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## **GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

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Hello Members,

July is here and so is the welcomed warm weather. For GCCC, the highlight of July is our annual summer picnic. This is a great opportunity to socialize with one another in a peaceful relaxed setting. The club supplies hotdogs and burgers, and members provide apps, sides, deserts, and lots of good humor. Family members are invited... a head count is needed so we can plan accordingly. BTW, Norm and Sue have been known to cook up tons of delicious BACON to go along with the burgers!

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration committee has been working like crazy organizing this once in a lifetime event. Also, Kevin and his activities committee continually add cruises and get-togethers to the calendar. Please watch for Kevin's frequent updates. We've been getting good turnouts for activities, but we would love to have more members join in on the fun. As they say, the more the merrier!

Wishing everyone a beautiful 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. See you at the next club meeting.

Best,  
David Osgood



Historic Cornish-Windsor Covered Bridge

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 July and summer everyone!

With the crazy cold and wet weather, we've been experiencing this spring I bet most of us never thought we'd see summer like weather and temperatures, but it's finally here.

Starting this month our Assistant Activities Coordinator – Larry Goelz, will be contributing to this column with the activities and cruises Larry has planned and lead. I want to thank Larry for stepping up to assist not only me, but all our club members by introducing exciting new destinations and experiences.

Even with the weather, June was a fairly busy month for most of us.

- We started with several of us returning from a fun weekend with the Vettes of Coastal Maine's annual Bar Harbor weekend. Thank-you Bruce, Deb and your team for another great event!





- Next, we traveled to Vermont with 8 cars. Once in Quechee, we met up with the president and members of Corvette Club of Vermont and their 8 cars for a joint cruise to Long Trail Brewery, where we enjoyed lunch and club-to-club socializing. Events like this are a fantastic way to connect with fellow Corvette enthusiasts and make new friends.



- After lunch Mike and Terri played an adult size game of Junga, guess who lost?
- On June 18th, the Forge and Vine Restaurant in Groton, MA hosted an All-Corvette Show, featuring several Gate City Corvette Club members' cars front and center. Although the weather was a bit dreary earlier in the afternoon, it cleared up just in time, making for a beautiful evening. It was great to reconnect with old friends and former members who came out to enjoy the show too.



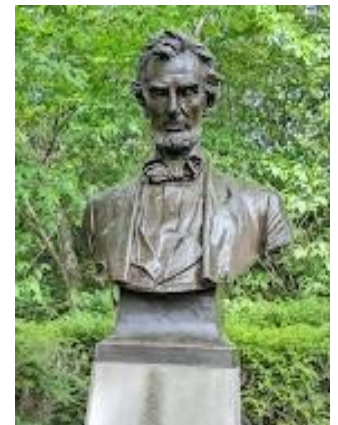


## St. Gaudens Cruise Review – June 2025

On Sunday 29 June 9 cars and 17 club members gathered for a cruise to St. Gaudens National Historic Park in Cornish, NH. The weather was great, some sun, overcast at times, but overall, we were quite comfortable and those with convertibles enjoyed some top-down cruising. Our travels took us along winding country roadways where we enjoyed the mountains, rivers, lakes, valleys, covered bridges, and quaint New England villages.



Arriving at St. Gaudens, we parked, went to the visitor's center, got our badges, then headed out onto the grounds and used the provided maps to guide us to the various places on the site.





After everyone was ready, we continued on our journey. From St. Gaudens we went across the Windsor Covered Bridge into Vermont where we headed south on US-5 for Brattleboro, VT and our lunch stop at Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza. Along the way we enjoyed seeing the newly planted fields, the Connecticut River, and views of the mountains and valleys. Along the way the leader missed a turn, and we had a challenge getting all the cars back on the correct route (all made it without incident). Arriving at Ramunto's Brick Oven Pizza we were greeted by our waitress (who was at the entrance to watch our arrival). Inside we were seated at one long table, started with beverages, then ordered our lunches. By the sounds in the room, all had a good time and as usual, were enjoying the company. After lunch, some folks headed out on their own for home, while others joined a group to follow into NH and home.

Another successful Gate City Corvette Club cruise!

Larry Goelz

Upcoming events in **July**:

- **7<sup>th</sup> Dinner & a movie** – the 6:45pm showing of the new F1 movie with Brad Pitt at the AMC Tyngsboro 12 cinema with dinner at 5:00pm before the movie at Tavern in the Square.
- **11<sup>th</sup>** is our **July club social and meeting** at Murphy's.
- **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Club picnic w/guided cruise to the Pembroke Pavilion.**
- **20<sup>th</sup> Cruise to the USS Albacore (AGSS-569) retired submarine and museum tour then lunch.**

If you haven't already, be sure to make your reservations for our **Finger Lakes trip**, happening **October 5th–8th**. Keep in mind, you can **cancel up to 30 days** before departure, if needed. Check out the flyer included in this newsletter for more information. I'll also be sending a separate email with full details about this exciting weekend getaway—including all the amazing sights and activities—so you can start planning now.

- We're very excited to have members from GCCC (NH), VOCM (ME), and the Corvette Club of VT already registered for this fantastic New York adventure! Another combined club event!

Our next club meeting is set for **Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>** at Murphy's! If the weather cooperates, we can enjoy an adult beverage and socialize out on the patio before dinner and the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing a parking lot full of Corvettes!



Cheers,  
Kevin LeBlond / Larry Goelz

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








# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## 2025 Club Activities Calendar

Revised June 28, 2025

-  GCCC Event
-  NCM Event
-  Other Event

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

### July

- 6 open
- 7 Dinner & Movie
- 11 Club Meeting
- 13 **GCCC Annual Summer Picnic**  
Norm to lead caravan to Pembroke
- 20 **USS Albacore submarine & museum tour w/lunch**  
Larry to lead caravan to Portsmouth
- 27 open

### August

- 3 open
- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 **Kringle Candle w/brunch @ The Farm Table Restaurant**  
Kevin to lead to Kringle
- 17 open
- 24 Possibly a Mystery Ride?
- 31 Labor Day weekend

### September

- 7 Open
- 10 (Wednesday evening) **Lake Sunapee Dinner Cruise** –  
Larry to lead to Sunapee Harbor
- 12 Club Meeting
- 14 **Castle in the Clouds** - Annual Fall Picnic – Kevin to lead caravan to Castle
- 20 **GCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**
- 21 open
- 25 – 28 **NCM Caravan Reunion**

### October

- 5 - 8 **GCCC Finger Lake Get-away** – Kevin to lead caravan to hotel  
Picking up Vermont attendees and possibly Maine attendees too
- 10 Club Meeting
- 19 or 26 - End of year cruise weather permitting

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# **GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

## **Annual Summer Picnic**

*for members and their families*

**Sunday, July 13, 2025**

**11:00 am – 4:00 pm**



**Location: Pembroke Memorial Park  
Pembroke, New Hampshire  
45 Pleasant St. (GPS Marker)**

(Junction of Pleasant & Exchange Street) Continue west on Pleasant St. toward river, Pembroke Public Works Building is on left, Memorial Field is straight ahead; go down a small hill, picnic area is on the left.

Club provides burgers and hotdogs.  
Members provide sides or desserts to share. Bring your own beverages. Optional: Games, Lawn Chairs, Sunscreen.

**RSVP Norm & Sue**

[woodnorman@comcast.net](mailto:woodnorman@comcast.net) (603) 759-2595

**Hope to see you there!!**

# **GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

**Let's get together!**

**Sunday,  
August 10, 2025**



**Cruise to Kringle Candle (for the ladies)**

**220 South Street, Bernardston, MA**



**Meeting Place:**

**Arrive 8:30 am**

**Irving Gas Station**

**792 Elm St, Milford, NH**

**Departure 9:00 am**

**Arrive at Kringle 11:00 am**

**Bunch at 11:30 am**

**Shopping before & after**

**Brunch at The Farm Table Restaurant**

**Across the street from Kringle Candle**

**<https://kringlecandle.com/> <https://farmtable.com/menu>**

**Depart 1:30 for Ice Cream stop at Kimball's in Jaffrey**

**Kevin & Georgia LeBlond [kgvert1@outlook.com](mailto:kgvert1@outlook.com)**

**Please RSVP NLT (no later than) Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**What's more fun than friends and food?**



# 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



# 16 Times a Charm at Bar Harbor

By Larry Goelz

Ingrid and I attended our 16<sup>th</sup> Bar Harbor Tour this past May. Our first time was in 2009 and we were unable to find anyone in Gate City Corvette Club to attend with us. No matter, we went, met a lot of people and got to know Barry and Deb Sheperd, who orchestrated the event, and continue to do so today. The format is basically the same over the years but still works quite well and this event draws folks from New England and beyond as well as from Canada (fewer this year due to the tariff issue between the two countries).

One of my goals has been to get GCCC club members to attend with us, and as I would sit at each year's banquet where an award was presented to the club with the most attendees, I hoped that one day GCCC would get that award. So, as time passed several members signed up to attend the Bar Harbor Tour and eventually, we grew to be 5 or 6 cars heading north to attend the event. As the date for the 2025 Bar Harbor Tour started to come into sight, we had 6 or 7 cars signed up. Then several more members were able to register given that a number of Canadian attendees cancelled, opening up the registration, which had been closed. As we approached our departure date, we had 11 cars (21 members) set to go. Unfortunately, one member had a medical issue and had to drop out, so we were sending 10 cars to the event.

As we generally do, we met at the Bonsai Restaurant. The group included Brad/Linda Davis, Bob/Carol DiMeo, Jerry Ellner, Larry/Ingrid Goelz, Kevin/Georgia LeBlond, Larry/Heather Shields, David/Linda Sutherland, John/Beth Swiniarski, and Norm/Sue Wood. Heading up Thursday was Ed/Sandy Bourgeois.

We headed out Rt. 101 to pick up I-95. After stopping at the Kittery, ME rest area, we continued on I-95 to Portland, ME where we picked up I-295 into Freeport, ME then picked up Rt.1 which runs along the coast. Much more enjoyable than I-95. In Waldoboro, ME we stopped at Moody's Diner for lunch and were joined by Brad and Linda Davis.



Figure 2 Pit Stop!



Figure 1 Lunch Break at Moody's



After lunch we continued on Rt. 1 and arrived at our hotels (Wonder View Inn, Blue Nose Inn, Bar Harbor Motel) around 3 PM, checked in, and we all met at Jack Russell's Restaurant for dinner in the evening.

Thursday, we picked up our goodie bags, then went to breakfast at Jeannies Great Maine Breakfast restaurant in downtown Bar Harbor. After breakfast we split up into groups, with most starting work on the Bar Harbor Tour SAT (walking rally – list of items to have on hand, list of items to locate in Bar Harbor, and list of questions to answer – to be turned in on Saturday). The morning for us (Norm, Sue, Ingrid and me) included the ladies shopping, Norm and I working on the Walley, and meeting up with Brad and Linda for lunch at the Dog and Pony Tavern.

In the afternoon, a group of us sat on the Looking Glass restaurant deck, which is next to the Wonder View Inn, overlooking the harbor. After trying to solve the problems of the world (not much progress), we decided to have dinner at the Nor'easter Pound and Market located in Northeast Harbor



Figure 3 View of the Harbor



After we attended the events Meet and Greet at the Blue Nose Inn lounge, where the attendees got to renew friendships, made new friends, and enjoyed the gathering.

Figure 4 Meet and Greet at the Blue Nose



After the Meet and Greet, a group of us headed out for Northeast Harbor where we enjoyed our dinners, discussed what we would do the next day, then returned to Bar Harbor and retired for the night.

Friday arrived and offered light rain. Several of us went to the Looking Glass restaurant for breakfast (as it was about 100 feet from our rooms). After breakfast and working on the Walley, we decided to go to Birch Harbor and have lunch at Bunkers Seafood and Spirits. The restaurant is located in Birch Harbor, ME and sits overlooking the harbor. All agreed the seafood was outstanding, and decided that we would have to return to Bunkers next year!



Figure 5 Our Crowd at Bunkers



Figure 6 Bunkers Seafood & Spirits

After lunch we headed back to Trenton, ME to see an awesome car collection which belongs to a member of Vettes of Coastal Maine. The collection is about 90 vehicles – 60 at the location in Trenton and 30 at his home in Bar Harbor. Corvettes make up the majority of the cars, and included in the rest are muscle cars, and a '55 Mercedes Gull Wing, several brass era cars, (plus others). In the Corvette collection there are 26 1963 split window coupes. We appreciated that the VOCM club member opened the collection to the Bar Harbor Tour attendees.



Figure 6 One Fabulous Collection



Figure 5 More of the Collection



Later in the afternoon, there was a gathering for the participants on the deck of the Looking Glass restaurant. There were “snacks” for all, a cash bar, updates on the Walley, then the names of the people chosen to be finalist for the King and Queen of the Riverdale High Prom (banquet) were announced. From our GCCC group, one King-finalist, Bob DiMeo, and two Queen-finalist were chosen, Beth Swiniarski and Sue Wood. After the gathering broke up, our group (plus some others) remained behind to enjoy cocktails and the harbor view. As time went by, we decided that most were not up for dinner (considering the appetizers most consumed) and decided to call it a night.

Saturday continued with overcast and showers, which caused the car show on the Bar Harbor town field to be cancelled and to be held at the Wonder View Inn. As we decided not to put our cars into the car show, we hung around, some went to the car show area to pick up a raffle prize, then we went to the Looking Glass for lunch. After lunch, the weather was still miserable, however Norm and I decided to give Walley one more go downtown, rain or no rain. This was a very good idea as we were able to find several more items from the Walley list. From downtown, we headed back to the Blue Nose Inn to hand in our Walley results, then went back to our rooms to get ready for the evenings Banquet.

Upon arrival at the Banquet Hall, everyone had their picture taken, then headed to the reserved tables for our group.

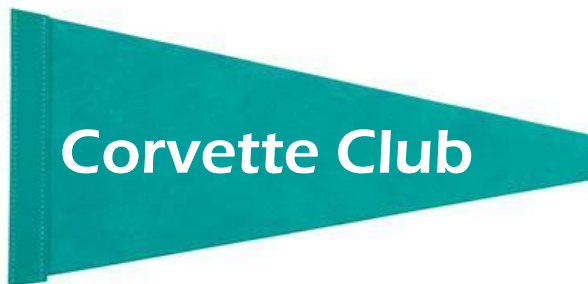




The banquet started at 5:30 PM and there was bus transportation for anyone who wanted it, and others could drive to the event (about ½ mile from the hotels). There was a cash bar and during cocktails, awards were stated to be handed out. For the Walley, Larry Shields picked up \$20.00, Norm Wood got \$10.00, I got \$10.00, and the plaque for best club participation was awarded to GCCC.

Then dinner was served, dancing commenced, then more prizes. First, a one night's room credit was awarded to Bob DiMeo, Norm Wood, and me, then Dave and Linda Sutherland won the Bar Harbor gift basket for being first time participants, then all event participants received an event plaque, winners were picked for a donated bi-plane flight at Owls Head Transportation Museum, plus another donated item. Then the King and Queen of the prom were picked and Beth Swiniarski was picked as the Queen of the prom. After the awards, dancing continued, people connected with each other, and all had a great time.

On Sunday (sunny), we checked out, reserved our room for the event next year, then small groups headed for home. Another great Bar Harbor Tour was enjoyed by all. See you next year!!!





## MORE SCENES FROM BAR HARBOR



## GCCC Albacore Park Cruise

**Sunday 20 July 2025**

**USS Albacore (AGSS-569)** is a retired, unique research submarine that pioneered the American version of the teardrop hull form, sometimes called an "*Albacore* hull", of modern submarines. The revolutionary design was derived from extensive hydrodynamic and wind tunnel testing, with an emphasis on underwater speed and maneuverability. She was the third vessel of the United States Navy to be named for the albacore.





Her keel was laid down on 15 March 1952 by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard of Kittery, Maine. She was launched on 1 August 1953, sponsored by Mrs. J. E. Jowers, the widow of Chief Motor Machinist's Mate Arthur L. Stanton, lost with the second *Albacore* (SS-218), and commissioned on 6 December 1953 with Lieutenant Commander Kenneth C. Gummerson in command.

The effectiveness of submarines in World War II convinced both the Soviet Navy and the United States Navy that undersea warfare would play an even more important role in coming conflicts and dictated development of superior submarines. The advent of nuclear power nourished the hope that such warships could be produced. The effort to achieve this goal involved the development of a nuclear propulsion system and the design of a streamlined submarine hull capable of optimum submerged performance.

A non-profit group, the Portsmouth Submarine Memorial Association, was formed to bring the *Albacore* back to Portsmouth and place her on permanent display, designed to be on dry land so the entire submarine would be visible. The *Albacore* was towed back to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in April 1984, by an Army Reserve tugboat in a journey of 575 miles (925 km) that took 70 hours.

In May 1985, she was moved across Portsmouth Harbor to a permanent display site. The move was difficult, as a railway trestle had to be removed and a temporary cut, large enough to float her through, had to be made across a four-lane road. During the move, the *Albacore* struck bottom three times, followed by a catastrophic derailment of the temporary marine railway that had been constructed to bring her out of the water. [The *Albacore* was left grounded in mud, short of her final resting place.] Months later, a temporary cofferdam was constructed, she was re-floated, and on 3 October 1985, she was successfully placed in her permanent display cradle. After significant volunteer work to prepare her for display, the *Albacore* opened to the public on 30 August 1986.

*Albacore* is located at Albacore Park, 600 Market Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. She is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was designated a National Historic Landmark on 11 April 1989. In 2005, the United States Submarine Veterans of World War II inducted the *Albacore* into the Submarine Hall of Fame. In 2016, the basin area around the submarine at Albacore Park was completely reconstructed.

Our cruise to the Albacore Park in Portsmouth, NH will leave from The Bonsai Restaurant, 2264 Candia Road, Manchester, NH at 8:30 AM, heading east, passing through small towns that dot the countryside leading into Portsmouth and ending at Albacore Park where we will go through the USS Albacore, then visit the Museum.

After we complete our visit, we will head west again through the countryside to The Original Johnson's Dairy Bar and Northwoods Brewing Co, arriving at 12:30 PM, where we will have lunch. After lunch we will head home. Total trip will be approximately 90 miles.

**Please RSVP to [lstarrg@comcast.net](mailto:lstarrg@comcast.net) by 11 July if you wish to join this cruise!**

Larry Goelz

**President:** David welcomed everyone to the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting at Murphy's Taproom.

**Membership Director:** Tom introduced Dave Rindo who is now an official member. Welcome, Dave!

**Treasurer:** Dean provided an updated treasurer's report. All Spring Fling related invoices submitted have been paid. If you have a Spring Fling related expense to be reimbursed, please let him know. He said we had a large number of trophy sponsors from businesses as well as members. The club will make donations to the Front Door Agency and Nashua Soup Kitchen. In addition, Corvette Club of Rhode Island provided a check for the Nashua Soup Kitchen. Proceeds from the 50/50 raffle will go to the American Cancer Society. David thanked everyone for helping make Spring Fling a success.

Last month the club approved an expenditure of \$600.00 to the National Corvette Museum to replace the GCCC brick located at the entrance of the museum. The original one has become worn over time.

**Vice President/Activities Director:** Kevin said the cruise to Quechee Gorge is on. He expects good weather; however, a few sprinkles of rain will not stop this cruise. Our club will meet up with members of a Vermont club for lunch at the Long Trail Brewing Company.

Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> is an all-Corvette display at Forge & Vine on Main Street in Groton, MA. A grassy area will be reserved for GCCC Corvettes. Please wear club shirts and name tags.

If you think you want to go on the club fall trip to the Finger Lakes Region of New York, please don't hesitate to make your hotel reservations. You won't want to miss out!

Larry G. is coordinating a trip to St. Gaudens National Historical Park in Cornish, NH. This is approximately a 2-hour drive. Lunch is planned at a restaurant in Brattleboro, Vermont.

Kevin said he brought their daily driver to Auto Envy and he is very happy with the work done. The paint is brilliant and swirls and scratches are gone! He got the 1-year ceramic coating. GCCC members get discounted pricing.

**Officer at Large:** Norm mentioned Back to the Beach in Old Orchard, Maine is taking place this weekend. He has heard rumors this may be the last year for this event.

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. This is a rain or shine event as we will be under the pavilion. (Actual bathrooms are available.) Norm will send out an email with details. The club provides hamburgers and hotdogs, and members generally contribute appetizers, sides and desserts. He will start a list in advance to avoid duplications.

Norm provided details about Laps for Charity at NHMS in Loudon, NH. June 27<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> is the road course at the speedway. September 12<sup>th</sup> is the oval. 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!

For a list of New England Corvette cruise nights and events see page 34.

**NCM Ambassador:** Larry thanked everyone who attended Vettes of Coastal Maine's recent Bar Harbor event. He was excited to announce GCCC took best participation! He passed around a plaque awarded by VOCM. Our own Beth was Prom Queen! They also enjoyed a team-walking rally.



As previously mentioned, the club's brick at the entryway to the Museum will be replaced. Larry suggested the old one be auctioned at an event. He also reminded members that the NCM offers Corvette insurance at a cost that may be much lower than your present insurance carrier. [Please note: Larry has submitted a correction to his report. At the meeting, he stated NCM members should have received the NCM 2024 Annual Report. In checking with the NCM, the annual reports are sent only to Lifetime Members and Donors.]

Dave Rindo won the 50/50. Jerry Ellner won the member raffle. David adjourned the meeting.



## From the Gate City Corvette Club Photo Archives

Who could forget Gate City's pizza baking class at the King Arthur Baking Company in Norwich, VT coordinated by Mike & Jill. Aprons on, we were ready to stick our hands in the dough. Of course, it soon turned into an intense competition between couples. Norm and Sue were the clear winners for the best-looking pizza to come out of the pizza oven. Mike Dupont was most stylish baker with bright green baker's hat to match his green Viper.



## 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 July birthdays!



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

PO Box 623, Nashua, NH 03061  
www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com



## 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. _____	_____	_____

# INTRODUCING THE NEW 2026 ZR1X

## A True American Hypercar

2025-06-17



Blade Silver Corvette ZR1X and Sebring Orange Tintcoat Corvette ZR1X Convertible with ZTK Performance Package. Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.

Chevrolet is introducing an all-wheel drive Corvette worthy of the storied ZR1 designation: the 2026 Corvette ZR1X. With 1,250 horsepower<sup>1</sup> and electrified all-wheel drive, ZR1X is a true American hypercar and the most advanced Corvette ever. With ZR1 and ZR1X, Chevrolet now has the most powerful American performance car duo of any auto manufacturer.

ZR1X features:

- LT7 twin-turbo V8: 1,064 horsepower at 7,000 rpm, 828 lb-ft of torque at 6,000 rpm
- Front-axle motor: 186 horsepower and 145 lb-ft of torque
- GM-estimated 0-60: Under 2 seconds
- GM-estimated  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile: Under 9 seconds, with trap speed over 150 mph<sup>2</sup>

“From day one, we designed the mid-engine Corvette architecture with ZR1X in mind,” said General Motors senior VP Ken Morris. “This is the most revolutionary platform in Corvette history, supporting the widest range of American sports cars<sup>3</sup> and delivering world-class performance at every level.”





New Corvette ZR1X badge on 2026 Corvette ZR1X in Blade Silver Metallic.  
Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.

### Otherworldly power, impressive traction

America's hypercar starts with the ZR1's LT7 V8, generating more power than any other V8 produced by an American auto manufacturer — 1,064 horsepower and 828 lb-ft of torque, sent to the rear wheels through an 8-speed dual-clutch transmission. With a forged flat-plane crankshaft, finger-follower valvetrain, and dry-sump lubrication, this hand-built 5.5-liter Gemini small-block V8 was developed alongside the naturally aspirated flat-plane crankshaft engines powering the Corvette Z06 and Z06 GT3.R race car. This mighty V8 includes:

- Dual 76-mm turbochargers
- A “maniturbo” exhaust design that combines the manifold and turbocharger housing to get the turbos as close to the exhaust valves as possible, improving throttle response by decreasing time needed to build boost
- Dynamic anti-lag controls that maintain turbo speed when off-throttle in certain situations so boost is available rapidly when throttle is reapplied

Where ZR1 embodies the rear-wheel drive precedent set by prior generations, the Corvette team added all-wheel drive capability for a new take on performance. ZR1X benefits from the foundation set in 2024 by E-Ray, the first-ever AWD Corvette, combining a high-voltage battery pack and electric motor driving the front axle with V8 propulsion turning the rear axle. There is no physical connection between the two power sources on ZR1X, and the electrified propulsion system does not require a plug-in — charging takes place through regenerative efforts from the front drive unit.

ZR1X's battery pack, located low and centralized within the rigid spine of the chassis, was designed specifically to rapidly cycle between applying bursts of power and charging. This robust pack has been tested at tracks around the world and conquered Corvette's 24-hour track durability test. While the battery capacity is 1.9 kWh like E-Ray, the usable energy has grown to provide greater lapping capability. This improvement raises the peak operating voltage, which increases the power output from the front drive unit.

The compact electric motor on the front axle is capable of 186 hp and 145 lb-ft of torque on demand. While retaining the same shape and size of the E-Ray front drive unit, the ZR1X unit pairs strengthened internal components and improvements in energy deployment to generate an additional 26 hp and 20 lb-ft of torque. The front axle is engaged and can apply power through 160 mph before disconnecting, directly benefitting ZR1X's quarter-mile acceleration stats and on-track balance.

### Two propulsion systems, one mission

The eAWD chassis controls system designed for E-Ray has undergone a significant upgrade for ZR1X. With the benefit of experience on this electrified AWD architecture, the development team applied knowledge from E-Ray to solutions specifically for the LT7's character and capability. The result is evident in on-road drivability and on-track performance. ZR1X is constantly monitoring driver inputs and vehicle conditions to blend power at both axles for responsiveness and traction management.



2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X in Blade Silver Metallic.  
Preproduction model shown, actual production model may vary.



On track, ZR1X utilizes specialized energy strategies designed to maximize electrified output based on track session demands and driver preferences:

- Endurance – Engaging the Charge+ button adjusts the battery’s energy storage strategy for extended lapping and consistent eAWD output for a full tank of fuel
- Qualifying – Optimum power strategy for the ultimate lap time
- Push-to-Pass – Max available power on-demand

PTM Pro, new for 2026 on all Corvettes, was designed with ZR1X in mind. PTM Pro delivers the purest driving experience. While this setting turns off traction and stability control, the following features remain active:

- Regen Brake Torque Vectoring – engineered to recover peak energy without sacrificing agility
- Front Axle Pre-Control – actively manages inside front brake pressure to enable maximum corner-exit traction
- Launch Control – customizable settings enable rapid acceleration from a rest

### **Ultimate authority on-road and at the track**

The ZR1X balances impressive power with robust brakes specifically developed with this car in mind. The J59 braking package, standard on ZR1X and an option on ZR1, is a clean-sheet design intended for superior heat resistance and ultra-responsive braking.

Alcon 10-piston front and 6-piston rear calipers are mated to 16.5-inch front and rear rotors — the largest diameter rotors ever offered on Corvette. The rotors are carbon ceramic, constructed with continuously woven carbon fiber threads.

This is the most resilient production car braking system we’ve tested within GM. And during testing, we saw J59-equipped Corvettes achieve 1.9G of deceleration from 180 to 120 mph.

ZR1X is offered in two chassis configurations that both feature magnetic ride control — adjusting to the vehicle’s mode, driver inputs and the road surface for optimal control. The standard chassis, accompanied by Michelin PS4S tires, makes for a comfortable touring car on-road and a highly capable Corvette at the track. The available ZTK Performance Package incorporates higher spring rates and is firmer. Paired with the grip of Michelin’s Pilot Cup 2R tires, this is the pinnacle of Corvette performance.

Customers can equip the high-downforce Carbon Aero package to a standard chassis ZR1X, adding dive planes, underbody strakes, a hood gurney lip over the front heat extractor and a highly effective rear wing. This package is capable of 1,200 lbs of downforce at top speed and comes standard on ZTK-equipped cars.

## The pinnacle of Corvette performance

The 2026 Corvette ZR1X is the ultimate expression of the no-compromise eighth generation platform. It's an all-day comfortable tourer, a straight-line rocket, and a racetrack weapon, all in one. Like every iconic sports car in the Corvette lineup, ZR1X will be available in coupe or hardtop convertible body style. ZR1X enters the market with Corvette's fresh interior revealed last month. A new three-screen layout and reimagined console design, real-time vehicle data provided by the built-in Performance App, and new colors and high-quality materials all highlight the 2026 Corvette interior.

Every ZR1X will be proudly built in America at General Motors' Bowling Green Assembly Plant in Kentucky from U.S. and globally sourced parts, with every LT7 engine hand-assembled by the master engine builders at the Bowling Green Performance Build Center. Further details on price and availability will be shared closer to production.

<sup>1</sup>1,064 horsepower from the LT7 5.5L V8 engine plus 186 horsepower from the eAWD (electric drive unit). <sup>2</sup>On a closed course only. Based on initial vehicle movement. <sup>3</sup>Assembled in Bowling Green, Kentucky of U.S. and globally sourced parts



<https://pressroom.chevrolet.com/gmbx/us/en/chevrolet/pressroom/news.detail.html/Pages/news/us/en/2025/jun/0617-2026-Corvette-ZR1X-hypercar.html>





## Ambassador's NCM Update

**July 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/pacific-mint-corvette-collectors-edition-medallions-1978-25th-anniversary-edition-corvette/?mc\\_cid=cc8e366331&mc\\_eid=67bd494ac1](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/pacific-mint-corvette-collectors-edition-medallions-1978-25th-anniversary-edition-corvette/?mc_cid=cc8e366331&mc_eid=67bd494ac1)

The National Corvette Museum holds all kinds of objects celebrating Corvette anniversaries, from limited edition collectibles to milestone automobiles. One car in the collection is the 25th Anniversary Edition Corvette from 1978, which is distinguished by its two-toned silver paint. This car, along with other memorable Corvettes, is depicted in a collectible set of medallions released by Pacific Mint in 1993. The medallions, which look similar to large, brightly colored postage stamps, celebrate the first 40 years of Corvette's evolution in performance and style.



### **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

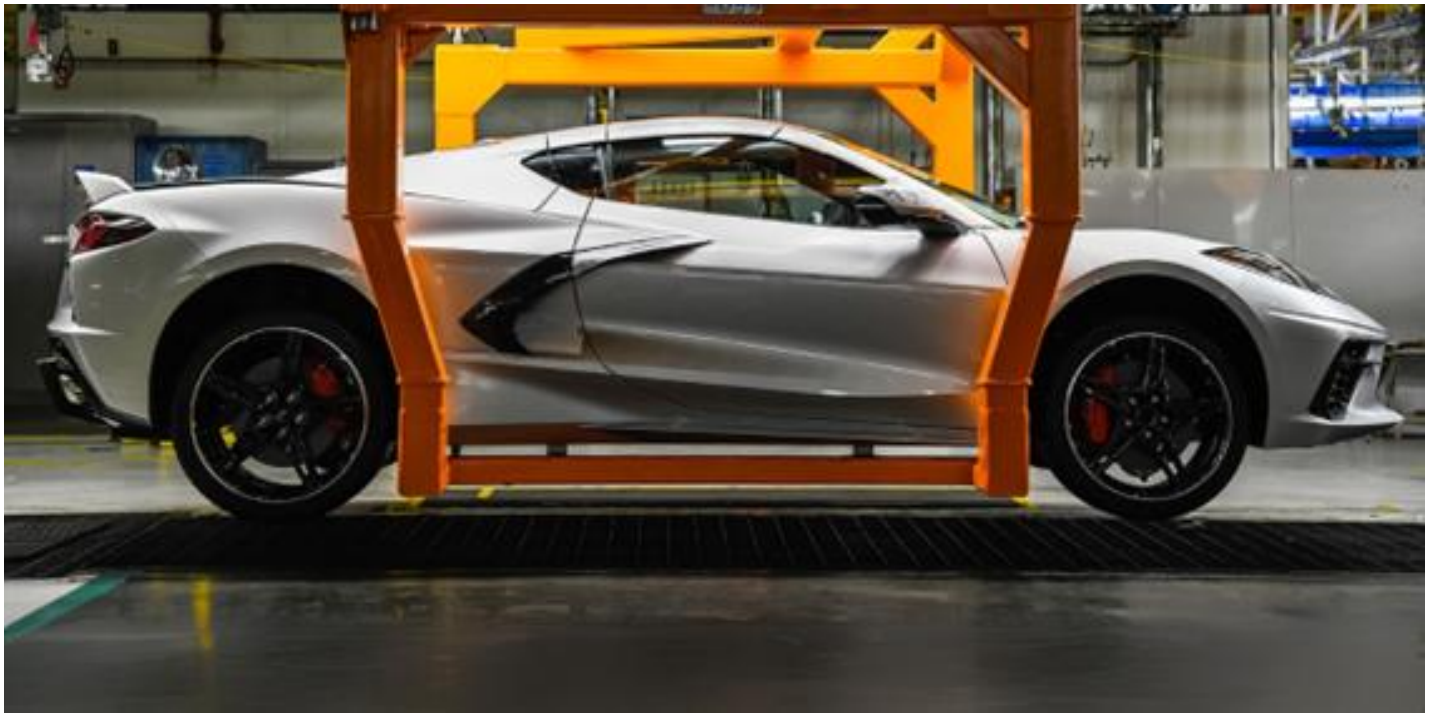
Slated for opening in the second half of 2025, the expanded and reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame will shine a brighter spotlight on the incredible individuals who've shaped the Corvette legacy. This revitalized space will celebrate the passion, innovation, and contributions of Hall of Fame members in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



## History in the Making: Quinlan Corvette Preservation Complete

This 1953 Corvette was the first vehicle loaned to the Museum upon its opening and officially donated in 2002. It represents the origin of our mission to educate worldwide audiences on the legacy of America's Sports Car.





### **Plant Tours Return for Select Dates**

Go behind the scenes at the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant, where America's Sports Car comes to life. This immersive experience takes you inside the intricate Corvette assembly process, from start to finish. Plant Tours are offered on select dates only. Please review the available weeks before booking: Week of August 11, Week of August 25, Week of November 10 (not available on 11/11).

### **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.



2025 Sea Wolf Gray Coupe  
Price: \$100 Tickets: 2000  
Drawing: July 10, 2025



2025 Torch Red Convertible  
Price: \$200.00 Tickets: 1500  
Drawing: July 31, 2025



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2026 Blade Silver Coupe  
Price: \$150 Tickets 1500  
Drawing: August 14, 2025



2025 Arctic White Z06 Convertible  
Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500  
Drawing: August 29, 2025



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
- 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 \$2000.00, Senior member (over 65) \$750.00 20 years

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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!

*"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

## That Poor Vette

When you're running your white C7 against a Ford Mustang on the drag strip, you really gotta fly down the track. But you need to take that little bit of extra care not to FLY down the track. As the lights went green, the Mustang got the jump on the Vette, but the Vette was reeling him in when suddenly things got a little out of hand and the front end had a better lift-off than a Space X rocket. Thankfully the owner of the Vette had put a bunch of money into safety systems in the car, knowing he would be drag racing the car. While the car broke into many pieces, the owner came through the crash okay.



TPV Submitted by Larry Shields



# New England Cruise Nights & Car Shows

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.

June 27, 2025 - Friday. Laps for Charity at NH Motor Speedway. Road course starts at 3:30 - 7:00pm. \$50 for 3 Group Laps (up to 5 cars at a time) or \$150 for 5 VIP Laps (you and pace car only). Register at the track or online. Further information: Danielle Cyr at [dcyr@nhms.com](mailto:dcyr@nhms.com)

August 1, 2025 - Friday "Corvette Shout Out" at New England Dragway, Epping N.H. by Bay State Corvette. More information at [www.baystatecorvetteclub.com](http://www.baystatecorvetteclub.com)

August 3, 2025 – Club Corvette of Connecticut 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show, Moroso Performance Products, Goose Lane, Guilford, CT, 8am – 3pm. (Rain date August 10.) \$25 Judged Class, \$20 Fun Field. More information at [www.clubcorvettect.com](http://www.clubcorvettect.com)

August 9, 2025 - Saturday. "8th Annual Salute the Troops Charity Car Show" at Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Merrimack, N.H. 9am to 2pm. \$15.00 entrance fee.

August 15, 2025 - Friday. Laps for Charity at NH Motor Speedway. This is road course and starts at 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM. Cost is \$50 for 3 Group Laps (up to 5 at a time) or \$150 for 5 VIP Laps (you and Pace car only). You register at the race track or online ahead of time. More information from Danielle Cyr at [dcyr@nhms.com](mailto:dcyr@nhms.com)

August 24, 2025 – Corvette Club of Rhode Island, Corvettes & Classics by the Sea, Masonic Youth Center, 116 Long St, Warwick, RI, 10am - 2pm. \$20 Entrance Fee. More information at [www.corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com](http://www.corvetteclubofrhodeisland.com)

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.

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