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AQUIA CREEK

CORVETTE CLUB

December 2023



Returning-member Jim Martin's new 2023 C8

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Next Meeting: December 17
At the Christmas Party
1PM
Fredericksburg, VA



Well fellow members, everything must come to an end, and this month is the end of my reign of terror as President. We have new board members that were elected by the membership present on November 21st, and without any objection from the full membership, your new board is as follows:

President - Ron Mahaffey

Vice President - Marie Sizemore

Secretary/Treasurer - Steve Argubright

Membership Governor - Chris Mendl

Newsletter Editor - Pete Rutledge

The new board will have my full support and participation (as much as possible). They will be officially installed at the Dec 17th Christmas Party being held this year at the Alpine .

I would like to thank the board members I have served with as president over the last seven years, each dedicated to the perseverance of our Corvette Club. They were Lee Morton, Joan Yaros, Bud Donner, Skip Sizemore, Marie Sizemore, Steve Argubright, Pete Rutledge, Ron Mahaffey, Chris Mendl, Dave Shadbar, and RIP Dottie Shadbar. Also special thanks to the two National Corvette Museum Ambassadors, past ambassador Bud Donner, and present ambassador David Jones. Also, I am not forgetting our two Sunshine/Goodwill Ambassadors, Bettie Shepherd, and Nan Wehmeyer, thank you.

One last call for dues and late forgiveness. If you haven't paid yet, fill out your application and send it with a check to Chris. Application is available online and in this newsletter. The PDF form can be filled in by right clicking on the block and add text. Save and send.

Without further ado, let's get this festive month started by showing our support of the Toys for Tots on Dec 2nd and our annual Christmas Party on Dec 17th, leading up to the big day of Christmas.

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season.

Al

Most Corvettes are Red!

2023 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

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Newsletter

Pete Rutledge

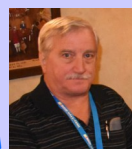
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ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Club House November 21, 2023

Board Attendees:

- Al McCloud - President
- Ron Mahaffey - Vice President
- Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer
- Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor

Members:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador) Margaret McCloud, MaryAnne McGovern, Jim Martin, Albert Martinez, Jan Rutledge

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

President's Report.

--The President made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 17 general meeting. The motion was approved.

NCM Ambassador Report.

--Looking for a new ride for the 2024 National Corvette Caravan? Feeling lucky over the holidays? Here is a reminder about Corvette Raffles:

2024 Torch Red Convertible - Tickets \$200 - 11/30/23
2014 Silver Flare Coupe - Tickets \$100 -12/7/23
2024 Riptide Blue - Tickets \$175.00 - 12/14/23
2023 Build Your Own Stingray - Tickets \$250.00 - 1/18/24
2024 Red Mist Convertible - Tickets - \$20.00 - 4/27/24

Visit the Corvette Store at the Museum and online. There are lots of holiday items available for the Corvette person in your life.

Secretary/Treasurer Report.

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX.

--The Post Office box in Stafford has been renewed for another year.

--See Old Business.

Membership Governor Report.

--Was not in attendance but passed on membership information, reported by the President.

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ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

--The roster stands at 49 members. Members who have not renewed will have to rejoin as new members.

Vice President Report.

--The November breakfast at Jimmy the Greek's received mixed reviews. Probably the best restaurants for the ACCC are the Great American Buffet in Fredericksburg and the Juke Box Diner in Manassas.

Past President Report. Absent. No report.

Newsletter Editor Report. Requested members to continue to send articles for the newsletter.

Goodwill Ambassador - Absent. Separately, requested to be relieved of duties. After asking for a volunteer, the outgoing President agreed to serve in the role for one year. He noted that Chris and BJ Mendel are recovering from COVID and Jack Whitis is dealing with a back issue.

Old Business.

--Christmas Party (December 17, Alpine Chef, 1:00pm-4:00pm). Christmas party checks made payable to the ACCC must be received by Marie Sizemore no later than today. About 21 are expected to attend.

--Twelve ACCC members and six BCC members have signed up for the Toys for Tots delivery and lunch on Saturday, December 2. Final numbers will be submitted on November 22.

--Registrations and hotel bookings are still available for the [August/September 2024 National Corvette Caravan](#). Registration applications and information is available on the website and in the Newsletter.

--The 2024 board member nominees are:

Ron Mahaffey - President
Marie Sizemore - Vice President
Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer
Pete Rutledge - Newsletter Editor
Chris Mendl - Membership Governor

The President asked if anybody in attendance would like to serve in any of the positions or if there were any objections to the nominees. Response was negative. A motion and second were received to approve the board as nominated, and attendees voted to approve the new board. The new board will be officially installed on December 17.

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ACCC Business Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

--MaryAnne McGovern delivered ACCC member donations to the Warrior Retreat at Bull Run on November 13.

--On Veterans Day, seven ACCC/BCC Corvettes cruised together to Dahlgren where the Corvettes were on display in front of the Walmart.

--Two ACCC members attended the Shannon Airport Fall Festival. New departure restrictions for attendees probably was the reason for the low turnout.

New Business. None.

November birthdays and anniversaries were announced.

-Steve Argubright won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the Treasury.

The next general meeting is on Sunday, December 17, 2023.

Adjournment: 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve

Steve Argubright,
Secretary/Treasurer





Aquia Creek Corvette Club

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AQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB

The purpose of this organization shall be to provide educational needs for those with Corvettes, and for the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of all Corvettes.

NOW IN OUR 36th YEAR

Aquia Creek Corvette Club (ACCC) was formed in September 1987 by a group of die-hard Corvette enthusiasts from Aquia Harbor in Stafford, VA. The name was selected reflecting the Club's geographic and historical origins in the Old Dominion. Through hard work and commitment, ACCC has enjoyed constant growth and now boasts 47 members representing nearly 70 Corvettes, from a 1954 to a 2023. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Fairfax, Fauquier, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, Loudon, Louisa counties, as well as one member in North Carolina and two in Florida. Since September 8th, 2014, the ACCC Facebook Group has been limited to ACCC members only, except for a few that were already group members.



Find us on
Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/437699356306459/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/437699356306459/)

Aquia Creek Corvette Club is sponsored by



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ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Ron Mahaffey

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- 2 December is Toys for Tots. We'll meet up at the Hildrup Moving and Storage facility parking lot as we have in years past. We'll depart there around 1115 and caravan to the Marine Corps Museum and drop off our toys. Then those that signed up for lunch at the Tun Tavern will park and meet inside.
- 17 December is the ACCC Christmas Party at the Alpine Chef in Fredericksburg, VA.

OLD BUSINESS

- November breakfast was held at "Jimmy the Greeks" in Fredericksburg, Va. I had visited the establishment a day or two before our breakfast letting them know (in person) how many people would be attending and they assured me they would have tables set aside for our group. I also asked the lady if she would be there Saturday so if there was any confusion her and I could take care of it...she said yes she would be there. The day of the event (the lady I spoke with was not present) we were told they do not take reservations and I said that is not what I was told the day before and asked to speak with Jimmy. He came out and did verify they do not take reservations. So we were set at three different places....food was good but it is not conducive to a group event. That said, the two establishments that provide us the best service are: the "Great American Buffet" in Fredericksburg and the "Juke Box Diner" in Manassas.
- We teamed up with some members from BCC and supported a Veterans Day event in King George at the Wal-Mart. ACCC members who participated were: Al McCloud, Steve Argubright, Albert Martinez, and Ron Mahaffey.

NEW BUSINESS

- There will not be a club breakfast in December as we have Toys for Tots the first Saturday (2 Dec) and we have the Christmas Party on the 17th. There will be a gift exchange if you wish to participate and cost is not to exceed \$25.00 unless it is for Al then there is no limit on cost....Ho! Ho! Ho!
- The next ACCC meeting will be held on 16 January 2024.

Merry Christmas to all!

Ron



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

December 2023

Dave Jones (Email: oneregal@yahoo.com)

To enhance your Museum visit, guided tours of the Museum can be reserved online at corvette-museum.org. Select "Visit" in the drop down menu and "Reserve Guided tours." Groups of up to 15 can be accommodated during each time slot at a cost of \$23 per adult, \$21 per senior and \$18 pre child.

Due to manufacturing advancements, tours offered by the Museum of GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be suspended beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. At present there is no confirmed date for resumption of the tours. The Museum will remain open to the public and continue regular operations. To reserve your tour through Friday, February 2, 2024, visit online at corvettemuseum.org.

As a quick look ahead at the Museum in Motion (MiM) program the following events are scheduled through August 2024:

- Jan 24-29, MiM Daytona Rolex presented by Michelin @ Daytona Speedway
- Apr 25-27, 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash
- Apr 28-May 1, MiM Dragon Run presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate
- Jun 8-18, MiM Le Mans Tour
- Aug 29-31, 2024 Corvette Caravan and 30th Anniversary Celebration @ NCM

Given the time of year and how busy we all are during the holidays, I decided to make this month's report brief. I encourage you to visit the museum website to learn more about Museum membership, Corvette educational opportunities, and even visit the real time webcams located at strategic points in and around the Museum. Oh, and don't forget the Corvette raffles. So from your NCM Ambassador I wish each of you and very Happy and Enjoyable Holiday Season.

Dave



www.corvettemuseum.org

www.corvettestore.com



Willing Warriors — Continuing Needs

How ACCC Members Can Help

As we all know, Willing Warriors in Haymarket, VA, is a great cause. We attend their Vettes for Vets Corvette Show every year. There is a way we can help them on a continuing basis. They have recurring needs for the following:

- **Cases of Bottled Water** to keep in the garage refrigerator for volunteers who are working and Warrior families when they play outside or go off-site.
- **Tall Kitchen Trash Bags**
- **Dawn Dish Soap**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Septic Safe Toilet Paper**
- **Gallon and Quart size freezer zip lock baggies**
- **Pledge**
- **Snack bars** such as Nature Valley Granola bars

If you bring any of the above items to any ACCC meeting, ACCC Associate member Mary Anne McGovern has volunteered to get them to Willing Warriors. Thank you Mary Anne.

MATURE DRIVER SAFETY*

As the throes of Winter descend, and you look fondly in the garage at your covered (or at least not driven as much) Corvette, it could be a good time to consider completing a Mature Operator Course to reduce your insurance payments.

I found a good resource to be www.dmv.virginia.gov. There you will find courses offered by AAA, AARP, and the American Safety Council, to name a few. The cost is minimal, and the courses can be completed online.

To access the courses on the DMV web site, link to (1) SAFETY (2) SAFETY PROGRAMS (3) MATURE DRIVER SAFETY (4) MATURE OPERATOR SAFETY COURSE LISTING.

Throw another log on the fire and save a few dollars!!!

Steve

*This article was written without A1 assistance.

What Did You Do to Your Corvette?

Steve Argubright — C8

I needed a mental health lift from Winter so I took my C8 into my favorite detailer in Woodbridge for vacuuming, washing (including wheels),etc. He does a great job at a very reasonable price!! Then I took it to Lindsay Chevrolet for a tire pressure check (in and out in ten minutes). After that I made a spirited run on Joplin Road near Quantico (just to warm up the tires and fluids ☺). Can't wait for Spring!!!"

Ron Mahaffey — 1996 coupe

I acquired a 1996 Chevrolet Corvette LT4 350/330HP with a 6 Speed Transmission, Arctic White with Black Interior, 2 Owner Car with on 57K Miles (Very Well Taken Care Of and It's Extremely Nice) Loaded Up With Options, LT4's are getting really hard to find!!



Pete Rutledge — 1954 Corvette

This month I repaired my driver side outside mirror mounting. It had be previously, and incorrectly, attached to the door with wood screws into the fiberglass. The mirror had loosened up over time, and eventually ripped out of the door taking a little fiberglass with it. I patched the holes in the door with fiberglass mat and resin, sanded it flat, re-drilled the proper size holes in the patched areas, and remounted the mirror (after cleaning/polishing) with machine screws, fender washers, external teeth lock washers, and hex nuts. It is now solidly mounted and all the repairs are hidden under the mirror base (see below).



Jim Martin — 2023 C8 and predecessors

I bought my first Corvette, a maroon '76 Stingray, when I was 17. My wife bought a white '74 Stingray a few years later. Two months ago, bought a '23 Stingray. See pics below.





ACCC Christmas Party

Alpine Chef

200 Lafayette Blvd

Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Sunday, December 17th, 2023

1:00—4:00 PM



MENU (PICK ONE ENTRÉE)

WEINER SCHNITZEL

SAUSAGE PLATTER

ALPINE CHICKEN SCHNITZEL

PORK SHANK

NY STRIP

ROULADEN

FISH CHOICE

ALL ENTREES INCLUDE UNLIMITED SIDES

CHOICE OF DESSERT: APPLE STREUDEL OR CHOCOLATE MOUSSE

Please pay Marie Sizemore NLT Nov 1

Cost of meal per member: \$35.00

Cost of meal per guest/non-member: \$48.52

Gift Exchange: \$25.00 Limit



<i>December Birthdays</i>	<i>December Anniversaries*</i>
Dave Benton — Dec 11 Dave Shadbar — Dec 17 Mary Anne McGovern — Dec 20 Maria Hinkler — Dec 29	Clara & Jack Whitis — Dec 20

Please Note: If we fail to list your birthday or anniversary, it may be because we don't have your dates in our membership database. If you would like to see your birthdays/anniversaries listed in the future, please let Marie Sizemore know just the month and day of your events.

FOR SALE or FREE

FOR SALE: 1996 Corvette Collector Edition — Last of the C4 generation; 86K miles; Sebring Silver body with 5-spoke matching wheels and light gray leather interior; LT1 engine, 350 ci/300 hp, (5.7 L); automatic transmission; AM/FM/CD/tape; removable top stores in rear compartment; battery and AC replaced two years ago. Asking \$14K. Contact Dave at oneregal@yahoo.com.



Send any Corvette-related for sale or free item listings to the newsletter editor for publication in the next issue.

December 2023



NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 5 for the details on particular events. **ACCC club events**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 11AM- Toys 4 Tots @ Marine Corp Mu- seum
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ACCC Xmas Party @ F'burg	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Sign Works, 2072 Jeff Davis Hwy, Stafford Courthouse, VA 22554 (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Fri). As shown in the pictures to the left, a large embroidered club logo is on the rear; the front would normally have a smaller club logo on left chest; other options available but might be extra cost. Jackets come in **three varieties** (prices do not include tax):

1. **Competitor Jackets** — nylon outer shell, front zipper; \$61.98 up to XL; \$63.98 for 2XL; \$65.98 for 3XL; \$67.98 for 4XL; \$69.98 for 5XL; \$71.98 for 6XL.

2. **Denim Jackets** (shown at left) — stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$69.98 up

to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.

3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; same pricing as denim jackets, above.

(ABOVE PRICES WERE UPDATED IN FEB. 2021)

Contact Heartland Sign Works (address and phone above) to place your order.

QUALITY JACKETS AT GREAT PRICES!!



ACCC STORE

*Items For Sale at all Club Events**



American Flags: \$7.00 ea.

Club Flags: \$16.00 ea.

Patches: \$5.00 ea.

Decals/Stickers: \$3.00 ea.



ACCC Name Badges



* Available at Prince William Engraving, 2608 Dynasty Loop, Woodbridge, VA 22192. PH: 703-494-2658. Badges take 5-7 days and will cost \$12.19 each (when we last checked).

Aquia Creek Corvette Club Application (Print application) To join or renew membership, either bring application to business meeting, see schedule for time and place, or mail application and membership dues to address at bottom left of application. **IF RENEWING, THIS APPLICATION IS FOR YEAR 20_____.**



Membership Application or Renewal

Date: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE : _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____ EMAIL: _____

SPOUSE _____

BIRTHDAY (MEMBER/ASSOCIATE) Month _____ Day _____ (SPOUSE) Month _____ Day _____

ANNIVERSARY Month _____ Day _____

May this information be published in the ACCC Member Directory: YES _____ NO _____

Corvettes currently owned:

Year _____ Style _____ Color _____ Engine _____

Year _____ Style _____ Color _____ Engine _____

DUES INFORMATION:

	<u>ANNUAL</u>	<u>LIFETIME</u>
ACCC Annual Dues (Member) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$30.00 _____	\$150.00 _____
ACCC Annual Dues (Spouse) (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
Associate Member (after Apr 1 - Half/Annual)	\$20.00 _____	\$100.00 _____
TOTAL	_____	_____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ACCC FOR ALL FEES

MAIL APPLICATION AND APPLICABLE FEES TO:

Chris Mendl, Membership Gov
203 Northview Dr.
Falmouth, VA 22405

ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS:

Aquia Creek Corvette Club
P.O. BOX 986
Stafford, VA 22555

 Member or Applicant's Signature

 ACCC Membership Governor's Signature