



Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

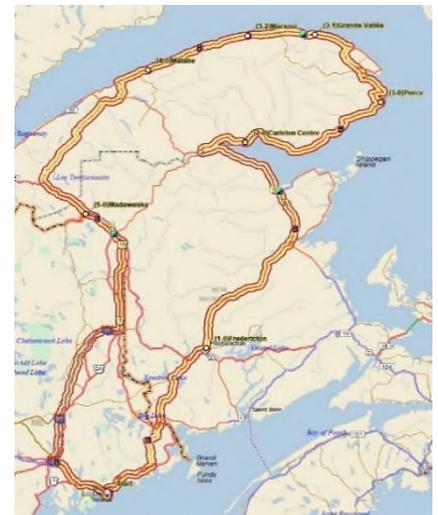
President's Letter for August 2024



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So far, a pretty good Corvette cruisin' summer. In early July we took advantage of the weather and finally made our many-times-postponed trip around Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula. We covered about 1500 miles in the six days and saw some impressive coastal scenery, visited several beautiful botanical gardens, and stayed in a couple of amazing B&Bs. We encountered bright sunny top-down days, some cloudy days, and a couple of brief but strong downpours. The further north we got, the more we encountered people speaking only French, but it was never a problem. The roads ranged from the beauty of Canadia highways to some local roads that could have used some attention to others that were getting that needed attention. Like last year, after a while I started to think that much of Canada was under construction. And once again, removing the tar from the car when we got home was a bit of a challenge. But all in all, it was a grand six days in the Corvette. I hope many of you have also taken advantage of this summer's weather and done some touring in your 'Vettes. Now, on to ARCC doings.



Southwest Harbor Flamingo Parade

The annual Southwest Harbor Flamingo Parade on July 13th was its usual collection of fancy floats and vehicles of all sorts, despite the weather. Unlike last year, where the day started off foggy, misty, and only the threat of rain, this year we had a handful of showers before the parade—and one brief but

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

heavy downpour. Nonetheless, this didn't do too much to dampen the spirits of either participants or onlookers. The day turned out better than expected with the rain holding off for the duration of the parade. Club participants included Roger & Carol Dean, Ann & Doug Lee, Shawn & Jackie Kelly, John & Dona Shea, John Favour & Charlene Clemens, Ken & Pat Minier, and Ed Dailide. The only change to our plans was that the last shower and threat of rain finally convinced Ann & Donna that walking our club banner at the head of our group was probably not the best idea. After the parade, we all went to the Minier's home for a Flamingo Picnic, where Dan & Diane Bossert joined the group.



Early arrivals.



Some of us really like to embrace the spirit of the event!

(Ed Dailide, Carol Dean, Ken Minier, Charlene Clemens, John Favour, and Shawn Kelly)



Ready to go... in between showers



Ann & Donna... Before the brief downpour that changed their minds about walking the banner.



Above: John & Charlene.

Above Right:
Smiling Pat.

Right: Shawn & Jackie
going big time pink.



Pat & Ken's After-Parade "Flamingo Feast." (No flamingos were harmed during this event.)

Millbridge Days Parade

Like last year, the weather for the Millbridge Days parade was near perfect... quite a contrast to the Flamingo parade. With the parade theme being *The Wizard of Oz*, son-in-law Perry led the parade in Sunshine (aka, the *Yellow Brick Road*) because he was driving the parade's Grand Marshal. The rest of us assembled at the United Methodist Church to wait for the parade to step-off. It was warm in the sun and the pastor, Darlene Bearse, graciously opened the church so we could use the restroom and offered us cold water. THANK YOU, Pastor Bearse. When 11 o'clock rolled around, the parade stepped off, just about right on time.



Above: Son-in-law Perry driving the Grand Marshal.



Right: Roger, Carol & granddaughter Cookie embracing the spirit of the parade and showing off some *Wizard of Oz* style.



Waiting for the parade to begin.

L to R: Shawn Kelly, Ed Dailide, Roger Dean, Jackie Kelly, Ken Minier, Diane Bossert (hiding behind Ken), Ann Lee & Pat Minier





Glinda's bubble was in the shop.



Gee... Who could it be in the balloon-covered car?







**The Post-Parade
BBQ at the Deans.**

**Ann & Doug Lee
Shawn & Jackie Kelly
John & Donna Shea
Ken & Pat Minier
Ed Dailide
&
Roger & Carol Dean**

(My daughter said the car line-up made it look like we were hosting a convention of drug dealers. 😊)



Celebrations

August Birthdays

Sally Howard Ken Minier
Shawn Kelly Les Stackpole
John Linnehan Bernie Woody

September Birthdays

Anne Grant
Shelley Sala

August Anniversaries

Shawn & Jackie Kelly
John & Heather Linnehan

September Anniversaries

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

Upcoming Local Events & Activities for August & September

- **August 15** – Cruise in at the Eggmoggin Country Store, 5–7 pm
- **August 24** -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 1414 Tremont Road. Alternative Power.
- **August 28** -- ARCC Monthly Meeting at Pat’s Pizza
- **September 7** -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 1414 Tremont Road. Imports.
- **September 13&14** -- ARCC's 10th Annual Corvette Autumn Car Show. A “Show and Shine” event for Corvettes of all generations and conditions. Includes a display area for all vintage American vehicles. Festivities begin on Friday night with our “Start Your Engines Party” featuring a free buffet for all registered attendees.
- **September TBD** -- Ellsworth's Autumn Gold Car Show. Ellsworth Home Depot lot.
- **September 28** -- Seal Cove Auto Museum Cars & Coffee. 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. 1414 Tremont Road. Ford & GM.

Corvette Autumn Car Show

Club members planning to attend the “Start Your Engines” party on Friday evening will be asked to contribute something for the buffet table. Look for an email from Diane toward the end of August. And I will be emailing those of you who have volunteered to help with the show (or been otherwise coerced) to confirm your availability and role. Look for a note from me later in the month.

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News — 4-Door Corvette

OK. This story isn’t about Corvettes... at least not directly. It is about cars that could have challenged the ‘Vette for the title of “America’s Sportscar.” I found the article on a site called *petrolicious.com* and got sucked in with the first photo in the story: A car called the Ford Cougar II that looked suspiciously like a cross between a C2 and a C3 ‘Vette. There are twelve other “never made it” cars on <https://petrolicious.com/articles/these-are-the-groundbreaking-sports-cars-that-detroit-didn-t-make>. This photo is the Ford Cougar II.



This next story comes from a 2019 *CarBuzz.com* article. It's for Corvette enthusiasts who love the look of the 1953 'Vette but crave the comfort of a modern car. Sometime prior to 2003—the article doesn't say when—a company called ATT converted maybe 200 C6s into something called a "1953 Commemorative Edition by AAT". You can read the article at <https://carbuzz.com/news/modern-corvette-z06-gets-looks-of-1953-original/>



Other Club News

- A reminder: **Beware of phishing scams!** Scammers have recently gotten quite inventive with the reasons they want you to contact "me." Recent emails to Carol requesting a response say that I don't have access to my phone or that I'm in back-to-back meetings. By now, I hope you know that these—and others like them—are fake requests. As I've noted before, I don't make vague requests via email or any other way. I don't need bail money, no relative is in jail, and I'm not a Nigerian prince with money for you. If I text or email you, there will be no doubt that it's from the real me; even if you can't see my real return email address, there will be something in the message that references something quite specific. If it sounds fishy (phishy), it probably is. If there's a question, call me on the phone before doing anything.
- Our **August meeting** will be on Wednesday, August 28th at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth at the usual time of 5:00 pm. It will only be Zoomed if someone makes a specific request. Email me if you want to attend over Zoom.

See you on the road,

Roger

Roger Dean
ARCC President

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