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## GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

**JUNE 2025**

*New Hampshire*



# *Spring Fling 2025*



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Hello Members,

June has arrived and along with it the beautiful sunshine we have been missing. Hopefully!

Most members have uncovered their cars for the season and ventured out on a road trip by now. I drove mine out of the garage for the judging clinic and parked on the grass only to watch it get covered in pollen. Next, it stayed home for Spring Fling since I couldn't fit folding tables and chairs in a Corvette. This week it remains in the garage as I work, take Ellen to Boston for a doctor visit, attend a wedding in Gloucester, and then fly to Orlando for a trade show. The following week we drive to Sarasota for sun, sand, and 80 degree temps every day. When we return home the official driving of the Corvette begins. Finally!

Many of our members are going to the Bar Harbor event this week. Vettes of Coastal Maine always creates a fun experience for all. Ellen and I have been many times and enjoyed every minute.

As for our club, Kevin and his committee have planned fun activities for the remainder of this year. Please watch for Kevin's emails with details and respond as quickly as possible if you plan to attend. As you know, a lot of time and effort goes into coordinating destination cruises and other events. Also, arranging lunch or dinner reservations for everyone is no easy task!

Thank you to our members who helped out at Spring Fling! It was great to have our newer members involved, as well. You have quickly become part of our Corvette family and we are so happy to have you. See you all at the June meeting.

Best,  
David



It's always exciting to see Corvettes lined up for Spring Fling!

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 June everyone!

Wow! Even in the pouring rain, 38 members rolled in with their metal cars to join us at Murphy's for our May meeting—a true testament to the growing camaraderie and dedication within our club. You folks are amazing!



At our 2024 Spring Fling, a videographer filmed our event, interviewed several participants then posted on his YouTube page “Let’s Go Car Cruising”. Well, I invited Mark back for 2025, here’s the link to this year’s Spring Fling: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jwrj8XjmenQ&t=2s>

Upcoming events in **June**, *note date changes.*

- **13th** is our June **club social and meeting**.
- **15th** we’re aiming for our first cruise of 2025 to be a trip to **Quechee Gorge** in Vermont. While the details are still being finalized, the plan is to meet up with the **Corvette Club of Vermont** for lunch and some social time. Getting together with other Corvette clubs is an opportunity to meet new people and maybe make new friends.
- **18th** the **Forge and Vine GCCC car show**, it’s on Weds. evening. The restaurant is promoting our show on their social media platforms.
- **27th Laps for Charity**, the road course. Let’s make a big showing at this very worthwhile cause and have some fun at the same time. Even if you don’t want to drive the course, come up and support your fellow club members. More details to follow.
- **29th St. Gaudens National Historical Park**, in Cornish, New Hampshire, preserves the home, gardens, and studios of Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848–1907), one of America's foremost sculptors. There are trails that explore the park's natural areas. His original sculptures are on exhibit, along with reproductions of his greatest masterpieces. <https://saint-gaudens.org/>



Several weeks ago, we sent out an email asking whether you plan to attend our **50th Anniversary celebration**. A big **THANK-YOU** to all that have responded so far and for those that haven't **please respond soon**. Having an approximate headcount helps the anniversary committee with the planning of this great evening.

If you haven't yet, please make your reservations to join us in the **Finger Lakes October 5th thru the 8th**. Remember you can always cancel up to a week before we leave. See the flyer within this newsletter. I'll be sending out a separate email with details about this exciting weekend getaway, including all the great things to see and do—so you can start planning your visit to the Finger Lakes now.

Our next club meeting is set for Friday the 13th at Murphy's! Hopefully, the weather cooperates so we can enjoy an adult beverage on the patio before the meeting—fingers crossed! Looking forward to seeing a parking lot full of Corvettes!



Cheers,  
Kevin LeBlond

**Life is short, enjoy the ride!**








# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## 2025 Calendar of Events

Revised May 8, 2025

-  GCCC Event
-  NCM Event
-  Other Event

**NOTE: All dates and activities are subject to change**

### June

- 13 Club Meeting
- 15 Quechee Gorge – Potential meeting up with Corvette Club of VT - Father's Day
- 18 Forge & Vine Restaurant Car Show Wednesday evening
- 22 open
- 27 **Laps for Charity, Loudon – road course**
- 29 St. Gaudens Tour & Lunch

### July

- 6 open
- 11 Club Meeting
- 13 GCCC Annual Picnic
- 20 USS Albacore submarine & museum tour
- 27 open

### August

- 3 Central New Hampshire loop
- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 TBD
- 15 **Laps for Charity – road course**
- 17 open
- 24 **CCRI Corvettes & Classics by the Sea**
- 31 Nashoba Valley Winery – Brunch @ J's Restaurant 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Distillery Tour & Wine tasting 1:00pm – 3:00pm \$16/pp

### September

- 7 Open
- 12 Club Meeting
- 12 **Laps for Charity – oval course**
- 14 Lake Sunapee Dinner Boat Cruise
- 20 GCCC 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY Celebration
- 21 open
- 25-28 **NCM Caravan Reunion**

### October

- 5-8 GCCC Finger Lake Get-away
- 10 Club Meeting
- 12 Castle in the Clouds TBD weather permitting
- 19 Season Ender Cruise weather permitting
- 26 TBD weather permitting

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# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## Fall Getaway New York Finger Lakes

### OCTOBER 5 - 8, 2025



Tanino's Restaurant  
Monday Evening Dinner



Seneca Harbor Restaurant  
Tuesday Evening Dinner



2671 Corning Rd, Horseheads, NY

\$145 per night + tax & fees

Reservations only: 1-607-398-2346

Reference GCCC to obtain discount

Request King or Queen Room

**Check-in**

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

**Check-out**

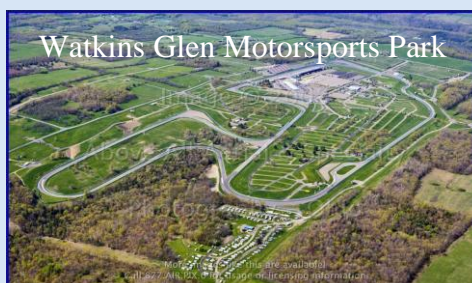
Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

#### PLANNED ACTIVITIES & THINGS TO DO ON YOUR OWN

- Optional guided ride to and from Horseheads, NY
- Laps on Watkins Glen Track
- Laps on original Watkins Glen Track Street Course
- Corning Glass Museum
- Glenn H. Curtis Aviation & Motorcycle Museum
- Wine tasting at a variety of lakeside wineries
- Self-guided cruise: From the hotel drive along the west side of Cayuga Lake. Drive along the west side of Seneca Lake to return to the hotel.
- Niagara Falls is approximately 3 hours away
- Mark Twain's Grave in Elmira
- Norman Rockwell Museum
- Sunday night dinner on your own
- Monday and Tuesday planned group dinner
- **More info to follow**



Corning Glass Museum



Watkins Glen Motorsports Park



Norman Rockwell Museum





# Gate City Corvette Club 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

Saturday September 20, 2025  
6:00pm – 10:00pm

Grand Hotel ~ Charolais Room  
Bedford Village Inn  
2 Olde Bedford Way  
Bedford, New Hampshire

75.00 Per Person  
Dress: Cocktail Attire

RSVP by August 20, 2025  
Kevin LeBlond [Kgvert1@outlook.com](mailto:Kgvert1@outlook.com)

Please send payment by September 1, 2025

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



**President:** David began the May 9th meeting after the social hour and dinner at Murphy's Taproom.

**Membership Director:** Tom welcomed Dave Rindo attending his 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting!

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

**Spring Fling:** Dean thanked members for getting trophy sponsors. Georgia and Kevin have been working on social media and other outlets to promote Spring Fling. Kevin has compiled a list of volunteers to work at the show and he thanked members for responding. Joe asked Kevin to forward the list of volunteers for judging.

**Vice President/Activities Director:** Kevin reminded everyone about the Judging Clinic on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at Dave & Ellen's home. Dave asked members to let him know if they plan to bring a side dish or dessert. Kevin also talked about the following:

- The Range in Mason, NH puts on a great cruise night. There is entertainment by a talented band and many quality cars to view. He plans to arrange for the club to attend a cruise night.
- Gate City has about 10 cars going to Vettes of Coastal Maine's Bar Harbor event. Larry and Ingrid have been going to this event since 2008. Kevin is hopeful others will join in and our club will have the most cars participating this year.
- A cruise to Quechee Gorge is in the works. We may meet up with a Vermont club.
- Kevin did a dry run in preparation for the Finger Lakes Fall Getaway. He was impressed with the hotel. He has arranged a group tour of the Corning Glass Museum at a cost per person of \$18.70.
- In March we had lunch at the Forge & Vine on Main Street in Groton, MA. It's a beautiful area with plenty of parking. Since then, Kevin has been considering another event at the restaurant where we can display the cars and enjoy dinner either in the restaurant or food trucks outside. This event is scheduled for the evening of June 18<sup>th</sup>. He will send out an email with details.

**Officer at Large:** Norm mentioned several upcoming New England events. He provided details about Laps for Charity at NHMS in Loudon, NH. For information and dates go to:

<https://www.speedwaycharities.org/events/new-hampshire/scc-nh-laps-for-charity-road-course/>

Please let Norm know if and when you plan to go to Laps for Charity. Others may want to join you!

The GCCC Annual Summer Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm at Memorial Park in Pembroke, NH. More details to come. For a list of New England Corvette cruise nights and events see page 30.

**NCM Ambassador:** Larry had just returned from the National Corvette Museum Bash and had a great time. The NE Corvette Caravan presented the Museum with a \$10,000 donation. Our club is a founding member and we have a brick placed at the entryway to the Museum. The brick has worn over time. (Larry passed around a photo of the brick.) Last year the club voted to replace the brick for a cost of \$350.00. The Museum was unable to replace the brick when expected. Since then, the charge



for replacing the brick has increased to \$600.00. Larry asked the membership to approve replacement at the current cost. Allie asked if we might postpone the purchase since we have the extra expense of the anniversary party this year, or at least postpone a vote until after Spring Fling. The membership voted to approve the expenditure if we have a successful (profitable) Spring Fling.

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

David adjourned the meeting.

*Allie*



## From the Gate City Corvette Club Photo Archives

### Cruise to the Mount Washington Hotel 2005??





# SCENES FROM SPRING FLING





# Pictures from Spring Fling

Captured by Butch Nordstrom

The 43rd annual Gate City Corvette Club Spring Fling has come & gone. The weather started out sunny looking ok in the early morning and then the clouds and winds rolled in. It did not stop many from coming out, even in the car corral where there appeared to be just as many cars as judged show participants. That said, this was my 1st time in attendance in 2 years since I retired and moved abroad. It was great to see everyone again and reminisce. It was also my wife's 1st time to the USA and her 1st car show which she enjoyed, aside for what she considered cold. I did not get to take a lot of pics as between GCCC members and other Corvette owner friends, there was a lot of catching up to do with so many people. Enjoy the few pics I took.



My wife's 1st car show, an all-Corvette show & of course she picked the top dog Corvette to take a picture next to!



My wife & I with Corvette friends who opted out of the show this year, but still showed up to view the cars.



There was a A&A supercharged C7 Grand Sport that had the best wheels I've ever seen. Gotta love black Chrome!



Dan and I judging cars





This person is a Larry Shields wanna-be!  
[Similar license plate]



And various other pics from the show.





## Spring Fling Best of the Best in Judged Categories



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## 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

# 2025 NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM BASH

by Larry Goelz

If you have never been to an NCM Bash event, consider attending the 2026 Bash. It offers 3 days of new Corvettes and accessories, new colors and other items, a membership update meeting, technical sessions, event dinners, and daily led cruises to places of interest with lunch. If you are a donor, there is a donors recognition dinner and awards ceremony, a women's retreat, various vendors, and several activities at the Motorsports Park.



On 21 April, Kevin and Georgia Le Blond, and Ingrid and I headed out for the 2025 Bash. Our destination for the first day was the Hampton Inn in Moosic, PA (by Scranton). We mostly kept off the interstates and enjoyed the country scenery and the evolving spring foliage. For lunch we stopped at Riki Len's Restaurant located in Napanoch, NY. Arriving at the Hampton Inn, we unpacked, relaxed for several hours, then went for dinner at one of our favorite restaurants, Harvest Grill and Seasonal Wine Bar in Moosic. At the restaurant we had a conversation with the manager, who, at the end of our dinner, gave us two \$100.00 gift certificates. Guess we may be attending the 2026 Bash!

After breakfast we headed out for Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia. When we got to Carlisle, PA we stopped at our favorite diner, the Middlesex Diner, for an early lunch. After lunch we proceeded to Stonewall Resort where we checked in then made a beeline for Muskies Lounge (at the resort) where we first ordered margaritas all around, then ordered a selection of appetizers. As it was quite cool, there was no activity in the pool, however, the fire pit was ablaze and later there would be folks around the fire pit keeping warm and making smores. The resort offers great views of the river and the countryside (we saw several fawns across the river), a great golf course, river cruises, and many other outdoor activities. In the evening, we went to Stillwaters Restaurant (at the resort), had dinner, then retired for the evening.

Breakfast was at Stillwaters Restaurant after which we headed out for Bowling Green. This would be the longest portion of the trip to Bowling Green, which would take us past Charleston, WV, Lexington, KY, Elizabethtown, KY, crossing the Eastern/Central Time Zone, and arriving at Bowling Green. The first stop would be the National Corvette Museum where we picked up our registration materials, took a pass through the Museum Store (of course we had to make some purchases which we had shipped home as there was no room in the C8), and connected with various Museum employees. There we met up with John and Beth Swinarski as planned.

From the Museum we headed to the Holiday Inn University Plaza, checked in then went to the lounge for refreshments. I had set up dinner reservations at Montana Grill (great steaks and ribs) for 9, so we headed to the restaurant to meet up with the rest of the group. As always, dinner was great, and a good time was had by all. After, 5 of us went back to the hotel and had a nightcap before retiring.



For Thursday, Kevin and Georgia took the day off to relax and toured the Museum. Ingrid and I signed up for a tour of the Lincoln Museum in Hodgenville and afterwards lunch. At the Lincoln Museum we saw the only full-size portrait oil painting of President Lincoln, which was impressive, as was the museum itself. Dinner in the evening was at the Mello Mushroom which is a funky restaurant serving pizza and other Italian items. After returning to the hotel, we had a nightcap then retired for the evening.

Friday, Kevin had signed up to test drive an E-Ray, and I attended a C8 overview session at the Museum conducted by Paul Kroner, a worldclass GM Corvette technician who is highly knowledgeable on the C8, and a good lecturer. For lunch, I went to the hotel and met up with Ingrid, Kevin, and Georgia then went to Double Dogs where we enjoyed their special hot dog offerings. In the afternoon, we met up with Randy Flock where our 2024 New England Caravan team presented Bryce Buekelow, the Museum CEO, a check for \$10,000.00, a donation from the 2024 New England Caravan.



That evening we attended the Donor Recognition Dinner at the Museum. Randy, Kevin, Georgia, Ingrid and I were presented with recognition pins for the donations made by the 2024 New England Caravan. Ingrid and I were recognized for our donations and presented with recognition pins.



During our time at the museum, I had the opportunity to meet with a number of employees to discuss membership issues and find out what the status of the brick program was. I also had time with Bryce Burklow, the new CEO of the NCM.

Back at the hotel we gathered at the lounge for drinks then completed our packing and retired for the evening.

Saturday morning, we had breakfast with Randy after which we said goodbye to him. We were heading out for the National Museum of the United States Air Force while Randy had another session at the museum before he headed back to Rhode Island. We loaded the cars, filled up with gas, then headed for Dayton, Ohio.

We arrived at the Air Force Museum a little after noon, went in and had lunch before starting our tour of the facility. The museum is housed in 4 enormous buildings so we looked over the guide to the museum layout to figure out where we would spend the afternoon. At the end of the day, we headed to our hotel, Hilton Garden Inn, checked in and made plans for dinner at a Vietnamese restaurant. After dinner we went back to the hotel and retired for the evening.

On Sunday we returned to the museum to continue our journey. This museum is huge and the aircraft on display are overwhelming. It takes you from the beginning of manned flight on through the major periods in the history of the Air Force. It provides you with knowledge of the importance of the Air Force and its capabilities throughout the major wars it participated in. Of note, the XB-70A Valkyrie is enormous and quite a sight to see! Sunday evening, we went to Longhorns, had great margaritas and steak, then returned to the hotel, packed, then retired.

Monday morning, we had breakfast at the hotel, loaded the cars and headed out for Hamburg, NY, our next stop on our way to the Finger Lakes Region. On arrival at the Hampton Inn in Hamburg, we checked in, unpacked, relaxed for a bit, then headed to Hoake's Lakeshore Restaurant, situated overlooking Lake Eire. It is an old establishment, busy, and the seafood was great as was the view of the lake. We headed back to the hotel to pack then retired.

Tuesday morning, we had breakfast at the hotel, loaded the cars and headed for Geneva, NY. We arrived at the Wyndham 41 Lakefront Hotel in Geneva, unloaded the cars and checked in. The hotel sits at the top of Seneca Lake and has a great view of the lake. We unpacked, then went outside on the patio, sat and enjoyed the view of the lake and surrounding countryside, and relaxed. At 4 PM the lounge opened, and we had margaritas, and reviewed our plans for the next 2 days. For dinner we decided to have appetizers and of course margaritas.



Wednesday, after breakfast, we headed out for Horsehead, NY and the Great Western Inn to look over the property and check out the rooms. Next, we went to the Corning Glass Museum to discuss details regarding members going to the museum during our club cruise in October. However, the contact person was not there so we departed for the Glen Curtis Museum, toured it, then afterwards headed for lunch in Hammondsport, NY where we stopped at a pizza place. Next, we headed out for Dr. K. Frank Winery where we relaxed with glasses of wine, made several purchases of wine, then headed back to



Geneva. On the run back we stopped at Belhurst Castle so Kevin and Georgia could look around. Belhurst also has a winery. The castle is a hotel with interesting rooms in the original castle (about 1830). Of note, on the second floor of the castle portion of the building, there is a spigot where one can draw a glass of red wine, any time of the day and night.



Back at our hotel we went to the lounge where we found Abbie, a bartender from years ago, with whom Ingrid and I were acquainted with when the hotel was a Ramada. After introductions, I asked Abbie if the Deluxe Grill (Italian) was still open. If so, I asked him to get reservations, which he did. We had dinner at the Deluxe Grill, talked with the owners and bartender, and had a great dining experience. Ingrid and I have enjoyed the Deluxe Grill on a number of occasions, beginning in 2010. After a nightcap at our hotel, we retired for the evening.

Thursday, after breakfast, we checked out the cruises planned for the club's trip in October. We ran down the eastern side of Seneca Lake and then up the western side of Cayuga Lake. About halfway up Cayuga Lake, we stopped at another favorite of Ingrid and mine, Knapp Winery and Vineyard Restaurant in Romulus, NY. It is always enjoyable to sit on the outside patio and overlook the vineyard and gardens while enjoying lunch. As it was quite cool, we decided to have lunch inside this time.

Back at our hotel, we again relaxed on the patio and then went to the lounge where Abbie served his great margaritas. For dinner we dined in the hotel's restaurant. Afterwards we returned to our rooms and packed up our belongings as Friday we would head home.

Friday, 2 May, after breakfast we headed for New Hampshire. On the way we stopped at Ramunto's Restaurant in Brattleboro, VT. They have several locations and we are thinking about it as a lunch stop for one of the planned club cruises. It offers pizzas and Italian fare. Next stop was Wilton (Kevin and Georgia) and New Boston for Ingrid and me. It was a long trip, about 3,000 miles, but what a great time. I thanked Kevin and Georgia for being such great traveling partners and look forward to our next outing.

## 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](mailto:thomas_stewart@comcast.net)

## Join us in celebrating June/July birthdays!



<i>Brent AuCoin</i>	<i>06/12</i>	<i>Tom Stewart</i>	<i>07/18</i>
<i>Heather Shields</i>	<i>07/02</i>	<i>Rose Marie Weed</i>	<i>07/27</i>
<i>Paul Guimond</i>	<i>07/09</i>	<i>Carol Di Meo</i>	<i>07/28</i>
<i>Ed Bourgeois</i>	<i>07/11</i>	<i>Gayle Zelonis</i>	<i>07/31</i>
<i>Carol Michalik</i>	<i>07/17</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

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## Member Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/xxxx US Veteran? Yes / No

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Joint Membership:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/xxxx US Veteran? Yes / No

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Corvette(s) Description:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe / Convertible Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe / Convertible Color: \_\_\_\_\_

National Corvette Museum Member? Yes / No Lifetime: Yes / No Date Joined: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note:** We ask that you attend 3 meetings or events to get a feel for the group prior to joining. At each meeting or event, a club officer will sign your Application Form. We want everyone to enjoy the ride!

### For Gate City Corvette Club use only

Meeting / Event	Signature of Officer	Date
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____

# For 2026 Corvette's New Interior Elevates Driver Cockpit Design

2025-05-07



Overhead view of 2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 convertible. Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.

For the 2026 model year, the entire Corvette lineup — Stingray, E-Ray, Z06, and ZR1 — will feature a thoroughly reimagined cabin with larger and more advanced driver-centric displays and fresh interior colorways, finishes and materials.

“Corvette is the ultimate American sports car, which is why it has remained the luxury sport segment leader for more than 20 years — with the next competitor a distant second in terms of market share,” said Scott Bell, vice president, Chevrolet. “With these updates, the mid-engine Corvette will continue to cement its leadership for years to come.”

## **Inside: where form meets function**

The cabin of the new 2026 Corvette welcomes both driver and passenger, beginning with a new three-screen layout and reimagined console design. The updated driver-centric cockpit includes a larger 12.7-inch diagonal center console display, an expanded 14-inch diagonal driver information center, and an all-new 6.6-inch diagonal touchscreen auxiliary display to the left of the steering wheel.

“The design team considered every element — from materials, to stitching, to layout of the interior - for the 2026 Corvette,” said Phil Zak, executive design director, Global Chevrolet. “Paired with the new screens and technology, the refreshed interior enables a refined experience for the driver and the passenger.”





Sky Cool/Medium Ash Gray interior on 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Z06.  
Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.

The center console has been reconfigured to place all crucial controls at the driver's fingertips. For 2026, the drive mode selector has been redesigned and relocated in line with the gear selector. In its place, a new wireless phone charging pad<sup>1</sup> is integrated below the infotainment system, with a cover to keep the phone in place. The volume knob remains a priority in the center console display and is now bigger and features a lit base for better visibility.

The HVAC controls have been repositioned under the center display, creating a more open environment between driver and passenger and enabling space for an integrated passenger grab handle. The passenger side also adds a new USB-C2 port strategically placed below the grab handle.

The redesigned cupholders include hand-wrapped inserts with ambient lighting, and feature the signature Corvette crossed flags at the bottom. In 2LT/2LZ and 3LT/3LZ trims, the cupholders are highlighted with real aluminum.

Standard on ZR1 and available on E-Ray and Z06, a new carbon fiber display hood over the driver information center screen enables further customization and ties into carbon fiber options already offered on Corvette.

### **Technology and performance unite**

The seamless integration of updated hardware and software brings remarkable enhancements to the 2026 Corvette's bespoke cockpit and built-in infotainment system. The three new configurable driver-centric displays are larger with sharper colors, more agility and added functionality.

The addition of an all-new 6.6-inch diagonal touchscreen auxiliary display gives dedicated, driver-configurable space for instrumentation like trip mileage or Performance Traction Management, making important information easier to access.

“There’s an intentional balance of physical and virtual controls,” said Dusty Smith, performance driving product manager. “For example, the head-up display controls are now virtualized, which opens space for Performance Traction Management controls to be intuitive physical buttons. The technology in the new Corvette is as strong and capable as the engine behind you.”

Tour, Sport and Track display designs have also been modernized with new animations and cleaner graphics for the speedometer, tachometer, and other gauges. Drivers can select a preferred screen layout or let the theme change with the corresponding drive mode.

The E-Ray Performance App was introduced in model year 2024, showing live horsepower and torque flow, plus data plots of power flow over time. Corvette developers have taken that a step further for 2026 models, enabling the Performance App for the entire Corvette lineup. Power and torque flow gauges are maintained, and additional capability has been added or consolidated into the app:

- Acceleration timers: Relocated to the Performance App, drivers can now set their own speed ranges for timed acceleration
- G-force gauge: Reimagined to show the limits of force the vehicle has achieved over time, providing more context than live G-force readings alone
- Tire pressure and temperature gauge: Shows live tire pressures and indicates tire temperature to help drivers anticipate available grip
- Propulsion system vitals gauge: Live feed of temperatures for engine oil temperature and pressure, engine coolant temperature, and transmission fluid temperature
- eAWD gauge: Highlights front axle power output and battery state-of-charge for E-Ray

All gauges are available in the touchscreen auxiliary display and Performance App in the center console display. They can also be sent from the app to the driver information center in Tour and Sport for further customization.

The available Performance Data Recorder has undergone a complete user interface overhaul. With system improvements and larger screens, the enhanced PDR offers real-time data analysis in-car and the ability to record high-definition video of every driving session. Drivers are empowered to analyze their performance and make data-driven adjustments for optimal results based on speed trace analysis, side by side video playback, and automated “speed tips” based on your driving data through the center console display.

All 2026 Corvettes feature a custom infotainment system with Google Built-in<sup>3</sup>, fully integrated with vehicle controls. With OnStar<sup>4</sup> connectivity available, the Corvette packs convenience and entertainment to match its world-class performance. Customers can use voice assistance to control everything from opening the Performance Data Recorder to navigation, adjusting cabin temperature, playing your favorite song, texting, making phone calls and more. New apps like Google Chrome,



GameSnacks, HBO Max, Prime Video, and others available through Google Play5 allow occupants to stream movies, play games, and browse the web while parked. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto are also available.

## Ultimate craftsmanship

Corvette's new interior focuses on ultimate craftsmanship, and provides customers with an elevated, modern appearance, offering bespoke customization options – including a Corvette-first asymmetrical interior colorway, available in Jet Black and Adrenaline Red.



Asymmetrical Adrenaline Red interior on 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.  
Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.

The 2026 Corvette debuts four additional new interior color schemes, available on all models:

- Sky Cool and Medium Ash Gray with Habanero accents: Monochrome cool grays with unexpected pops of bright Habanero
- Santorini Blue: Vivid shade of blue that is both vibrant and electric
- Very Dark Atmosphere: Rich chocolate brown paired with Jet Black and Natural Tan accents
- Ultimate Suede: Jet Black suede interior customizable through Adrenaline Red, Santorini Blue, and Competition Yellow accent stitch colors and matching seatbelts

“This is Chevrolet’s first asymmetrical interior,” said Lindsey Grant, color, material, and finish design manager, Global Chevrolet. “The Jet Black and Adrenaline Red complement each other well as they run through the dash, center console and seats, drawing a dramatic separation between the driver and passenger areas.” Customers can even spec a mixed seating option in Asymmetrical Adrenaline Red,

with a racing-inspired Adrenaline Red Competition driver's seat and a Jet Black GT2 passenger seat. The Ultimate Suede interior brings sueded microfiber to nearly all interior surfaces.

## **Additional highlights**

- For the first time since Performance Traction Management was introduced, a new mode is being added across all Corvette variants: PTM Pro. PTM Pro turns off electronic stability control and traction control, while leaving ABS and certain E-Ray-specific front axle controls active, minimizing vehicle intervention for drivers who want maximum control.
- Corvette ZR1's ZTK performance package will be equipped with an all-new brake package featuring 10-piston front and 6-piston rear calipers, and carbon ceramic discs – all of which are the largest ever fitted to a production Corvette.
- A new, available electrochromic roof, which allows customers to change the tint level of their targa roof glass at the press of a button – selecting between full, medium, and low tint options.
- The button to activate Charge+, which enables E-Ray drivers to replenish battery life more quickly or sustain battery charge for a track session, has been relocated to the steering wheel. Located just below the Z Mode button, Charge+ now has a more prominent location for ease of use.
- A new asymmetrical exterior center stripe is available in Edge Red/Carbon Flash.
- Body color rocker panels are now standard on E-Ray and available on Z06.
- Blue brake calipers, currently available on ZR1, will be available on E-Ray and Z06.
- Two new exterior color options are available for all models: Roswell Green Metallic and Blade Silver Metallic.

## **Eighth generation Corvette at a glance**

- Corvette is assembled with domestically and globally-sourced parts at GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- Stingray initiated Corvette's mid-engine revolution in 2019, elevating America's sports car with style, performance and unmatched value.
- Z06 put the world on notice in 2022 with the world's most powerful naturally aspirated production V8 engine – a hand-built 5.5L flat plane crank V8 that screams to 8,600 rpm and makes 670 hp. With direct ties to the storied Corvette Racing program, Z06 is a racecar for the street.
- E-Ray was unveiled in January 2023, on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Corvette. The first Corvette to feature electric AWD paired with a classic Chevrolet Small Block V8, the E-Ray is one like none.
- ZR1 unleashed the unthinkable – a 1,064 hp, 233 mph Corvette. The most powerful, quickest, and fastest Corvette ever.

<https://pressroom.chevrolet.com/gmbx/us/en/chevrolet/pressroom/news.detail.html/Pages/news/us/en/2025/may/0507-2026-Corvettes-interior-driver-cockpit-design.html>





## Ambassador's NCM Update

**June 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:**

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/andy-pilgrim-corvette-challenge-car-and-oral-history-interview/?mc\\_cid=d86fba62fb&mc\\_eid=67bd494ac1](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/andy-pilgrim-corvette-challenge-car-and-oral-history-interview/?mc_cid=d86fba62fb&mc_eid=67bd494ac1)

### **Andy Pilgrim Corvette Challenge Car & Interview**

In 1988, Andy Pilgrim competed in the Corvette Challenge Series, a unique spec racing division built around the unmatched performance of the C4 Corvette. Pilgrim drove the No. 18 Corvette for car owner George Farris, joining the series after an impressive win in an SCCA endurance race in Texas. With just a small crew and an open trailer, Pilgrim and the team traveled the country to face off against factory-backed and multi-car operations. Despite the odds, he



### **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.



## 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.



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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.





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Price: \$150 Tickets 1500  
Drawing: May 22, 2025 2:00 PM



2025 Build Your Own Corvette  
Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1500  
Drawing: June 19, 2025 2:00 PM



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Price: \$100 Tickets: 2000  
Drawing: July 10, 2025 2:00 PM



2025 Red Mist Coupe  
Price: \$20 Tickets: Unlimited  
Drawing: August 30, 2025 2:00 PM

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

## NCM Events Update

- 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
- MiM National Parks Tour Sep 21– Sep 27
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (1) Sep 23– Sep 27
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (2) Sep 30– Oct 4
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (3) Oct 14– Oct 18
- MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky Tour (4) Oct 21– Oct 25

## 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
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Other membership levels include:

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

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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# STRESS KRACKS PUZZLER

Answers revealed nowhere. Ask your friends!

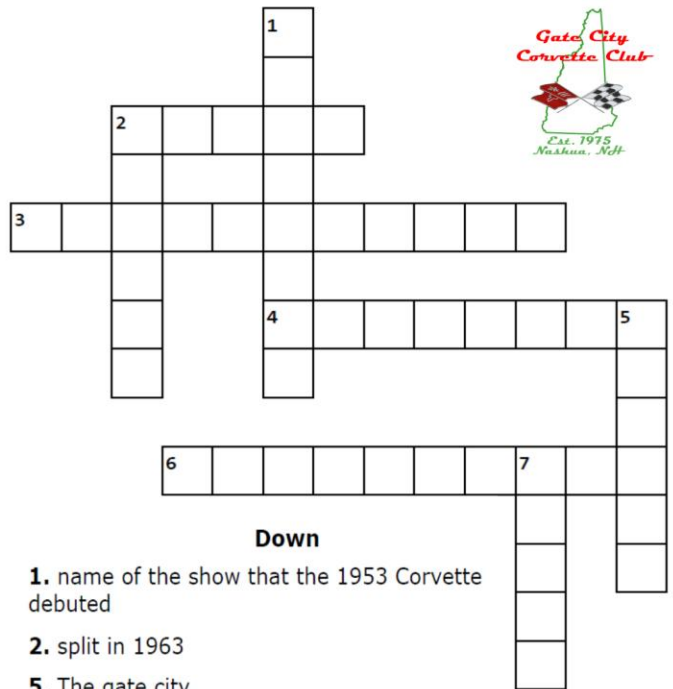
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## Across

2. Paint color of the first vette
3. Fun option unavailable from 1976-85
4. Factory tire supplier since 2013
6. transmission type only found in C8 vettes

## Down

1. name of the show that the 1953 Corvette debuted
2. split in 1963
5. The gate city
7. Removable roof panel



## 2005-07 Corvette Colors

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- Millennium** Yellow
- Monterey** Red
- Magnetic** Red
- Atomic** Orange

Puzzles created by Paul Keefe

# New England Car Shows & Cruise Nights

Bass Pro Shops Cruise Nights at Patriot Place, Every other Thursday, April 17 – October 16.

North Shore Corvettes of MA, Tuesday Cruise Nights, Teresa's Prime Grille 19, 20 Elm St, North Reading, MA, May 6 – September 30, 4pm – 7pm.

South Shore Corvette Club, Monday Cruise Nights, VFW, 95 Essex St, Whitman, MA, Starting Monday, May 19, 4:30pm – dusk.

May 31, 2025 – [CANCELLED] Corvette Mike, Blessing of the Vettes, 74 N. Main St, Carver, MA, 10am – 1pm.

June 8, 2025 – NCRS Corvette Day at Larz Anderson Auto Museum, 15 Newton St, Brookline, MA, 9am – 1pm

June 13 -15, 2025, Annual Back to the Beach weekend event, Old Orchard Beach, ME.

June 14, 2025 - Connecticut Vettes for Vets, CT Veterans Home at Rocky Hill, Assemble at Rocky Hill High School, Leave for Veterans Home at 10:00am sharp, 10am – 2pm.

August 3, 2025 – Club Corvette of Connecticut Corvette Show, Moroso Performance Products, Goose Lane, Guilford, CT, 8am – 3pm. (Rain date August 10.)

August 24, 2025 – Corvette Club of Rhode Island, Corvettes & Classics by the Sea, Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long St, Warwick, RI, 10am - 2pm.

September 7, 2025 – Connecticut Military Corvette Club Classic Car Show, American Legion Post 133, 100 Bidwell Rd, South Windsor, CT, 10am – 3pm. (Rain date September 14.)

September 9, 2025 - New England Corvette Club, All Car Cruise Night, Lorenzo's, Rt 28, Middleboro, MA, 3pm – 7pm. (Rain date September 16.)

September 14, 2025 – For Corvettes Only Vettes at the Beach, 98 Neptune Ave, New London, CT, 10am – 2pm. (Rain date September 21.)

October 12, 2025 – Corvette Club of Western, MA, All Makes & Models Show, Chicopee Moose Lodge, 244 Fuller Rd, Chicopee, MA, 10am – 2pm.

October 18, 2025 – Cape Cod Corvette Club, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run, Cape Cod Canal, Visitors Center, Ed Moffitt Dr, Sandwich, MA, Rain or Shine 9am.

Check dates and times before planning to attend.



# Corvette Club of Rhode Island

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## That Poor Vette



While we don't have the details on what led to the crash, we can certainly say that this brown C3 is a heck of an entry as this month's Poor Vette. The T-top Vette clearly lost control for some reason, swerving off the road, with the low nose managing to go under the guardrail along the edge of the road. The guardrail then slid up along the hood, smashed through the windshield and stopped just short of a very, very bad time for the driver. The fire & rescue department had to remove the roof to get the driver out & lift the guardrail to get the Vette out. Amazingly the driver was not injured, though the Vette is now a convertible...

TPV Submitted by Larry Shields

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