

CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Tues. Sep 2, 2025 -- The Catfish House
3011 Cobbs Ford Rd., Millbrook, AL 36054



- **David “Rat Rod” Dodd** – President, called the meet to order (not the food, but the business meeting @ 1909. Late, I know. Not our usual start time. More on the “rat Rod” later.
- Secretary: **Stef “Do I hear a 2nd?” Eisen** – latest of the fiction works -- done. **NOTE FOR THE VETERANS DAY PARADE IN MONTGOMERY. I HAVE 14 SIGNED UP. ANY MORE INTEREST? EMAIL ME (STEFEISENFAMILY@GMAIL.COM) OR TEXT 3344300619. IF YOU WANT TO HOST THE GRAND MASHALL IN YOUR CAR, LET ME KNOW. IT INVOLVES EXTRA DUTY (YOU NEED TO GO PICK HIM UP AT HIS RESIDENCE IN MONTGOMERY).**

• **Treasurer: Vickie “We haven’t spent any Money” Lavender** - **Financial Activity** Summary as of Aug 31, 2025. The collective “We” have \$3,141.78 in Checking, \$4,553.77 in Savings, for a total of \$7,695.55. **I know this entry in the minutes is always short, but realize all the work that goes into making the “numbers” work is appreciated..... thanks Vickie!!**

Membership Chair: **Pam “Sure, I’m ready” Smith** reported that there are 87 Family Members as of August 31st, 3 renewed/Joined in August, and 48 attended the meeting (although the number that actually paid attention is likely less). September Birthdays include (with associated, made-up, call signs):

6 Tony “Trampoline” Trammell

9 Kalandria (Nene) Smith

10 Michael “Shiny” Glass

13 Tom “Much” Moore

17 Jon “In The” Briggs

19 Kathy “I came to this meeting so I could hear my Birthday Roll Call Name mentioned” Poe

20 Larry “Cold” Coleman Jr.

21 Donna “Need another D” Dotch

25 Averil “Picture This!” or “Cheese” Loague

28 Charles “King of England” Williams

*If you have any new updates such as Vanity Tags, Cars, Addresses, Email, Phone Numbers, please keep us updated. This keeps the Roster current, and you can keep getting info on club events.

*We are STILL taking membership dues for 2025 (come on, it’s almost 2026)!

*Need club shirts, jackets or hats...Call Me CCCC Members and I (Pam Smith) can get them ordered for you. Taking orders on our current design until the end of the year.

New Members:

- Joseph “Yes, Mame, I got the minutes” Bonicelli of Dadeville with a 2025 Black/Black Z06 Corvette with a track package. Joe, that was the Right Answer to ANY question asked by

Pam Smith! He also has a very slippery dog "Rocco" that seems to be able to escape the confines of a truck. He is, however, not allowed in the Z06.

- Randy & Michelle Williamson of Deatsville with a Gun Metal Gray Coupe. Vanity Tag- 4 FRE

Member Updates:

- Continue to keep Patsie Demo in your thoughts and prayers as she recovers from her fall. She is going home on Weds.
- More prayers of support for Becky Moses as she heals from her Chemo treatments. She was at the meeting.... GREAT to see her!!!!
- Janet Reese had another surgery and is home sleeping and recovering. Late breaking news: The pathology reported "clear"! Yea!!!!
- Congratulations to Dr. Brock Miller. He has officially retired!! He, apparently is "no longer a doctor" - mmmm that's scary. But he's still paying off the last of his student loans!
- Bob "Rulbrkr" Elmore attended the Ron Fellows Corvette Driving School and sort of enjoyed it. You know, driving used Chevy's around, etc. Went with an Army buddy (Nice!). Admitted he really had a wonderful time. The instructors and the equipment is first class. He did lose his wedding ring whilst at the course.... Wasn't going to come home without it... was actually contemplating a replacement ring, but then an honest person (isn't that nice that they still exist - and I think more of them exist in the car world than many other places) found and returned said ring. All's well that ends well. He also relayed that there are three thrilling evens of his life. 1. Being a paratrooper (ok, as an AF dude, the idea of jumping out of a perfectly good airplane makes me question this brother's basic judgement); 2). Birth of his precious daughter, and 3). The trip to Ron Fellows.... So it must have been a pretty good time. Some members were politely kicking his shins under the table whispering "ahhh, the wife?" He gave a lesson in basic physiology/physics by explaining that he missed some sessions because the instructors drove so hard, that when entering a corner, the body went one way while the stomach continued straight ahead. Yea, been there, done that in the jet. When instructed to plow the Corvette at 60MPH into a puddle so he could learn wet track handling techniques, he explained that he didn't apply to him since he never drove his Corvette in the rain. Right on!!!! **Note: ANOTHER BIG THANKS TO PAM FOR ALL THE DETAIL WORK THAT KEEPS US IN THE KNOW!!!!!!**

- Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: **Mark "Limp Mode Racer" Reese** - Great time @ Little Tally. About a dozen enthusiasts showed up. Chris has a great time, the Mann team showed up as did others! Every one who wanted to ride, got to ride! Some did multiple runs! Food was good, the AC was cold, and the fellowship was great! No trees were harmed in the conduct of business (there, I beat you to that comment). Come out and join us anytime!!!!

- Vice President & Car Show Coordinator: **Mario ("Might turn into a Trailer Queen") Williams**

- **6 Sep:** Sixth Annual Ronald Mount Chrome & Steel Show, Greenville AL. 1000AM start. Located at F & S Tire & Towing, 400 W Commerce St, Greenville, Alabama, United States

- <https://allevents.in/greenville/6th-annual-ronald-mount-chrome-and-steel-show/200028733423630>

- **6 Sep:** 23rd Annual Cars by the Creek, Orr Park, Montevallo, AL 9-2.

- <https://allevents.in/montevallo/2025-tinglewood-festival/200028268076708>

- **6 Sep:** Car Show @ Bethel Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL 10-2. No website available.

- **13 Sep:** 1st Annual Motors for Missions, 3838 Wares Ferry Road, Montgomery, AL 10-2

- (Dalriada Baptist Church). <https://carcruisefinder.com/car-show/1st-annual-motors-for-missions/>
- **13 Sep:** Car Show, Tabernacle Baptist Church, 1431 Broad Street, Selma AL 11-3. <http://www.chamberdata.net/webforms/EvtListing.aspx?dbid2=ALSEDA&evtid=13234&class=B>
- **19-21 Sep:** Vettes at the Beach, Pensacola, FL. <https://miraclestripcorvette.com/vettes-at-the-beach>
- **20 Sep:** Calera Main Street Coffee & Cars Cruise-In, (Guess Where?) Calera Courtyard (also called Main Street) 11-3. <https://www.facebook.com/CaleraMainStreet2019/>
- **20 Sep:** 5th Annual Lakeside Motorfest Call Show, Pell City Lakeside Park 10-8. <https://www.lakesideliveshow.com/car-show>
- **20-21 Sep:** Orange Beach Freedom Fest at the Wharf, Orange Beach 9-5. <https://www.orangebeachal.gov/429/Freedom-Fest>
- **27 Sep:** Bass Pro Shop Car Show, Prattville, AL 9-1. No website info available.
- **27 Sep:** Prostate Cancer Awareness Car Show At Tuskegee Square, Tuskegee AL 10-2. https://www.tuskegeemedia.com/news/4th-annual-prostate-cancer-awareness-health-fair-and-car-show-with-free-psa-screenings/article_860d2c50-7a22-4759-9c96-d2cc5b11e2e2.html
- **27 Sep:** Dreamland Cruise-In, Montgomery, AL 4:30 until?
- **4 Oct:** The Wheelz/ Re-Vamped Car Show Harpersville, AL 8-2. <https://allevents.in/harpersville/the-wheelz-re-vamped-carshow/200028660895331>
- **4 Oct:** 15th Annual Cruisin' For A Miracle Carshow, Moody AL. 8-3. <https://allevents.in/moody/15th-annual-cruisin%E2%80%99-for-a-miracle-carshow/200028228381028>
- **4 Oct:** Rocket City Corvette Expo, Huntsville, AL 1-6. <https://happeningnext.com/event/the-rocket-city-corvette-expo-eid3a0cm2mh1u>
- **5 Oct:** Jeepers Creepers Car Show @ Stanley Jensen Stadium Parking Lot, Prattville, AL 1-4. <https://prattvilleal.gov/departments/cultural-arts/childrens-programs/jeeper-creepers-cruise-in-car-show/>
- **25 Oct:** Vettes by the Shore, Biloxi, MS (MS Cost Convention Center) 9-3. <https://www.vettesbytheshore.info/>
- **NOTE:** I SPEND about an hour each month looking up the URLs for these shows as I build the minutes. Question: Are they useful? If so, I will continue to do this work.
- Web Master: **Julie „all is well in Cyber Land“ Hall** – Website is cooking along as always!
- **NOTE: Mary Kay care packages are being assembled for this year** (the cosmetics, not my wife!). You may sponsor one for \$25 to cover the cost of the products. The FABULOUS CCCC started with a “motion” (if you want to call it that – these people don’t know squat about RRO) of donating \$250 from the club coffers to the project.... Then Vickie “I don’t like odd things – except for you Roger” rounded up the “motion” to \$300, the Fabulous CCCC sorta did another “motion” and some sort of 2nd and thus the Mary Kay care package account grew by \$300! Ok, geat!!!
- NCM Ambassador: **Carolyn “Have I got the Scoop” Middleton** - Report on current events at the Museum.
- 1. What is new for 2026 Corvettes? There is an expanded driver experience – screens and display. (My interpretation, more stuff to go wrong and break... ☺). There is a new row of climate controls just under the center screen, the Infotainment display is 12.7 inches, the digital gauge cluster is larger than a 14-inch unit, and there is a new 6.6 touchscreen display to left of wheel for auxiliary features like ordering a cheeseburger from DoorDash. To add to the tech overload, there is a wireless phone charger, the “Wall of

climate buttons” is gone (where? Nobody Knows), they added a grab handle for passenger (and a sock to put in their mouth so you can’t hear them scream), a PDR - In car view of lap comparisons and changes in lap time (like lap times on I-65 from MGM to BHM and back), and finally, for those who are tired of regular roofs that just keep out the rain, they invented electrochromic roof panels that “frost” with the touch of a button.

2. Building Corvette Engines: Many C8 engines are built in Bowling Green, Kentucky at Corvette Assembly Plant. They also build engines for the CT5-V Blackwing Cadillac and Escalade-V in Bowling Green. All are assembled by hand in the Performance Build Center which specializes in low-volume, high-performance engine production, kinda like Mark Reese waiting three years for his next engine. The LT6 Engines (Z06) take 3.5 hours to build and the LT7 Engines (ZR1) takes 5 hours to build. It involves 17 stations, 30 people who apparently get “torqued” 580 times during each build. Each builder puts their name on an engine plaque once it’s finished. The rest of us poor folks just have a VIN number.

3. Mobil 1 Oil has been making oil for 31 years and 25 years with Corvette Racing. 0W-40 is what is normally used in current Corvettes. The W – means winter (not weight) – for low temperature performance at start-up. If you “store” oil, what’s the “shelf life”? Well, if you haven’t opened the bottles—about 5 years.... Once you open it (like wine) it only lasts 1 year.

4. The 2023 Z06 Engine honors Astronauts: the engine was developed under the code name “Gemini”, like the NASA missions in the 1960s. The engine-building crew hid 54 rocket ship easter eggs all over the engine. One is on the right side of the engine block to the left of the valve cover. Some served as directional indicators when assembling the engine; for example, one shows which way to point the pistons.

5. Bad news: Corvette Z06 and ZR1 recalled for fire risk during refueling: the recall affects 2023 to 2026 model years – total of 23,656 Corvettes. They are equipped with a left-side radiator/fan combination, where excess fuel spilled into the fuel-filler pocket can leak down on an ignition source. This increases the risk of fire (no kidding!!!). The fix – dealers will install an insert or shield to divert fuel that may be spilled. The affected cars are the Z06 - 2023 through 2026 and ZR1 - 2025 and 2026. A Stop-sale order is effective for these vehicles, meaning they cannot be sold to customers, traded to dealers or even used for demonstration purposes until the issue is resolved. The Stingray and the E-Ray are NOT affected by this issue (whewwwww).

6. Corvette CX and CX.R are concept cars have the long, low and wide stance typical of modern Corvettes. They have a canopy that opens to reveal the cockpit. The whole front of the car, from the nose to behind the seats, opens up (kinda like a HUGE clamshell). The CX has all-wheel drive EV with a motor at each wheel for combined HP exceeding 2,000 (speeding ticket in 3, 2, 1). The CX.R VGT adds a mid-mounted twin-turbo 2.0L V8 that makes 900 hp and revs to 15,000 rpm with claimed hp of 2,000 also (my J85-30 idled at 20,000 rpm). Can you drive one (the car, not the jet)? Yes – but only in the new Grand Turismo 7 video game – starting August 27, 2025. Go see your grandson for that opportunity.

7. New Corvette Sweepstakes: (I just wish they would make it easy and just give it to me – cut out all this suspense). Well, you can get a chance to win a restored, automatic (what? AUTO-mimic transmission????) 1967 Corvette Convertible in Goodwood Green or a cash alternative (Odometer 36,521). Trust me, take the car!!! The sweepstake ends December 15, 2025, with the drawing on December 29, 2025. The “Sweepstakes” allows the NCM to sell tickets throughout the US (except Washington State) plus Canada and Europe. It DOES NOT REQUIRE A DONATION – you can get a free mail-in entry by requesting a mailer, completing the form and sending it back by the deadline. If you make a donation: \$25 = 18

entries, \$50 = 40 entries, \$100 = 90 entries, \$200 = 200 entries, \$350 = 400 entries, \$500 = 650 entries, \$1,000 = 1,750 entries, \$2,000 = 4,000 entries. BUT use the promo code – “CAPITOL” to get 20% more entries. This code is unique to our Corvette Club. Enter it upon buying tickets.

8. Corvette Raffles: September 18, 2025 – 2026 Competition Yellow Corvette Coupe - \$100/tickets, 2,000 total tickets, 1,115 left, and October 23, 2025 – 2026 Riptide Blue Corvette Convertible - \$200/ticket, 1,500 total, 1,238 left.



(Not good news if you see this! Protect your car) Ok, the Rat Rod story.

Apparently, rats decided to dine on a Corvette at the Residence of “Da Prez”. For information only, our wonderful auto manufacturers... about 20 years ago, started to use a SOY-based material to coat the wires, instead of that hideous “fossil-fuel” based vinyl. Well, guess what, rodents kinds like soy (talk to a soybean farmer in the Black Belt, they are a major nuisance). So, “Da Prez” will need a whole new wire harness (hint: even if your car is under warranty, rat eaten soy wires is not covered by the warranty!!!!).. There are some products on the market like: rodent pouches: (<https://www.automasterly.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Fresh-Cab-Best-Car-mouse-deterrent-1024x920.jpg>) and electronic devices ([https://www.hammacher.com/products/vehicle-ultrasonic-rodent-repeller?variant=50350538129723&utm_id=662918663&source=&cm_cat=&cm_pla=&cm_ven=&cm_ite=&msclkid=7e581c826bb015f8e976743e02e0be11&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=\(ROI\)%20Outdoor%20Living%20-%20Pmax&utm_term=2328628189908649&utm_content=Catch%20All](https://www.hammacher.com/products/vehicle-ultrasonic-rodent-repeller?variant=50350538129723&utm_id=662918663&source=&cm_cat=&cm_pla=&cm_ven=&cm_ite=&msclkid=7e581c826bb015f8e976743e02e0be11&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=(ROI)%20Outdoor%20Living%20-%20Pmax&utm_term=2328628189908649&utm_content=Catch%20All)) – I hotwired one of these to each of my battery tenders for my cars and RV). Just search for and choose the one that fits your needs the best. Highly recommended for us in the Deep South where EVERYTHING (even the stuff we don’t like) grows well. Even if you precious Vette is garaged, no garage is 100% rodent proof.

Business:

1. Bonus tonight if you purchase 50/50 tickets. There are four free tickets available to National Corvette Museum. We will draw twice, so purchase 50/50 tickets and you will have a chance to win 2 tickets. Tickets will expire Dec 2026. Thank you, Carolyn and Jimmie Middleton for these tickets.
2. Welcome: Dawn Seabolt from The Grove MGM. This organization is one of charities we voted to support this year. Visit: thegrovermgm.org/ and on FB and Instagram. This lady is running an AWESOME PROGRAM!!!!
3. Sat. Nov 1st. CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW AT VILLAGE GREEN PARK, MILLBROOK, AL. We have one more meeting before the car show. We need your help for raffles. Please donate an item we can use for our raffles. Or ask your frequently visited restaurant to see if they could assist with a gift certificate. We will give them a shout out at our car show.
4. Our annual Christmas Party will be at Arrowhead Country Club on Tues Dec 2. 5pm-8ish pm. The cost should be \$40 per person. More info forthcoming. **SPECIAL DRAWING: For those that attend, we will have a drawing for one free family CCCC membership good for one year.**

5. Christmas Caravan Sat. Dec 13, 2025. If you are new to the group let me, tell you about this event. If you have attended a progressive dinner, it is the same thing. We have a host for an appetizer, main course and dessert. We drive our corvettes together (at least we try)

to each secret location. But the first thing to remember is don't eat the day of the event, as there will be plenty of food. Our avg number of attendees was 25, sometimes we peaked a little past that number. We will tell you later the meeting location to begin our journey.

6. Wed. Sept 10th @ 2pm. The Gardens of Wetumpka Senior Living is having an event for their residents and they want us to bring our cars. The event should last approx. 1 hour. I know that is a short time frame but the residents would enjoy them greatly. The address is 209 Country Club Dr, Wetumpka, AL 36092. How many can attend?

7. Wed. Sep 17th. Ladies Luncheon @ 11: am. The Little Donkey, 378 N Perry, Montgomery

8. Sat. Sep 20th: Cars and Coffee at Riverside Chev. Wetumpka. 10am-noon.

9. Sun. Sep 14th 2pm. PrattVEGAS Benefit Ride for Libby Barrett. Meet @ Hunter Hills Church of Christ, 330 Old Farm Lane N. in Prattville. \$25 per car/cycle. Questions: contact Tammy Lee @ 334-730-2043.

10. Sat Sep 27th: Heart of Dixie Mustang Car Show @ Bass Pro, Prattville. \$25. One lunch is included in entry fee. 9am-2pm.

11. Sat. Sep 27th: Dreamland Cruise N' Vaughn Rd. Montgomery. 4pm ish-7:45pm ish. Good food, 50/50, door prizes. Funny part? David "Rat Rod" Dodd was giving the floor to Billy. Quote: "Billy, I know you want to talk about something, but I don't know what you want to talk about" – then he ceded the floor to Billy. Billy then eloquently informed the assembled about the September Cruise-In at Dreamland and also reminded us of this "last one of the year" in October.

12. Sat. Oct. 25th: Halloween party at Keith Kozak's. Grab a Halloween costume, but it's not required, but we would love to see it. ADDRESS: 111 Melissa Robyn Rd. Deatsville, AL. We'll have a spooky good time. Remember do not drive your Corvettes!! More details to follow.

13. Sat. Oct 25th: Dreamland Cruise N' Vaughn Rd. Montgomery. 4pm ish-7:45pm ish. Good food, 50/50, door prizes. Last one for the year. Billy might be mad at you if you don't come. Maybe put a hungry rat in your engine compartment. Funny part? David "Rat Rod" Dodd was giving the floor to Billy. Quote: "Billy, I know you want to talk about something, but I don't know what you want to talk about" – then he ceded the floor to Billy. Billy then eloquently informed the assembled about the September Cruise-In at Dreamland (26 September) and also reminded us of this "last one of the year" in October.

14. Country Road Lunch Rides: If you have any suggestions let us know. Don't worry you don't have to organize it; just let us know an area for driving and of course eating. We will start our rides in the early spring 2026.

Charitable Items Needed:

A. MOM (Medical Outreach Ministries): Carolyn Middleton

<u>Lunch Bags</u> <u>White or Brown</u>	<u>Pens</u>	<u>Post It Notes-All Sizes +</u> <u>Note pads 4x6 or 5x7.</u>
<u>Copy Paper</u>	<u>Spray Air Freshener</u>	<u>Paper Clips &</u> <u>2025 Calendars. Don't throw away those</u> <u>calendars from the mail, they can used..</u>
<u>Rubber Bands</u>		

B. Homeless Sleeping Mat Ministry: Vickie Lavender asked for LIGHTWEIGHT bath towels. They dry quicker than those thick ones, so it works well for the homeless.

Homeless Sleeping Mat Ministry is through several local organizations that weave and make sleeping mats for the homeless population out of plastic shopping bags. Other needs below:

Blankets Light Weight	Cracker Packets	Devotional (Scripture Bases)	Lip Balm + Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Personal Wipes	Small Treats	New Socks	Toiletry Items (from hotel stays)
Tote Bags (Large Reuseable)	Anything donated will be used, if not by this ministry, we have others we are working with that take the items we can't or don't use.		

50/50 DRAWING: John Matthews--\$98!!! Gave it back to the FABULOUS CCCC Charity account.

More comments/business?

Adjourn. Please do not begin to leave until meeting has officially been adjourned.

Reminder, please let Carolyn Middleton know, if you have received a car insurance quote, renewed, or have obtained a new policy, purchased a raffle ticket, new/renewal NCM membership.

Do you need Club decal for your car? Carolyn Middleton can help. She has small silver & large decals. \$20ea (\$10 to cover materials & \$10 goes back to the club.)

Dates in bold, italicize & underline denote more than one event.

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