



# ***THE ACCCelerator***

## ***AQUIA CREEK***

## ***CORVETTE CLUB***

### ***January 2024***

More about this senior citizen (the car) on p. 14.



**Editor's Note: It's not about me. It's about this Corvette that turns 70 years old in the New Year.**

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**Next Meeting: January 16**  
**Start time: 7:00 PM**  
**Aquia Harbor**  
**Stafford, VA**

## ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

## 2024 ACCC BOARD MEMBERS

As Al stated in the November Newsletter, his reign of terror (seven years) has come to an end. We all thank him for his years serving and leading the club as president. At the Christmas Party on 17 December the new Board of Directors was installed as elected by the members. Speaking of the Christmas Party, many thanks to Marie Sizemore for setting up this event, it was very well done, the food was superb, and we had some fun with the gift exchange. Al was presented with a nice gift to take up residence in his man cave. He has offered to serve as the interim Goodwill Ambassador until we have a permanent volunteer. Whoa, don't all volunteer at once!

Let's now look forward to opening the door to 2024, putting our heads together and coming up with some monthly events to take place during the year. If you have an idea for an event let us know and we'll get it on the calendar. Steve set up a mystery cruise last Fall ending with lunch at the old historic silk mill in Orange, Va. Members who participated had fun on the drive there, the great lunch, diverse menu with excellent service. Spring in the past has been opened with a trip to the Shenandoah National Park, driving Skyline Drive and lunch at the restaurant.

Lastly, I personally would like to thank Steve for (again) setting up our support for Toys for Tots at the Quantico Marine Corps Museum on 2 December followed by lunch in the Tun Tavern. I might add we also invite the Battlefield Corvette Club to participate, which they do annually.

Happy New Year and be safe!

*Ron*

### President

**Ron Mahaffey**

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### Vice President

**Marie Sizemore**

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### Treasurer/ Secretary

**Steve Argubright**

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### Newsletter

**Pete Rutledge**

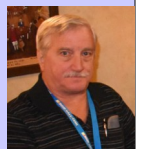
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### Membership Gov.

**Chris Mendl**

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### NCM Ambassador

**Dave Jones**

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### Goodwill Ambassador (Act'g)

**Al McCloud**

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Many ACCC Memories of our Past President Lou Patch and wife Jan



RIP Lou and Jan Patch. You will always be remembered.



**in 2015, Jan and Lou Patch, Margaret and I, and John and Rebecca, travelled to Italy for a vacation. We visited Florence, Pisa, Rome, San Gimignano, Sien, and some other small villas. A most memorable trip.**



**Jan and Lou passed away in December, Jan on the 18th and Lou on the 28th. They were wonderful people and will most definitely be missed and remembered.  
RIP Jan and Lou**



# ACCC Business Meeting Minutes

ACCC General Meeting, December 17, 2023  
Participation Award and Installation of Officers  
Alpine Restaurant, Fredericksburg, VA

## Board Attendees:

Al McCloud - President  
Ron Mahaffey - Vice President  
Skip Sizemore - Immediate Past President  
Chris Mendl - Membership Governor  
Steve Argubright - Secretary/Treasurer

## Members/Attendees

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador) & Dottie Jones,  
Margaret McCloud, Nan Wehmeyer & Mickey Klein, Paul & Beth Thompson, Elizabeth Mahaffey,  
MaryAnne McGovern,  
Don Surmac, Rebecca Hamil, Barbara "BJ" Jett, Albert Martinez, Dean and Maria Hinkler,  
Jack and Clara Whitis, Marie Sizemore

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm.

## 2023 Participation Award:

Steve Argubright's service was recognized with a 2023 participation plaque.

The following officers were introduced and installed for 2024:

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

Note: There were no other reports or items of business, and a Christmas gift exchange followed.

Adjournment: 1:20 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 37<sup>th</sup> 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.



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

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## *ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS*

*Marie Sizemore*

Hello fellow ACCC members,

I am looking forward to being the ACCC Vice-President for 2024. I am encouraging club members to plan some events for this coming year. If you would like to plan a event and need some help let me know and I will assist you. Just let me know the date that you want to plan something so that there is not a conflict with the ACCC calendar.

I want to thank everyone that attended our ACCC Christmas party on Dec. 17 and encourage all ACCC members to plan to attend next year's party.

We have one event on the calendar for Jan. 6, 2024 at the Juke Box Diner in Manassas at 9:30 AM. Ron Mahaffey is the POC for this event.

Hope to see you at the next ACCC meeting on Jan. 16, 2024 at 7 p.m.

*Marie*





## NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)

January 2024

Dave Jones (Email: [oneregal@yahoo.com](mailto:oneregal@yahoo.com))

A first look at the 2024 NCM exhibit and event schedule will give the reader a quick look at what is in store for the Museum this year. This will give you ample time to plan your trip to the Museum for exhibits and/or events in the Museum in Motion (MiM) program.

### **National Corvette Museum Exhibits**

--March 15 - LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting

A traveling museum exhibit of over 55 paintings by present day realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject matter. The exhibit will be on display through the end of 2024

--April - The Vintage Shop Opens on CorvetteStore.com

The Corvette Store's Vintage Shop will provide an opportunity to showcase Corvette history through fashions that have defined Corvette through the years. The store is seeking all types of Corvette merchandise such as T-shirts, totes, lapel pins, etc. and all donations must be clean and in good condition.

--April 25-27 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash

This annual event offers an opportunity for Corvette fans to gain experience learning about the latest and greatest with the Corvette. Available will be a seminar, classroom sessions, guided road tours, a car show and a live auction of exclusive Corvette memorabilia.

--May 1-31 - Military Appreciation Month Including the Vets 'n Vettes Event

Since 2008, the NCM has hosted this event, offering veterans, servicemen and women, and their supporters a place to meet and share stories and experiences while enjoying road tours and other activities. Active and retired military will receive free admission to the NCM with military ID.

--June - Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined

The world tuned in and watched as the Museum's Skydome suffered a cave-in on February 14, 2014. This exhibit documents the decade afterward and the moments, memories and machines that made history that day.

--August 20-31 - 2024 National Corvette Caravan

This event, held every five years, will see more than 8000 Corvettes arrive at the Museum to celebrate the Museum's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Regional caravans will descend on the NCM in Bowling Green, Kentucky to celebrate this notable anniversary and enjoy four days of festivities.

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(Continued)

### --August 31 - 26th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Corvette Hall of Fame was established in 1998 to confer recognition upon the most influential persons in the history of Corvette and honor their achievements. Leaders are recognized in three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing and Enthusiast.

### --October 2024 - An American Love Affair: Pop Culture and the Corvette

This exhibit documents the love affair between America and the Corvette by displaying Corvette artifacts from the pop culture scene. Included will be a multimedia performance in the Skydome.

### Museum in Motion (MiM)

--January 24-29 - MiM Daytona Rolex 24 present by Michelin @ Daytona Int'l Speedway

-- April 25-27 - 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Michelin MCM Bash

--Apr 28-May 1 - MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin @ Biltmore Estate

--June 8-18 - MiM Le Mans Tour

--August 29-31 - 2024 Corvette Caravan and 30th Anniversary Celebration @ NCM

For more information on these and other Museum offerings go to [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org)

*Dave*



[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

[www.corvettestore.com](http://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 (Part 2)

I promised myself I would complete the Mature Driver Safety course over the holidays, and I did! I chose the course offered by the American Safety Council and it was approved by the Virginia DMV. It cost \$19.95 and was all completed online.

Five modules of information were presented to read, followed by a short quiz at the end of each. At the end of the five modules was a 50-question quiz, and I passed! I downloaded the certificate of completion, emailed it to the insurance company, and received a Defensive Driving Credit.

*The last module addressed the issue of when it is time to stop driving. It was a good read, but somber.*

Happy New Year!!!

Steve

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*Dec 2, 2023*

*National Museum of the Marine Corps*



## ACCC Holiday Party

Dec. 17, 2023, at the Alpine Chef, Fredericksburg, VA





MYRTLE BEACH CORVETTE CLUB

# CORVETTES

At



# The Beach

27<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNUAL

MYRTLE BEACH, SC • JUNE 1, 2024



You are invited to help in our club mission by attending our 27th Anniversary **"Corvettes at the Beach"** car show in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at Broadway at the Beach!

*MBCC was organized in 1997 around the excitement of the C-5 roll out as a social club organizing events and generating monies for local charities.*

*In 1997 MBCC enrolled as a lifetime member in the NCM to help in it's time of need.*



**Over \$100,000<sup>00</sup>**

in donations in the past  
5 years to local charities



**For More Information Visit:**  
[www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com](http://www.myrtlebeachcorvetteclub.com)





## COVER CAR: 1954 Corvette #814

Current owner: Pete R.

Of the nearly 2,000,000 Corvettes built since 1953, this is the 1,114<sup>th</sup>.

Manufactured Apr. 5, 1954—originally metallic Pennant Blue w/beige interior; likely to be one of the first few blue Corvettes ever (prior to this, Corvettes were available only in white).

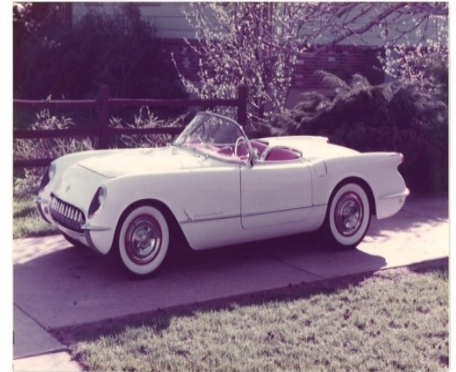
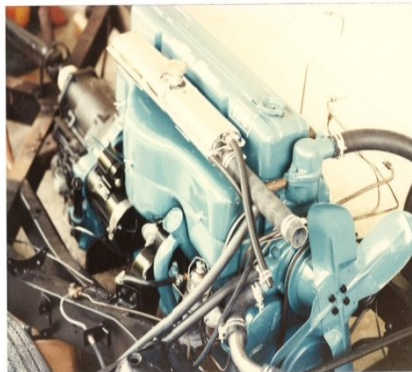
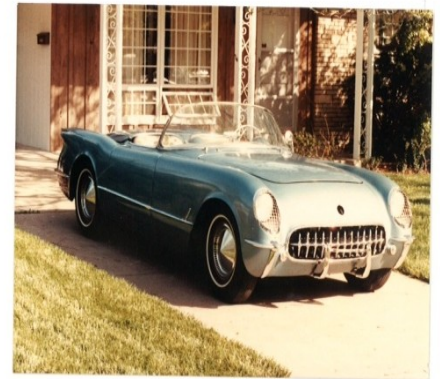
Has its original numbers-matching 150 hp, triple-carbureted, 235 cubic inch straight six cylinder "Blue Flame" engine and cast iron Powerglide automatic transmission (the engine design dates back to the first overhead valve in-line six cylinder marketed by Chevrolet in 1929).

Was "body-off-the-frame" restored in approx. 1984 by Joe Trybulec, at which time it was repainted white with red interior; in approx. 1985 it was repainted again in red. It was last repainted around 2011.

Has had 17 owners (counting auto sales companies).

From 1985 to 2008 (23 years), this car was owned by and on display in the showroom of Albrecht-Hamlin Chevrolet in Wood River, IL.

Has been auctioned twice by Mecum and twice on eBay.



#814 in original blue and in white repaint circa 1984

January Birthdays	January Anniversaries*
<p>Lee Morton — Jan 15 Nan Wehmeyer — Jan 20</p>	<p>None that we know of</p>

**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**

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



# January 2024



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	3	4	5	6 9:30AM ACCC break- fast @ Juke Box Diner, Manassas
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7:30PM ACCC monthly meeting @ Aquia	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

## 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:

#### ANNUAL

#### LIFETIME

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:

ALTERNATIVE ADDRESS:

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

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

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Member or Applicant's Signature

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ACCC Membership Governor's Signature