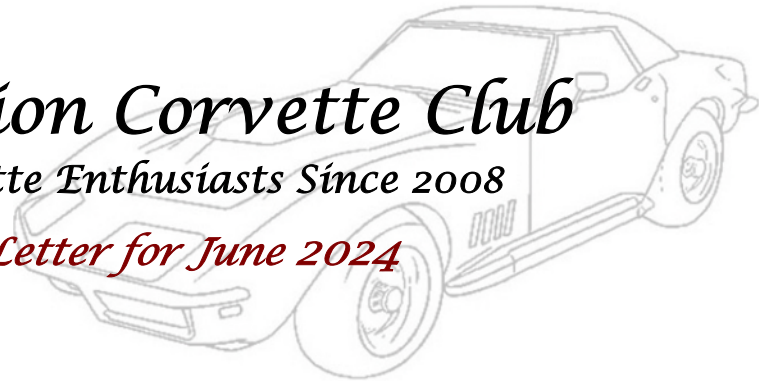




# Acadia Region Corvette Club

A Club for Corvette Enthusiasts Since 2008

## President's Letter for June 2024



### Club Officers

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### Celebrations

#### June Birthdays

Diane Bossert  
 John Shea  
 Kay Woody

Kit Dodge  
 Debbie Shepard

#### July Birthdays

Jane Billings  
 Cindy Blanchette

#### June Anniversaries

Dan & Diane Bossert  
 Kristin & Joe  
 Blanchette

Bernie & Kay Woody  
 Ken & Pat Minier

#### July Anniversaries

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

### Early June Events

#### **Vettes of Coastal Maine (VOCM) Bar Harbor Weekend:**

Carol and I, along with Dan & Diane Bossert, Shawn & Jacky Kelly, and Dave Billings & Sharon Bates joined the fun at the VOCM Bar Harbor weekend. It's always impressive to see so many Corvette fans in one place. Things were a bit crowded at the Looking Glass restaurant



on Friday evening, but that didn't stop everyone from having a great time. For those of us not staying in Bar Harbor, Saturday's events started at the ballfield and the weather was perfect. (How did Deb Shepard arrange that?) There were well over 100 cars from all eras on display.

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*In a Corvette every trip is an adventure!*



The dinner Saturday evening at the Atlantic Oceanside hotel was equally impressive. The venue was perfect, as was the food and service. I estimated there were around 250 attendees; clubs sat together by table and I'm pretty sure the Monkton, NB club rivaled VOXM for the most people. It was themed banquet with the theme being weddings, holidays, and events, and costumes were encouraged. While there were only eight of us from ARCC, it didn't stop us from enjoying the festivities, especially Shawn & Jackie Kelly. Carol and I went



as two random witnesses at a Las Vegas wedding chapel. But just after dinner, it turned out we had the most appropriate "costume." One couple from Canada got married after dinner. Some of us thought it was just part of their "wedding costume" but we soon realized that it was for real. ARCC member Deb Shepard is the VOXM Activities Director and she did an absolutely amazing job of planning and coordinating the entire weekend!



Next year, I hope ARCC can muster enough ARCC members to fill up an entire table... or more.

**Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens cruise:** On June 7<sup>th</sup>, five couples braved the weather and headed out to Boothbay and the Gardens: Deans, Kellys, Miniers, Stackpoles, and Billings/Bates. The Kellys and Miniers met us in Ellsworth, where it was lightly misting. We met up with the Stackpoles in Bucksport where the mist had mostly abated. We four couples drove our 'Vettes, alternating between light rain, some mist, and no precipitation at all. Dave & Sharon weren't so lucky with the weather and took their compact SUV; they reported that it was absolutely chucking it down when they left home.

Before leaving on the cruise I had spoken with Neil Harriman, the general manager of Stanley Chevrolet in Belfast about stopping mid-cruise for a "bio break." We were all thankful that he welcomed us (and our Corvettes). And as it turned out, the stop was well-timed. Not only was the break welcome by most of us, but the Miniers got a wonky windshield wiper replaced, really important, given the weather. One of their sales people even showed some initiative and asked us if any of us were in the market for a new Corvette. Wouldn't she have been surprised if one of us said, "Sure. Can I pick it up on the way back?"

By the time we all got to Boothbay, the mist, fog, and rain had stopped entirely and we had a cool and overcast day for meandering around the Gardens. It was perfect! The Gardens weren't crowded, the flowers glistened with water droplets and there were essentially no annoying insects. The trolls were pretty impressive, too!





We arrived at the Gardens at 11:15 and hit the café first for a light lunch. It was cafeteria-style with a limited menu, but what they had was unusual and excellent. We hit the gardens proper at about 11:45 and spent the next three hours wandering the grounds. Three couples — the Deans, Billings/Bates, and Stackpoles— managed to tour the entire Garden and visited all five trolls.

We left the Gardens at 2:45 and headed over to the Boothbay Craft Brewery for their opening time of 3:00 pm. By then it was warm and clear enough for us to put the top down for the short drive, something we would never have guessed possible given the weather at our departure from Ellsworth. None of us had been to that brewery/tavern before and were quite amazed at the wide selection of beers, the unique interior of the tavern (everything was made from reclaimed materials), the food, and the comfortable outside seating. It had been such a pleasant day that we all chatted, ate, and drank until about 5:00 or so before we headed home. A great day!



### Upcoming Events & Activities for June & July

**Seal Cove Auto Museum** events: ♦ June 15<sup>th</sup>, Cars and Coffee, theme is Woodies, 10 am–1 pm; ♦ June 29<sup>th</sup>, The Great Race Lunch Stop, 10 am, pre book lunch for \$15 to \$20 on their website. [www.sealcoveautomuseum.org](http://www.sealcoveautomuseum.org); ♦ July 6<sup>th</sup>, Cars and Coffee, theme is Convertibles.

**Eggmoggin Country Store Cruise-in**, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm

**ARCC Meeting**, June 26<sup>th</sup> at Pat's Pizza, starting at 5 pm

**Possible Cruise to St. Andrews, NB** to meet up with members of the Corvettes of Southern New Brunswick, and maybe visit the Kingsbrae Gardens. Date TBD. Activities Director Diane Bossert will be emailing information about the cruise if and when this comes to be.

### Corvette Autumn Show Car Show

- Contrary to last month's report, we will have music at the show. Scott Lawson has again graciously volunteered to provide both the sound system and the music.
- Carol and I distributed show flyers to attendees at the VOCM Bar harbor gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup>; we'll have flyers available for others to distribute at the June meeting.
- Dave Blanchard has agreed to set up the parking lot on Friday night and oversee parking on Saturday. But he can't do this alone. Please let me know if you can help, both on Friday evening and Saturday.

### Interesting or Offbeat Corvette News

I know nothing about the illustration below; it just appeared in a Pinterest feed. It looked interesting so I thought I'd include it here. While it's probably not something a died-in-the-wool Corvette enthusiast would appreciate, I wouldn't mind seeing it in my garage. Along side of my "real" 'Vettes, of course.



*See you on the road,*

*Roger*

Roger Dean  
ARCC President

***Our June meeting will be Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at Pat's Pizza in Ellsworth. We'll meet at our normal time of 5:00 pm. The meeting will also be Zoomed.***