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Happy May everyone!

Happy Mother’s Day and wishing you a meaningful Memorial Day as we remember and honor our fallen heroes this month.

Just returned from the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY attending the annual NCM Michelin BASH. This is our fourth year in a row spending the week enjoying all the sights and sounds of the BASH. We got to check out the new Grand Sport and Grand SportX, including a cutaway model of the car. They also had several ZR1 and ZR1X models on display. GM usually brings all the new Corvette models to the BASH every year. Speaking of ZR1’s and ZR1x’s, while taking the factory tour we saw more than a dozen of these models going down the assembly line. Keep in mind the factory only builds cars they have customer orders for including orders from dealers like MacMulkin. Think about that for a minute, these models start at \$207,395 for the 1LZ Coupe and go up from there. Speaking of our factory tour, production of the Grand Sports has not yet begun. When asked when it will start, the factory would not disclose that date.

On Friday, Larry and I took to the NCM Motorsport Park track in E-Rays for some laps. Each of us had our own car, following a lead instructor, and we put in some impressive runs with this remarkable machine. The acceleration was incredible, and the cornering capability exceeded what a Z51 Stingray can handle—the front-wheel drive really makes the difference. I’m looking forward to taking to the track next year in a Grand SportX



The trip home included running the Blue Ridge and Skyline Drive but unfortunately that day both were covered in thick fog and low hanging clouds. Maybe next year? The good news is we did run the Back of the Dragon from Marion VA to Tazewell VA, good weather and super twisty roads made for a fun time.

Looking forward to seeing everyone for our cruise to Bernardston, MA to visit Kringle Candle and have lunch at the Farm Table restaurant on Sunday the 9th followed by our monthly club meeting on WEDNESDAY the 13th.

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Thank you MacMulkin!!!

Seems like the month between the newsletters was shortened, maybe due to working on our list of activities, or more likely, getting ready for our annual trip to the NCM Bash. Figuring out how to pack 12 days of clothing plus other necessities, seems to always prove a challenge. Looking over the past several weeks of preparation, I think I have met the challenge as everything that I have planned to take on the trip will fit in the C8. Some days I long for the spacious room of our 2016 Z06 Coupe!

Again, this month your Activities Team has been working diligently, and we again had a tremendous turnout at Longhorns Steakhouse. Thirty club members attended and all had a great time. Thanks to all who attended!

Coming up in May we have several cruises, one to Kringle Candle and The Farm Table on the 9th of May, and a cruise to tour the USS Albacore submarine and lunch at the Red Blazer in Concord on the 17th of May. Flyers for each have been included in the April newsletter and will be sent out to all members shortly and if you want to join us, please get your RSVP in soon. Then at the end of May we have 17 club members heading to Bar Harbor for the VOCCM annual Bar Harbor Tour with the theme being Safari.

From there we have more activities in the works for each month (see the Calendar of Events in each month's Newsletter). A quick look at activities that are in the works and will be offered in the coming months include club picnics in July and October, Maine Coastal cruise in August, Sunapee Dinner Cruise in September, cruise to Quechee, VT in October, and our end of season cruise for brunch at The Farmers Table in October. Our planning calendar is fluid and is subject to change with items being added, removed, or moved to another date.

Just a note that the calendar includes 4 NHMS Laps for Charity events that offer driving your car on the oval course and the road course. Last year club members had a great time participating in these events and I expect more members will want to experience them. They are listed in the calendar in the months of May, July, August, and September.

As always, we encourage all members to bring to us ideas to add to our events and activities, and we will take them from there.

As there are openings on 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.

Here's hoping that we see you on our next activity!



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

2026 Calendar of Events

NOTE: All dates and activities are subject to change



May

- 9 The Farm Table / Kringle
- 13 Club Meeting
- 17 USS Albacore / Red Blazer
- 22 NHMS Laps for Charity / Road Course
- 27-31 Bar Harbor Safari Tour

June

- 7 GCCC Corvette Cruise Night @ Murphy's Taproom
- 10 Club Meeting
- 12-13 Back to the Beach
- 14 Brunch at The Old Salt, Hampton, NH
- 14 NCRS Lars Anderson Museum - Corvettes On the Lawn
- 17 Forge & Vine Car Show, Groton, MA
- 27-28 Wicked big car Show NHMS

July

- 5 GCCC Corvette Cruise Night @ Murphy's Taproom
- 8 Club Meeting
- 10 NHMS Laps for Charity / Road Course
- 12 Gate City Picnic, Pembroke
- 26 Lunch Cruise - T-Bones; Laconia

August

- 2 GCCC Corvette Cruise Night @ Murphy's Taproom
- 9 Maine Coast Cruise / Stonewall Kitchen
- 12 Club Meeting
- 20 NHMS Laps for Charity / Oval
- 23 CCRI Car Show
- 26 Sunapee Lake Dinner Cruise

September

- 5 NCM Anniversary
- 6 GCCC Corvette Cruise Night @ Murphy's Taproom
- 9 Club Meeting
- 13 Castle in the Clouds picnic
- 18 NHMS Laps for Charity / Road Course
- 18-21 The Harraseeket Inn, Freeport, Maine
- 19 Corvettes of Berkshire Car Show

October

- 4 Quechee
- 14 Club Meeting
- 18 The Farm Table / Kringle
- 22-25 Ogunquit Caravan Gathering

Join us in celebrating May / June Birthdays!



<i>Peter Bovio</i>	<i>05/03</i>	<i>Peter Connolly</i>	<i>05/14</i>
<i>Angela Connolly</i>	<i>05/11</i>	<i>Kevin Brooke</i>	<i>05/15</i>
	<i>Brent Aucoin</i>	<i>06/12</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.

Become a member of Gate City Corvette Club!

For Membership Information please visit our website:

<https://gatecitycorvetteclub.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/GCCC-Member-Application-Mar-2026.pdf>

For more [information](#) or if you would like to join, please contact:

Dennis Granger, Membership Director

(603) 759-0007 or email dennis@cruisingnh.net

President: Kevin L. welcomed everyone to the April 8th meeting at Murphy's Taproom.

Membership Director: Dennis attended his first meeting as our new membership director!!

Secretary: Allie's March report was posted in the April newsletter.

Treasurer: Dean presented the treasurer's report. All payments are up-to-date with the exception of Adopt-a-Family shopping.

Officer at Large: Norm W. said there are still openings for the Bar Harbor Tour at the end of May. Norm has arranged for our summer picnic at Pembroke Memorial Park from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday July 12th. The picnic is held rain or shine under a covered pavilion. The club supplies hamburgers and hotdogs (and bacon!) Members provide sides and desserts to share.

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. talked about the benefits of joining the Museum. Please let him know if you purchase Corvette raffle tickets or join or renew your museum membership. He also mentioned the Museum's magazine has recently included several interesting articles. Larry was proud to announce he was highlighted in the magazine as a top contributing ambassador to the Museum.

Vice President/Activities Director: Club members enjoyed a concert by the Bedford Big Band (with our own Bob D.) at the Rex Theater with dinner afterwards at Fratello's. The club returned to Forge & Vine in Groton, MA for a delicious brunch. Upcoming club activities include a cruise to Kringle Candle with brunch at the Farm Table on May 9th, a visit to the USS Albacore in Portsmouth followed by lunch at the Red Blazer in Concord on May 17th, and brunch at the Old Salt in Hampton on June 14th. Please see GCCC Calendar of Events and flyers in this newsletter for details.

For the second year in a row, our club is planning a Corvette show with Forge & Vine in Groton, MA. The Corvette display is 5:00 – 7:30 pm on Wednesday, June 17th. Please arrive at 4:00 pm so we can all park together on the grass. There will be Forge & Vine food truck, outdoor cash bar, and live music!

The club's fall trip has been planned for Freeport, Maine September 18th - 21st. You may book your room at the Harraseeket Inn by clicking the convenient link on the flyer. There is a block of rooms reserved for members with a cutoff date of August 31st. The inn will provide separate parking and car wash station just for GCCC club members. For those who wish to join us, we are planning a visit to the Owl Head Transportation Museum followed by lunch.

Kevin L. talked about a few revisions the Board is proposing to the club's Bylaws. Foremost, the Board would like to simplify the process for enrolling new members. Allie will send details of the proposed revisions in an email for members to review. A vote is planned for the May meeting.

There was no 50/50 raffle this month. The winner of the membership raffle was not in attendance.

Kevin adjourned the meeting.

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That Poor Vette

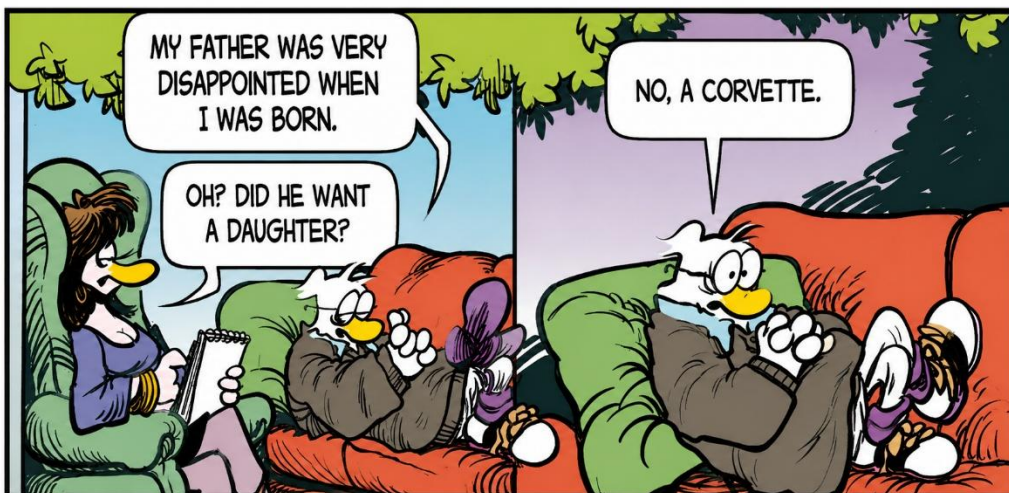
A simple speeding stop in Orange County turned into a two-county audition for “Worst Exit Strategy Ever” when an Accelerate Yellow C8 Corvette decided police lights were just decorative. The driver led officers on a wild freeway run, waved at them like it was a parade, then tried to make a dramatic comeback at a gas station before finally sealing the deal by hopping a curb, clipping an SUV, and parking himself against a tree.



The Corvette’s last moments were not dignified: roof half-up, wheels out of ideas, and bodywork now speaking fluent “ouch.” The good news is no serious injuries were reported; the bad news is the poor Vette went from showroom hero to roadside cautionary tale in one very enthusiastic afternoon.

REMINDER!!

Club meeting Wednesday May 13th
Hope to see you all there!!



Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X to pace 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge

2026-04-30

Contributed by Georgia LeBlond

INDIANAPOLIS – The 2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X – a true American hypercar and America's quickest production car – will lead the field to the green flag for the 110th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 24 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

The Corvette ZR1X Pace Car invites race fans to celebrate America's semi-quincentennial anniversary with purpose-driven patriotism and American craftsmanship forged into this year's bold livery.

Indiana University Head Football Coach Curt Cignetti, in celebration of IU Football's undefeated National Championship season, has been named honorary Pace Car driver and will pace the field of 33 drivers in the Corvette ZR1X to start "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

"America's hypercar will be front and center at the Indianapolis 500, and it has the speed to stay there," Corvette Executive Chief Engineer Tony Roma said. "The ZR1X is made for the race track. This Corvette, inspired by America's 250th anniversary, will absolutely give Coach Cignetti and the fans a thrill."

The Corvette ZR1X delivers 1,250 horsepower across all four wheels, combining a 186 hp electric motor on the front axle with a 5.5L twin-turbo V8 putting 1,064 hp to the rear wheels. For Pace Car duty, the ZR1X is equipped with the Carbon Aero package, including dive planes on the front bumper, underbody aero strakes and the rear wing, which creates more than 1,200 pounds of downforce at top speed.

The Corvette ZR1X achieves incredible acceleration – capable of zero to 60 mph in under 2 seconds – and can reach 233 mph, approaching speeds seen by race cars in the field.



“As we celebrate America’s 250th anniversary, this pace car design reflects both where we’ve been and where we’re headed,” Chevrolet Global Executive Design Director Phil Zak said. “Every element – from the badging to the colors – were deliberately crafted to honor this milestone while expressing a forward-looking vision of Chevrolet design.”

Designed in tandem with the Stars and Steel Collection, the Pace Car features the stars-and-stripes decals running across the car. This exclusive ZR1X was custom painted, appearing Arctic White from the driver side and Admiral Blue from the opposite profile. Every detail was considered, including the painted striping running down the ZR1X’s carbon fiber spine on the rear hatch.

Inside, Santorini Blue seats are paired with red accent seat belts and red stitched floor mats for a cohesive, performance-driven interior.

“Having America’s sports car, the Corvette, pacing the field feels especially fitting this year as we celebrate our nation’s 250th anniversary,” INDYCAR and IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. “With race car-like performance, the Corvette ZR1X is the perfect choice to pace the field of 33 in the Indianapolis 500.”

Corvette is the longest-running car nameplate in automotive industry history, so it’s no surprise Corvette has paced “The Greatest Spectacle in Racing” more times than any car. The 2026 race marks the 37th time for Chevrolet to pace dating back to 1948 and the 23rd time overall, all since 1978, for America’s favorite sports car.



Visit [IMS.com](https://www.ims.com) for tickets and more information on all Month of May events and activities at IMS.

A few scenes from April's meeting & Linner at Long Horn's



CORVETTE



CRUISE NIGHTS



Free Admission

Gate City Corvette Club



Murphy's Taproom
393 Route 101, Bedford, NH

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

First Sunday of the
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Sunday June 7th

Sunday July 5th

Sunday Aug 2nd

Sunday Sept 6th

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Show off your ride
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Enjoy outside dining & drinks
on the deck at Murphy's Taproom

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GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Let's get together!

**Saturday
May 9, 2026**



Cruise to Kringle Candle

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

Please RSVP NLT (no later than) Friday, April 25th

What's more fun than friends and food?

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

USS ALBACORE

Submarine & Museum Tour

Sunday, May 17, 2026



Cruise to Albacore Park

600 Market Street, Portsmouth, New Hampshire

Admission

\$10.00 pp

Meeting place: Bonzai Restaurant

2264 Candia Rd, Manchester, NH

Arrive 8:00 am ~ Departure 8:30 am



**Lunch at the Red Blazer
Restaurant & Pub**

72 Manchester Street

Concord, NH

Please note: No backpacks, purses or bags allowed on the submarine.

Submarine visitors must be able to raise their feet 18 inches.

RSVP by April 17, 2026

Larry Goelz Istarrg@comcast.net

USS ALBACORE

At Home in Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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.

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Brunch at

The Old Salt Restaurant

490 Lafayette Rd (Route 1)

Hampton, New Hampshire

Sunday, June 14, 2026



Brunch ~ \$29.99 pp

Meeting place: Bonzai Restaurant

2264 Candia Rd, Manchester, NH

Arrive 9:15 am ~ Depart 9:40 am

Arrive at The Old Salt 10:15

RSVP by June 12th, 2026 to:

Larry Goelz lstarrg@comcast.net



The Old Salt at Lamie's Inn puts on an enormous spread so incredible it has won "Best Brunch in New Hampshire" for many years. Bring your appetite for a large variety of breakfast and lunch dishes, made to order omelets, roast beef carving station, racks overflowing with pastries and desserts and so much more. Even the Bloody Mary with 2 jumbo shrimp is an award winner! The food keeps coming from 9:00 am – 1:30 pm.

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB
CAR SHOW

Wednesday, June 17 | 5:00pm-7:30pm



Photo by Steve Lieman

New & Classic Corvettes on Display
Forge & Vine Food Truck
Outdoor Cash Bar
Live Music by *Chuck Clough*

Free to attend, fun for all!



128 MAIN STREET, GROTON, MA

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Annual Summer Picnic

for members and their families

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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. Rain or shine event!

RSVP Norm & Sue

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Hope to see you there!!

GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

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HARRASEEKET INN

162 Main Street, Freeport, Maine

Weekend Getaway

September 18 - 21, 2026

The Harraseeket is a historic inn that exudes timeless charm in the heart of Freeport. With a selection of welcoming rooms and suites, a standout restaurant and a heated indoor pool, it truly captures the spirit of classic New England hospitality.

Friday, September 18th

- Relaxing drive to Freeport, Maine.
- Check-in at the Harraseeket Inn.
- Happy hour at the Inn. (Bring snacks and preferred drinks.)
- Evening dinner on your own at the Inn or choose one of the area restaurants.

Saturday, September 19th

- Enjoy the day as you wish.
- Caravan to Owls Head Transportation Museum for those who wish to join us. Lunch following the tour.
- Group dinner at the Inn *or* you may dine at a restaurant of your choice.

Sunday, September 20th

- Enjoy the day as you wish.
- Group dinner at the Inn ordering off the menu.

Monday, September 21st

- Breakfast
- Depart for home!



Car washing station and designated parking just for Gate City Corvette Club!
Continental breakfast included or order off the menu at additional expense.

Please join us for a fun weekend in Freeport, Maine!

Reservations at the Harraseeket Inn

RESERVATIONS: To make your reservation at the Harraseeket Inn, call the Inn directly or use the one-click booking link below. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

DEPOSITS: At time of reserving a room, a deposit for the first night plus tax is required.

CUTOFF DATE: Reservations by attendees must be received on or before Friday, **August 21, 2026**.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellation of individual reservations must be made at least 72 hours prior to the arrival date. **Cancellations after this time will forfeit the one-night room and tax deposit.**

To make a reservation within the room block, guests can either:

1. Call the Inn directly at 207-865-9377, press option 2 to speak with a Front Desk Representative, and reference "Gate City Corvette Club" OR
2. Use the one-click booking link below:

Harraseeket Inn Reservations - Gate City Corvette Club, September 18-21, 2026

We were able to negotiate a great deal for our stay with substantial savings!
Our cost is \$199 for Friday and Saturday night and \$159 for Sunday night!
(Standard cost is \$279 plus tax for Friday, Saturday and Sunday night.)



RSVP by 8/21/2026
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SUGGESTIONS FOR THINGS TO DO IN THE FREEPORT AREA



Portland Head Light



Maine Classic Car Museum



Seguin Island Lighthouse

**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 vetteflock@cox.net so we can get a head count. We may put together a group dinner Saturday night.



Ambassador's NCM Update

May 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:

Museum Collections



In the early 80s, Corvette was at a crossroads. Tasked with reclaiming its title as a performance leader, Chief Engineer Dave McLellan packed the pre-production 1983 models with cutting-edge tech, including the uniframe chassis, computer-controlled LED display, and lightweight alloys. Time ran out for validation, and Chevrolet made the bold choice to bypass the 1983 designation to focus on the 1984 launch. The tech and performance that fueled the 1983 paved the way for the Corvette's futuristic 1984 debut. Orders were given to destroy all forty-three prototypes, but one miraculously survived. Visit us to see the only 1983 Corvette in the world, now on display in the Skydome.

For more information go to: [The One and Only 1983 Corvette: A New Chapter in Corvette History at the National Corvette Museum - National Corvette Museum](#)

NCM Special Exhibits

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.



American Love Affair: Pop Culture and Corvette

New Exhibition - Driven to Preserve



Now Open,, 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.

The R8C Reunion Returns



R8C Reunion returns June 25-27, 2026, bringing together Corvette owners who began their journey with R8C Museum Delivery. This three-day event celebrates more than 30 years of delivery history with behind-the-scenes access, expert-led sessions, scenic road tours, and a museum-judged show. Encourage your members, especially R8C participants, to take part in this unforgettable experience and reconnect with the Museum and fellow enthusiasts. To register go to: [2026 R8C Reunion | National Corvette Museum](#) .

Member Appreciation Day



For more information go to: [Member Appreciation Day - National Corvette Museum](#)

Mark your calendars for Member Appreciation Day on Saturday, June 27, 2026, and help us spread the word to your members. This year's celebration will place a special focus on honoring America's 250th birthday, recognizing the spirit, innovation, and community that Corvette represents. Members will be invited to participate in a morning car show, featuring Judge's Choice trophies exclusively for Member Appreciation Day participants. The celebration continues with an All-American picnic and community vendor fair, complete with prizes and opportunities to connect. Additional activities are being planned to reflect this historic milestone and create a meaningful tribute to both our Members and 250 years of American heritage. Stay tuned for more information and RSVP details.

NCM Events Update:

- 2026 Membership Appreciation Day – June 27
- 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 32nd Anniversary @ NCM- Sep 3 – Sep 5
- 2026 MiM New York - Sep 24 – Sep 28
- 2026 MiM Italy - Oct 24 – Nov 1

Plant Tours



If you are interested in plant tour information, visit the NCM website at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plant-tours/>

Motorsports Park News:



New Kartplex Opening Spring 2026



Our team has been hard at work reimagining the NCM Kartplex presented by Crown Cork & Seal. Countless hours of planning, building, and refining have gone into creating an even better experience for our guests. We're incredibly proud of the dedication that's driven upgrades and can't wait to welcome drivers back to see it all in action. For more information go to: [Kartplex Reimagined for 2026 Season | NCM Motorsports Park](#)

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

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

Entry Deadline: April 26, 2026 at 2:00PM CT

Drawing Date: May 7, 2026 at 2:00PM CT

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



NCM Raffles:

Purchase online or print order form and mail in.

Current Corvettes being raffled

To learn more visit:

<https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org/index.cfm>



2026 Red Mist Corvette Convertible

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 150

Drawing: May 21st, 2026 2:00 PM CT



2026 Sebring Orange Corvette Coupe

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500

Drawing: June 18th, 2026 2:00 PM CT



2026 Black Corvette Coupe

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

Drawing: September 5th, 2026 2:00 PM CT

"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."

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

Family \$100.00/year, Life member \$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.



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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

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Ten Commandments
of
Corvette
Owners

- I **I** Thou Shalt Not Loan Corvette to Anyone
- II **II** Thou Shalt Not bring Corvette to an Automatic Car Wash
- III **III** Thou Shalt Not Fail to Wave to A Fellow owner
- IV **IV** Thou Shalt Not Swear at Corvette – for it is Very Tempermental
- V **V** Thou Shalt Not Cruise on an unpaved Road
- VI **VI** Thou Shalt Not Pass a Fellow Corvette Owner in Distress
- VII **VII** Thou Shalt Not Feed with Budget grade Fuel
- VIII **VIII** Thou Shalt Not expose Corvette to Severe Weather Conditions
- IX **IX** Thou Shalt Not Forget to activate Alarm
- X **X** Thou Shalt Not Acknowledge a Porche or 280Z as being True Sports Cars





Rear ¾ view of 2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1X Quail Silver Limited Edition

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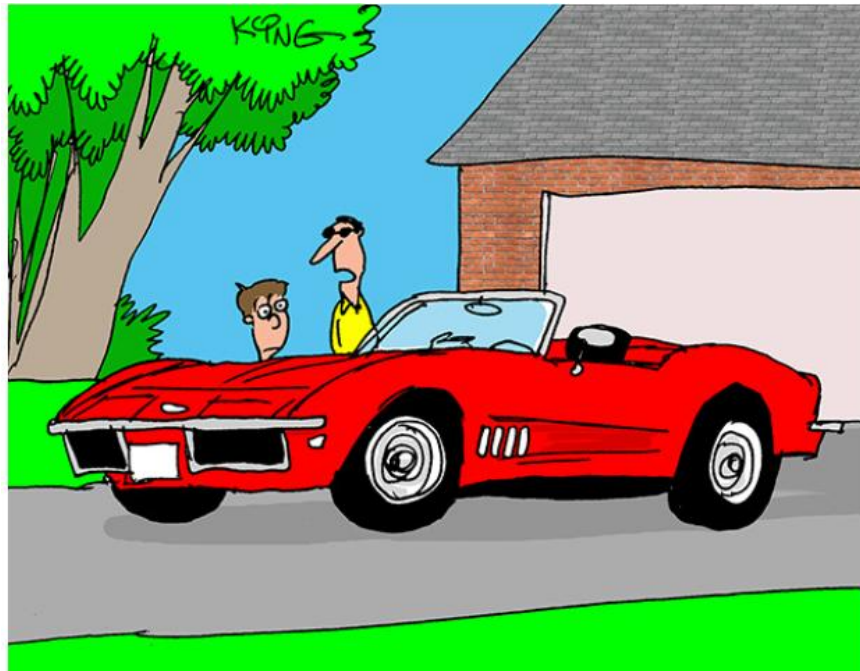
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"This is a classic. So no, it doesn't have GPS, Bluetooth, premium audio sound system with multiple speakers, rear entertainment system with an LCD screen, or an advanced camera system."

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We invite you to share news about trips you've taken, shows you've attended, and ideas for future club activities. Technical tips, cleaning advice, and any other contributions you think fellow members would enjoy are always welcome. Your input truly helps keep our club strong and connected.

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