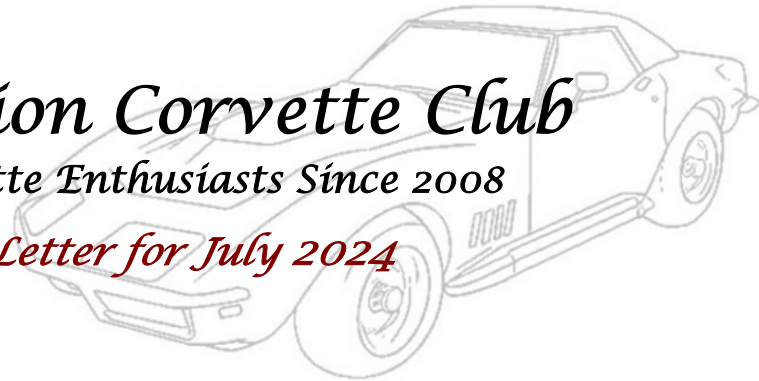




Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

President's Letter for July 2024



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It's July and peak cruising season! Hurray!!! And things for us are almost back to normal with our Corvettes. The '07 is running just fine and I finally found someone to fix and paint the damage I did to our '72 last August. Not surprisingly, what started out to be a very reasonable touch-up job turned into a major undertaking. By the end of all the "I found such-and-such, do you want that fixed as well" questions, we ended up getting the whole car painted. It's now back to the OEM color of Ontario Orange Firemist and, when it gets its final touch up and buffing, will look great. The car will see two parades and our car show this year before it goes into winter storage (in our car bag to keep the mice out). In the spring, I'll either wax or coat it for a full 2025 cruising season.

Celebrations

July Birthdays

Jane Billings
 Cindy Blanchette

August Birthdays

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

July Anniversaries

Marshall & Kit Dodge	Don & Phyllis Houp
Chris & Robin Houmiller	

August Anniversaries

Shawn & Jackie Kelly
John & Heather Linnehan

Another June Cruise

Kingsbrae Gardens cruise: After the success of the early June cruise to the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens written about in last month's letter, Carol and I decided to organize another cruise to another botanical garden. This time it was Kingsbrae Garden in St. Andrews, NB on June 28th. As the planning was a bit last-minute, only five others could join us—Les & Franny Stackpole, Jackie & Shawn Kelly, and Ed Dailide. The weather was almost perfect: clear skies but a bit windy, and a temperature of around 65°F, give or take. We assembled at the Airline Snack Bar for the group run to Calais and the border. The Stackpoles and Ed Dailide came east on Rt 46 and then on the airline and had a good ride to the meeting point. Carol and I met the Kellys in Millbridge and drove up Rt 1 to Cherryfield, then took Rt 193 to Beddington. We didn't have the same luck as our Orland friends. The first ten miles of Rt. 193 was newly paved, a perfect road for a Corvette. Then things went south (despite going north); from DeBlois to Beddington, there was no road. It was completely ground down to the gravel bed in preparation for new pavement. Needless to say, those 10 miles were done at a crawl. 😞 But after that, it was a trouble-free cruise up the airline to the border crossing in Calais. It didn't

In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!

take many miles for the annoyance of the DeBlois-to-Beddington leg to fade. 😊 And despite the fact that Friday was take your Corvette to work day, we didn't see any others on our ride up. Or back later in the day... but we did see three in St. Stephen.

Once across the border we headed for the Five Kings Restaurant and Picaroon Brew House in St. Stephen for lunch. At 1:00 pm Atlantic time, there were few others in the restaurant. Nonetheless, the weather was so nice that we ate outside. Good food, good beer, good service, and great company. What more could you ask for on an early summer's day?



L to R: Ed Dailide, Les & Franny Stackpole, Roger & Carol Dean, and Jackie & Shawn Kelly at the Five Kings Restaurant and Picaroon Brew House

After a leisurely lunch we headed to the Garden in St. Andrews. We had forgotten that Canada Day was the following Monday and so were surprised to find Kingsbrae Garden more crowded than we'd ever seen it. But not so crowded as to diminish our enjoyment of the flowers; almost everything was in peak bloom! Talk about explosions of color.



All but Roger—someone had to take the photo—at the entrance to Kingsbrae Garden.

We spent a very pleasant 90 minutes admiring the flowers, shrubs, and sculptures scattered around the Garden. At one point, one of our group (Franny) ventured off the path to visit her "twin."

After leaving the Garden, three cars headed home while the Kelly's opted to stay in St. Andrews for a while. Crossing the border, the border agent asked us the usual questions... and one unusual one: "Where's the fourth car?" Turned out he was a Corvette owner and had seen the four cars come across earlier in the day. Quick-thinking Carol promptly produced a *Corvette Autumn* show flyer that I handed to him. Perhaps we'll see this border agent in September.



Which Twin has the Tony?

Upcoming Local Events & Activities for June & July

- **July 6**—Cars and Coffee Seal Cove Auto Museum, 10 until 1; *Convertibles*.
- **July 13**—Flamingo Festival Parade Southwest Harbor Gather at Mt Desert Water Company after 8:30; the parade steps off an hour later. Club picnic at Ken and Pat Minier's home after the parade.
- **July 18** — Eggmoggin Country Store Cruise-in; starts at 5 pm
- **July 21 (Sunday)**—Sedgwick Fire Department Car Show, 9 until 3, Blue Hill Fairgrounds. \$10 car fee.
- **July 24** —ARCC monthly meeting. We hope to hold the meeting outside in Knowlton Park (in Ellsworth) instead of at Pat's Pizza, weather permitting. The fallback plan would be July's meeting at Pat's and try again for outside in the Park in August. Either way, the meeting would start at the usual time, 5:00 pm. Look for an email mid-July, after we see what the 10-day weather forecast says.
- **July 27**—Milbridge Days Parade. Gather at the church at 10 for an 11 am step off. Club BBQ at Roger and Carol Dean's home after the parade.
- **August 4**—*5th Annual Summer Blast* at Scott Lawson's home in Brewer. Starts at 3 pm. BYOB and lawn chair. Reserved parking for Corvettes.

Corvette Autumn Show Car Show

We are still on track for this year's *Corvette Autumn* car show, but still looking for volunteers to help set things up on Friday evening and Saturday morning. If you plan to attend, please visit our website to download the registration form. To avoid the \$10 late registration fee, send it to Dan Bossert, ARCC Treasurer, before September 6th.

Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News — 4-Door Corvette

This month I found articles that supported the old adage of there being nothing new under the sun: a story about the first 4-door Corvette some 44 years ago. I first learned about it on a Pinterest feed which referenced this website: <https://www.vintag.es/2019/09/1980-4-door-chevrolet-corvette.html>. The article there read, "Back in 1980, California Custom Coachworks did a limited run of just five Chevrolet Corvette sedans for customers (a total of six were produced, one of them being a prototype). They took the stock body Corvettes, lengthened them by 30 inches, adding a significant

500-lb weight gain to the body. The result however was a very rare four-door Corvette that featured four seats and a very peculiar design." Only two are known to exist today. (Yes, from what I can learn, this is a real car, not some Photoshop cartoon.)



I don't know what you think, but to me this looks a LOT more like a Corvette than the renditions I've seen of the 2025 4-door Corvette that you can see on CorvetteBlogger at: (<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2021/01/15/rumor-gm-may-be-working-on-a-corvette-branded-electric-suv-for-2025/>).

Other Club News

A sad event last Wednesday, just before our monthly meeting. Dave Billings and Sharon Bates had the misfortune of having a Close Encounter of the Deer Kind... in their Corvette! Fortunately, no one was hurt and the damage was, in the grand scheme of things, minimal: a destroyed outside mirror and a cracked driver-side door. There are lots of deer in Maine and their experience is a good reminder to us all to pay close attention when driving on our rural roads. Let's hope Dave & Sharon get things fixed quickly and are back on the road with the other active members soon.

See you on the road,

Roger

Roger Dean
ARCC President

Our July meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24th. Depending on the weather, it will be either inside at Pat's Pizza or outside at Knowlton Park in Ellsworth. If we do have it outside, the meeting will NOT be Zoomed. Stand by...