



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for September/October 2024



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Those of you who read this monthly letter will have noticed that I'm either very late or very early. Despite having done most of the work necessary for our Corvette Autumn car show in the months leading up to the show, there was still a lot to do in the final weeks to ensure a successful show. And as you'll read on the next page, all that prep work was well worth it: we had a very successful 2nd try at our 10th annual show. Then "life" took over and consumed the rest of the month, so there wasn't much Corvette news in September for me to write about. The only other thing worth noting is that I finally got Sweet Potato, our orange '72 coupe, back from the being painted and coated. Instead of going with a ceramic coating, I went for a product recommended by another of our members, Marshall Dodge, who had it put on his vintage Camaro. The coating is a product called Icon Rocklear, applied by a shop in Hermon. It looks great! If you have heard about that coating and are curious to know more, email me (RADean72C3@outlook.com) and I'll be happy to tell you about my experiences with it.

Celebrations

September Birthdays

Anne Grant
Shelley Sala

October Birthdays

Bethany Crane	Ann Lee
Donna Shea	Jane Stackpole

September Anniversaries

Les & Franny Stackpole Doug & Ann Lee
Dave Blanchard & Meg
Smallidge

October Anniversaries

Larry & Jane Billings
John & Donna Shea

Upcoming Local Events & Activities for September & October

- **October 19** -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 1414 Tremont Road. Last one of 2023. Season Finale. The museum closes for the season on October 31!
- **October 25-27** -- Vettes of Coastal Maine Fall Weekend. Bar Harbor.
- **October 23** -- ARCC Monthly Meeting at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth, starting at 5:00 pm.

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

Corvette Autumn Car Show

First, thanks to all our sponsors and volunteers who helped make the show a success. All of the club members participating in the show eagerly pitched in, setting up the Elks for the party; marking Darling's lot for the show; setting up tables and chairs on Saturday morning; guiding cars as they arrived on the lot; and tending to registration, games, and coffee. **And a special thanks goes to Scott Lawson** who provided the sound system and an awesome mix of music!

We are most grateful to our primary sponsor **Darling's Chevrolet** who provides both substantial financial support as well as a venue for the show. They allow us to take over their used car lot for the day so we have adequate space for the show, and General Manager Geoff Johnson's sales team were quick to offer help with tables and chairs. In addition, Brittany Stanley of Darling's marketing office sent a photographer to cover the show and provided most of the photos on the following pages. Other businesses helping to make our show a success included:

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| AutoZone | Home Depot | Maine's Own Treats |
| Merchant's Automotive | Coastal Auto Parts (NAPA) | Friends & Family Market |
| K&B Automotive | Hammond Lumber | The Crocker House |
| Viking Lumber | O'Reilly's Auto Parts | Pirates Cove Mini-Golf |
| Cadillac Mountain Sports | Global Beverage Warehouse | Shirley's Yarn |
| DC Air's LobStore | Reny's | Midnight Customs |
| Hannaford Supermarket | NAPA Coastal Auto Parts | |

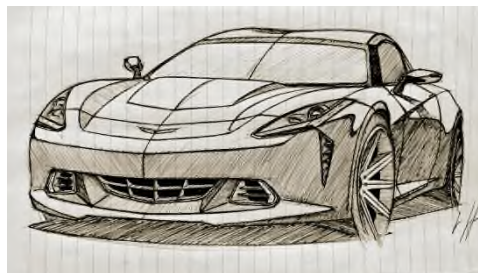
We estimate that we had about \$2000 worth of merchandise and gift cards from these other businesses to auction off or award as prizes. Please remember our generous supporters when you choose local merchants to patronize.

Friday's *Start Your Engines* party was sparsely attended but that didn't stop those who did come out from having a great time. Saturday was a much different story! We equaled our 2022 turnout: 46 cars came and went during the morning, and we maxed out at 42 cars on the lot at one time. We had a bunch of C3s and C7s, and a few C8s. But none of the first or second generation cars and only a few C5s and C4s. And as you'll see in the photos that follow, a couple of amazing vintage/custom rides were also on the lot for attendees to marvel at.

In addition to our game and door prize winners, we gave prizes to the 1st non-member to arrive at show (Matt St. Peter) and for the person/couple who came the furthest distance to attend (Roger & Angela Bourgeois from Dieppe, NB). Heather Massey, the Executive Director of Sarah's House, chose Bruce Cates' blue C8 as the car she would have liked to drive home, and Andrew Colford won Darling's dealer's choice award for his white 2023 70th anniversary edition convertible. And this year, after a random drawing to resolve a tie vote, Denise Marrs of Calais won the People's Choice trophy for her red 2018 Stingray.



The *Start Your Engines* Party



It's Show Time!









Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

This issue's interesting Corvette article comes from <https://silodrome.com/baldwin-motion-corvette/>. Written by someone named Ben Branch in 2019, the article is entitled, "The Car That Was Killed By The US Justice Department – The Baldwin Motion Phase III GT Corvette." The article title drew me in and, being a C3 fan, the photo kept me there.



The result of a 1969–1971 collaboration between Motion Performance and Baldwin Chevrolet, the Government objected to the car for both safety and environmental reasons. Not having enough money to fight a legal battle, the company reached a settlement and shut down. The article notes, "It's believed that just 10 examples of the Baldwin Motion Corvette were built before production was shut down by the US Justice Department... and just three are thought to have survived."

Other Club News

Starting shortly after the Covid pandemic started, ARCC purchased a Zoom license and began streaming our monthly club meetings for our remote members. Lately, interest in attending via Zoom has dropped off (to zero, lately) and we can no longer justify the annual cost. If the need arises, in the future we'll be relying on Zoom's free 30-minute-limit service.

See you on the road,

Roger

Roger Dean
ARCC President

**Our *October meeting* will be on
Wednesday, *October 23rd* at Pat's Pizza.**