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Hello Members,

Wow! What a great year 2025 has been for Gate City Corvette Club! It's been an enjoyable adventure from our holiday party in January to our pizza meeting in November with many good times in between. In addition, this year was extra special as we celebrated our club's 50th anniversary milestone with a grand celebration in September.

I wish to thank the current Board of Directors – Kevin, Allie, Dean, Norm and Tom. They have the playbook down pat and bring tons of experience and enthusiasm to their positions. They never fail to exceed expectations and set the standards for others to follow into the future.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our annual business and pizza meeting in November. We held our election of Board of Directors for 2026. You will recognize the names; however, some of the titles have changed. Norm, Allie, Dean and Tom remain in their current positions. Kevin moves up to president with Larry G. as vice president. Also, at the meeting, Larry and Kevin provided a preview of coming attractions which include many new activities along with our traditional events.

This is the last hurrah for Allie as our esteemed editor-in-chief of our newsletter. You all know that when I recognize Allie at meetings, I always say we have the best newsletter in the Corvette community. We can just imagine the hours it takes to create page by page month after month. A thousand thanks to Allie for all her many years of service. With that said, Georgia has volunteered to take on this responsibility. She has created many newsletters in her former life and is looking forward to bringing her experience and ideas to our newsletter.

So, this is it! Being president of GCCC for the past several years has been a special privilege for me. I am grateful for every one of you and the good times we are fortunate to share. As a new member, when I raised my hand to run for president, I really had no idea what I was getting myself into. My only goal was to give it my best. I never dreamed the club would come to feel like home and the members like family. It has been my honor to serve as your president.

Best wishes and Happy Holidays!

David Osgood

The purpose of Gate City Corvette Club is to make being a Corvette owner more fun. Our club meets the second Friday of the month at Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House, 393 State Rte. 101, Bedford, New Hampshire. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Vice President Kevin LeBlond

Happy December Everyone!

As I look back on Gate City's 2025 season, I'm grateful for everything we've experienced and achieved together as a club. This year brought exciting changes and improvements, countless miles traveled, new destinations explored, and the joy of welcoming new members—and new friends from other Corvette clubs — into our community. While our love for the Corvette—the greatest American sports car—first united us, it's the friendships we've built, old and new that make our club continue to feel like family. I'm excited and looking forward to seeing what 2026 brings all of us.

Following last month's Board election, a few transitions are underway. Larry G. will now serve as your Vice President/Activities Director, and I will be taking on the role of President. Since then, I've been asked a few times, "As you move into the President role, will our activities and ride planning be affected?" Great question. As many of you know, Larry stepped up last year, making sure our club's activities and cruises ran smoothly while I faced my medical challenges. Afterwards, we continued to work as a team for the balance of the year. As Larry assumes the role of VP and Activities Director, we will continue working as a team planning, scheduling, and leading cruises in 2026. We have already spent hours working together on a draft schedule for next year which was presented at the November pizza party. So, rest assured the fun we all had in 2025 will continue in '26 with new cruises, destinations, overnight trips. But we won't forget our staple events such as our Holiday Party, brunch & lunch get togethers in the off season, Spring Fling, our summer picnic in Pembrook, our fall picnic at the Castle in the Clouds and finally our pizza party in November.

With that in mind, do you have ideas for next year? We'd love to hear them! Members, this is your club—help us shape 2026. Whether it's a favorite ride or an unforgettable destination, send your suggestions to Larry G. or me. Let's create some epic adventures together that we'll all remember! Don't be afraid that if you suggest something you'll 'own it'. You suggest it and we'll do all the heavy lift from planning to leading.

As a reminder, there is no regular meeting in December and January. Our next gathering is **Saturday January 17th, 2026** for our annual **Holiday Party**.

And finally, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! May the season surround you and your family with joy, laughter and **good health** in 2026!

Cheers, Kevin LeBlond



FESTA DI NATALE





Fratello's Italian Grille
155 Dow Street
Manchester, New Hampshire

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Cost: \$55.00 Per Person

Prizes, Raffles, Silent Auction & Traditional Yankee Swap (Joke Gifts wrapped & labeled man, woman or either under \$25.00)

RSVP and Payment due by December 27th Kevin LeBlond kgvert1@outlook.com

Please mail you check made out to Gate City Corvette Club to: Kevin LeBlond, 239 Pead Hill Road, Wilton, NH, 03086

Hope to see you there!!

President: David Osgood welcomed everyone to the November 13th meeting at Murphy's Taproom.

David told us about the experience on the track at Watkins Glen in New York. After the first lap Kevin's facial expression said it all... the SUVs needed to be separated out from the Corvettes for the next lap!

Membership Director: Tom introduced Linda and Kevin Brook attending their second meeting. They are the owners of a blue Grand Sport. Welcome!



Officer at Large: Norm said his Corvette is going to the dealership for a transmission flush. This is part of the necessary maintenance of the C8 when it reaches around the 7500-mile marker. At this time the filter must be changed, as well. There is a schedule of maintenance of this service that needs to be followed. Check with the dealership for more info. There is lots of info on the internet as well.

Also, Norm talked about a special on Michelin tires – buy 3 tires and get the 4th for \$1.00. This is a limited time offer. Check with MacMulkin if you are in need of tires. You might be able to buy the tires now and ask the dealership to hold them until spring.

Treasurer: Dean gave an update on the club's financial status. The cost of the 50th party has been deducted. The next expense will be contributions to the charities we support at the holidays.

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. talked about a new building at the National Corvette Museum. It will house all Corvette collections and memorabilia. Also, preservation work will be done in the new building. As an ambassador, Larry submits his points earned to the NCM on a yearly basis and, therefore, he asks that you let him know if you join or rejoin the museum, purchase Corvette raffle tickets, or Corvette insurance, etc. He must submit his points and reapply on a yearly basis to remain ambassador. Next year the museum will raffle off a few memberships and guest passes. Purchasing a 5-year membership will save money over purchasing membership on an annual basis. Seniors get a discounted rate. Corvette raffle tickets may be purchased on the NCM website. Please talk with Larry if you have questions. He is always happy to provide information about the Museum.

Vice President/Activities Director: Kevin and Larry G. gave a presentation of GCCC events to come. They have already done a tremendous amount of work on the event calendar for 2026! Their list for next year looks very exciting. [I won't go into detail here as I am sure they will keep you informed in reports and emails.] Kevin reminded everyone about the upcoming Holiday Party on January 17th. [Please see flyer on the previous page for details.] Please note: RSVP and payment to be sent to Kevin's home address.

Larry S. said Heather will be reaching out to the membership to coordinate the annual Adopt a Family shopping night. [This program has been aptly rebranded as PROJECT JOY by the Front Door Agency.]

Annual Business:

A ballot vote was held to elect the Board of Directors for 2026. The new board is as follows: President: Kevin LeBlond, Vice President: Larry Goelz, Secretary: Allie DeCampo, Treasurer: Dean Gagne, Membership Director: Tom Stewart, Director at Large: Norm Wood. David Osgood will serve a one-year term as Immediate Past President.

The Proposed Revision of the Bylaws was accepted by the membership.

The membership voted to award honored member status to Al Whittier. Al and Carol joined our club around 1980. Al remains a very enthusiastic and supportive member after all these years. Much of the memorabilia and photos displayed at the 50th anniversary party were collected by Al and Carol over their many years of service to the club.

David announced Allie will be passing on the role of newsletter editor to Georgia in the new year. Georgia also maintains the GCCC website and Facebook page.

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

David adjourned the meeting.





2024



Drivers Start Your Shopping Carts!





HOW TO PROPERLY STORE YOUR CORVETTE FOR WINTER





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That Poor Vette



This is all that's left of this poor Vette after a high-speed pursuit in Muscogee, Georgia. The driver of the Vette was attempting to flee police and was driving at speeds over 100 mph, causing the police to call off the pursuit. Even as they broke off, the car turned off its headlights and continued to flee at speed. However, things didn't end well, as the driver lost control of the vehicle and crashed, causing the car to burst into flames. Amazingly both the driver & the passenger were unharmed and escaped the car... only to be apprehended by the authorities. The driver is now facing around 20 charges related to the events & the attempt to evade arrest.

Contributed by Larry Shields

Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

For Membership Information please visit our website:

http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com/

For more information or if you would like to join, please contact:

Tom Stewart, Membership Director

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

Join us in celebrating December/January birthdays!



Paul Keefe	12/01	David Osgood	12/17
Mike Klyop	12/02	Mike Yensz	12/19
Bob DiMeo	12/04	Sharon White	01/09
Georgia LeBlond	12/12	Kevin LeBlond	01/09
Sandy Bourgeois	12/17	Allie DeCampo	01/29

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

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Street Address		City:			
State:	Zip:	Email:			
Home Phone: _		Cell Phone:			
Joint Members	hip:				
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Street Address	•	City:			
State:	Zip:	Email:			
Home Phone: _		Cell Phone:			
Corvette(s) Des	scription:				
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GCCC MEMBER NEWS







Ed and Sandy bid farewell to the

RDDEVL

as it is off to find a new home.

Exactly what comes next to occupy the empty space in their garage has not yet been divulged, but will arrive in plenty of time for Gate City Corvette Club springtime events!

STOLEN CORVETTE RECOVERED IN MEMPHIS

Larry Goelz

During the 2024 New England Caravan to Bowling Green, Ingrid and I had dinner in Gettysburg with a couple who owned a red Z06 Corvette. (This picture is from Steve Hoffman who sold his wife Kelly's Z06 to the couple.) You may recall that after the 2024 Caravan, 2 cars from our New England group went on to Memphis, Tennessee where both cars were stolen. The first one was found several days later and was stripped. The second had not been found until recently.



Here is what Steve wrote when he sent the picture last week: "This Z06 was Kelly's. Several years ago, we sold it to good friends of ours. Last year after the NCM Anniversary, they went to Memphis. It was stolen from the hotel parking lot. They heard the motor start up, and opened the shade, one of the thieves pointed a gun at them. It was recovered in January this year. (Memphis) About a week ago the owner was notified by the storage yard that it was going to be sold. A fake vin plate was over the original, (front windshield) after checking the correct vin # was found on various locations on the vehicle. Memphis police notified them last week. They were paid by their insurance company last year. Stolen non-recovered vehicle."

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After reading Larry's article, I researched auto theft statistics for Memphis Tennessee. Memphis was #4 on the list of metropolitan cities with the most auto thefts in the US for 2022. Although the percentage has trended downward for the past 2 years, Memphis still has a high rate of stolen vehicles with Corvettes increasingly targeted in 2024. A significant number are stripped for parts. Allie

The chance of having your vehicle stolen is *highest* if you are in:

Washington DC
Colorada
Nevada
Washington
California
New Mexico

The chance of having your vehicle stolen is *lowest* if you are in:

New Hampshire
Maine
Idaho
Massachusetts
West Virginia
Wyoming

Information from autoinsurance.com is prior to 2025

Chevrolet Camaro ZL1 Race Car Set to Debut New Look for 2026 NASCAR Cup Series Season



DETROIT – Chevrolet will hit the track for the 2026 NASCAR Cup Series season sporting an updated design of its Camaro ZL1 racecar, with its competition debut set to come in February at the Cook Out Clash at Bowman Gray.

The latest edition Camaro ZL1 racecar will feature upgraded styling that is aligned with Chevrolet's recently released Camaro ZL1 Carbon Performance Package accessories kit for owners to optimize the performance capabilities of the sixth-generation Camaro ZL1 production car. Chevrolet collaborated with NASCAR and its teams on this update.

The most prominent racecar changes are a larger hood power dome, a revised front grille, and more pronounced rocker panels along the sides of the car. These mirror the new Carbon Performance Package's carbon-fiber hood insert and rockers, plus ZL1 1LE-spec front grille and splitter.

Dating back to 1955, Chevrolet has competed with 14 different nameplates in the NASCAR Cup Series – recording 881 all-time victories, 34 Driver Championships, and 44 Manufacturer Championships, including the past five Manufacturer titles, to earn the title as the winningest manufacturer in the series' history.

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National Corvette Museum

Larry Goelz

Ambassador's NCM Update

December 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/renew memberships, purchase raffle tickets, purchase bricks/tiles/bench, make donations to the museum, get an insurance quote, or purchase insurance from NCM.

New to the Collection 2009 ZR1 Convertible



Abbie Miller refers to the Museum and city of Bowling Green as the natural home of her 2009 Blade Silver ZR1 Corvette. Back in 2008, she made special arrangements to order this car from a dealer in California and ensured she was able to be at GM Bowling Green Assembly to see the car's creation. Her first car was a Ford Fairlane, but she always had her eye on Corvettes. Since she bought her first 1973 Corvette, Abbie has owned a mix of racecars, show cars, and daily drivers, including 14 Corvettes.

This month, Abbie formally handed over the keys and donated her last Corvette, a 2009 ZR1, to the collection at the National Corvette Museum. The car is in pristine condition with under 2,500 miles on it. The car has finally "returned home" and will ensure Abbie's story is forever preserved as a part of Corvette history.



Limited Plant Tours Available for December 8 and 9

Additional Bowling Green Assembly Plant tour spots for December 8 and 9 are now available. This is a rare chance to watch the eighth-generation Corvette being assembled. Availability is limited and demand is high. Booking is available online only, and all guests must agree to the tour rules.

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



2026 Black Z06 Coupe Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500 Drawing: December 18, 2025



2026 Red Mist Coupe Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500 Drawing: January 22, 2026



2026 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 Price: \$250.00 Tickets: 1000 Drawing: February 12, 2026



2026 Torch Red Coupe Price: \$20.00 Tickets: Unlimited Drawing: April 25, 2026

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

NCM Membership

The museum exists to support Corvette Enthusiasts worldwide and memberships are a large part of its sources of revenue. If you are a member, remember to renew it, if you are not a member, please consider purchasing one of the membership levels.

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/membership/

An individual membership is \$65.00 annually and provides you with the following NCM benefits:

- Membership card
- NCM member lapel pin
- Free admission to members
- Discount on NCM sponsored events
- Annual subscription to America's Sports Car
- 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and Catalog
- 10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee

- Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency
- Discounts on car rentals and hotels
- 20% discount on CARFAX reports
- \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network
- Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos

Other membership levels include:

Family \$100.00/year, Life member \$2000.00, Senior member (over 65) \$750.00 20 years

NCM Insurance:

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



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

Contributing to the NCM:

- Become a member
- Online monetary donations
- Setting up a regular donation
- Purchase of raffle tickets

- Committing a portion of an estate to the museum
- Purchase of bricks, tiles, benches to the museum
- Donation of a Corvette

The National Corvette Museum is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit foundation. The tax I.D. # is 742519972.

New England Corvette Caravan invites you to "The Gathering" October 22, 23, 24, 2026 – The Mariner Resort Motel 743 Main Street, Ogunquit, Maine





This will be an informal laid back "how was your year" gathering. You will book your own room and plan your own places to dine.

A list of restaurants will be provided by e-mail.

Ogunquitfest offers: a huge artisan craft fair all weekend, classic car show at Main beach on Saturday, dogtoberfest costume parade, pumpkin carving, Halloween themed events, kids trick or treating on Friday night and Saturday morning, Historic cemetery walking tours in Wells, live music and much more. We will offer you a couple of scenic rides (go on your own) for your cruising pleasure and a Friday cruise to the Maine Classic Car Museum in Arundel, Me for a guided tour. Group pricing TBA (possible lunch included)

Reservations open up on November 1, 2025 www.marinerresort.com

Call 207-646 -5931 between 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM leave name and phone number and they will return call if you don't catch them in the office. You are booking for October 22, 2026 (Thursday) 23rd (Friday) and 24th (Saturday).

Price for two queen room is \$99.00 + taxes Thursday and \$149.00 + taxes for Friday and Saturday night.

Add \$10.00 for King rooms (limited number of kings).

If you are planing to attend this event please e-mail <u>vetteflock@cox.net</u> so we can get a head count. We may put together a group dinner Saturday night.















Corny Christmas Jokes for the Kiddos



Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing? They always drop their needles.

Why didn't Rudolph get a good report card? Because he went down in history.

What do you call a snowman with a six-pack? The "abdominal" snowman.

What kind of photos do elves post on social media? Elf-ies.

What is a Christmas tree's favorite candy?

Orna-mints.

Why is Santa Claus a bad speller? He thinks the alphabet has Noel.

Why is it so cold at Christmas?
Because it's in Decembrrrrrr.

How do gingerbread men sleep? Under cookie sheets.

Where does a snowman keep his money? In a snowbank.

Why did the Christmas tree go to the hair salon? It needed a trim.

How do sheep wish each other happy holidays? Happy holidays to ewe.

Why did the Christmas tree go to the dentist? It needed a root canal.

What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosted Flakes.

What's it called when baby snowmen scream and cry? A meltdown.

What type of cars do elves drive? Toy-otas.

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in someone's chimney?

Claustrophobia.

How does Santa Claus clean his hands? With Santatizer.

What do snowmen do when they're angry at one another?

Give the cold shoulder.

Where do Christmas trees to go school? Elemen-tree school.

What does Santa use if he can't walk? A candy cane.

How does Santa exercise? He rides his indoor icicle.

What does an elf study in school? The elfabet.

What do you call a bathing suit for Christmas trees? Trunks.

What's another name for elf feet? Mistletoes.

What is a reindeer's favorite coffee shop? Star-bucks.



The Night Before Chritmas

A not-so-classic version by Allie DeCampo

Reprinted from December 2023

Twas the night before Christmas and our turn to host, Months of planning and prepping and even a roast; A magnificent tree topped with twinkling star For our friends and family from near and far.

Crackling in the fireplace, flickering candles all about, Wreaths on the windows, lights strung inside and out. The guests were arriving with gifts tied with bows; I should be there greeting, but that's how it goes.

At my wife's request to the garage, I went To get a boxed gift for which I was sent. Where it was stashed was anyone's bet, But while I was there, I could check on the Vette.

I had to admit she was looking so fine. How the wheels did gleam, how the paint did shine! I had cleaned and polished each cranny and nock, And changed all the fluids right by the book.

But what was that squeaking noise I could hear? It was coming from the car and sounded quite clear. Whatever it was it couldn't be good; I ran to the car and threw open the hood.

The winter prep had been done with care. What possibly could go wrong in there? When what to my wondering eyes did I see, A little gray mouse staring back at me.

I grabbed a shovel and bopped him on the head. The little mouse was stunned, but he wasn't dead. It was the season of good will so I spared his life, Scooped him into a box, then I heard my sweet wife. She was calling my name and sounded upset, She needed my help with the kids and the pet. I covered the box and quickly dashed into the house, With box still in hand, I forgot about the mouse.

She looked a bit frazzled; I gave her a hug and a kiss. Taking the box from my hand, she said, "I'll take care of this." (*She's nice like that.*) ©

I got the kids under control, and took the dog for a walk. I refilled all the drinks, and made some small talk.

Dinner was simply delicious, pastries as tasty as could be. We gathered for the Yankee swap beside the Christmas tree. Gramma was the first to go; her eyes were all aglow. She opened a small gift with gold wrap and gold bow.

To her surprise, a mouse leaped out and landed in her lap. Gramma screamed and fainted; the dog woke from his nap. The children laughed, and the babies cried, My sweet wife looked at me and sighed.

Oh no! The mouse! I felt as sheepish as a naughty elf. My wife asked, "What do you have to say for yourself?" I could see her blood was beginning to boil. I said, "Um, cotton balls and peppermint oil?"

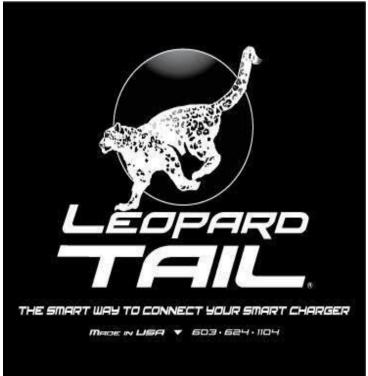
"That wasn't the gift I asked you to get," She said in a tone that made me regret. "I know, I forgot when I heard you call. I just wanted to please you most of all."

No time to worry, no time to fight. We're here all together and feeling just right. Friends and family are joyful, candles shine bright,

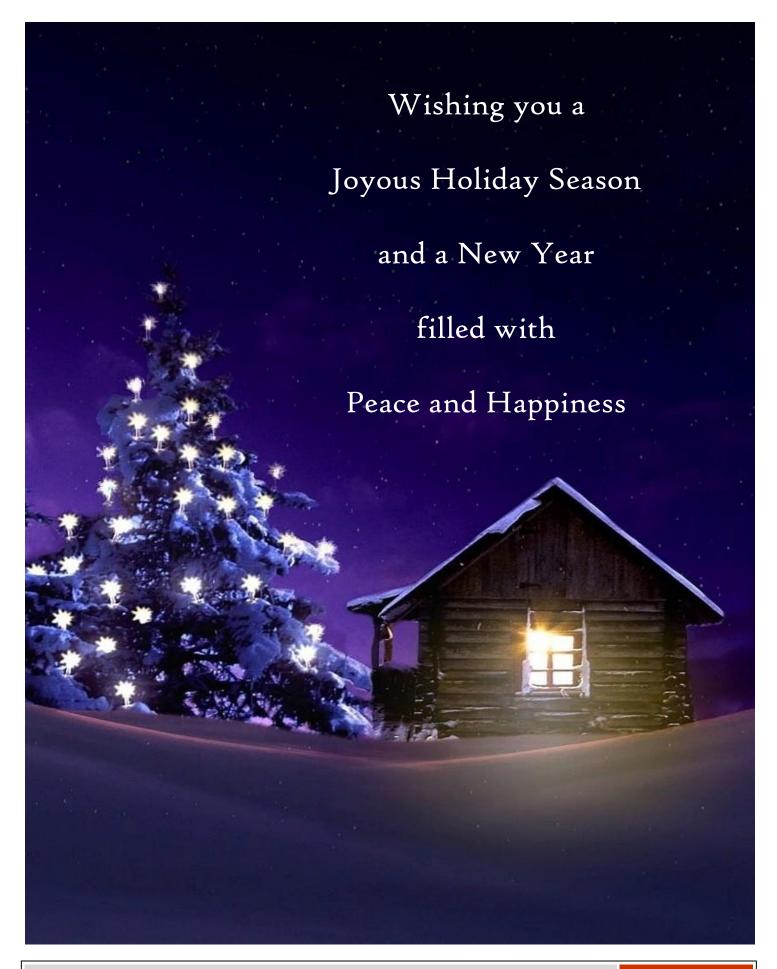
"MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT!"











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The next submission date is January 20, 2026

Please help by sharing news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and suggestions for club activities, as well as technical advice, cleaning tips, or anything else that you feel would be of interest to our members. The club needs your input.

Reports, articles, notices, letters, photos and ads are to be received by the 20th of each month for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. Thank you for helping to make our newsletter interesting and informative.

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Officer-at-Large..... Norm Wood



SAVE THE WAVE