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Hello Members,

Happy New Year! This is the year Gate City Corvette Club celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. What a monumental milestone! We have the honor of commemorating an achievement that the original club founders could not have imagined. As members, we get to be a part of the celebration of this once in a lifetime event.

Last year we enjoyed many good times, and this year promises to be even better. The new board (Kevin, Dean, Allie, Tom, Norm, and myself) have already met to discuss plans for the next several months. Kevin, along with the help of committee members Georgia and Larry G., has been laser focused on planning fun activities and cruises to new destinations. Please feel free to reach out to board members with your ideas. This is your club and we welcome your input.

Our first official club gathering was our Christmas/Holiday Party. Having the party in January is always a perfect way to kick off the new year. With the busy holiday season behind us, it's a great time to reunite with our Corvette friends. It was so nice to see everyone! To our members who were unable to join us due to health issues, we missed you and wish you continued strength and healing.

As I have often said in the past, it's the cars that bring us together, but it's the friendships we treasure forever. You are the best!

David



In a few months... our Corvettes on a road like this!!

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 New Year everyone and Happy Anniversary to GCCC! It's the club's 50th year of existence. Think about that for a moment... GC has been a club for 50 years and what a truly monumental achievement. Looking back over those 50 years, they traveled many miles together; had so many wonderful members; made so many memories and made so many new friends along the way. I wonder where this club will be 50 years from now?

To coincide with our anniversary, we've booked the Bedford Village Inn Saturday night September 20th for a truly memorable evening celebration of our 50th. Now we need volunteers to form an Anniversary Committee to help us plan the evening. So please sign-up and be part of the fun as we look back over those 50 years.

The end of last year a member retrospective survey was sent out to everyone asking what you liked about the 2024 activities schedule and what you'd like to see and do in 2025. Thank-you to all that responded. With your feedback, we've been busy creating a 2025 activities schedule that will be published sometimes in February. We're working to incorporate a lot of your suggestions providing a variety of new and member favorite activities this year. 2025 looks to be an exciting season!

Did you attend this year's Holiday Party at Murphy's? What a wonderful evening with good friends, good food, a few surprises, great raffle gifts, a 50/50 and lots of laughs! We mixed things up a bit this year with the Yankee Swap. I've gotta say there were many great joke gifts opened Saturday night. I'll bet you'll still remember the gift you went home with a year from now. I heard a rumor a certain member, who will go nameless (EB), was seen crawling under a table to discreetly swap/steal a gift from someone. In her defense she did leave an inflatable gift in it's place. LOL

I want to thank the Sutherlands for returning their 1/2 of the 50:50 and the Connolly's for returning the \$100 door prize they won back to the club. That was very generous of you and thank-you.

Also want to thank: the Sutherlands, the Woods and the Stewarts for their generosity donating some great raffle gifts. Tom Stewart for providing the sound equipment and Lindsey for the playlist containing some wonderful tunes.

Here are a few photographs from our evening.





Life is short, enjoy the ride!

Cheers,
Kevin LeBlond

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

BREAKING NEWS: Not only do we have an interactive, user-friendly Facebook page called: "Gate City Corvette Club +", we also continually update our website. Over the next weeks and months, we will be posting upcoming events, photos from recent & past events, GCCC news and anything else newsworthy.

Our new Facebook page Gate City Corvette Club +

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

Come check out our updated Gate City Corvette Club Webpage

<https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/>

Georgia LeBlond

More Scenes from the Holiday Party





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 February/March birthdays!



<i>Ellen Osgood</i>	<i>02/01</i>	<i>Joe Michalik</i>	<i>02/20</i>
<i>Dean Gagne</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Paul DeSalvo</i>	<i>03/10</i>
<i>Art Weed</i>	<i>02/07</i>	<i>Rhonda Gray</i>	<i>03/11</i>
<i>Linda Sutherland</i>	<i>02/14</i>	<i>Mike DeCampo</i>	<i>03/13</i>
<i>Lynne LaForce</i>	<i>02/17</i>	<i>Catalina Keefe</i>	<i>03/30</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.



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Supports "Adopt a Family" Holiday Gift Program



Thank you from the Front Door Agency

Dear Supporter,

As the festive season draws to a close, we find ourselves reflecting on the incredible spirit of giving that has characterized these past weeks. The success of our 2024 Holiday Gift Program is a testament to the collective effort of our community. With the support of 119 outstanding organizations and individuals, we have brought smiles to the faces of 505 children by providing them with clothing, toys, and grocery gift cards for their family.

"I lost my job back in October, and was nervous to ruin the holiday for my children. This meant so much more than you can imagine. Money was super tight this year. I asked them to "write Santa " a thank you for all the wonderful things they received. Below is what they each said:

Girl 7 - Thank you Santa for all my super fun presents. I am the luckiest girl in the whole world.

Girl 11 - Thanks Santa. I know my mom was having a hard time, and you helped her make this day amazing!

Girl 13 - Thank you for going above and beyond for a family you don't even know. We need more people like you and one day I will adopt a family in need like you did for us. Your huge heart made my family's Christmas special. I will not forget the look on my sister's face when she opened the presents from "Santa!"

I can't thank you enough for the joy you have given my children this holiday season.

-- Have a blessed day!"

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the families we serve, please accept our deepest thanks. Your dedication has been the cornerstone of our program's success, and for that, we are profoundly grateful.

Sincerely,

Sheree Sevigny, Corporate Relations & Special Events Manager

Pictures of shopping night
provided by Tom Stewart



That Poor Vette



According to New Jersey authorities, the owner of the car had apparently just finished washing his classic Sting Ray early Monday afternoon when he accidentally backed it at a high rate of speed into a house. They based that theory on the wet tire tread marks and cleaning supplies on a driveway directly across the street from the accident scene. Firefighters can be seen shoring up a post to stabilize the damaged front porch good enough so that a tow truck operator could carefully remove the Corvette. The driver was left with non-life-threatening injuries to his face, but we're sure he was more devastated by the severe damage done to his pride and joy, which appears to be a mild resto-mod with customized side pipes and no front or rear bumpers. Now it just looks like a big monster took a chomp out of the whole back end of the car, definitely not the outcome he expected when he was washing it a few minutes earlier.

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2024/11/13/accident-driver-injured-after-1966-corvette-reverses-at-high-speed-into-new-jersey-home/>



A long time ago...

Joe, Carol, Sue, Norm, Dean, Sandy

Gate City Corvette Club began in 1975



To add perspective
here's what else was
happening in 1975

Gerald Ford was president

The end of the Vietnam War

Saturday Night Live premiered

The Ford F-150 was introduced

The top grossing movie was Jaws

Price of a movie ticket was \$2.00

VCRs developed in Japan by Sony

Cost of a first-class stamp was 10 cents

The price of gas was 53 cents per gallon

All in the Family was the top television show

Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft (Micro-Soft)

Best of My Love by the Eagles was number 1 on the charts

Stevie Nicks and Lindsey Buckingham joined Fleetwood Mac

Popular fashions included hip-huggers, bellbottoms, leisure suits

The Godfather Part II won the Academy Award for Best Picture

Stephen Wozniak and Steven Jobs begin working on computer designs

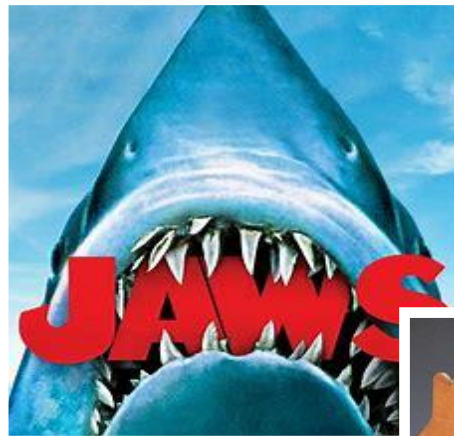
Album of the Year was Paul Simon's "Still Crazy After All These Years"

Popular gifts: Pet Rock, Mood Ring, Six Million Dollar Man action figure

Song of the Year was "Love Will Keep Us Together" by Captain and Tennille

Top baby names were Jennifer, Amy, Heather, Melissa, Michael, Jason, Chris, James

1975 Corvette sales were strong with 38,465 sold - most popular color white





Ambassador's NCM Update

February 2025

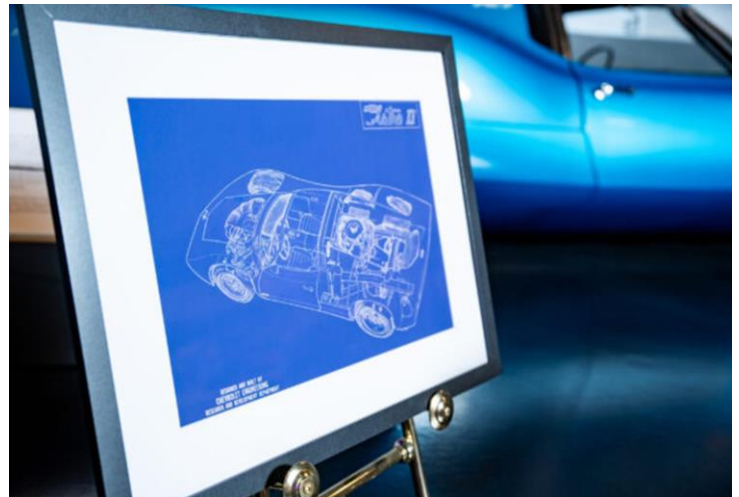
*As the GCCC Ambassador, I have goals to meet for the NCM. For me to meet the goals I need each of you to **let me know** if you attend a museum event, purchase memberships, purchase raffle tickets, purchase bricks/tiles/bench, or make donations to the museum.*

Artifact of the month: 1968 Astro II and Engineering Blueprint

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/1968-astro-ii-and-engineering-blueprint/>

1968 Astro II and Engineering Blueprint

Long before the reveal of the C8 Corvette Stingray, General Motors was experimenting with mid-engine sports car designs. One of these concept cars was the 1967 Astro I, a low, sleek, futuristic-looking automobile created primarily as a styling exercise. The experiment convinced GM to build another mid-engine concept with greater potential to be a production automobile. Initially called XP-880, this next car would eventually become the 1968 Astro II, the first true mid-engine Corvette prototype. It is currently on display at the National Corvette Museum on loan from GM.



NCM Special Exhibits

American Love Affair: Pop Culture and Corvette

From the silver screen to country music stars, Corvette has been front and center in America's love affair with speed and style and pop culture. The rotating collection currently features GM's Corvette Stingray Concept, better known as Sideswipe from *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*, and Brad Paisley's 1962 Corvette. Don't miss the immersive Skydome experience that puts you right in the scene with these legendary cars.





Speed Captured

The Photographic Works of Richard Prince

This breathtaking exhibition, which will open on Friday, March 7, 2025, celebrates the art of speed through the lens of famed automotive photographer Richard Prince. Known for capturing the essence of motion, design, and adrenaline, this exhibition will feature iconic Corvette images that bring the thrill of the track to life. Whether you are a racing enthusiast or an art lover, *Speed Captured* offers a striking perspective on Corvette's legacy of performance.

Expanded Corvette Hall of Fame

Slated for opening in the second half of 2025, the expanded and reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame will shine a brighter spotlight on the incredible individuals who've shaped the Corvette legacy. This revitalized space will celebrate the passion, innovation, and contributions of Hall of Fame members in a way that's bigger and better than ever before.



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, do a “Zero to Sixty” launch and a Hot Lap driven by a Motor Sports Park pro drive. For the “Z06 Fast Pack” you will be driving (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2 mile, 23 turn road course, plus “Zero to Sixty” launch, and a Hot Lap driven by the MSP professional. For more information please visit: <https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>
To register for track experiences: <https://book.peek.com/s/bdf5867b-553c-4f63-af19-cdc4abedc880/zg2mw>
There are many other track experience packages offered. Go to: <https://www.motorsportspark.org/> for complete information on track offerings.

NCM Events Update

- 28th Annual Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum Apr 24 – Apr 26
- MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate Apr 27 – Apr 30
- MiM Le Mans Tour Jun 7 – Jun 17
- MiM Branson Experience Jun 24 – Jun 28
- MiM Colorado Springs Jul 13 – Jul 17
- 2025 National Corvette Museum 31st Anniversary @ National Corvette Museum Aug 28 – Aug 30
- 2025 MiM National Parks Tour Sep 21– Sep 27

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



2025 Red Mist Coupe
Price: \$150 Tickets 1500
Drawing: February 13, 2025 2:00 PM



2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000
Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500
Drawing: March 6, 2025 2:00 PM



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:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 |
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Other membership levels include:

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

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

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



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Get Your Car Club Liability Policies: We can now write General Liability and Directors and Officers coverage (for any non-profit organization) through Hagerty and Traveler's. For more information go to: www.ncminsurance.com

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

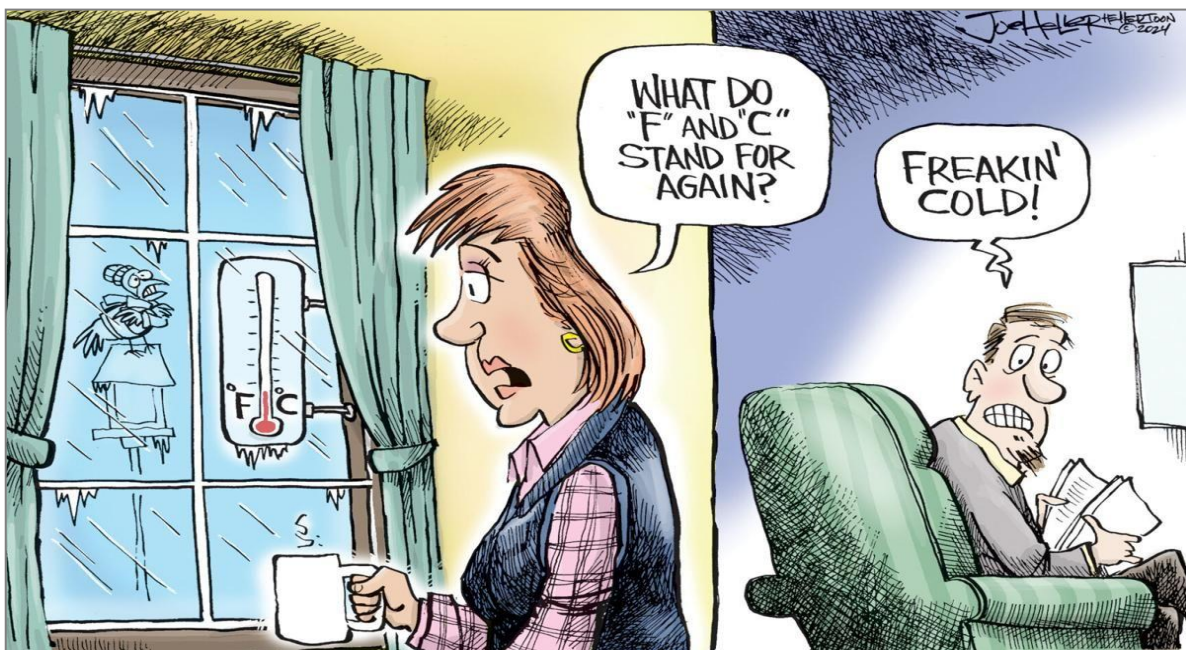
NEW ENGLAND CARAVAN REUNION

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

Dash to Attitash



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



Submitted by David Osgood

Corvette Club of Rhode Island

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The next submission date is **February 20, 2025**

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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