

# THE ACCCELERATOR

# AQUIA CREEK

# CORVETTE CLUB

## December 2025



Skip & Marie Sizemore and their C7 at the Nat'l Corvette Museum

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Next Meeting:

At the Christmas Party,  
Dec. 21

## ACCCording to the President Ron Mahaffey

November is the start of the "holiday season" and therefore club activity will be slower than normal other than the Christmas Party on 21 December at the Park Lane Tavern in Fredericksburg. Please get your checks to Steve Argubright no later than 10 December. We look forward to a great turnout! Remember there will also be a gift exchange (Dirty Santa as some call it) and the gift should not exceed \$25.00 per individual for those members who wish to participate.

We started the month of November off with our monthly breakfast on the first at the Silver Diner in Fredericksburg, VA. The food was great and the service was excellent. Thanks to our VP Marie Sizemore for setting this up for the club. Members who dined that Saturday were: Dave Jones, Steve Argubright, Tim Nelson, Doc Morin, Al and Margaret McCloud, Jim and Denise Martin, Skip and Marie Sizemore, Chris and BJ Mendl, Jane Loveland, Ron and Elizabeth Mahaffey and MaryAnne McGovern and her son Jack also joined us.

Please **DO NOT** forget **Toys for Tots** on 6 December at the USMC Museum which is being organized by Steve Argubright. Please let Steve know if you plan to participate and also if you plan on having lunch at the Tun Tavern in the museum.

By the time you receive this newsletter Thanksgiving will have come and gone and I hope you all had an enjoyable one with family and friends. Now you can start the "hustle and bustle" of Christmas shopping.

Ron



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# ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes

## ACCC General Meeting Aquia Harbour Club House November 18, 2025

### Board Attendees:

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

### Member Attendees:

Dave Jones (NCM Ambassador), Skip Sizemore, Al McCloud, Margaret McCloud, "Doc" Morin, Albert Martinez, Jan Rutledge, Elizabeth Mahaffey, Mary Anne McGovern

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

### **President's Report.**

--Thanked everyone for attending.

--Read a thank you letter from SERVE, thanking the club for its \$XXX.00 donation.

--Asked for a motion to accept the proceedings from the October 2025 general meeting. The motion was approved.

### **NCM Ambassador Report.**

--A 1967 Corvette Convertible in Goodwood Green with saddle interior is being offered in a Sweepstakes drawing on December 29. Unlike raffles, tickets may be ordered online.

--Plant tours are being offered on December 8-9. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and more information can be found at [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org).

--Looking ahead, the Museum in Motion Daytona Rolex 24 Tour is scheduled for January 21-26, 2026.

### **Secretary/Treasurer Report.**

--The checking account balance is \$X,XXX.XX and there are no near-term obligations

--The NCM has provided the approved ACCC brick design to the vendor for translation into their system. Once that is finished, they will start engraving. The NCM expects to have the brick in the ground no later than January, weather permitting. A copy of the brick artwork was shown to the members.

## ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

**Membership Governor Report.** The membership stands at 49, and the search for new members continues.

**Vice President Report.** (Includes multiple member inputs.)

--December 6 - Toys for Tots delivery to USMC Museum. (POC is Steve Argubright.)

--December 21 - ACCC Christmas Party, Park Lane Tavern, Fredericksburg, 3:00pm-7:00pm. (POC is Ron Mahaffey.)

--January 3 - ACCC Monthly Breakfast, Great American Buffet, Fredericksburg, 10:00am. (POC is Marie Sizemore.)

~~--April 18, 2026 - Regester Chapel Spring Block Party, Stafford, 11am-3pm.~~

**Newsletter Editor Report.** The next newsletter will be published on November 30.

**Goodwill Ambassador.** Absent. No report.

### Car Talk.

--Skip Sizemore reported that the nose cone on his '95 Marine Blue Corvette has mysteriously cracked.

-- Chris Mendel reported that on a recent road trip his C7 manual registered 32-34 mpg at speeds between 70-80 miles per hour.

--Albert Martinez reported that his son's 2017 Z06 was stolen from an apartment garage in Loudin County. It has not been recovered.

--Ron Mahaffey reported that while driving his Cadillac SRX, his ON-STAR became blocked, the doors locked, and the windows would not roll down, effectively trapping him inside. Fortunately, a Blackberry call to ON-STAR solved his issue. ON-STAR acknowledged that a wrong number had been entered into a computer. Issue resolved.

### Old Business/Event Follow-ups.

--The President summarized plans for the Christmas party, including a gift exchange, and reminded members to sign up and make their payments no later than December 10.

### New Business.

--The President encouraged members to identify activities for next year's calendar and cited the need for different events and more participation.

## ACCC Monthly Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

### Other.

- November birthdays and anniversaries were announced.
- Steve Argubright won the 50/50 raffle and donated the proceeds to the ACCC treasury.
- In a second raffle, Jack Whitis won two guest passes donated by the National Corvette Museum.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Steve*

Steve Argubright  
Secretary/Treasurer





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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 38<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 51 members representing nearly 80 Corvettes, from a 1954 to a 2023. ACCC membership consists primarily of Stafford County residents, but has members from Prince William, Spotsylvania, Culpeper, and Botentourt counties, as well as one member in North Carolina, one in South 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.

For more information on ACCC send us an e-mail at: [Accclub@aol.com](mailto:Accclub@aol.com)



Aquia Creek Corvette Club is sponsored by



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**NEWS FROM THE  
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM)  
December 2025  
Dave Jones (Email: [oneregal@yahoo.com](mailto:oneregal@yahoo.com))**

Happy Holidays to one and all. I wish each of you a very joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. If you have not visited the Corvette Museum consider a trip during 2026 to tour the Museum and the Motorsports Park.

Here is a brief listing of some of the events and exhibits that can be found at the NCM in 2026.

Rotating Exhibitions include:

- Speed Captured: The Photographic Works of Richard Prince - Closes January 2026
- Pop Culture and Corvette - Now Open
- Driven by Design - Now Open

Permanent Museum Spaces Include:

- McMichael Family Education Center
- E. Pierce Marshall Performance Gallery
- Nostalgia Gallery
- Library and Archives

Upcoming Events in early 2026 include:

- Museum In Motion - Daytona Rolex 24 Tour - January 21-26, 2026 -
- Michelin X NCM Bash - April 23-25, 2026
- Summer Member Appreciation Day - July 8, 2026
- NCM Anniversary @ NCM - September 3-5, 2026

For more information on these and other activities please visit the Museum website at [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org). Also, holiday gifts for the Corvette enthusiast can be found in The Corvette Store at [corvettemuseum.com](http://corvettemuseum.com).

*Dave*



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



## Twas the Night Before Christmas - Corvette Style

'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,  
There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge.  
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,  
So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood,  
When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good."  
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,  
And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,  
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?"  
"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,  
"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,  
Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!"  
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,  
We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,  
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.  
The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise,  
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow,  
We headed on out to where the hot rodders go.  
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,  
With every shift up as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"  
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.  
Ol Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,  
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!  
And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!  
Power shift into second, again into third!  
I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,  
"Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"

Thanks to a Corvette enthusiast from long ago. No copyright.

NOTE: The following 4 collages are from Christmas Parties Past, my guess, from 2012, the year after I joined the club, through 2024, with a year or two off for the pandemic. Some good photos of present and past members in here. Sign-up and come out on Dec 21<sup>st</sup> and help us make more ACCC Christmas Party memories. See flyer in this newsletter.

Al McCloud

Page 1 pf 4 of ACCC Christmas Party Pasts & TFTs.  
Signup for Christmas Party, Dec 21st, and make more MEMORIES!









## ACCCording to the Vice President & ACC EVENTS

Marie Sizemore

### Events for the next couple of months:

Dec. 6: Toys for Tots at Marine Corp Museum: POC: Steve Argubright

Dec. 16: No meeting

Dec. 21 ACCC Christmas Party at Parklane Tavern in Fredericksburg, 3 to 7 p.m.

POC: Ron Mahaffey

Dec. 25: Merry Christmas

Jan. 1: Happy New Year's Day 2026

Jan. 3: Club breakfast at Great American Buffet at 10 a.m. Fredericksburg POC:  
Marie

Jan. 20 ACCC business meeting at 7 p.m. at Aquia Harbour

Marie

## ACCC Brick Replacement at the NCM

Steve Argubright

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Stafford, Virginia  
Est 1987

**The ACCC legacy at the NCM continues!!!**

# Thank You Letter from SERVE Stafford, VA



SERVE  
15 Upton Lane  
Stafford, VA 22554

Dear Aquia Creek Corvette Club,

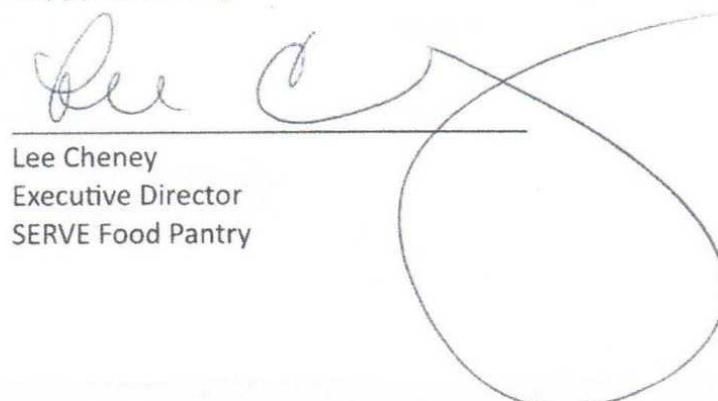
On behalf of the staff, the board and those we serve, we cannot thank you enough for your support!

Your annual donation of \$250.00 dollars for the last 2 years. helped us provide 1100 meals to our families in need!

Our food pantry continues to be a vital community need in our neighborhoods. The 400% increase that we have experienced over the last several months has not subsided. The numbers of families, individuals, and seniors we serve each day hasn't changed. We have never seen this trend upwards before. Costs of goods, food, gas and rent is just too high for them to manage it all. So THANK YOU!

We simply couldn't do it without our SERVE friends like you all.

Happy fall driving!

  
Lee Cheney  
Executive Director  
SERVE Food Pantry

## ACCC CHRISTMAS PARTY



*Park Lane Tavern, Fredericksburg*

*December 21, 2025, 3:00pm- 7:00pm*

### **MENU**

**Haddock**

**Chicken**

**Pepper steak**

**Mashed potatoes**

**Green beans**

**Dessert**

### **COST**

**\$32.00 per Member**

**\$42.00 per Non-member**

### **INCLUDING**

**Gift Exchange**

**December General Meeting**

Make checks payable to ACCC and give to the Secretary/Treasurer at  
the November General Meeting or mail to Steve Argubright,  
2010 Hanson Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22191

## December Birthdays

Dec. 11 — Dave Benton  
Dec. 20 — Mary Anne McGovern  
Dec. 20 — Tim Keel

## December Anniversaries\*

Dec. 20 — Clara & Jack Whitis

**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, FREE, or WANTED

FOR SALE: 1976 Stingray w/T-tops, Bone exterior with Tan interior. It has been stored in a garage for 5 years. Runs. Engine was oil-fogged to prevent internal corrosion. Needs brakes and paint. I got it to restore, but while working, I have no time. Hoping to find it a good home to give it the care it deserves. Asking \$3500, which is what I paid for it. Contact Donny Fisk

# December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Toys for Tots</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 <i>Xmas Party</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

NOTE: See "ACCC Events" on Page 12 for the details on particular events. *ACCC club events*

## ACCC CLUB JACKETS



Members can order club jackets embroidered with our logo by Heartland Embroidery, 2072 Richmond Highway, Stafford, VA (phone: 540-659-5799) (open 8:30-5:00, Mon-Thu; closed 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; \$69.98 up to XL; \$71.98 for 2XL; \$73.98 for 3XL; \$75.98 for 4XL.
2. **Denim Jackets** (shown at left) — stone-washed indigo denim, button front; \$75.98 up to XL; \$77.98 for 2XL; \$79.98 for 3XL; \$81.98 for 4XL.
3. **Welded Soft Shell Jackets** — polyester woven shell bonded to water-resistant film insert and polyester microfleece lining, front zipper; \$73.98 up to XL; \$75.98 for 2XL; \$77.98 for 3XL; \$79.98 for 4XL.

**(ABOVE PRICES WERE LAST UPDATED IN MARCH 2024.)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

<b>DUES INFORMATION:</b>	<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 _____
<b>TOTAL</b> _____		_____

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**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Member or Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
ACCC Membership Governor's Signature