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Happy September everyone!

As I'm writing this month's article, it's Corvettes at Carlisle weekend, and Fun Field is once again packed with Corvettes—somewhere around 3,000–5,000 of them! With every production generation represented, it's quite a sight for any Corvette fan.

As always, there's no shortage of things to see and do, with autocross, exhaust contests, seminars, and from what I hear, a *huge* flea market. It sounds like there's something for just about everyone.

I know several of our GCCC members have made the trip to Carlisle at least once, while a few have become regulars and gone several times. There may even be a couple of GCCC members there this weekend enjoying all the Corvette action. If you're one of them, we hope you're having a great time—and maybe you'll bring back a few stories to share with the rest of us!

We had another fantastic Corvette Cruise Night. The August event brought out a record **46 Corvettes**, up from 40 in July and 30-something in June. Even better, we had **every Corvette generation represented**, including two beautiful **C1s** and a **ZR1X**!

It's been pretty exciting to watch GCCC's Corvette Cruise Night take off! Each month, we're seeing more cars, more familiar faces, and plenty of new ones, too. The variety of Corvettes that show up is always fun to see, and the enthusiasm from everyone—owners and spectators alike—really makes the night special.

With things growing like this, September could be our biggest Cruise Night yet! What started as a simple monthly get-together is turning into a pretty cool Gate City Corvette tradition. Hopefully, we can keep the momentum going and make it something Corvette enthusiasts look forward to for years to come!

As we head into the second half of the season, we have plenty of exciting cruises, social events, and activities planned. Be sure to keep an eye on your email, visit our website regularly, and check out the flyers included in this newsletter so you don't miss a thing.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events as we continue to enjoy the cruising season as we continue making great memories and celebrating the fun of being together!

Lastly, a reminder about our **Fall Weekend Getaway, September 18th–21st**, at the historic and beautiful **Harraseeket Inn** in the heart of **Freeport, Maine**. Our block of discounted rooms has officially expired, but I may be able to convince—or perhaps bribe—our hotel contact to add a few rooms at the discounted rate, provided rooms are still available.

We already have 15 members registered, and we'd love to have you join us! If you're interested, contact me and I'll see what I can do to help secure a room at the discounted rate.

Till next month, take care!

Well, our cruising activities are getting close to the end for this year but know that your Activities Team continues working on activities for next year. August activities included the club's third Cruise Night, which again was very successful, with a good increase of Corvettes in attendance. By the end of the evening, we had again signed up new members. We made a cruise to Quechee, VT with lunch at Long Trail Brewing Company in Bridgewater, VT. For our Sunapee Dinner Cruise at the end of August, we have 22 members who will be enjoying dinner on Sunapee Lake.

For September we will hold our 4th Cruise Night on 6 September, then our annual Castle in the Clouds picnic on 13 September (watch for an email soon), and our 3-night cruise to the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, ME with a cruise to the Owls Head Transportation Museum.

Coming up in October we have our end of season cruise to The Farm Table and Kringle Candle in Bernardston, MA on 4 October.

Just a note that the calendar includes 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. The remaining one is listed in the calendar for the month of September, which is on the road courses.

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.

Here's hoping that we see you join us for the next club activity!



GATE CITY CORVETTE CLUB

2026 Calendar of Events

NOTE: All dates and activities are subject to change



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 **The Farm Table / Kringle**
- 14 **Club Meeting**
- 22-25 **Ogunquit Caravan Gathering**

Join us in celebrating September/October



*Jerry Ellner
Paula AuCoin*

*09/09
09/30
Bob Sternberg October*

*Jim Ecke
Bill Zenkus*

*10/23
10/13*

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 Dennis Granger at the phone number or email address below.

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For Membership Information please visit our website:

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

Dennis Granger, Membership Director

(603) 688-5180 or email membership@gatecitycorvetteclub.com

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'89 White Coupe



Kevin & Linda Brooke, Ashby, MA

'17 Admiral Blue GS Coupe



Don & Chris Newton, Franklin, MA

'18 Black Rose Metallic Z06 Convertible



Scott Scribner & Ingrid Bjork, Frankestown, NH

'09 Black ZR1 Coupe



Phillip & Rachelle Smith, Moultonborough, NH

'14 Gray Convertible



Bob Sternberg, Manchester, NH

'02 Stingray Coupe



Mark & Dawn Vaillancourt, Manchester, NH

'23 Black Coupe



Martin "Marty" Warshaw, Candia, NH

'80 Black L48 Coupe



Bill & Jacqueline Zehkus, Goffstown, NH

'74 Orange Coupe

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CRUISE NIGHTS



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GCCC Member News



Sandy and Ed Bourgeois are celebrating a very special milestone—their **60th Wedding Anniversary**, known as the **Diamond Anniversary** 💎 on September 10th! They are celebrating in style, by going to Ireland 🍀, September 5th – 14th. Be sure to say **Happy Anniversary** the next time you see them and safe travels to Ireland!!!

That Poor Vette



It's an early morning like any other in Manhattan, an intersection with a Benz SUV, and a pedestrian minding their own business on the corner. Enter a poor Sea Wolf Gray C8 moving at a very high rate of speed, striking the SUV, causing it to be sent off into a parked car & moped. The Vette spins out, clips the pedestrian, launching them into the air, before the car's momentum is stopped by a building.

The Vette driver, passenger, and pedestrian were sent to the hospital, but the Mercedes driver... ran from the scene. An investigation into what exactly was going on here, is still ongoing.

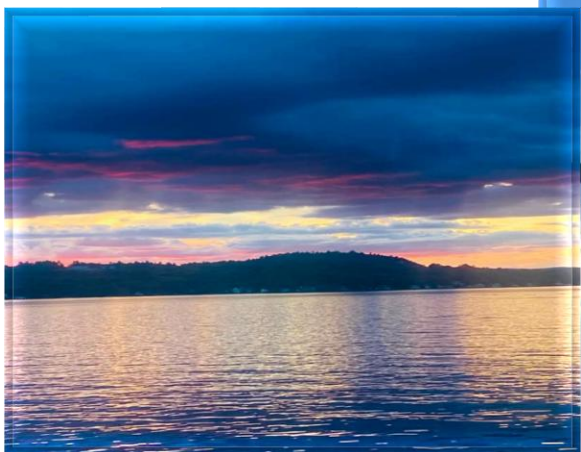
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Quechee Cruise to Long Trail Brewing



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Annual Lake Sunapee Dinner Cruise



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President: Kevin L. opened the August 12th meeting at the monthly social at Murphy's Taproom.

Kevin said there are many exciting things going on with GCCC this summer. Attendance at Cruise Night is increasing and it's been great to meet and talk with fellow Corvette owners. The 50/50 raffle has grown and been successful in raising funds for the Nashua Soup Kitchen. He thanked the Board members who show up early and set up each month.

Membership Director: Dennis said several new members have joined the club and more are pending. He has business cards and "stay connected" cards if anyone would like to keep a few in their car. You never know when you will run into other Corvette owners!

Treasurer: Dean gave a financial overview for the month. Costs associated with the summer picnic and parking cones have been paid.

Vice President/Activities Director: Larry G. said July was busy with club activities and included the annual summer picnic and cruise to T-bones in Laconia. Coming up August activities include a cruise to Quechee, Vermont and the Lake Sunapee Dinner Cruise. September brings the annual fall picnic at Castle in the Clouds and 3 nights at the Harraseeket Inn in Freeport, Maine. (Please see Calendar of Events for details.)

NCM Ambassador: Larry G. gave a reminder that the NCM provides insurance coverage for your Corvette and is often less expensive than your current carrier. Please let Larry know if you purchase Corvette raffle tickets through the NCM website. Also let him know if you join the Museum or renew your membership. The new Collection Facility at the Museum is making progress.

Officer at Large: Norm W. was unable to attend the meeting.

Secretary: Allie wished a happy birthday to members with August birthdays. She sent a card on behalf of the club to the family of Ruth Wintle.

Election of officers will take place during the annual business meeting at the November social. Allie will send out general information along with a list of board positions and responsibilities of each.

The 50/50 was not held this month.
The winner of the attendance raffle was not present.

Kevin adjourned the meeting.





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On a recent club cruise, a member approached me and asked why the Yellow Dome with the red spire was part of the museum's design. As I did not have what I thought was an adequate answer, I researched it and offer the following.

The National Corvette Museum's Skydome was built in 1994 as part of the original museum design. When planning the building, architects explored several ideas — including shaping the museum like a Chevrolet bowtie or an Incan-style temple — but ultimately chose a sleek, curving, futuristic structure meant to evoke Corvette themes of speed, innovation, and performance.

Key design intentions for the Skydome were:

- **High visibility:** The bright yellow paint was chosen so travelers on I-65 could spot the museum instantly.
- **Corvette symbolism:** From above, the round shape resembles a Corvette speedometer, reinforcing the performance theme.
- **Futuristic identity:** The dome was meant to give the museum a bold, modern landmark — something that looked advanced and exciting, just like the car it celebrates.

Piercing through the top is a 130-foot red spire, further enhancing visibility and giving the structure a dramatic, high-energy profile.

The yellow Skydome and red spire at the National Corvette Museum have one of the most distinctive and well-documented architectural histories of any automotive landmark in the U.S. and are unique because they were deliberately designed to be instantly recognizable, symbolically Corvette-themed, and visible from Interstate 65 — a form of modern “programmatic architecture” scaled for fast-moving highway traffic.

Together, the yellow dome and red spire form one of the most recognizable automotive museum structures in the world. They embody:

- Speed, innovation, and performance — the core Corvette identity
- Roadside landmark architecture designed for visibility at highway speeds
- A symbolic fusion of Corvette design elements (speedometer + taillight)

The sky dome is unique because:

- It's not actually a dome. The structure is a **frustum** — a cone with the top cut off — giving it a dramatic sloped profile rather than a true dome shape.
- Bright yellow, cone-shaped exterior. The architects clad it in yellow panels so the museum would stand out visually and be unmistakable from the interstate.
- Designed to resemble a Corvette speedometer. When viewed from above, the round shape echoes the look of a Corvette dashboard gauge, reinforcing the building's automotive identity.
- A 130-foot-high, 65-foot-diameter centerpiece. It was built as the museum's dramatic central showroom — the “Corvette Salon” — and remains its most iconic gallery.

The red spire is unique because:

- It pierces the dome and rises 130 feet. The spire shoots upward through the frustum, creating a striking vertical accent visible for miles.
- Symbolic Corvette design cue. Its pinnacle was designed to evoke the red beacon taillight of the 1961 Corvette, tying the architecture directly to Corvette styling heritage.
- A landmark for highway travelers. The spire's height and lighting make the museum easy to spot from I-65, fulfilling the architects' goal of creating a futuristic roadside

The background for why the sky dome and spire was selected was based on the city of Bowling Green giving approval to the design because it captured Corvette themes:

- **Speedometer shape** (the dome)
- **Taillight beacon** (the red spire)
- **Futuristic curves** matching Corvette design language
- **High-visibility yellow** for roadside impact

It was bold, modern, and unmistakably Corvette.

The Skydome exists based the fact that the idea for the museum began in the mid-1980s, when members of the **National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS)** wanted a central archive for Corvette history. Once Bowling Green donated 33 acres along I-65, the next question became: *What should the building look like?*

Bowling Green leaders were involved in the planning and pushed hard for a **landmark structure** because the city

. saw the National Corvette Museum as more than a building — it was a once-in-a-generation chance to anchor its identity to America’s most iconic sports car. Three forces shaped that desire.

Bowling Green wanted a visual symbol of “Corvette City”. By the late 1980s, Bowling Green had already become the exclusive home of Corvette production, but it didn’t yet *look* like it. City leaders wanted a structure that would: be instantly recognizable, be a signal to travelers that they were entering the home of the Corvette, and create a civic identity tied to innovation and performance. A plain rectangular museum wouldn’t do that. A bold, sculptural landmark would.

The museum site sits directly on Interstate 65 — visibility mattered. The city donated 33 acres of land right off I-65, and they wanted the museum to function as a **highway beacon**. That meant:

- A shape that stands out at 70 mph
- Colors that pop against the landscape
- A vertical element (the red spire) visible from long distances

The yellow frustum dome and 130-foot red spire were chosen specifically because they would make drivers say, “*What is THAT?*” — and exit the highway.

Bowling Green wanted a destination, not just a building and looked to the structure to be a tourism

engine, drawing Corvette owners from all over the country. A landmark structure needed to:

- Create emotional impact
- Makes the museum feel like a pilgrimage site
- Encourages repeat visits and club events
- Helps the museum compete with other automotive destinations

The Skydome became the architectural “signature” that made the museum feel special before visitors even walked inside.

Early museum concepts included:

- A **Chevrolet bowtie-shaped building** (rejected because it would only be recognizable from above).
- A **rectangular Incan-temple-style structure** (scrapped for being too static and not “Corvette-like”).

The architects rejected the idea of a Chevrolet bowtie-shaped building for several very practical — and surprisingly thoughtful — reasons. On paper it sounded fun, but in real architectural terms it fell apart quickly.

Here’s are the reasons for not selecting a bow-tie shaped building:

1. It only worked from an aerial view — not from the ground

A bowtie shape is recognizable only when viewed from above. From ground level — where *every visitor* experiences the building — it would look like an odd, flat, sprawling structure with no visual identity. The architects wanted a building that:

- Looked dramatic from the highway
- Created a sense of arrival
- Had sculptural presence at human scale

A bowtie fails all three.

2. It didn’t express Corvette design language

The bowtie is a Chevrolet corporate symbol, not a Corvette symbol. The museum needed architecture that conveyed:

- Speed
- Motion
- Innovation
- Performance

A flat geometric logo shape doesn't communicate any of that. The curved, futuristic Skydome did.

3. It was too static and too literal. Architects often avoid “literal logo buildings” because they:

- Age poorly
- Feel gimmicky
- Don't scale well
- Limit interior layout options

The museum needed flexible interior galleries, a dramatic central hall, and a landmark silhouette. A bowtie shape would have forced awkward interior geometry and wasted space.

4. It didn't work with the site The donated land along I-65 required:

- A strong vertical element (the spire)
- A shape visible at highway speeds
- A building that could be approached from multiple angles

A bowtie is wide and flat — the opposite of what the site demanded.

5. It lacked emotional impact. The architects wanted visitors to feel something the moment they saw the building. A bowtie shape is:

- Corporate
- Literal
- Emotionally neutral

The yellow frustum dome + red spire created a sense of drama, excitement, and anticipation — exactly what a Corvette museum should evoke.

In short, the bowtie building was rejected because it was:

- Only recognizable from the air
- Not Corvette-specific
- Architecturally limiting
- Visually flat

- Lacking emotional and symbolic power

The Skydome and spire solved those problems — and became one of the most iconic automotive museum structures in the world.

Architects ultimately decided the museum needed a sleek, curving, futuristic form that expressed speed, innovation, and performance — the core Corvette identity.

Architects Kenneth Neumann & Joel Smith of Neumann/Smith Architecture designed the entire museum, including the Skydome. The museum's architecture was meant to:

- Celebrate **Corvette's racing heritage**
- Convey **motion and excitement**
- Serve as a **roadside beacon** for enthusiasts traveling to Bowling Green
- Reflect the **industrial sheen** of Corvette design (gray, black, red panels on the main building)

The Skydome is the museum's most iconic gallery and remains its architectural signature.

Despite its name, the Skydome is not a dome:

- It is a frustum — a cone with the top cut off.
- The base is cone-shaped, clad in bright yellow panels.
- The interior is a 130-foot-high, 65-foot-diameter showroom.

The round shape was chosen because:

- It complemented the museum's curved exterior.
- From above, it resembles a **Corvette speedometer**.

The architects wanted the museum to be **instantly recognizable** from Interstate 65, and the bright yellow paint makes the building visible from long distances. This was intentional “programmatic architecture” — a roadside landmark designed to catch the eye of fast-moving highway traffic.

Atop the dome, the red spire is one of the most symbolic elements of the entire museum. The spire rises 128 feet above the frustum, and it is bright red, designed as a dramatic vertical accent

According to architectural references:

- The spire is evocative of the red beacon taillight of the 1961 Corvette.
- Its height ensures it is visible from the interstate, reinforcing the museum's identity as the home of America's sports car.

The spire is topped with lights visible for miles, further enhancing its landmark status.

Although not part of the original design, the **2014 sinkhole** that opened beneath the Skydome became a major chapter in its architectural story. Eight Corvettes fell into the cavity, and the Skydome was later repaired and reinforced.

This event made the Skydome internationally famous and led to new exhibits explaining the geology and recovery.

It took the effort on the part of many people, and it showed how the joint effort by the city of Bowling Green and the team behind the museum effort to have a Corvette Museum and Archive proved to be excellent.

My thanks to the many folks in the past who produced the information contained herein. The sources (if known) are too many to cite.



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Sunday, September 13, 2026

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Manchester Traffic Circle - Exit 1 off Route 101

Meeting Time: 10:15 am ~ Departure for field: 10:30 am

RSVP: Norm and Sue Wood
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- 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!



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Call 207-646 -5931 - 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 planning to attend this event please e-mail vetteflock@cox.net so we can get a head count.



Ambassador's NCM Update

September 2026 – NCM News

*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.*



A Tribute to Grand Sport Legends

Our new exhibition brings a trio of heritage-inspired Corvettes to the gallery floor. The showstopping 1963 Corvette Grand Sport replica and the 1996 Corvette Grand Sport are now on display next to the must-see 2027

Corvette Grand Sport. Located in the Museum's Gateway, this special exhibition gives Corvette enthusiasts a rare opportunity to compare these Grand Sports while exploring the heritage, engineering, and design that have made the Grand Sport one of Corvette's most celebrated models. Go to

[See the All-New 2027 Corvette Grand Sport on Display at the National Corvette Museum - National Corvette Museum](#) for more information.

NCM Special Exhibits



American Love Affair: Pop Culture & 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.

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.

Plant Tours



Plant tours will be available this summer and will run for 6 weeks, from mid-July to early September. There will be 12 tours daily. If you are interested in plant tour information, visit the NCM website at [Corvette Plant Tours - National Corvette Museum](http://www.corvette-museum.net/corvette-plant-tours)

NCM Events Update:

- 2026 National Corvette Museum 32nd Anniversary @ NCM- Sep 3 – Sep 5
- 2026 Museum in Motion: National Parks Tour Sep 13 – Sep 19
- 2026 Museum in Motion: Kentucky One Lap Tour Sep 21 – Oct 24
- 2026 MiM New York - Sep 24 – Sep 28
- 2026 MiM Italy - Oct 24 – Nov 1
- 2027 Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum Apr 22 – Apr 24



We are excited to introduce a new digital member experience through PassPlay. Members now have access to a convenient digital membership card, a new rewards program with exclusive member-only prizes, and enhanced features designed to make staying connected with the Museum easier than ever.

Click below to download the App on your iPhone or Android Device or search "Pass Play" in your App Store.

Questions? Please contact our Membership Team
membership@corvettemuseum.org

Get Your Digital Member Card



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

The National Corvette Museum now has their first web page up for the 2029 NCM Caravan. Be sure to check occasionally for new developments.



https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/?fbclid=IwY2xjawT_8e1wZG9mBWV4dG4DYWVtAjEwAGJyaWQRMWVhbohxdUpjMkpvs3JBeVhzenRjBmFwcF9pZBAyMjIwMzIxNzg4MjAwODkyAAEe5MaYSjpy32V-cZJ5bg1KDn29lBLpnAXzN9GwaQK-k3AmwCOoOCvkyME-vus_aem_x5IJTddCz8YPSogWmVNESA

NCM Sweepstakes:

Enter for Your Chance to Win Our 2012 Corvette ZR1 Coupe Sweepstakes

Finished in Blade Silver with an Ebony interior and suede microfiber inserts. Powered by a hand-built supercharged 6.2L LS9 V8 producing 638 horsepower, this two-owner ZR1 has just 13,642 miles and includes service records, manuals, and original accessories. Performance highlights include carbon-ceramic brakes, extensive carbon fiber, a polycarbonate hood window, and the 3ZR package. The winner will take delivery on Corvette Boulevard through the Museum Delivery Experience, which includes Museum membership and a VIP tour. Choose your donation level by selecting the entry package that best fits your budget. Complete the secure checkout and receive an email confirmation with your entry numbers.

- VIN 1G1YN2DTXC5800227
- 13,642 miles Two-owner car with extensive service records
- Includes factory car cover, manuals, and sunshade
- 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 total

Entry Deadline: September 6, 2026 at 2:00 PM CT

Drawing Date: September 17, 2026 at 2:00 PM CT

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, go to:
<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/2012-corvette-zr1-coupe-sweepstakes/>



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>



2027 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible

Price: **\$300.00** Tickets: 1500

Drawing: September 4th, 2026 2:00 PM CT



2026 Black Corvette Coupe

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

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



2027 Artic White Corvette Coupe

Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500

Drawing: September 24th, 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:

• 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
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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.



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.ncminsurace.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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The next submission date is **September 20th, 2026**

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.

To be included in the next newsletter, please submit all reports, articles, notices, letters, photos, and advertisements by the 20th of each month. Thank you for your contributions—they are what keep our newsletter engaging, informative, and enjoyable for everyone.

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