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NORM & SUE'S 2024 SILVER FLARE METALLIC HTC CORVETTE

MAINE CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM



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Hello members!

We are saying goodbye to summer and welcoming beautiful autumn. So far, the weather in New England has been spectacular and perfect for Corvette cruising. It looks like we can look forward to several more weeks of driving our cars.

It has been fun hearing about everyone's experiences on the NE Caravan to the NCM. It certainly sounds like everyone had a memorable time. The success of the Caravan is largely due to the meticulous planning of our own members Larry and Ingrid Goelz as Co-Captains and Kevin and Georgia LeBlond as State Leaders. It's a huge undertaking and they went to great lengths to make sure everything ran smoothly.

Our overnight trip to Ogunquit was great! The Maine Classic Car Museum was a special treat. We were given preferential parking and a guided tour. The museum has many rare and unique cars and each one comes with an interesting story. Also, on our trip we had lunch and dinners at fantastic restaurants. The Italian restaurant was very nice with great food and amazing desserts. When we arrived in our Corvettes, however, we were greeted by parking attendants who informed us they have a strict policy of valet parking only. We enjoyed a good laugh when the young valet didn't know how to drive a manual transmission. It's really true... the manual transmission *is* the new theft deterrent! As a result, Art returned his car to the hotel and he didn't seem to mind the brisk walk back to the restaurant.

Hope to see you at the next meeting on Friday, October 11th at Murphy's Taproom in Bedford. The staff has been phenomenal and the private dining room has plenty of space to accommodate our club. We only have 2 more meetings before the end of the year! Our election for 2025 Board of Directors will be held at the November meeting. Norm Wood has volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. If you have any interest in running for office please speak with Norm.

See you soon!

Best wishes,
David Osgood



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!

GCCC ACTIVITIES

Happy Fall everyone!

We all returned safe and sound from the 30th New England Corvette Caravan. There were a few speed bumps along the way but overall, it was a **great caravan** with 180 beautiful NE Corvettes and many friends. There were so many highlights of our trip it would be hard to spotlight them all but here are a few. Starting our journey in Gettysburg where we had a few days to absorb the sights and sounds of that historic town. Next, Roanoke, VA, we spent the night at the beautiful old, restored Roanoke Hotel, what a place! Next, in Concord, NC, we toured Rick Hendrick's Museum, which houses his private collection of vehicles, including several multi-million-dollar cars. That afternoon, we had the opportunity to meet Jeff Gordon, who shared insights about his Children's Foundation for pediatric cancer. He also took questions from the audience and entertained us with some great stories from his past championship racing days. Following the discussion, Randy and Larry presented a \$5,000 donation to Jeff on behalf of the New England Caravan in support of his Children's Foundation.



Photo right: L to R: me, Randy Flock, Jeff Gordon, Larry Goelz and GCCC member Jerry Ellner.

The following day the caravan drove out to Charlotte Motor Speedway for a few exciting laps around the track including around the 24-degree banking.



Finally, on to Bowling Green and the National Corvette Museum where approx. 3,000 Corvettes were in attendance along with **104F degree heat**. Georgia and I volunteered our time on Thursday, Georgia at the NCM selling Corvette raffle tickets and me at the factory supporting the factory tours. GCCC members Dave and Linda Sutherland also volunteered their time on Thursday at the NCM and for the factory tours.

The September meeting at Murphy's was very well attended again with more new members in attendance. We moved to a larger and quieter private room which worked out very well. Our future meetings will be held there as well as our pizza party in November. The weather was definitely on our side that evening so we had our social hour on their outdoor patio for an adult cocktail and some great conversation before moving inside for dinner. Looking forward to seeing all of you for our October meeting on the 11th.

Our annual fall weekend get-a-way to Ogunquit was a lot of fun and very relaxing with gorgeous late summer-like weather, we had 15 members and 8 cars. Most of us ran topless all weekend, *no not that kind of topless* but with our convertible tops down. 😊



On Monday we took a backroad cruise to the Maine Classic Car Museum. It was nice seeing some additional vintage cars from our last visit two years ago.





Norm & Sue's 2024 Stingray and a 1963 Split Window.



For upcoming activities this month:

- Club gathering on Friday, October 11th at Murphy's in Bedford.
- The re-scheduled cruise to Ludlow, VT to **Sunday October 13th**, see the flier sent out a few days ago for all the details. [Flier on page 7.]
- Weather and time permitting I may schedule one last cruise for the 2024 season, keep an eye on our new Facebook page for future announcements.

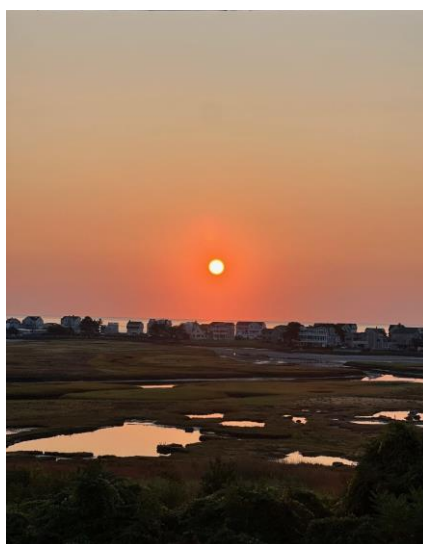
Please take a moment to check out the newly updated GCCC website: <https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>
We'd love to hear your feedback—thank you! That's it for this month, take care everyone.

Cheers,
Kevin LeBlond



From our evening in Kennebunkport.

Life is short, enjoy the ride!



Check out GCCC's new Facebook page for more photos from our weekend in Maine.

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Backroads Cruise to Ludlow, Vermont



Sunday October 13, 2024

Calcutta's at Fox Run Golf Club

87 Fox Lane Ext.

Ludlow, Vermont



Meeting Time: 8:00 am

Drivers Meeting: 8:20 am

Departure: 8:30am

Lunch: 11:30 am

Meeting location:
Irving Gas Station
792 Elm St, Milford, NH
Bring 2-Way Radios



RSVP by October 11th ~ Kevin LeBlond ~ kgvert1@outlook.com

Calcutta's is the perfect spot for our lunch, with a spacious dining room, bar and expansive outdoor patio. It offers us breathtaking views of their 18-hole championship golf course as well as stunning views of Okemo Mountain.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Kevin & Georgia LeBlond



🔔 **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, to join GCCC.

We want to thank Larry Shields for guidance as we learned how to edit the website, but most of all his patience with the hundred questions we had!

Come check out our updated GCCC Webpage

<https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

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Our new Facebook page: Gate City Corvette Club +

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/8068419389882008>

President: David began the September 13th meeting by expressing gratitude to the staff of Murphy's Taproom for the great service they have provided to our club.

Membership Director: Tom welcomed new members, Norman & Diane, attending their second meeting. They are owners of a 2014 white convertible Stingray.

Treasurer: Dean will send out an updated treasurer's report by email.

Secretary: Allie thanked everyone for their contributions to the September newsletter. She talked about the Annual Fall Picnic. Our members Steve and Bea have offered to host the picnic at their home located just a few minutes from the Castle. Please RSVP if you plan to attend and if you plan to caravan with the group. Also let Allie know if you would like to provide an appetizer, side dish, or desert to share at the picnic.

Vice President/Activities Director: Kevin has arranged for an overnight trip to Ogunquit for September 15th – 17th. We will meet at Bon Sai at the Manchester traffic circle and take a leisurely drive to Hampton and then continue along the scenic coastal route to Ogunquit. In addition to the restaurants listed on the flyer, he has arranged for Monday night's dinner at a very nice Italian restaurant. The cruise to Calcutta's in Vermont has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 13th. (Please see flyer on page 4.) Kevin may also try to get in one more cruise for October.

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. reported on the NE Caravan to Bowling Green. He said everyone had a great time. He thanked Kevin and Georgia for the tremendous work they did as NH/VT leaders. Planning for the Caravan is a huge undertaking that includes many dry runs to check out the routes, hotels, restaurants and other activities along the way. It takes both time and money out of their own pockets to make sure all goes smoothly for the big event. One of the highlights was a trip to the Hendrick Motorsports Museum. Another highlight was a cowboy themed party with a band from Nashville. Kevin said that seeing everyone having a great time on the dance floor gave him the feeling that it was all worth it. The next caravan will be in 4 or 5 years.

On the caravan, Bob D. helped by leading some cars and Larry S. served as tail gunner. Unfortunately, Larry S. had to take time off to deal with a flat tire. Larry G. bought a cowboy hat; however, it didn't fit in his C8. Peter had an available seat in this car so the hat accompanied him on the drive home.

Larry G. encouraged everyone to join the Museum. He reminded members to check pricing for Corvette insurance through the museum as it may be less expensive than what you are currently paying.

Norm Wood offered to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2025 Board of Directors. Norm and Larry G. are serving on the Bylaws Committee to suggest possible updates.

Larry G. 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.

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 October/November birthdays!



<i>David Sutherland</i>	<i>10/09</i>	<i>Bob White</i>	<i>11/15</i>
<i>Jim Ecke</i>	<i>10/23</i>	<i>Al Whittier</i>	<i>11/18</i>
<i>Mitch Bagdigian</i>	<i>11/01</i>	<i>Linda Allain</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Joan Guimond</i>	<i>11/10</i>	<i>Mike Hurley</i>	<i>11/20</i>
<i>Mike Boudreau</i>	<i>11/12</i>	<i>Tom Hopkins</i>	<i>11/22</i>
<i>Larry Goelz</i>	<i>11/14</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.

Why Be a Member of Gate City Corvette Club?



NEW FRIENDSHIPS, EXPERIENCES AND ADVENTURES

The mission of Gate City Corvette Club still remains the same as when a small group of Corvette enthusiasts founded our club in 1975 - to make Corvette ownership more fun. There are many other benefits of being a member. Our club provides a welcoming environment, fosters lifelong friendships, and creates lasting memories.

As a member, you meet others with common interests and passions. You may also discover members who are in the same phase of life. If you are experiencing a life transition or new to the area, you quickly feel included in the Corvette community.

Corvette cruises and get-togethers are well-organized! Our club strives to plan a variety of activities so there is something to appeal to everyone. In our personal lives, we are often consumed with work, home maintenance, and caregiving. You will always find members who are ready and willing to take time from their usual routines to have fun.

As a member, you have the opportunity to utilize acquired skills such as leadership, communication, and teamwork to plan events and collaborate with fellow members. For example, our club organizes an annual Spring Fling Corvette Show. The show also serves as a fundraiser in support of local charities. By contributing your time and talents, you can help others in a meaningful way while having fun as a Corvette owner and GCCC member.

That Poor Vette



This poor red 1975 Vette rolling with the T-tops off on a beautiful day, had a serious turn for the worse as the owner pulled up to a red light in Lafayette, LA. I imagine the conversation went a little something like this with another car,

"Dude, that Corvette is smokin'!"

"I know! It's awesome!"

"No! Your engine bay is smoking!"

The owner got out of the car moments before the front end burst into flames, and was unharmed. The blaze was quickly put out by the fire department. but I don't think the Vette is going to make it...

TPV Submitted by Larry Shields

Corvette Trivia Question

What year was power steering first available in the Corvette?



Answer on page 22.

Submitted by Mitch Bagdikian



Dave and Linda at Hendrick Motorsports
in Concord, North Carolina



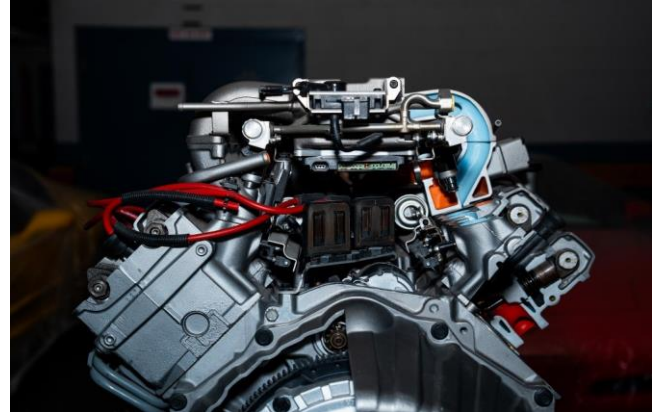
Ambassador's NCM Update

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

General Motors, in collaboration with Lotus Engineering, developed the LT5 engine—a double overhead cam V8—to power the fourth-generation Corvette ZR-1. With an initial output of 375 horsepower, the LT5's power and responsiveness elevated the ZR-1 to Corvette supercar status.



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

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.



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.



NCM Events Update:

- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) Oct 1 – 5
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) Oct 15 – 19
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) Oct. 22 - 26
- Corvette Racing Weekend Oct 2 - 26

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



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 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.

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Price: \$250 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: October 24, 2024



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



NCM Insurance: NCM Insurance is an agent for American Modern Insurance Group, Haggerty, and Open Track and is licensed in all 50 states, covering any collector car (make or model) that is considered a collector car. Also available is insurance for HPDE and open track day, car club liability coverage, and boat/yacht/watercraft.

Get Your Car Club Liability Policies: We can now write General Liability and Directors and Officers coverage (for any non-profit organization) through Haggerty and Traveler's.

For more information go to: www.ncminsurance.com

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"

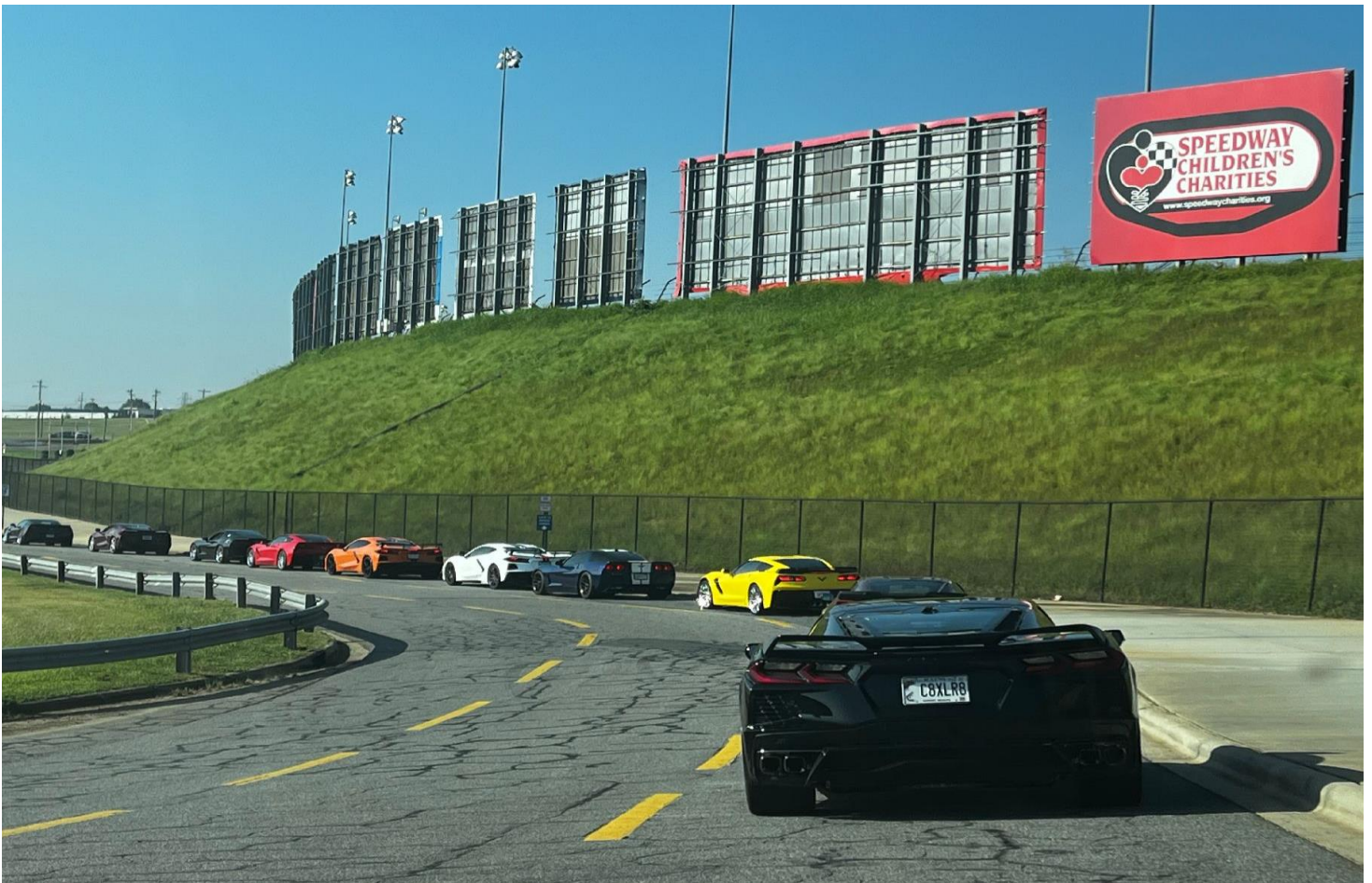
September 25, 26, 27, 2025

Registration opening January of 2025

SCENES FROM THE NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN



“Corvettes at Carlisle” in Pennsylvania





Charlotte Motor Speedway North Carolina

Photos provided by Mike & Terri Yensz



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Notable October Food Holidays

10/01 National Homemade Cookies Day
 10/04 National Cinnamon Roll Day
 10/07 National Frappe Day
 10/18 National Chocolate Cupcake Day
 10/18 National Mashed Potato Day
 10/23 National Boston Cream Pie Day
 10/26 National Pumpkin Day
 10/30 National Candy Corn Day



Whoever said money can't buy happiness...



Just never bought the right car.

Trivia Question Answer

1963 was the first year power steering was available in the Corvette.

Mitch



National Name Your Car Day October 2, 2024

Here's what members have named their beloved Corvettes

Brent AuCoin	SNOSQAL
Peter Bovio	Emotion
Jenn Charland	Black Beauty
Mike DeCampo	Lightning McQueen
Dennis Granger	Batmobile
Lee Isdell	THUNDAR
Larry Shields	Luna
Tom Stewart	FLASH 1
Dave Sutherland	GRAMPY
Gayle Zelonis	Black Beauty (Back in 1980)

PUBLISHING & ADVERTISING

The next article/ad submission date is **October 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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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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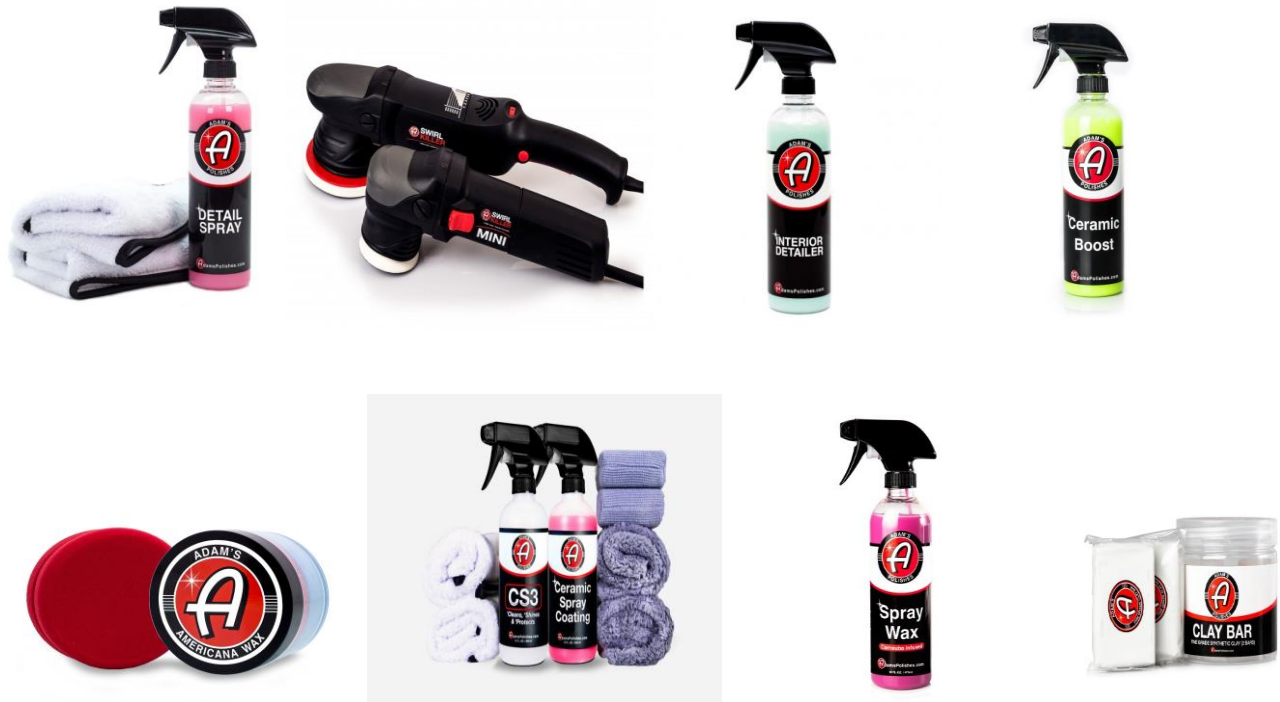
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