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Springtime in New Hampshire

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Hello Members,

I have returned from my travels! It's hard to believe I have been in four different countries so far this year. It's good to be home and I am looking forward to being at the next meeting. Thank you to our dedicated board members for conducting the February and April meetings in my absence. I suspect that some of you who have been away or reside elsewhere during the winter months will be returning and we look forward to seeing you in the near future as well.

The first official cruise of the season was a huge success. I was unable to participate, but I know everyone enjoyed the scenic backroads route to the New Hampshire coast. The line of Corvettes was quite a sight and the seafood lunch followed by a stop for ice cream was fantastic. Thank you to Kevin and Georgia for coordinating and leading the cruise. It was a great way to begin the season!

Our members have been very busy planning for Spring Fling scheduled for Sunday, May 26th. Hosting a Corvette show takes a lot of preparation; however, all the bits and pieces are coming together nicely. Please plan to attend our annual Judging Clinic one week prior at my home on Sunday, May 19th. This will be an informative team meeting and an opportunity to address any questions. Also, we will discuss any last minute details. The Judging Clinic won't be all



business though... we will have a fun time getting together for socializing and lunch. Details at the next meeting!

Thank you to our wonderful members for continually supporting our club. I know some of you are currently dealing with surgery, illness, and other health issues. Please know our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

Our next meeting is Friday, May $10^{\rm th}$ at MacMulkin – 6:15 for Social in the Showroom and 6:45 for our Monthly Meeting.

Best wishes, David

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!

DAVID'S MEXICO ADVENTURE





David had a sudden craving for a donut in Cancun.







Ferrari Simulator was cool but David is not quite ready to trade in the Vette.

Gate City Corvette Club

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GCCC ACTIVITIES, CRUISES AND DESTINATIONS

Happy May everyone!

We just got back from our final 'dry run' to the National Corvette Museum in anticipation of the official Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green the end of August. This was our first extended trip in our new C8, all I can say is what an amazing car and pleasure to drive even on long days. Our round-trip of 2800 miles was nothing but warm and dry days making the trip even more enjoyable. We had some free time while at the Museum so I volunteered at the Corvette factory assisting with the tours. It's simply amazing walking around the plant learning about how all that automation works, pumping out those Corvettes on 2 shifts 5 days a week. During the walk thru, the tour guides shared a few secrets about the new ZR1's now being produced in the factory for test purposes...for now anyway.

Want to thank everyone that turned out for our first club ride for 2024 to Ray's Seafood in Rye. After lunch, Norm led us to the Beach Plum in Epping for ice cream. Luckily, Mother Nature was on her meds and the weather cooperated making for a great day with a few of us even going topless.



Well, here we are in May with what should be warm days and cool nights but we're still looking for those consistent warm days. But that shouldn't stop anyone from getting out enjoying your cars, great roads and wonderful destinations. Unfortunately, our backroad ride to Laconia with lunch at T-Bones will need to be rescheduled until sometime later this year. There are several other Sundays this year, so this cruise will be slotted back in our calendar soon. We have other rides and events on our May Activities calendar:

- Blessing of the Vettes @ Corvette Mikes in Carver, MA
- *Attend a local car show
- *Mid-week ice cream cruise
- Team Meeting & Judging Clinic at the Osgoods
- And of course, our 42nd Annual Spring Fling @ Anheuser-Busch in Merrimack.

*details to follow

That's it for this month, looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting on the 10th.

Cheers, Kevin LeBlond

Life is short, enjoy the ride!

SCENES FROM THE MICE OUT CRUISE



Pictures provided by Allie DeCampo, Tom Hopkins, Georgia LeBlond & Tom Stewart

AND MORE SCENES...









GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Spring Fling Team Meeting & Judging Clinic

Date: Sunday, May 19, 2024 Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Hosted by

David & Ellen Osgood
3 Montclair Drive, Nashua, NH

Informational & Fun overview of the show, judging guidelines and completing the judging scoring form.

Lunch provided
RSVP by May 15, 2024
davidalden@aol.com



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

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Dean Gagne at 1-603-472-3524



President: Dean Gagne (in David's absence) began the April 12th meeting at 6:45 pm. He thanked MacMulkin for the use of their facility and took a count for the after-meeting dinner. Allie arranged for a reservation at Bahama Breeze.

Membership Director: Tom welcomed potential new members Steve & Bea. This was their second meeting.

Treasurer: Dean presented the treasurer's report. He said that income taxes have been paid. The treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

Officer at Large: Linda was unable to attend the meeting. Norm gave an overview of Laps for Charity at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. At this point there are only a handful of members who are available to attend on May 3rd. If interested in participating or have questions please contact Linda. She will need to have a count for a meeting place and arranging dinner afterwards. You may register, sign waiver, and make payment with a credit card at www.speedwaycharities.org. Please see flyer on page 17 for Linda's email address and for more information. He also mentioned, Blessing of the Vettes at Corvette Mike's on May 4th, Judging Clinic on Sunday, May 19th, and Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 21st.

Secretary: Allie thanked everyone for their contributions to the April newsletter. Please send member news and anything else you would like to share for inclusion in the newsletter. Also, please send your favorite photo of your Corvette.

Vice President/Activities Director: In Kevin's absence, Allie talked about upcoming events including the cruise to **T-Bones by the Lake** (Postponed) in Laconia planned for Sunday, May 5th. Also on the calendar for May is the beginning of midweek **Monthly Ice Cream Socials**. A suggestion was made to meet at Haywards in Nashua. Kevin is planning a fall overnight trip to **Ogunquit** from September 15 – 17. He has reserved a block of rooms at the Mariner Resort. When you book be sure to mention you are with Gate City Corvette Club and rooms are under "LeBlond." Our contact at the hotel is Linn and the phone number is 1-207-646-5931.

NCM Ambassador: Only 4 more months until the Caravan! Larry G. provided an update on the National Corvette Museum and 2024 New England Caravan. The final Meet & Greet prior to the Caravan will be held in North Conway at the Fox Ridge Resort from May 16. Larry will be attending the Bash at the Museum in April. Please inform Larry if you join or renew a membership with the Museum. (Larry's report begin on page 25.)

SPRING FLING: Dean gave an update on Spring Fling planned for Sunday May 26th with a rain date of June 9th. Tom has been in contact with the DJ and Dean is working with a food vendor. We are still in need of trophy sponsors. Sue is coordinating the raffles. Liz has sent letters to businesses, Georgia has created the dash plague. Norm will be ordering trophies.

Al Whittier was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The winner of the member raffle was not in attendance.

Dean adjourned the meeting at 7:45.

Photo right: 2019 Torch Red C7 Grand Sport at Anheuser-Busch, Merrimack, NH



Remembering Roger Allain

We learned this week of the passing of our good friend and club member Roger Allain.

A few of us in the club were fortunate to first meet Roger as an innkeeper when we stayed at Roger and Linda's bed and breakfast in North Conway. We were welcomed by Roger's warm smile and friendly demeanor. He quickly made us feel at home. We soon discovered Roger had a lifelong interest in Corvettes. He was eager to show us his new C8. He also shared some of his experiences along with his collection of Corvette memorabilia. We are forever grateful for the memory of that day.

Roger had a smile for everyone and a positive energy that just made people feel happy. We were fortunate our paths crossed and we will miss him very much. Our hearts go out to Linda and family for their loss.

Roger was always supportive of our newsletter and he seemed to enjoy reading it every month. In early 2023, I asked him if he would share a few of his experiences in an article for the newsletter. He was pleased to do so. This article is reprinted on the following pages. I hope in some small way it captures Roger's enthusiasm and positive spirit.







EVERYTHING CORVETTE

Reprinted from February 2023

If you spend time talking with GCCC member Roger Allain, you soon discover he has a long-standing passion for Corvettes and lots of interesting stories to share.

Roger bought his first Corvette, a 1962 red/red 4-speed 327, in Daytona, Florida. He had gone to Daytona on vacation and ended up staying and working 2 jobs to save up for the car. As you may know, Daytona was where Corvette racing began with a '62 C1, an exciting place to be for a young man with an interest in Corvettes.

In the fall of 1980, Roger ordered a new 1981 Corvette and waited 6 months to take delivery of one with a standard transmission. At that time, Roger worked at a Connecticut Chevrolet dealership where he



displayed a talent for sales and eventually became manager. He stayed there for 10 years and states he could write a book about his experiences in the business.





Many famous people purchased cars at the dealership. Paul Newman, actor and race car driver, was a frequent visitor and would come in with hat and sunglasses, unnoticed by the public.

One of Roger's greatest experiences was meeting the man himself - Zora Arkus-Duntov, otherwise known as the Father of the Corvette. Roger joined a Corvette caravan for a weekend in Hyannis, Massachusetts. Zora Arkus-Duntov was invited to go along. He was very gracious and signed Roger's window sticker for his '81.

Of course, Zora knew everything about the Corvette and was happy to take the time to talk.

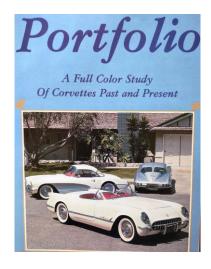


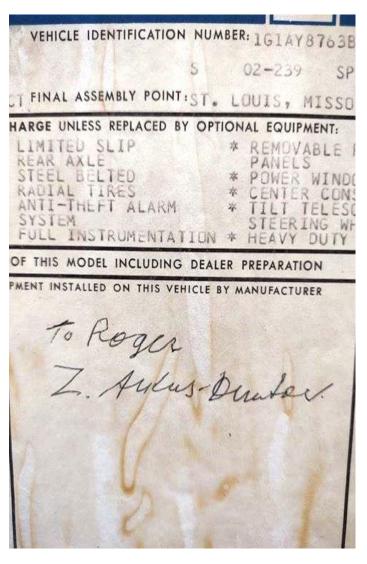


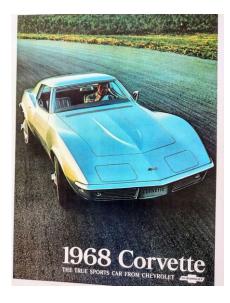


Over the years, Roger has collected many pieces of Corvette memorabilia. He has owner's manuals from 1953 – 1981, the last year the Corvette was produced at the St. Louis assembly plant. When 1983 rolled around, Chevrolet engineers and designers were not prepared to launch the fourth generation. Since brochures for the '83 Corvette had already been sent out, the dealerships were asked to return them. Roger response was, "I don't think so." If you are fortunate enough to visit the National Corvette Museum you will see the only 1983 Corvette that remains to this day.

Below is more memorabilia from his collection.









Above is the 1968 Corvette brochure presenting premium power windows; however, the photo shows a window hand crank. This mistake was corrected in a revised addition.

1953 - General Motors displayed the first full-scale Corvette concept car as a "dream car" at the GM Motorama in New York in January. The text below the yellow Corvette reads: "The sports car gains new all-weather utility in this new experimental model. The removable top – of the same glass fiber plastic construction as the body itself – may be left behind in the garage on warm and sunny days."





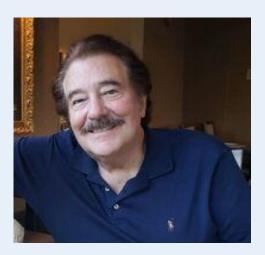




Roger currently enjoys driving his Torch Red C8 and participating in GCCC activities. Thank you to Roger for sharing historical treasures as Corvette celebrates 70 years as America's Greatest Sports Car!

Roger Edward Allain

February 22, 1944 – April 26, 2024



Roger E. Allain, age 80, of Alton, NH, passed away unexpectedly at home on April 26, 2024, of natural cause. Born on February 22, 1944 in Sanford, Maine, a son of Leonard & Beatrice (Benoit) Allain, he resided in Alton, NH for 1 year and 7 months, having previously resided in North Conway, NH, lived in West Palm Beach, Florida for 14 years, and also had resided in Gales Ferry, Connecticut. An Entrepreneur, in earlier years, he had owned and operated "Country Crock Gift Shop" in Manchester, CT and most recently was Innkeeper of Eastman Inn Bed & Breakfast in North Conway, NH. Roger loved Corvettes, a member of the Gate City Corvette Club; he enjoyed attending car shows and car museums. A collector of many unique items, he also enjoyed woodworking and playing chess. Roger was a hard worker, he always found something to work on and working with people was a true gift that he had. A very caring man, he knew how to make anyone he met feel comfortable. Survived by his loving wife of 24 years Linda R. (Bartus) Allain, daughter: Danielle Allain Chenard and husband Jim, 2 granddaughters, 2 stepdaughters: Lisa Marie McPhee, Laura and husband Russell Robbat, sisters: Doris and husband Ed Tappe, Lena and husband Dennis Desrochers and Anita Spulick, brother: Danny Allain of Tempe, Arizona, also many Nieces and Nephews. Predeceased by brothers: Ronald, Raymond and Robert Allain.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First Christian Church in Wolfeboro, NH on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 11am, family and friends are welcome. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to: First Christian Church, 83 North Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.

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

Join us in celebrating May/June birthdays!



Peter Bovio 05/03 Ed Sager 05/18

Debby Isdell 06/03

Brent AuCoin 06/12

Darrin Kabel 06/12

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.

That Poor Vette

I've been working on our Newsletter's "That Poor Vette" series for many years now, telling many cautionary tales of woe about the cars we love. But it looks like it's only a matter of time before I will be replaced with an AI who can do this for me instead! Here's a snippet from a recent C7 crash article from bnnbreaking.com that certainly has quite the budding poet beat writer... or someone has already been replaced with AI!



"The aftermath of the crash painted a stark image against the night's canvas. There, in the middle of the road, lay the Corvette, its journey abruptly halted. The driver's side airbag had blossomed open, a silent testament to the impact's force. The passenger door stood ajar, as if in a mute appeal for assistance, while fragments of what once was a symbol of automotive excellence were scattered like leaves in autumn."

TPV Contributed by Larry Shields

Corvette Trivia Question

What United States city has the highest per capita Corvette population in the world?



Answer on page 32.

Submitted by Mitch Bagdigian



CHEVROLET CORVETTE DISPLAY

This impressive Corvette was a promotional vehicle at the April Barrett Jackson Auction in Palm Beach, Florida. It was not on the Auction Block but Chevy was showing it off to potential buyers. They had a great exhibit as did Dodge and Ford.

Art Weed

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

<u>lindasutherland673@gmail.com</u>

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

NCM Event

GCCC Event

Other Event

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May

- 3 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Road Course
- 4 Blessing of the Vettes @ Corvette Mike's 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- 10 Club Meeting 6:15pm Social 6:45pm Meeting Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 11 Rain date Blessing of the Vettes @ Corvette Mike's 10:00 am 1:00 pm
- 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
- 9 Spring Fling Rain Date
- 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

July

- 12 Club Meeting 6:15pm Social 6:45pm Meeting Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 14 Club Cruise Mystery Ride
- 21 Annual Club Picnic Pembroke Pavilion 10:00 am 5:00 pm
- 24 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week member choice)

August

- 4 Club Cruise Member Choice/Member Lead
- 9 Club Meeting 6:15pm Social 6:45pm Meeting Dinner Afterwards TBD
- 11 CCRI Corvettes by the Sea
- 14 Ice Cream Cruise (various locations mid-week member choice)
- 22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle 2024
- 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 Ogunquit, Maine
- 29 Castle in the Clouds Cruise & Picnic, Moultonborough, NH

October

Club Meeting - 6:15 PM Social - 6:45 Meeting - Dinner afterwards TBD 11

13 Fall End of Season Club Cruise - Quechee Gorge with lunch in Woodstock, VT

November

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

Weekly Cruise Nights**

Monday: Manchester 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

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

Marty's Cruise Night Mason, NH Thurs.:

Thurs: Patriot Place April 18 - October 17 4pm until dusk Foxborough, MA

Friday: Target Parking 4:30 - till? - Starting April 12, 600 Amherst Street, Nashua, NH

** These events are based on their 2023 schedule and have not been confirmed for 2024.

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Pictures provided by Larry Shields

ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND

May 13 -16

Back 2 the Beach 20th Annual - http://back2thebeach.net

Saturday, May 18

New Hampshire Muscle Cars Season Opener – Deerfield, NH

Saturday, May 18

Corvette Club of Western MA, 8th Annual 'All Corvette Show'

Balise Chevrolet, 440 Hall of Fame Avenue, Springfield, MA 10:00 am

https://www.corvetteclubofwesternma.com/event-flyers

Friday May 31 NCRS Regional Corvette Event Royal Plaza Trade Center Marlboro, MA

& Sat. June 1

Sunday, June 9 Larz Anderson Museum NCRS All Corvette Show Brookline, MA

Sunday, June 30 National Corvette Day (Drive 'Em Anywhere) All day event

https://nationaltoday.com/national-corvette-day/

Friday, July 12 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Road Course
Friday, August 9 Laps for Charity @ NHMS Oval Course

Sunday, August 11 Corvette Club of Rhode Island, Corvettes by the Sea

Sunday, Sept 15 For Corvettes Only 17th Annual 'Vettes at Ocean Beach Park

98 Neptune Avenue, New London, CT http://forcorvettesonly.com/

Saturday, Sept 28 Corvettes of Berkshire Corvette Show Dalton, MA

https://www.corvettesofberkshire.org/

Saturday Oct 5 Cape Cod Corvette Club Poker Run 9:30 am

Saturday Oct 5 Corvettes of Western MA Charity Car Show Chicopee, MA

Please confirm dates and times of any of the above non-club events before planning to attend.

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Mike & Allie's very first point judged show with the '88. Points were taken off for water spots on the windows!



SUNDAY AUGUST 11, 2024

\$25 DONATION

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT OPERATION
STAND DOWN AND RI COMMUNITY FOOD BANK

1 RAFFLE TICKET TO WIN \$500 DONATION TO YOUR CHARITY OF CHOICE (2 = \$1000 DONATION) DASH PLAQUES TROPHIES FOR EACH GENERATION BEST PARTICIPATION TROPHY 50/50 RAFFLE AND PRIZES FOOD AND MUSIC!

DE LA SALLE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS OCEAN TIDES SCHOOL 635 OCEAN ROAD, NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882 RAIN DATE IS AUGUST 18TH



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY PAUL MASSE FAMILY OF DEALERSHIPS



GREAT NEW HAMPSHIRE ROADS FOR YOU & YOUR CORVETTE

SUNAPEE LOOP (approx. 140 miles)

Spend a half-day or longer driving the Sunapee Loop and you'll see one of the most photogenic town greens in America. You can start or end this circular loop in Greenfield, where you can join the Monadnock Region Loop. From Greenfield, head north on Rt. 31 through Antrim and Hillsborough past the Franklin Pierce Homestead through Windsor and Washington which has one of the most beautiful village greens in New England. Just south of Goshen you'll join Rt. 10; continue on to Newport and Grantham where you'll turn on to Springfield Road then Rt. 114 to Springfield. The route



winds south through New London, Sutton, Bradford and Henniker. In Henniker turn east on Rt. 202/9 to Hopkinton where you'll pick up Jewel Rd./Rt. 13 through Goffstown to Rt. 136 (just north of New Boston) which leads back to Greenfield.

Great North Woods Ride (approx. 120 miles)

Less populated with many opportunities to see wildlife including moose, black bear and deer, this section of New Hampshire is a must-see for nature lovers. From Gorham go north on Rt. 16 to Berlin, a historic mill city. Here you can start a loop by continuing on Rt. 16 through Milan and the beautiful Thirteen Mile Woods to Errol, where you'll turn west on Rt. 26 through Dixville Notch, past the famous Balsams Resort, to Colebrook; this stretch is curvaceous and spectacularly scenic. At Colebrook, turn south on Rt. 3 and stop at the Shrine of our Lady of Grace; then continue, following the winding Connecticut River. In Groveton turn east on Rt. 110 to Stark, famous for its picture-perfect covered bridge, and back to Berlin.

Connecticut River Ride (Approx. 140 miles)

This ride follows the Connecticut River along the western border of New Hampshire from the junction of Rt. 9 in West Chesterfield to Littleton in the White Mountains. From I-91 near the Vermont border take Rt. 9 east to West Chesterfield; turn north on Main Street, which becomes River Road, and follow it north to the junction with Rt. 63. Again head north to Rt. 12, which will take you through picturesque Walpole. North of historic Charlestown, pick up Rt. 12A, which winds through a hilly landscape. Follow NH 12A North from Charlestown, and at the intersection of NH 12 and 12A follow NH 12 directly into downtown Claremont. Take a left out of the Waypoint Center in Claremont and follow North Street to the intersection of NH 12. Follow NH 12 under the railroad trestle to the junction of NH 12 and NH 12A. Take NH 12A north past the Cornish-Windsor Bridge and Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. In Lebanon, take Rt. 10 north through Hanover, a beautiful college town, to Lyme and Orford- home of the Seven Swans, said to be the finest group of Federal-style houses in the United States. Continue on to Haverhill and Woodsville, where you'll pick up Rt. 135. It joins Rt. 18 west of Littleton, a bustling town and great ending for a scenic ride, where you can join the Multi-Notch

Mountain Ride. Or you can continue on Rt. 135 to Lancaster and Groveton, two fascinating towns some say are lost in time; in Groveton you can join the Great North Woods Ride.

New Hampshire Route 153

Not suggested in the middle of winter, though it can be attempted, this scenic road trip along New Hampshire Route 153 is filled with panoramic vistas of the New England countryside, including a plethora of historic small towns to cruise through. Beginning in Farmington and continuing up through Union to the small town of Sanbornville, which is east of Lake Winnipesaukee and west of Lovell Lake, Route 153 then passes through the towns of Wakefield, Woodman, Effingham, and Madison until it reaches Conway and North Conway, the gateway to the White Mountains. Several natural wonders and attractions are along the way, like having a picnic at Pine River Pond north of Wakefield, checking out Madison Boulder, and stopping by Echo Lake State Park and Cathedral Ledge just north of Conway.

Monadnock Region Loop

The Monadnock Region Loop is an 80-mile scenic drive encircling Mount Monadnock. Beginning in Keene, a town that claims to have the widest Main Street in the world, this scenic road trip passes by the town of Jaffrey and the Mount Monadnock State Park, Peterborough, and Miller State Park, Greenfield and Greenfield State Park, and Stoddard and Pitcher Mountain before returning to the town of Keene. A couple of stops along the way that are worth taking the time to stop are the Monadnock Country Café in Jaffrey and the Waterhouse Restaurant in Peterborough, both offering excellent food.

Currier and Ives Scenic Byway

Blending history with nature is a common theme of road trips in New Hampshire. This is seen in traveling along the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway as well. Starting in the town of Henniker, which is just southeast of the Lake Sunapee Loop, the Currier and Ives Scenic Byway travels east and north, passing by Elm Brook State Park, to Hopkinton Village and Contoocook Village, home of the Contoocook Railroad Museum, as well as the oldest covered railroad bridge in America. From there, the drive splits, allowing you to either follow NH-103 northwest to Rollins State Park or north on NH-127 to the Cogswell Woods Recreational Area and then into the town of Salisbury.

Great Northern Woods Loop

This is a perfect scenic drive if nature is the top priority on your list. From the mill town of Berlin, this loop through the woods follows Rte. 16 north to Errol, Rte. 26 west to Colebrook, Rte. 102 south to Groveton, and then Rte. 110 back east to Berlin. There are ample possibilities of seeing black bear, moose, deer, and other woodland creatures along this trip. Dense forests, picturesque lakes and rivers, state parks, and other natural wonders are also common along this loop, as the Androscoggin River flows along



much of Rte. 16. Several state parks, including Milan Hill, Mollidgewock, and Dixville Notch, are also nearby, and the Connecticut River flows along much of Rte. 102.

American Independence Byway

This road trip offers a slice of history on its own or can be combined with the Colonial New Hampshire Seacoast Drive. Beginning in the town of Exeter, famous for the Annual Independence Festival, continuing through Kensington and Hampton Falls, and ending in the town of Hampton, known best for Hampton Beach State Park and the Ocean World Oceanarium, the American Independence Byway is a 20-mile scenic road trip into the history of America. While ample opportunities exist to grab lobster and seafood at Perkins Pier in Hampton Beach and Old Salt in Hampton, there are also a plethora of historic sites and spots along the way, including the American Independence Museum and the Exeter Historical Society in Exeter, and James House (built in 1723 for Benjamin James) and the Tuck Museum in Hampton.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT ROUTES:

ROUTE: NH-1A DISTANCE: 15 miles TIME: 30 mins

The coastal ride on Scenic Route 1A features awesome views of the Atlantic. This exceptionally good driving road traverses the coastline along numerous state beaches and scenic overlooks. This is one of the best driving roads in New Hampshire for sports cars, as the route twists and turns from Hampton Beach to Odiorne Point, near Portsmouth. At the northern end of Route 1A, continue for a great scenic drive onto Route 1B to the Portsmouth Harbor Lighthouse. This great driving road can be driven on scenic Route 1A between Hampton Beach and Portsmouth, NH.

ROUTE: NH-135 DISTANCE: 45 miles TIME: 1 hour

If you're looking for an exceptionally good driving road, don't miss the scenic NH Route 135. This route is a beautifully scenic hidden gem of a road in the northern part of the state. There are incredible views along with fun curves and sweepers. Best of all, it has minimal traffic as it is lesser known than New Hampshire's more touristy roads in the White Mountain region. Littleton, NH is a charming town for a diner stop or homemade ice cream shops. This great driving road in New Hampshire can be started in Woodsville just off Hwy 3.

ROUTE: NH-26 DISTANCE: 30 miles TIME: 40 mins NH Route 26 is a great driving road which connects Colebrook, NH to the Maine state line. The scenic drive traverses Umbagog State Park as well as the amazing Dixville Notch State Park area. Route 26 is an especially good driving road for sports cars, as the road carves alongside the mountains and through wooded forests. Driving enthusiasts will delight with the curves and fun elevation changes. There is also wide sweeping curves to go along with the open stretches of roadway. Route 26 travels east past the state



line and continues to be one of the best driving roads in Maine. This good driving road can be started in Colebrook, NH and continues along NH-26 to the Maine state line.



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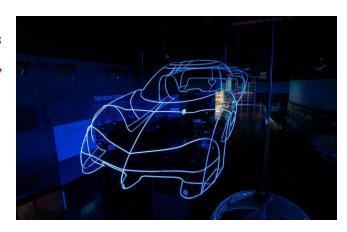
Ambassador's NCM Update

May 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 "C5 Wire Frame" go to: https://www.corvettemuseum.org/c5-corvette-wire-frame-model/.

Despite its unique styling, the Studebaker Avanti was short-lived. It was later revived as a custom car called the Avanti II, which used a Corvette engine. It also included a special glove box created by Peg Sauer, one of the "Damsels of Design."



NCM Special Exhibits:



Plant Tours Return for Michelin NCM Bash

We're excited to offer exclusive Bowling Green Assembly Plant Tours during our 2024 Michelin BASH from April 22-26! Don't miss this rare chance to go behind the scenes and witness the magic of Corvette craftsmanship in person.

RESERVE YOUR TOUR TODAY

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.



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

- 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
- Corvette Racing Weekend Oct 2 26



- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (1) Sept 24 28
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) Oct 1 5
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) Oct 15 19
- MiM Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) Oct 22 26

Motorsports Park News:

E-Rays are here! We're excited to announce that the NCM Motorsports Park is the first track in the nation to offer E-Ray driving experiences! The two newest additions to our fleet include a Rip Tide Blue E-Ray as well as a Sea Wolf Gray E-Ray, and both cars are truly electrifying! You can experience the excitement for yourself with one of our new driving experiences.

E-Ray Touring Laps put you behind the wheel of this impressive car for four (4) lead/follow laps on trac you want to see what the E-Ray can really do, take advantage of our Lightning Round experience that allows you to drive four (4) lead/follow laps on track before riding passenger as our professional driver launches the car into a Hot Lap!



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.



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 Hypersonic Gray Convertible Price: \$200 Tickets: 1500 Drawing: May 16, 2024



2024 Arctic White Coupe Price: \$100 Tickets: 2000 Drawing: June 13, 2024

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

Download Your Digital Membership Card

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

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NCM Membership:

The museum exists to support the 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
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- 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

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An American Love Affair

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"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 CORVETTE CARAVAN 2024 UPDATE

MAY 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.

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 registration form on 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 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
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FRONT COVER (INSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3 "x 9.6"	SOLD
BACK COVER (INSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3 x 9.6"	SOLD
BACK COVER (OUTSIDE)*	\$500.00		7.3" x 9.6"	SOLD
			TOTAL	\$

Option 2: Vanity Plate – Please provide a photo of your personal license plate to be included in the New England Route Book at a cost of \$30.00 each. Dimensions are $\frac{3}{4}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Your vanity plate will also be posted on our New England website: www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/. Take a photo of your license plate with your phone camera (just a photo of your plate and not the whole rear end of the car – we can crop a few inches off plate surroundings) and E-mail your photo to wetteflock@cox.net

Pleasemakechecks payable to: **NE 2024 NCM Caravan**

Mail payment to: **NE Caravan / Randy Flock**

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Four Meet & Greets have been held and a one more Meet & Greet is planned in North Conway for May 2024. Registration is now open.

2024 NE CORVETTE CARAVAN DUST OFF WEEKEND

Meet & Greet in North Conway
May 16 – 18, 2024
Fox Ridge Resort
Registration is now open

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September 15 – 17, 2024

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Sunday, September 15

Check-out

Tuesday, September 17



Monday

- Day Cruise to Bailey Island
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- Dinner TBA
- Whatever else you would like to do!!

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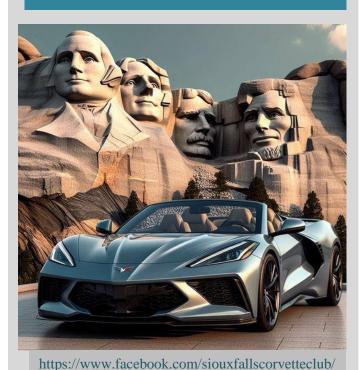
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Please contact David Sutherland dieseldave1956@gmail.com

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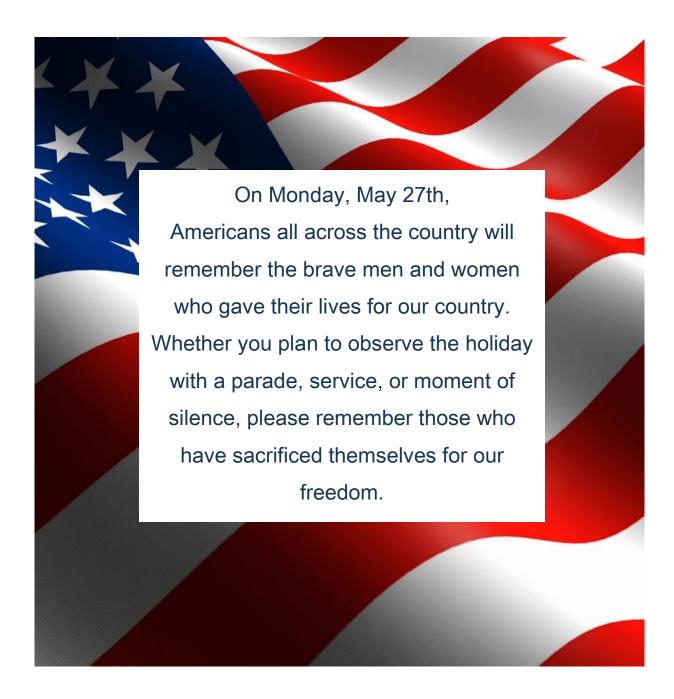
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Mitch Bagdigian









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The next article/ad submission date is May 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.

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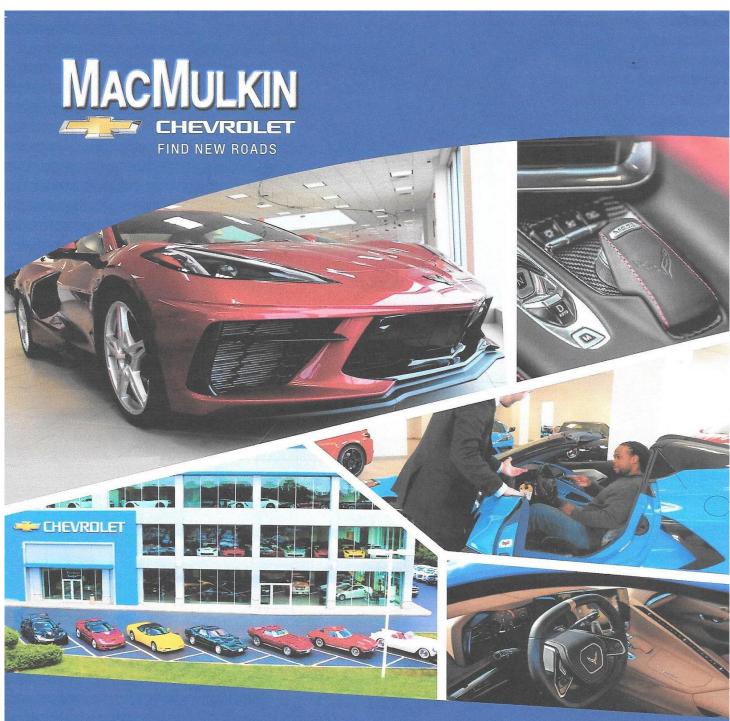
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