeting times to accommodate MacMulkin's hours of operation. I hope this change does not create an inconvenience for anyone. Thank you for understanding.

Best,
David Osgood



Please note...
We are changing our meeting time to
6:15 - 6:45 Social
6:45 - 7:45 Meeting

The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Our club meets at 6:45 pm the second Friday of the month at MacMulkin Chevrolet, 3 Marmon Drive, Nashua, New Hampshire. If you own a Corvette, please come and join us!

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GCCC ACTIVITIES, CRUISES AND DESTINATIONS

Happy March everyone! We're getting closer to dusting off our cars and starting an active and fun 2024 season. We were thrilled to see so many members at our first club event at Longhorn's last month. We had 34 members in attendance for a wonderful afternoon! Here's the group photo we took when we were leaving. Unfortunately, several of you had already headed for home, sorry we missed you. Let's see if we can get everyone in the group photo for our March social.



Our 2024 Calendar of Events is now ready for prime-time and is included in this newsletter. Keep in mind, this calendar is a living document and is subject to change as the year progresses. As changes occur, we'll communicate them to you as quickly as we can, via email or any of our social media outlets.

Speaking of social media...some of you may have noticed our Facebook page is starting to become more active. We invite all of you to check it out and invite your Corvette friends! Please scroll through the page and post your own photos and stories from our events or your own rides, as well as any relevant Corvette news. Rumor has it our website will be undergoing some updates shortly; we'll let you know when that happens.

BREAKING NEWS! Our club social and meeting start time has changed.

6:15pm social **6:45pm** meeting start time.

Cheers,
Kevin LeBlond

Life is short, enjoy the ride!

SPRING FLING 2024

Gate City Corvette Club

Presents our 42nd Annual Corvette Show



Sunday May 26, 2024

Registration 8:00 – 11:30 AM

(Rain Date Sunday June 9, 2024)



Music, Food,
Raffles & More!
Goodie Bags
Dash Plaques

Point Judged Show
25 Classes ~ Trophies for
Show ~ Super Street ~ Street
Best of Categories

Corvette
Registration Fee:
Judged \$30.00
Non-judged \$15.00

**Located on the beautiful grounds of Anheuser-Busch
221 Daniel Webster Highway, Merrimack, NH**

Corral Parking for other Classic Vehicles \$15.00

Gate City Corvette Club Supports

The American Cancer Society, Nashua Soup Kitchen, & Front Door Agency



For more information:

www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com

www.facebook.com/GATECITYCORVETTECLUB

Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524



President: David O. began the February 9th meeting at 7:00 pm. He took a count for the after-meeting dinner at Bahama Breeze.

Membership Director: There were no potential new members at the meeting; however, Tom reintroduced some of our newer members as well as those we had not seen recently.

Treasurer: Dean presented the treasurer's report. He will update the member list as soon as all dues payments are recorded.

Secretary: Allie would appreciate member news and anything else you would like to share for inclusion in the newsletter. Please email to: allie_decampo@comcast.net

Officer at Large: Linda and Norm gave an overview of **LAPS FOR CHARITY** taking place at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. If interested in participating or have questions please contact Linda. You may register, sign waiver, and make payment with a credit card at www.speedwaycharities.org. (Flyer with dates and other details on page 14.) Ellen mentioned she knows a good restaurant nearby the Speedway for after the events.

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. provided an update on the National Corvette Museum and 2024 New England Caravan. At the time of our meeting, the NCM was offering a reduced annual rate of \$55.00 to become a member. (Check with Larry for the code needed.) He reminded everyone that the National Corvette Museum offers a good price for Corvette insurance. Details are posted on the NCM website.

The final Meet & Greet prior to the New England Caravan will be held in North Conway at the Fox Ridge Resort from May 16 – 18. Larry gave another reminder asking Caravan participants to consider sending a picture of their license plate for publication in the Caravan Route Book. Ads are also being accepted. The Caravan Route Book is a vital resource that participants will refer to over and over again during the Caravan. (Larry's Report begins on page 17 with additional details about the Museum and 2024 New England Caravan.) There are currently slots available for those who have not yet signed up for the Caravan.

Vice President/Activities Director: Kevin reviewed the club's Calendar of Events he has been planning for the upcoming season. His goal is to offer something of interest for everyone - socials, cruises, car shows. On February 18th there is a social "**LINNER**" at the LongHorn Restaurant at 2:00 pm. In March he is planning a **BRUNCH** at Bistro 603. (Flyer on the following page.) April 14th will be a "**MICE OUT**" cruise to Ray's Seafood Restaurant in Rye and then on to Salisbury for ice cream. In May, we will begin a monthly Wednesday evening **ICE CREAM CRUISE**. The location will vary and be members' choice. Also plans are being made for a cruise to T-Bones or Fratello's in Laconia. (Kevin's 2024 Calendar of Events is on page 15 & 16.) As Kevin previously mentioned, this calendar is a living document and is subject to change as the year progresses.

SPRING FLING will be Sunday, May 26th with a rain date of June 9th. It is time to think about trophy sponsorships and vendors. We will plan for door prizes, raffles, and silent auction. Dean is contacting a DJ. Charities to benefit are American Cancer Society, Nashua Soup Kitchen, and Front Door Agency through which we provide children with clothing and toys during the holidays. This past year we were able to sponsor 14 children.

Mike Boudreau was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The winner of the member raffle was not in attendance. Dave adjourned the meeting at 8:00.



You're Invited TO OUR
**ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



Bistro 603
345 Amherst Street
Nashua, NH 03063
On March 17th @ 10:30am
RSVP by 3/15 to
kgvert1@outlook.com
See YOU there!

Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

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

and click on the Membership Info Link

For more information contact

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Join us in celebrating March birthdays!



Paul DiSalvo 03/10

Rhonda Gray 03/11

Mike DeCampo 03/13

Noy Bright 03/22

Catalina Keeffe 03/30

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.

GCCC MEMBER NEWS

Tom & Liz

One of life's great pleasures is pulling up to the dealership and seeing your new Corvette parked outside in that special spot just waiting for you to take ownership. This 2023 Red Mist Metallic/Jet Black interior Stingray Coupe 3LT with Z51 Performance Package has everything you could ever want and more in a sports car.

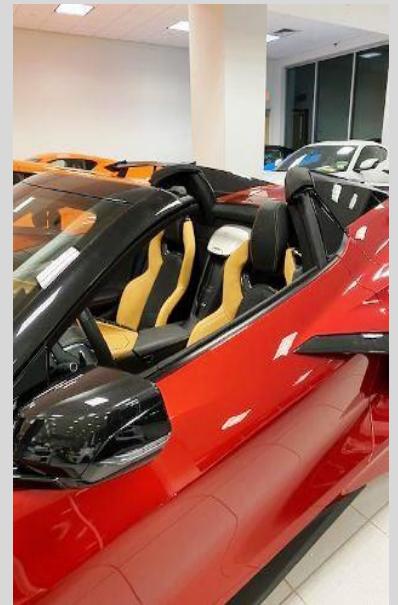


Norm & Sue

Beautiful 2024 (HTC) with Silver Flare Metallic paint/Sky Cool Gray and Black interior was definitely worth the wait. 3LT package, front lift kit with memory, Magnetic Selective Ride Control, Z51 Performance Package - black stripe on hood, convertible engine appearance package - window over the engine, bright machined 20 spoke forged aluminum wheels, Performance Exhaust System and Brake Package result in timeless design, remarkable technology and powerful performance.



Warm winter weather has allowed this new mid-engine out on a mid-February day!



Kevin & Georgia

It was love at first sight! This 2023 C8 Stingray 3LT convertible (HTC) has a Red Mist Metallic exterior with the Natural 2-tone seats interior. Options include the Z51 Performance Package, Z51 Suspension Package, the Z51 Performance Brakes, front lift adjustable height w/memory, carbon flash roof & nacelles and 20 spoke gloss black forged rims. There are many more options and accessories. It is truly the utmost in luxury design and outstanding technology combined with powerful performance. Wow!





David & Linda

Everyone knows that Corvette owners are a special breed. For this new owner spring can't come soon enough. Until then, David has found a comfy spot to spend quality time with their new 2017 C7 Grand Sport. This trunk can hold more than just golf clubs! I think he loves it. Sweet dreams, David!

Corvette Trivia Question

What year were safety belts (lap belts) available in the Corvette?

Answer on page 23.

Submitted by Mitch Bagdigian

Gate City Corvette Club Apparel

Galli offers custom printing and embroidery for all types of apparel. The turn-around time is usually 2 or 3 weeks (or less) depending on the manufacturer's availability of the garment chosen. Check out the various types of apparel offered in their online catalog.

Website: <http://gallishirts.com> Email: galliapprl@aol.com

Phone: 845-226-7305



That Poor Vette

“When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter.” When I said I wanted a new Corvette under the Christmas tree... this wasn't how I envisioned it coming true! This poor yellow C6 coupe was pushed off the road after another car ran a stop sign, diverting the Vette up onto a lawn. It apparently took out a reindeer lawn ornament & crashed up against the small, decorated tree on the front porch of the house. Despite also rupturing a gas line, a quick response from the gas company meant this already bad situation didn't get any worse and no one was seriously injured.



<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2023/12/11/accident-c6-corvette-crashes-into-a-new-jersey-home>

TPV Contributed by Larry Shields

THE RESTORATION OF MY '79 CORVETTE

By Tom Hopkins

I recently rejoined Gate City Corvette Club after taking time off from the club to restore my 1979 Corvette. I had previously joined in 2015 along with my friends Barry and Denise (2017 C7) and Ken and Rhonda (69 C3).

I purchased my '79 around November of 2014 for \$4500. It required a little bit of work to get it roadworthy.



As with most C3s mine had a few issues. The second owner of the car (I'm the fourth owner) had it repainted at Maaco. It was bubbling and peeling everywhere. Then my ignition switch decided to get stuck in the "on" position. After a few weeks of hell, I was able to replace the switch only to find that my directional signals stopped working. I hate chasing vehicle electrical issues! That's when I made the decision to drop out of Gate City and concentrate on fixing some of the problems.

As with most of my projects, one thing leads to another. I was going to just touch up the paint issues but ended up doing all of the bodywork and paint.





Of course I couldn't just stop there. I figured I might as well redo the interior. I finished most of the heavy work by 2022. The interior and paint buffing was pretty much complete by the spring of 2023.



I still have small things that need to be addressed but nothing pressing. She's now at a point where I'm not so embarrassed to have her parked beside all the beautiful Gate City club members' Corvettes!



Gate City Corvette Club



Laps for Charity

New Hampshire Motor Speedway



Friday, May 3rd 4:30-7:00 pm

Road Course (1.6 mile road course)

Choose either

3 "group" laps in your own vehicle

\$50 per vehicle

Includes your photo in the victory lane

OR

5 VIP laps in your own vehicle with

just you and the pace car \$150

Includes your photo in the victory lane

Thursday, June 20th 6-8:00 pm

Oval Course (the magic mile)

Choose either

3 "group" laps in your own vehicle

\$40 per vehicle

Includes your photo in the victory lane

OR

5 VIP laps in your own vehicle with

just you and the pace car \$100

Includes your photo in the victory lane

If you wish to participate or have questions email Linda Sutherland

lindasutherland673@gmail.com

State which date(s) you are interested in. As the date gets closer we will plan a location to meet for dinner after the event. Registration form, waiver and payment are completed by you online www.speedwaycharities.org

Speedway Children's Charities




SCC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and provides funding for hundreds of non-profit organizations throughout the nation that meet the direct needs of children. Our vision is that every child has the same opportunities no matter what obstacle they are facing. Because of the unique conditions in every community, the issues Speedway Children's Charities address are determined locally. Challenges ranging from learning disabilities, broken homes, and childhood cancer are on the agenda for the local chapters of SCC and the numerous non-profit organizations they support. Thank you for your support!



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

2024 Calendar of Events

(Rev. 2/23/2024)

-  GCCC Event
-  NCM Event
-  Other Event

March

- 8 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45 Meeting - Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 17 Club brunch, 603 Bistro Nashua

April

- 12 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45pm Meeting - Dinner afterwards TBD
- 14 Cruise - "Mice Out" coast cruise to Ray's Seafood in Rye for lunch
- 25-27 **National Corvette Museum (NCM) Michelin Bash**

May

- 3 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Road Course
- 5 Cruise - Backroads to T-Bones or Fratello's in Laconia, ice cream on way home
- TBD **Blessing of the Vettes @ Corvette Mike's**
- 10 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45pm Meeting - Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 12 Mother's Day
- TBD **Attend Car Show**
- 15 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice.)
- 16-18 **NCM Caravan Meet & Greet N. Conway, NH**
- 19 Spring Fling Judging Clinic
- 26 Spring Fling 2024

June

- 1 & 2 **VOCM Bar Harbor Maine Weekend**
- 14 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45pm Meeting - Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 16 Father's Day
- TBD **Attend Car Show**
- 19 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)
- 20 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Oval Course
- 23 Cruise - Quechee Gorge with lunch in Woodstock, VT

July

- 12 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45pm Meeting - Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 14 Club Cruise - Backroad ride to Ludlow, VT with lunch at Calcutta's
- 21 Annual Club Picnic
- 24 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)
- TBD **Attend Car Show**

August

- 4 Club Cruise Member Choice/Member Lead
- 9 Club Meeting - 6:15pm Social - 6:45pm Meeting - Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 14 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week - member choice)
- TBD **CCRI Corvettes by the Sea**
- 22-24 **Corvettes at Carlisle 2024**

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- 21-31 **NCM New England Caravan**
- 31 **Cruising Downtown Manchester, NH**

September

- TBD **Attend Car Show, last of the season**
- 13 **Club Meeting – 6:15pm Social – 6:45pm Meeting – Dinner Afterwards TBD**
- 15-17 **Overnight & Cruise – Destination TBD**
- 29 **Castle in the Clouds Cruise & Picnic, Moultonborough, NH**

October

- 11 **Club Meeting – 6:15 PM Social – 6:45 Meeting – Dinner afterwards TBD**
- 13 **Fall End of Season Club Cruise – Coastal Cruise to Ogunquit/Wells w/lunch**

November

- 8 **End-of-Season Pizza Party – Club Meeting & BOD Election**

**** DATES YET TO BE CONFIRMED**

Weekly Cruise Nights**

Sunday: **Murphy's Tap Room 5 – 8 PM - 393 NH RTE 101, Bedford, NH**

Monday: **Firing Line 5 – 8 PM - Brown Ave, Manchester, NH**

Tuesday: **North Shore Corvettes 4–7 PM Teresa's Grille 19, 20 Elm St, North Reading, MA**

Wed: **North Side Grill 5 – 9 PM - 323 Derry Road, Hudson, NH**

Thurs.: **Candia First Stoppe Country Store 5 – 8 PM - 285 Old Candia Road, Candia, NH**

Thurs.: **Marty's Cruise Night Mason, NH**

Friday: **Target Parking 4:30 – till? - 600 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH**

(Rev. 2/23/2024)

Gate City Corvette Club's Spring Fling Corvette Show



Pictures provided by Larry Shields



Ambassador's NCM Update

March 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 this month's: **"Dale Earnhardt Jr. Autographed Helmet"** <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/dale-earnhardt-jr-autographed-helmet/>. Held in February each year since 1959, the Daytona 500 is NASCAR's most prestigious race. Wins at Daytona are among the greatest accomplishments in a driver's career, victories that will be remembered for decades. This year marks the 10th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s second Daytona 500 win



NCM Special Exhibits:



LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting

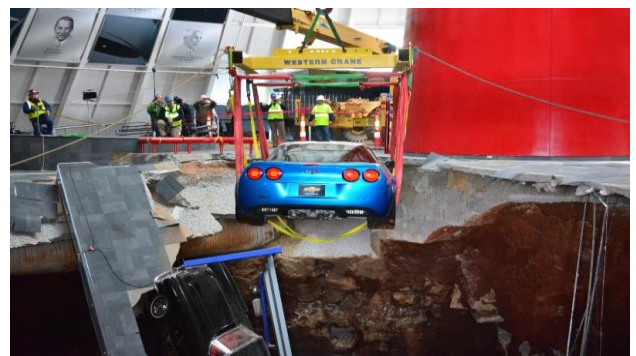
Undergoing a major renovation to transform the space into an art gallery, Luster will take residency in the Museum's limited engagement gallery through the end of 2024. Art will be juxtaposed against Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that served as the inspiration for the work, including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

Opening March 16, 2024

Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined

This limited engagement exhibit features select Corvettes that were recovered from the sinkhole, along with timelines and multimedia that illustrate where the Corvette Museum has been, and where it is headed in the future.

Opening June 24, 2024



NCM Events Update 2024

- 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash – April 25 – 27
- MiM Dragon Run presented by Michelin at Biltmore Estate - April 28 – May 1
- MiM Le Mans Tour Jun 8 at 10:00 am – Jun 18 at 10:00 am
- 30th Anniversary Celebration and Corvette Caravan at National Corvette Museum Aug 29 – 31



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

Motorsports Park News:

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/>

The NCM Motorsports Park has introduced a new driving experience... the Corvette Bundle! This product showcases the performance capabilities of both the C7 and C8 Corvettes. Guests have the opportunity to get behind the wheel of both cars for four laps each on the 3.2-mile, 23 turn track. This lead/follow experience is packed with exciting speeds, high adrenaline, and lots of fun.

Want even more time in the seat?!? Take advantage of our Camaro & Corvette Package!! This experience showcases the performance capabilities of all three GM sports cars, the C7 and C8 Corvettes along with the Camaro SS 1LE. You'll get 4 laps around the track in each car for a total of 12 laps! To register for these and other 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.

Promotional graphic for the Women's HPDI Event at the NCM Motorsports Park. It features a yellow Corvette racing on a track, a circular inset photo of Laura Klauser, and the NCM Motorsports Park logo. Text includes "WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING INTRODUCTION", "SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER LAURA KLAUSER GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager", and "SATURDAY 21 October, 2023". Logos for Mobil 1 and WIMNA are also present.

NCM
MOTORSPORTS PARK
EMPOWER. DRIVE. THRIVE.

**WOMEN'S HIGH PERFORMANCE
DRIVING INTRODUCTION**

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
LAURA KLAUSER
GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager

SATURDAY
21 October, 2023

Mobil 1 WIMNA

Register for the Women's HPDI Event at the NCM Motorsports Park

Laura Klauser, Sports Car Racing Program Manager at General Motors, is joining us as the guest speaker for our Women's High Performance Driving Introduction event on October 21st.

Don't miss your chance to meet and learn from this pioneer in women's motorsports. No experience is needed. Grab your squad, rev up your car, and race to the NCM Motorsports track for an unforgettable day of fun and learning.

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



2024 Arctic White Convertible
Price: \$200 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: March 7, 2024



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Coupe
Price: \$100 Tickets: 2000
Drawing: March 28, 2024



2024 Riptide Blue Coupe
Price: \$150 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: April 18, 2024



2024 Red Mist Convertible
Price: \$20 Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024

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

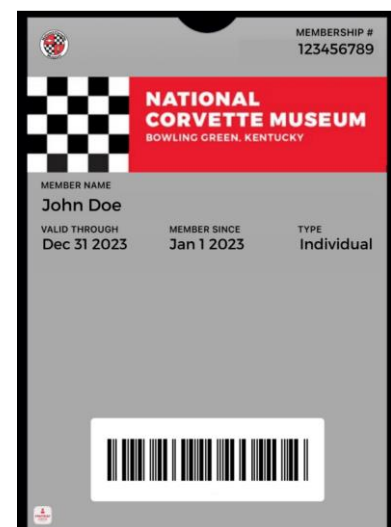
"The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy."

Become a member of the National Corvette Museum. To celebrate America's love affair with Corvette and the icon's 70th Anniversary, the museum is rolling back lifetime membership prices to \$1,953 for a limited time!

Download Your Digital Membership Card

For questions about the Digital Membership Card, contact Member Relations Specialist, [Bobbie Jo Lee](#), or by calling 270-467-8833. Your member pin and decal can be picked up on your next visit!

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



NEW ENGLAND CORVETTE CARAVAN 2024 UPDATE

March 2024

If you or a Corvette friend were thinking about joining the Caravan but have not made the decision, there is still time to get on the Caravan bandwagon!

The 2024 Caravan is rapidly approaching (for those of us who are producing it) and we still have several tasks to complete, commitments to get, and reviewing of what has already been put in place. So, again in April 2024 we will follow our route for the 2024 New England Caravan to Bowling Green, KY, checking on the roads we have selected to travel (looking for construction work, etc.), checking that the rest stops are still open, making sure the commitments we have with the hotels, restaurants and attractions are still in place, and working to finalize other items.

If you have forgotten to help support the 2024 Caravan effort by having your license plate included on the Caravan website and in the 2024 NE Caravan Route Book, there is still time for you to do it. See the Sponsor information below. Also, you can support us by purchasing a window decal of the 2024 NCM Caravan logo. Please consider being a sponsor.

The 2024 NE Caravan registration is **limited to 200 cars** and currently we have openings. The 2024 NE Caravan website has the updated form. The New England Caravan Registration Refund Policy: A full refund (less \$15.00) up to 7/15/2024. A 50% refund on your registration fee (less \$15.00) from 7/16/2024 to 8/12/2024. Sorry NO refunds for any reason after 8/12/2024. The official **2024 New England Caravan Website** is: www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/; and the official 2024 New England Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/groups/httpwww.corvettecaravan.comnewengland

NE Caravan Planning Overview:

The 2024 NE Caravan will begin in Gettysburg, PA, at the Wyndham Hotel (starting on Thursday 22 August; 2-day minimum stay), departing on Sunday 25 August for Hotel Roanoke in Roanoke, VA (driving on part of the Blue Ridge Parkway), departing on Monday 26 August, the plan is to go to the Hendrick Private Collection and the Heritage Museum and have lunch, then on to the Embassy Suites Hotel in Concord, NC where we will enjoy a banquet. The next day, 27 August, we will be doing laps at the Charlotte Motor Speedway, then departing for the Meadowview Resort in Kingsport, TN, departing on 28 August for the Holiday Inn (4 day minimum stay) in Bowling Green, KY, departing on 1 September for Home. Other activities along the route will be identified.

- NE Caravan Sponsorship form can be viewed below or accessed at www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ Please **consider supporting** the Caravan by placing your Vanity License Plate into the 2024 NE Caravan Route Book and it will also appear on the 2024 NE Caravan website until the 2024 Caravan concludes.
- Available now is the 2024 NCM Caravan window sticker. It is priced at \$10.00 and can be used inside and outside of a window. I have them available at each club meeting as does your Caravan State Leader. 2024 New England Caravan clothing is available for sale; current items include denim shirts, polo shirts, jackets, and t-shirts. You can find the clothing order form at www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ .



If you would like to be a sponsor of the 2024 New England Corvette Caravan you can do so in the following ways.

Option 1: New England Route Book Business Ad/Club Ad, Personal Ad Website Posting

www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/ Please provide your ad in PDF electronic format (high definition) so it can be sized correctly. E-mail: vetteflock@cox.net **Note: Ads can be sent in any time after payment is received up to June 30, 2024.**

AD SIZE	COLOR AD	YES		DIMENSIONS	\$ AMOUNT
BUSINESS CARD	\$75.00			3 3/8" x 2.0"	
1/4 PAGE	\$150.00			3.5" x 4.5"	
1/2 PAGE	\$200.00			7.3" x 4.5"	
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Fun Facts: New Hampshire License Plates

- The U.S. state of New Hampshire first required its residents to register their motor vehicles and display “registration tags” in 1905. (Massachusetts was the first state to require vehicle registration in 1903.)
- The first registration tag, issued to New Hampshire residents had the number “2” on it. The governor reserved number “1” for himself. Registration back then was \$3.00.
- In 1909, it appeared that motor vehicles were here to stay. The registration fee was increased to \$10 and had to be paid annually.
- The New Hampshire plate has been rotating between green-on-white and white-on green since 1914 to keep track of who had paid the annual registration. There were, however, some years the state didn’t bother to change the color pattern, throwing the entire system out of whack.
- Steel shortages during World War I caused New Hampshire to use pressboard plates. During World War II, cars were only required to have a back plate and the year was covered with an updated strip of metal.
- Until 1933, plates were manufactured out of state and made of thick steel with enameled numerals.
- After 1933, production was moved to the New Hampshire Prison in Concord. (Ironic these days considering the state’s motto.)
- In 1964, the steel used for making plates was replaced with lightweight aluminum.
- From 1949 to 1979, passenger plates in New Hampshire featured a two-letter code indicating the county in which the vehicle was registered. Pictured right is our plate from the 70s with RF for Rockingham County.
- In 1958, the word “SCENIC” was added and centered at the top of the plate with NEW HAMPSHIRE on the bottom.
- In 1971, “LIVE FREE OR DIE” replaced “scenic” and was centered at the top. This was the first use of the state motto on passenger plates. The motto was first introduced on vanity plates in 1970.
- The state motto proved controversial. George Maynard appeared in Lebanon District Court in 1974 and 1975 for covering the motto on his state license plate, which he felt was contrary to his faith. The second time, he was sentenced and served 15 days in jail for refusing to pay the \$75.00 fine. The case led to the U.S. Supreme Court hearing, in which the court sided with Maynard, ruling that the state could not force residents to display the state motto if it was against their moral convictions.
- Most New Hampshire residents take pride in its state motto, “Live Free or Die.” The phrase was first written by General John Stark, New Hampshire’s famous soldier of the American Revolutionary War.
- In 1987, the Old Man of the Mountain in a circle between the words “New Hampshire” was added.
- Virginia has the most vanity plates in the US, closely followed by New Hampshire. This is most likely due to Virginia’s low cost of \$10.00 and New Hampshire’s relatively low cost of \$25.00. Tennessee is at \$70.00, California at nearly \$100.00, and Texas charges by the letter and can max out at almost \$200.00.
- The MOOSE PLATE supports conservation and heritage projects in every county of the granite state.



Allie DeCampo



Trivia Question Answer

Lap belts were available in the 1958 and shoulder belts became an option in the 1966 and a standard feature in 1976. Photo: Al & Carol Whittier's '59 Corvette.

Mitch Bagdigian



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Submitted By David Osgood

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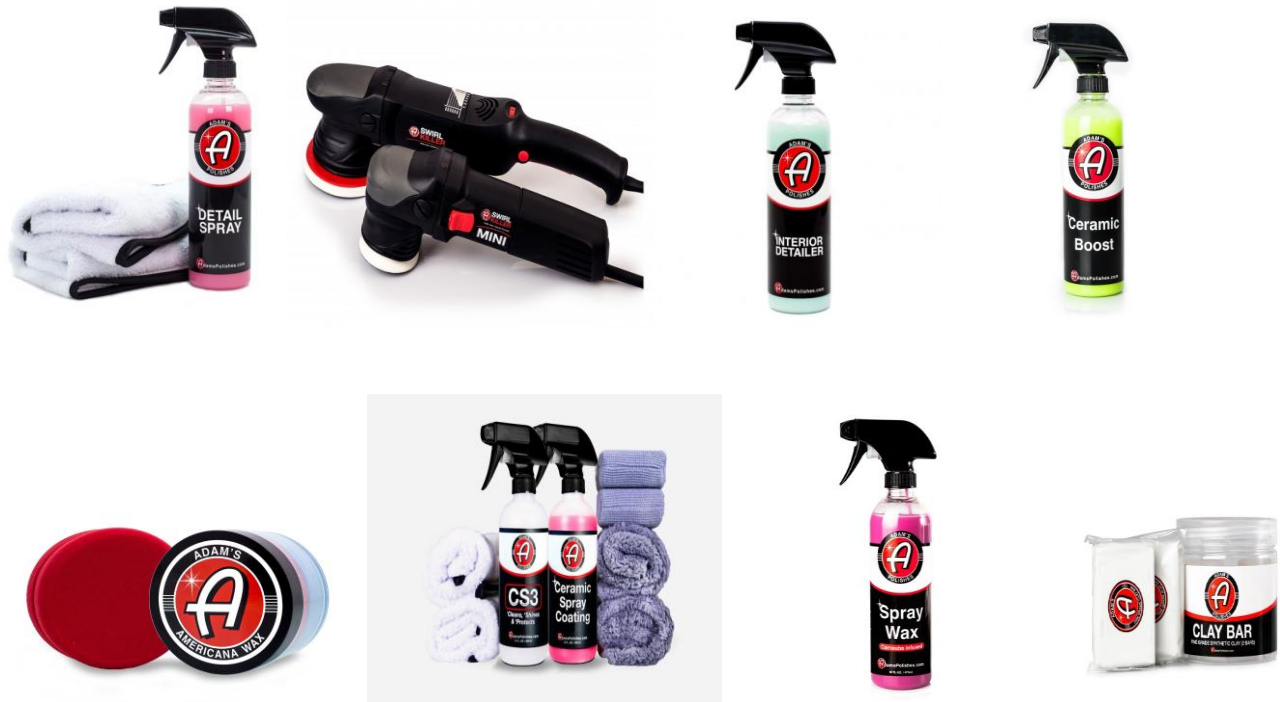
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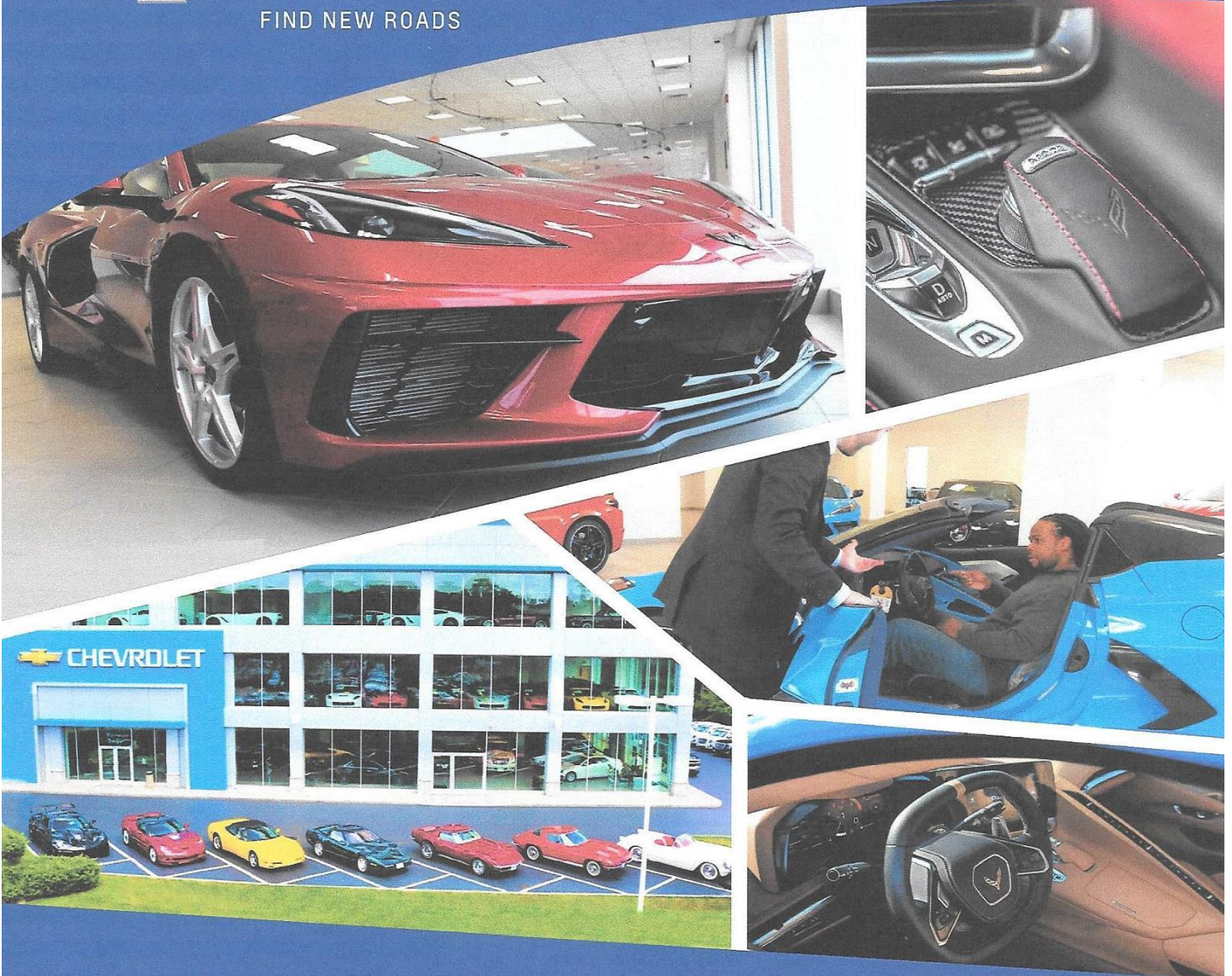
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