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**GATE CITY  
CORVETTE CLUB**  
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Happy February, Happy Valentines Day and welcome to our first newsletter of 2026!

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As we step into a new year—our country's 250th anniversary and GCCC's 51<sup>st</sup> year—I'm excited to begin my first year serving as your President. It's a special moment for both our nation and our club, and a great time to celebrate where we've been while looking ahead to what's next.

For me, this year is about building on the strong foundation our club already has, welcoming new faces, and making sure GCCC remains a place where everyone feels connected like family and proud to belong. I'm excited to work alongside this year's Board and all of you—our members—to make this year meaningful, memorable, and most of all **FUN** for everyone.

I've outlined a few goals for 2026, in no particular order of importance:

- Resolve how we move forward with Spring Fling after the closure of Anheuser-Busch for 2026. See below for the Boards decision.
- Working alongside the Board to build a proactive approach to attracting new members. Without bringing in new—and ideally younger—members, GCCC's future is at risk as our current membership continues to age. We've just celebrated 50 years as a club, let's work together to ensure it thrives for the next 50 and possibly beyond.
- Getting more members involved in club activities—this is *your* club! Your ideas and energy help shape what we do, so jump in and help us make it more fun and welcoming for new members.

Your Board of Directors for 2026:

- **Norm Wood** - Director at Large
- **Tom Stewart** - Membership Director
- **Allie DeCampo** – Secretary. But she's retiring from her role as Editor-in-Chief of the club newsletter.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Allie for her many years of dedicated service as our newsletter editor and for the exceptional publications she produced year after year. In my opinion, Gate City's newsletter stands head and shoulders above those of every other Corvette club in New England. Thank you, Allie!

- **Dean Gagne** – Treasurer
- New for 2026, **Larry Goelz** will step into the role of Vice President and Chair of the club's Activities Committee, while continuing to serve as the club's National Corvette Museum Ambassador. Thank you Larry for stepping up taking on more responsibility for the members of Gate City. With your energy and ideas, I'm sure the club is set up for an amazing year.

- Taking over as your club's new Editor-in-Chief of the newsletter is **Georgia LeBlond**. She will also continue in her role as Social Media Director along with Larry Shields and on the Activities Committee supporting Larry Goelz.
- Lastly, I'll be stepping up as your new President. I'll also be leading a hand on Larry's Activities Committee, bravely ignoring my better judgment. LOL

I want to extend my sincere thanks to our outgoing President, **Dave Osgood**, for his many years of service to Gate City. Dave has guided the club for five consecutive years, in addition to two earlier years. With a total of seven years at the helm, he is the longest-serving President in our club's 50-year history—an extraordinary accomplishment. Thank you, Dave, for your leadership, dedication, and lasting impact on our club.

Even with snow in the air and winter in full swing, we had 35 people join us for our Holiday Party at Fratello's Italian Grill in Manchester.! Huge thanks to everyone who bundled up and braved the New England weather to come out and share a great evening together. The Yankee Swap was, as always, a big hit. It was so much fun watching everyone trade the gifts they opened for someone else's. The joke gifts were especially hilarious, thank you to everyone who brought one. The silent auctions were enthusiastically bid up, with some items going for over \$250. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, including Murphy's and AutoEnvoy for their generous gift certificates. The biggest crowd-pleaser of the evening was the Chinese raffle, with nearly every cup overflowing with tickets. Special thanks to Mike Yensz for his special donations in Terri's name. And finally, a huge thank you to everyone who helped make the night such a success. We truly could not have done it without you, including Fratello's Italian Grille for the delicious food and impeccable service that made our 2026 Holiday Party so special.



**Membership renewal reminder:** the renewal for 2026 is \$70.00 for single or couples and is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>! Please take a few minutes and send your **check made out to GCCC** to:

Dean Gagne  
11 Blackbird Drive  
Bedford NH 03110

**Spring Fling**, I know a lot of you are wondering about Spring Fling 2026. Because of Anheuser-Busch's unexpected closure, the Board has decided to cancel Spring Fling for 2026. We all felt we just didn't have sufficient time to find a new location, work out a contract, find vendors and so on. Stay tuned for updates on 2027.

I believe 2026 is shaping up to be Gate City's best year yet. Our activity schedule is coming together beautifully thanks to Larry G, with plenty of new and exciting destinations to explore and roads to travel. As always if you have a favorite destination or cruise and would like to see it on the club's schedule, please contact Larry G or myself, thank-you.

**REMINDER!!**

The February Club meeting, has been rescheduled to **Friday**  
**Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Hope to see you all there!!

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

Cheers!  
Kevin

**No one hates  
winter like  
someone who  
has a Corvette  
in their  
garage.**



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!

It has been many years since I filled the position of Vice President, and much has changed since then. One change has been to the Activities Committee. Whereas in the distant past there was little done regarding activities other than the club picnic(s), the club Christmas party, and attending car shows. Today there is an active committee that works to provide events for most months (metal cars for winter activities), I am pleased to chair the Activities Committee and will continue the work undertaken last year by the then 'club VP' Kevin LeBlond, and Georgia LeBlond, with support provided by Norm and Sue Wood and myself.

This year, as the Activities Committee Chairman, I will have on the team, Kevin and Georgia LeBlond, Norm and Sue Wood, and Allie Decampo. With this team, I see this year continuing to build off the activities conducted last year, and offer new destinations, new road cruises, while again including past offerings that were well received by club members and looking to find areas for improvement – such as "NO DIRT ROADS".

Currently the focus has been on lunch at Pickety Place in February (17 members signed up), brunch at the Forge and Vine in March (currently taking reservations), an early dinner at Longhorns in April (look for the announcement soon), attending the National Corvette Museum Bash event in Bowling Green (6 members signed up, still room for more), and attending the Vettes of Coastal Maine annual Bar Harbor Tour (14 members signed up, still room for more). From there we have more activities in the works for each month and will be covering them in future newsletters.

Activities that are in the works and will be offered in the coming months are a tour of the USS Albacore submarine and lunch, lunch cruise to The Farmers Table in May, club picnics in July and October, Maine Coastal cruise in August, Sunapee Dinner Cruise in September, cruise to Quechee area, in October, and end of season cruise for brunch at The Farmers Table in October. There are additional activities being looked at and those selected will be added to our calendar.

If anyone knows of any places, destinations, or something of interest, and think club members would be interested in them, please contact me, and we will take it from there.

As there are openings for the Activities Committee, I would like to have everyone consider joining the Activities Committee and getting involved in helping to develop ideas for destinations and roadways that are interesting, laying out routes to destinations, developing skills in leading cruises, and being part of the team.

..... **Larry Goelz**

# SPRING FLING

## Corvette Show



Important Update

### Gate City Corvette Club

We regret to announce the cancelation of our Spring Fling Corvette Show for 2026 due to the closure of the Anheuser-Busch facility in Merrimack, NH. Please watch for details later this summer of our “new and improved” Spring Fling for 2027. We deeply appreciate your support of our show and look forward to seeing you next year!



For more information:  
[www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/806841938>



# Gate City Corvette Club

Storybook Luncheon

## *Pickety Place*

Sunday, February 22, 2026



Meeting place: Irving Oil Plaza, 792 Elm Street, Milford, NH

Meeting time: 11:45 am - Departure: 12:00 pm - Reservation: 12:45 pm

*Reservation is limited to 12 persons*

*RSVP to Larry Goelz [lstarrg@comcast.net](mailto:lstarrg@comcast.net)*

Cost per person: \$46.19 (Includes tax & gratuity)

BYOB allowed: \$4.34 per bottle setup charge

Make check payable to Larry S. Goelz

Send check to: Larry S. Goelz, 155 Byam Rd, New Boston, NH 03070

*RSVP and payment must be received by January 31, 2026*

*Payment will not be refundable after February 6, 2026*

### *Five-course Prix Fixe Luncheon*

Baked Brie with House Made Preserves

Italian Wedding Soup

Mediterranean Salad with Lemon Oregano Dressing

Assorted Dinner Rolls

Entrée: Choice of

Barbecue Ribs with Cheddar Orzo

or Savory Vegetable Tart

Chocolate Oreo Cheesecake with Raspberry Puree

Since 1786 this quaint little red cottage has graced the hills of southern New Hampshire, seemingly untouched by time. The enchanting cottage was chosen by Elizabeth Orton Jones as the model for her illustrations in Little Red Riding Hood (Little Golden Books, 1948). Today the cottage offers 5-course luncheons, a gift shop, and a large selection of herbs in season.

# BRUNCH AT FORGE & VINE

Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, March 15th!



Time: 12:30 pm  
Metal Car Get-Together  
(or Corvette)

Join us for great food,  
drinks, and company!

Forge & Vine ~ 128R Main St.  
~ Groton, MA

Please RSVP by March 5th  
so we can provide an accurate  
headcount for staffing.

We'll be in their heated,  
four-season porch, which  
has been reserved just for  
us!



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for staffing.

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

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<https://www.forgeandvine.com>

# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## Invites members to join us for the 2026 National Corvette Museum Bash

### **Dates**

Depart for Bowling Green: Sunday, April 19

Arrival in Bowling Green: Wednesday, April 22

Depart Bowling Green: Sunday, April 26

Arrive home: Thursday, April 30



NCM Bash: April 23 – 25 Registration opens January 12, 2026

### **Celebrate America's Sports Car at the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash!**

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/bash/>

Join fellow enthusiasts for scenic road tours, expert-led seminars, and GM tech sessions.

Explore the latest exhibits and shine up your ride for the Museum-judged car show.

Attend NCM Bash events, visit the Motorsports Park, and take a Corvette plant tour.



Stonewall Resort



The Campbell House



The Kentucky Castle

Enjoy comfortable hotels and delicious meals at restaurants for GCCC members.

We have planned to continue the fun with an extended trip home. For those who have time restrictions, consider joining our Bash run to Bowling Green and then heading directly home at the end of the Bash.

If interested in this event please contact either Larry Goelz [lstarrg@comcast.net](mailto:lstarrg@comcast.net) or Kevin LeBlond [kgvert1@outlook.com](mailto:kgvert1@outlook.com). Hope you travel with us to Bowling Green!

**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](http://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 [vetteflock@cox.net](mailto:vetteflock@cox.net) so we can get a head count. We may put together a group dinner Saturday night.**

## Join us in celebrating February Birthdays!



<i>Ellen Osgood</i>	<i>02/01</i>	<i>Lynne LaForce</i>	<i>02/17</i>
<i>Dean Gagne</i>	<i>02/04</i>	<i>Joe Michalik</i>	<i>02/20</i>
<i>Art Weed</i>	<i>02/07</i>		
<i>Norm Kozlowski</i>	<i>02/12</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.

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## Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

For Membership Information please visit our website:

<https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/GCCC-Member-Application 2026.pdf>

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)

# GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

## Information & Member Application



If you own a Corvette and would like to spend time with other Corvette owners you've come to the right place!

**About our club: Welcome to Gate City Corvette Club!** We are thrilled at the prospect of having you join our community. Established in 1975 by a small group of Corvette enthusiasts, our club continues to grow and thrive with that same passion today. For over a half century, we have embraced Corvette owners and the Corvette lifestyle. We invite you to come along with us and experience all our club has to offer!

Our core mission is still the same as it was at inception... to make Corvette ownership more fun! There are many opportunities to participate in club activities and events. We are a social club and enjoy getting together for meetings, picnics, parties, car shows, track nights, and beautiful day and overnight cruises throughout New England and beyond. We wrap up the year by giving back with a variety of charitable donations to local organizations. Gate City Corvette Club is a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum.

Please reach out to any of our club officers about becoming a Gate City Corvette Club member. Attached is an Application Form and contact information.

**Become a member:** Simply complete the Application Form and attend 3 club events such as meetings, shows, parties or other get-togethers. Ask a club officer to sign your form at each of the events. Once you have attended all 3 events, bring your application to the next meeting or mail with a check for dues plus initiation fee. Please make your check payable to *Gate City Corvette Club*. (Rates listed below.)

**Mail to:** Gate City Corvette Club, PO Box 623, Nashua, NH 03061

**New Member Single or Joint (Couple) Dues 2026:**

January – June	\$70.00
July – December	\$35.00

**New Member Initiation Fee:** \$55.00 per person (Includes embroidered shirt & name tag.)

New members require the approval of 4 out of 6 club officers. In the event you are not accepted, your check will be returned to you.

**Monthly meeting:** We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at Murphy's Taproom & Carriage House, 393 State Rte. 101, Bedford, NH. Social: 5:00 pm - Dinner: 6:00 pm - Meeting: 7:00 pm

You may choose to join us to socialize at any time, or arrive at 7:00 pm just for the meeting. We look forward to seeing you!

[www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com](http://www.gatecitycorvetteclub.com)

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



**GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB**  
**Supports "Adopt a Family" Holiday Gift Program**



*Thank you from the Front Door Agency*



**To Our Project Joy**

**Adopters...**

It's hard to believe another holiday season has come and gone. Each year, we are truly amazed by the generosity of our community. Through your generous support, the Front Door Agency was able to provide gifts to 550 children this year through our Project Joy program. Your giving spirit made a meaningful difference for so many families.

The generosity and support of our community continue to inspire us. Your donation is fully tax-

*"Thank you for giving us games, smiles, and moments of happiness that fill our home with joy and hope. Seeing my daughter's excitement when she sees her gifts is priceless, and all of that is thanks to people with such big hearts like you."*

*I would also like to send a very special thank you to the secret person who so lovingly chose these gifts for my daughter. May life multiply all your blessings for the love you shared without even knowing us. Your kindness is an incredible gift."*

**-a thankful mom from this year's program**

TO The family that made our Christmas so much sweater!

I am so thankful for your kindness and helping me make this Christmas so special for me and my daughter!

She is going to go nuts when she opens everything on Christmas!

I am a single mom who works 80+ hours a week. To make life happen for my girl and me, so this was so incredibly helpful!

December 25<sup>th</sup>

May you find peace in your soul, love in your heart, and joy in your home.

Merry Christmas

I am wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas!  
 Thank you so much  
 Sincerely  
 Jordan

deductible—please retain this letter and your receipts for your records. If your contributions exceed \$250, you will receive a tax acknowledgment from us by the end of January. You may also want to explore any employer matching gift programs, which can further multiply the impact of your support.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the families we serve, THANK YOU from the bottom of our hearts. Your continued support is the foundation of our program's success, and we are deeply grateful.

Have a Happy New Year!!



***Sincerely,***

**Maryse Wirthal (CEO) &  
 Nancy Paige (Project Joy Coordinator)**

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National Corvette Museum

Larry Goelz

## Ambassador's NCM Update

**February 2026**

*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.*

### **NCM News:**



### **New Collections Facility Takes Shape**



The building site for the new 66,000-square-foot Collections facility has been leveled. Initial roadways and entry points are complete. The foundation is in place, and the first exterior walls and framework are being constructed. Every square foot is being built with purpose of supporting long-term preservation, increase public access, and honor the stories behind the cars that shaped Corvette culture.

## 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 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.

### **New Exhibition Opening Soon**



## ***Driven to Preserve***

Opening March 12, more than a dozen rarely seen Corvettes and interpretive displays will showcase how staff manage the movement of vehicles, catalog objects, and care for rare materials in a way that aligns with museum standards.

### **SAVE THE DATE: Member Only Preview**

Museum members are invited to an exclusive first look at our new exhibition, *Driven to Preserve*, on Wednesday March 11 before it opens to the public. More than a dozen rarely seen Corvettes and interpretive displays will showcase how staff manage the movement of vehicles, catalog objects, and care for rare materials. Formal RSVP Coming in February 2026

## **New Expanded Corvette Hall of Fame**

The National Corvette Museum's expanded and reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame shines a brighter spotlight on the incredible individuals who have shaped the Corvette legacy. Anchored by the freshly preserved 1974 Stingray – the only Corvette owned by “godfather of the Corvette” and Hall of Fame inductee Zora Arkus-Duntov – this revitalized space celebrates the passion innovation and contributions of hall of Fame members in a way that captures their stories like never before.

## **Return of the R8C Reunion**

A highlight of this year's NCM Events is the return of the R8C Reunion (June 25 – 27), honoring more than 20,000 Corvette owners who participated in the Museum's delivery program, drop down the Visit menu and select Plant Tours

## **February Plant Tours**



Plant Tours have been announced during the month of February; Feb 9-13, Feb 16-20 and Feb 23-27. Visit the NCM website at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plant-tours/>

# 2026 National Corvette Museum Annual Bash

This is one of two annual events, the other being the National Corvette Museum Birthday Celebration which is held in early September. This event offers latest in C8 offerings, road tours with lunch, expert-led technical sessions, a judged car show, many vendors, and you can enjoy lunch at the Stingray Grill. This event runs from 23 April through 25 April. Visit the NCM website to find the Bash registration by selecting [Events - National Corvette Museum](#).

## NCM Events Update:

- MIM Daytona Rolex 24 Tour Jan 21 – Jan 26
- 2026 Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum - Apr 23 – Apr 25
- 2026 MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin -Apr 26 – Apr 29
- 2026 Museum in Motion Charlotte Experience - Jun 2 – Jun 6
- 2026 MiM Branson Experience -Jun 23 – Jun 27
- 2026 R8C Museum Delivery Customer Reunion -Jun 25 – Jun 27
- 2026 National Corvette Museum Anniversary @ NCM- Sep 3 – Sep 5
- 2026 MiM New York - Sep 24 – Sep 28

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## Motorsports Park News:



### DRIVE A NEW Z06



### “Drive A 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 do a hot lap driven by a Motor sports Park pro drive. For the “Z06 Fast Pack”, you will be driving four (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2 mile, 23 turn road course, plus “Zero to Sixty” launch, and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional, For more information please visit <https://www.motorsportspark.org/drive-a-z06/>.

To register for these and other track experiences go to <https://book.peek.com/s/bdf5867b-553c-4f63-af19-cdc4abedc880/zg2mw>

There are many other track experience packages offered. Go to <https://www.motorsportspark.org/> for complete information on track offerings.

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



**2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible**

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500

Drawing: March 5, 2026 2:00 PM



**2026 Torch Red Coupe**

Price: **\$20.00** Tickets: Unlimited

Drawing: April 25, 2026

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

**NCM Sweepstakes:**

The NCM has another Corvette Sweepstakes, and is offering a Rally Red 1965 Corvette Convertible featuring a 327-cubic-inch V8 rated at 300 HP and paired with an automatic transmission. It has factory A/C, power windows, and power brakes. This car has had a frame-off restoration. Vehicle overview:

- VIN: 194675S114280
- Odometer shows 56,680; true mileage unknown
- Previous frame-off restoration
- Factory-correct components, including ignition shielding, dual-snorkel air cleaner, Harrison radiator, expansion tank, dash pads, and door panels
- Take delivery on the iconic Corvette Boulevard as part of the Museum Delivery Experience, which includes Museum membership and a VIP tour
- Donations toward sweepstakes entries do not count toward an individual's annual or cumulative National Corvette Museum giving totals

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, go to [1965 Corvette Convertible Sweepstakes | National Corvette Museum](#) and enter. When it asks for a code – use code **GateCity** and you will get 20% more entries.



## 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:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Membership card</li><li>• NCM member lapel pin</li><li>• Free admission to members</li><li>• Discount on NCM sponsored events</li><li>• Annual subscription to America's Sports Car</li><li>• 10% discount on merchandise from the Corvette Store and Catalog</li><li>• 10% off NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club initiation fee</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discount on insurance from NCM Insurance Agency</li><li>• Discounts on car rentals and hotels</li><li>• 20% discount on CARFAX reports</li><li>• \$10 off membership to Air Evac/AirMedCare Network</li><li>• Access to Members Only section of website, including Monthly Corvette Calendar Wallpaper and Special Videos</li></ul>
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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, Hagerty, 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](http://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.

# HOMEMADE PEPPERMINT PATTIES

 **YIELD**  
**12**

 **PREP TIME**  
**25 MIN**

 **TOTAL TIME**  
**25 MIN**



## INGREDIENTS

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons peppermint extract
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 1 pound chocolate almond bark
- Sprinkles, optional



## DIRECTIONS:

- 1) Using an electric mixer slowly start to incorporate the powdered sugar.
- 2) Look for a stiff dough that is not sticky.
- 3) Once dough is formed, begin to roll it into balls and place them on a parchment-lined tray.
- 4) Gently flatten the balls down into a thick disc shape.
- 5) Place the tray into the freezer.
- 6) Let the patties freeze for about an hour.
- 7) When you are ready to dip, melt your almond bark in 30-second intervals in the microwave until all melted and smooth.
- 8) Working quickly, dip the peppermint patties into the chocolate.
- 9) Gently shake off any excess chocolate or scrape it off the bottom on the side of the bowl.
- 10) Place back onto the parchment paper and immediately top with sprinkles if desired.
- 11) Keep in the refrigerator until serving to ensure they stay nice and firm.

# Thinking about a new '26 Corvette



Top left, Corvette Stingray, top Right Corvette E-Ray, bottom left Corvette Z06, bottom right Corvette ZR1X

Thinking about a new 2026 Stingray? The 2026 models of the Stingray, E-Ray and Z06's are in stock and often discounted as much as 10-15%. What can you expect from the 2026 line-up?

## Exterior and Interior:

- A freshly redesigned interior with a 12.7-inch digital instrument cluster and a 14-inch infotainment touch screen replaces the jet-like instrument bar found in past Stingrays.
- There are exciting new interior color schemes, including an asymmetrical Jet Black and Adrenaline Red colorway.
- Now featuring a new electrochromic roof giving you the options of full, medium and low tint modes.
- New available exterior colors include Roswell Green Metallic and Blade Silver.

## Performance:

- The same 6.2L V8 engine with 490-495 horsepower and 465-470 lb-ft torque is standard in the Stingray. The E-ray adds an electric motor up front, and the Z06 features a 5.5L V8 DI high-output flat plane crank 8600 RPM redline naturally aspirated engine, known for being the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 in production. The ZR1 features a 5.5L twin-turbocharged V8 (LT7) producing 1,064 horsepower. The ZR1X uses a twin turbo paired with the hybrid system to produce over 1,200 horsepower. .
- The available Z51 Performance Package with track focused upgrades will 0-60 in as little as 2.9 seconds with a top speed of 194 miles per hour.

#### New Models:

- Corvette ZRX1 is an all-wheel- drive hybrid making 1,250 hp and an amazing 0-60 time under 2 seconds.
- The E-Ray is a hybrid with an electric motor driving the front wheels making it all-wheel-drive.

#### Tech Features:

- A new performance App with real-time data and customizable screens.
- PTM Pro, a performance traction management system, is now available on all models.
- Wireless phone charging with the Google app built in,

Important Buying note on the 2026 model: With a new engine coming up on the 2027 models many Corvette enthusiasts are predicting the prices on the 2026 models will be drastically reduced this summer. It may make sense to wait and see if these predictions are true. Look for my next article on the 2027 Corvette line-up.

*Contributed by Jerry Ellner*

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## That Poor Vette



This isn't the kind of Stingray you expect to see while diving. This poor C8 red Vette was pulled from a lake in central Florida in December. No driver was found at the scene, nor was anyone else – so the Orlando Fire Department worked to get the vehicle pulled out of the water. Insurance fraud? Joy ride that ended poorly? Your guess is as good as ours this time... but one thing is for sure – that's a really sad fate for such a beautiful car.

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# America's Quickest Production Car

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## Corvette ZR1X

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Rear view of preproduction Corvette ZR1X on the drag strip

The Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X, the most advanced Corvette ever, is the quickest American production car available – and the fastest way to get down a quarter-mile drag strip for under a million dollars.

Testing on the ZR1X culminated in October 2025 with validation at US 131 Motorsports Park – reflective of the real-world environments where

Corvette customers exercise their vehicles. On a prepped surface, the ZR1X completed the quarter mile in 8.675 seconds at 159 mph<sup>1</sup>, on pump gas, using standard-equipment tires and production 50-state street-legal engine calibration, and achieving a 0-60 mph time of 1.68 seconds<sup>1</sup> on the same run. The ZR1X blasted to 60 mph in less than 100 feet, generating a peak of 1.75G of acceleration force.

"When we made the revolutionary shift to a mid-engine platform, this is the type of performance we knew was possible," said General Motors President Mark Reuss.



Corvette ZR1X completes the quarter mile in 8.675s at 159.51

The car was equipped with ZR1X's standard aero configuration, standard Michelin PS4S tires, and available carbon fiber wheels. This acceleration was not a one-off, either – the vehicle used for testing completed multiple back-to-back quarter-mile runs all under 8.8 seconds. The 2026 Corvette ZR1X uses its twin-turbo LT7 V8 engine and front-axle electric motor to generate a total of 1,250 horsepower<sup>2</sup>, sending it to the ground via electrified all-wheel drive.

### Competitive breakdown:

	Quarter Mile <sup>1</sup>	Trap Speed	0-60 MPH <sup>1</sup>	Starting MSRP <sup>3</sup>
Corvette ZR1X (prepped surface)	8.675 seconds	159 mph	1.68 seconds	\$209,700
Rimac Nevera R	7.90 seconds	186 mph	1.66 seconds	\$2.5 million
Pininfarina Battista	8.55 seconds	155 mph	1.79 seconds	\$2.2 million
Koenigsegg Jesko Absolut	8.77 seconds	185 mph	2.4 seconds	\$3.4 million
Bugatti Tourbillon	8.80 seconds	176 mph	1.9 seconds	\$4.6 million
Lucid Air Sapphire	8.95 seconds	158 mph	1.89 seconds	\$249,000

Corvette development engineer and test driver Stefan Frick earned this record-breaking quarter-mile performance using Corvette's standard Custom Launch Control feature, found throughout the lineup from Stingray to ZR1X. Custom Launch Control manages tire spin, transmission clutch application rate, and numerous other parameters, allowing the driver to optimize acceleration runs by adjusting launch RPM and wheel slip targets from the auxiliary driver display.

"There are many different parts and subsystems on this car, with teams across the company responsible for them," said Frick. "We were all motivated by the mission to break into the eights – this is a powerful example of the in-house skill at GM, and the level of performance we developed into this car."

On an unprepped surface, the Corvette ZR1X equipped with available ZTK Performance Package can complete the quarter mile in 8.99 seconds<sup>4</sup> and accelerate 0-60 mph in 1.89 seconds<sup>4</sup>.

### Eighth-generation Corvette 0 to 60 mph stats:

- Stingray with available Z51 Performance Package: 2.9 seconds<sup>1</sup>
- Z06 with available Z07 Performance Package: 2.6 seconds<sup>1</sup>
- E-Ray with available ZER Performance Package: 2.5 seconds<sup>1</sup>
- ZR1 with available ZTK Performance Package: 2.3 seconds<sup>1</sup>
- ZR1X with available ZTK Performance Package: 1.89 seconds<sup>1</sup>

The 2026 Corvette ZR1X began production in December 2025, and is proudly built in America at General Motors' Bowling Green Assembly Plant in Kentucky from U.S. and globally sourced parts.

<sup>1</sup>On a closed course. Based on initial vehicle movement.

<sup>2</sup>1,064 horsepower from the LT7 5.5L V8 engine plus 186 horsepower from the eAWD (electric drive unit).

<sup>3</sup>The Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price includes destination freight charge. Tax, title, license, dealer fees and optional equipment not included. Dealer sets final price.

<sup>4</sup>On a closed course. Based on initial vehicle movement. Requires available ZTK Performance Package.



"It's a note from Punxsutawney Phil. It says if you see him driving his Corvette, then there will be an early spring."



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