

CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Tues. Jan 6, 2026

Chappy's Deli, 8141 Vaughn Rd
Montgomery, AL



Shifting out of 2025-Throttling into 2026

- © President: **David "I'm Outta Here" Dodd** – Welcomed the now satiated crowd (thanks Chappy's for filling that spot – and Carleshia and her team for serving us in grand style!) at about Tuesday evening (actually, 1825).
- © Secretary: **Stef Eisen** - Minutes of Last Meeting – Rinse and Repeat – unanimously accepted the "perfect" minutes.
- © Treasurer: **Vickie "Always Ready to Talk" Lavender** - Financial Activity Summary as of Dec 31, 2025. We took in Money, and then we spent it..... making sure we got the checks to our two charities. Thank you letters were received. As of the meeting, the Fabulous CCCC had \$1,800.06 in Checking and \$5,331.77 in Savings for a Grandiose total of \$7,131.83. As a reminder, the Heart of Alabama Food bank and The Grove each received \$1,000 from our charitable funds. Since we elected (as a club) NOT to fund the NCM banner, \$788.00 was transferred from checking to savings.
- © Membership Chair: **Pam "If you are in doubt as to if you paid your membership status, see me" Smith** – As of the January 6th, 2026 CCCC Meeting we have 89 Family Members (as of December 31st), 40 Renewals so far, 53 Attended the meeting tonight.
- © January Birthdays:
 - © 9 Joseph Bonicelli
 - © 11 Chris "MADAME ELECT PRESIDENTE" Dodd
 - © 17 Yulonda Carter
 - © 19 Ann "Fabulous Quilt Lady" Marlin
 - © 20 Barbara Beasley & Rebecca Scott
 - © 22 Lisa Holcombe
 - © 26 Steven Burak & Jeff Samuel
 - © 28 Jerry Holcombe
 - © 30 Janet "Mark don't you DARE forget this date" Reese
 - © 31 Theresa Oldnettle
- © *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 taking membership dues for 2026 (Pay UP!)
- © New Members:
- © Welcome Scott & Cyndi Crews (No relation to TOM Cruze [although I think he mentioned he had an Uncle named Tom Crews] of Santuck, AL with a 2014 Convertible Arctic White/

Chocolate Brown interior. Vanity Tag-CR3WSN. Thank you, Larry & Rita Martin, for recruiting the Crew's, AND paying for their 1st year's membership (It also helps that you WON the Fabulous CCCC Christmas Party Free Member ship prize!

- © Welcome William & Deborah Johnson of Montgomery with a 2024 3LT, Z51 Torch Red/Black Convertible. Thank you, Chris Jones, for recruiting the Johnsons.
- © Welcome (I think it's welcome BACK!) Johnathon & Nicole Davis of Montgomery with a 2022 Amplify (I mean serious AUBURN type) Orange /Tan with a Z51 package, 2LT. Vanity Tag- JADAV1. They were instructed by Pam that: "Believe it or not, we really are "good" group of people" – now its up to them to figure out the definition of "good".
- © Member Updates:
- © Congratulations to Deloros Osborne Hensley on the purchase of a new 2025 Arctic White/Red Convertible. Good news, she loves it. Bad news, it didn't come standard with sunscreen and she "suffered" a sunburn on her voyage to the Florida Keys.
- © Congratulations, Bob Whetstone has purchase Corvette #23 (AND we got to see him at the meeting!). A 2024 Hypersonic Gray Metallic Coupe.
- © Thank You John Matthews for donating a Beautiful Corvette Jacket for the club to auction off for charity. We raised \$140. Congratulations Jimmie Robbins for the wonderful donation by purchasing the jacket. He immediately got on EBay to resell (JUST kidding!!!!).
- © Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: **Mark "I can't talk much because Pam took up all the time" Reese** - Activities Report Past & Upcoming Events. This time of year is "prep" time for the cars – getting them ready for the 2026 season. First opportunity is 31 January at Little Talladega. Mark stated that Huntress was still in the "fix it" stage up at "Precision Performance", so that date is in limbo for him.
- © Vice President & Car Show Coordinator: **Mario (Blade – I'll take your \$\$, it might end up in the 50/50 pot) Williams-** Upcoming Car Shows (none – too cold and wet). First close by car show is the "Cruising to Clothe a Child" show in Union Springs. The FABULOUS CCCC is a tremendous supporter of this event (in early March – tentative date is 7 March – check back for updates). A great website for this info is <https://carmacruisefinder.com/car-shows/category/alabama/page/3/>
- © NOTE: on the CCCC Facebook Page, Chris Dodd posted a Memorial Ride for Johnathan "Jon Jon" Everett for 24 January @ 11:30. It's up in Jasper, Al at the Old Souls Trading Co. See the Facebook page for more details.
- © Web Master: **Julie "I got the web site bill paid, so we still have a web site" Hall** - Website Updates, etc. Ya know, kudos to Julie. She makes it look like it's „no big deal“ to keep our web site cooking, but it really does invovle considerable attention and work. Thanks Julie!!!! Also, she was able to build about 90 Chemo Bundles. They were greatly appreciated!
- © NCM Ambassador: **Carolyn "I lost my watch so I don't know what time it is" Middleton**
- © 1. Proposed Charity for 2026 – National Corvette Museum: there is a new Collections (No Chaz, not **CORRECTIONS**, but **COLLECTIONS**) Facility on NCM Property. It is 66,000 sf and will house 100 – 120 Corvettes (almost as many as Bob Whetstone). Proposed to open in 2027. For \$1,000 donation – the Fabulous CCCC name will be PERMANETLY displayed on the wall of new facility. This requires a CCCC Vote. Note: CCCC decided to table the vote until next month to combine it with any other charitable proposals for 2027. There are options. It could be a charitable donation that comes out of the charitable budget. It could also be a draw on the savings funds that the club currently has. Regardless, it needs to be consolidated with other proposals so the CCCC has a more complete picture of where, how, and how much of the club's funds are being committed.

- © 2. Matchbox Corvettes: The NCM provides free museum tours for Title 1 school students. At the end of the tour, each child gets a matchbox Corvette. BUT they have trouble getting all these matchbox cars, so they are asking us to help collect these toys: Available at Dollar Tree, Dollar General, Walmart, etc. They seek new, individually boxed cars. Check while you are shopping and bring to each CCCC meeting. I'll take to the NCM when we go – several times a year.
- © 3. We have Capitol City Corvette Club lapel pins: \$7 each – at cost. Pay me, Pam or Vicki. I'll bring to each meeting.
- © 4. Ugliest Corvette ZR1X configuration: Like the ugliest sweater contest – beauty (or ugly) is in the eye of the beholder. Choices - 10 paint colors; 13-full-length dual racing stripes; 5-wheel designs; 30 different interior combinations; plus, assorted caliper and seatbelt colors. One example - Roswell Green Metallic, Edge Blue wheels, Edge Red brake calipers and Edge Orange racing stripes and natural Napa leather interior
- © 5. 2026 Corvette Stars & Steel Special Edition: To celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States, the Corvette will build 250 with a patriotic design in the exterior and interior. Upgrade is available across the entire C8 Corvette range – From the Stingray to the ZR1X. Available on either coupe or convertible but only on 3LT and 3LZ trim levels. Two exterior and interior colors will be offered – Arctic White with Santorini Blue interior or Black paired with Adrenaline Red interior. Red seat belts and floor mats with red stitching and Red Edge brake calipers and engine covers. Chevy will donate \$250 to veteran-focused non-profits for each one sold.
- © 6. GM leaks a new 2027 Corvette Grand Sport: Naturally aspirated V8 engine with a widebody exterior. The engine is a variant of the Gen 6 Small Block, possibly a new LS6: available in both 6.6L configuration and 5.7L configuration. "Aluminum V8 featuring both direct injection and port fuel injection, while retaining a traditional overhead-valve (pushrod) architecture."
- © 7. Also, a Corvette CX Concept car has been shown in a Chevy car show – X = 10 or a C10?
- © 8. Price increases for 2026 Corvette across all trim levels: \$500 increase to destination freight charge for all variants – from \$1,995 to \$2,495. \$1,600 increase to MSRP for the ZR1, for example: 1LZ from \$180,400 to \$182,000 (before destination charges - DFC). ZR1X - \$207,100 before DFC. BUT Gas Guzzler taxes for Z06, including the ZR1X, are reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,600. Applies to all passenger vehicles that fall below 22.5 mpg fuel economy threshold set by the EPA.
- © 9. C8 Brembo Brakes have Corvette branding on them. Why? Comes down to who's responsible for engineering and for the components. Brembo makes the 6-piston front and 4-piston rear calipers on the C8 Stingray, C8 E-Ray and C8 Z06. BUT GM engineers performed all the calibrations work for the actual braking performance – like pedal feel, thermal management, ABS tuning with GM dictating the actual behavior of the braking system. SO, GM owns the development and tuning for the components.
- © 10. Corvette Assembly Plant Tour Dates: February 9-13, 2026; February 16-20, 2026; February 23-27, 2026; April 20-24, 2026. Cost - \$50 – buy tickets on-line. Tour times available each day at 12 separate times starting at 8:15 to 2:15. Rules: 13 or older; printed tickets in hand; closed-toe and closed-heel shoes; No bags, purses, phones or other electronics; arrive 30 minutes early.
- © 11. Hennessey Sets Christmas Tree Run Speed Record with C8 ZR1: Took place on the runway at Chase Field in Beeville, Texas (Navy training Base). Ran unmodified - nearly 200 mph (196) - with a fully decorated (200 lights) Christmas tree (5.5 foot) mounted on the roof. Last record set was in 2022 with a Venom 1,000-modified Ford Mustang GT500.
- © 12. Corvette Raffles: January 22, 2026 - 2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe - \$100/Ticket,

2,000 tickets, 1,200 left; February 12, 2026 – Build your own Corvette or \$85,000 - \$250/tickets, 1,000 tickets, 600 left; March 5, 2026 – 2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible - \$200/tickets, 1,500 tickets, 1300 left; April 25, 2026 – 2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe - \$20/ticket. Unlimited tickets

- © 13. Corvette Sweepstakes: 1965 Rally Red Corvette Convertible – or \$75,000 cash; Odometer – 56,680 mi; 327 Cu in/300 HP – numbers matching w/automatic transmission & black interior. Power steering, brakes and windows. Closing date for tickets – April 26, 2026/Drawing date – May 7, 2026

STOP THE PRESSES!!!! STOP THE PRESSES!!! Pam stood up and announced that our mid-meeting treat for putting up with all this mess was Chappy's Ice Cream WAS not available because the machine is broken..... Riot police had to be called in to get Greg Thigpen from storming out and going to McDonalds (Hint: theirs is always broken, Chappy's will fix theirs).

Business:

1. 2026 Board Member elections took place tonight. Board Member positions are President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer. Committee members: Larry Martin, chairman & Patsie Demo. Thank you both for assisting. The candidates were presented (most had on strait jackets and were singing protest songs). Chris Dodd, Blade Willaims, Stef Eisen, and Vickie Lavendar were “elected” to another sentence in the Fabulous CCCC. For the bank people that have to have some sort of official note: Christine Popwell Dodd, Blade Willaims, Stef Eisen, and Vickie Lavendar were elected by paper ballot vote that was counted and certified by the Committee members led by Larry Martin.
2. Veteran's Day Parade. Thank you for all that attended. Although the weather kept many Veterans from participating this year, we're hopeful that if the committee decides to organize one for 2026 & the weather cooperates, we'll see a much larger turnout. As always, thank you, Stef, for organizing and for the outstanding work you consistently do. We had Chaz in the lead Corvette with the Grand Marshall!!!! Super! And 20 Corvettes running 2 by2 – 9,500+ Freedom Ponies!!!!
3. Did you all enjoy the Christmas Party at Arrowhead Country Club? I hope you did. The funniest part of the event is when gifts are being stolen (dirty Santa at its best). Did you count the times Carolyn Middleton tried to defend her gifts but had to go select another one & another one? I am sure there were more that had to do this.
4. Christmas Caravan Sat. Dec 13, 2025. Despite the rain appearing (just for the record I did not order it) we still had an evening that consisted of full bellies and best comradery anyone could ask for. I want to give a big shout out to our hosts: First, Patsie Demo. She had array of wonderful appetizers, enough to feed more than attended. She also gave out some goodies so the yummy dip that we had could be made at your home.
5. Next, was our dinner, which was hosted by Mike and Cindy Peavy. The theme was Feliz Navidad in which we had Mexican food. It was so good. Our final stop was at Chip and Rhonda Hicks. Before entering the new 'barn' you were greeted with a roaring fire. Then there was every kind of dessert you desired. Thank you again Patsie Demo, Mike and Cindy Peavy, Chip and Rhonda Hicks for a great time. For those that missed this event, I hope you all can attend this coming year.

6. Please take some time to review potential charities you believe would be meaningful for us to support this year. Next month, please present those charities so we can discuss and possibly create a motion for them.

Carolyn Middleton had follow-up information on the NCM. As many of you know, the NCM provides free tours of the NCM to Title I school kids in the area. Obviously, these are a big hit with the kids. They also give each child a matchbox car - preferably a Corvette. I wanted to ask the club members to keep an eye out for these matchbox Corvettes as they shop during the year and bring to the meetings each month. I will collect them and give them to the appropriate person at the NCM in April when we go for the Birthday Bash and later during the year. We can make this an ongoing effort. I found 2 at the Dollar Tree close to us for \$1.25. So, keep an eye out. They prefer all Corvettes and just the Matchbox type but they prefer them to be in a box or a card – not loose.

Upcoming 2026 Events:

1. Wed. Jan. 21st: Ladies Luncheon @ 11am will be at Midtown Pizza, 2940 Zelda Rd, Montgomery, AL 36106.
2. Thu. Feb 5th 2026: Mardi Gras Day Ride (see flyer) Meet at Flying J Travel Center @7:00, depart @ 7:30. Address: 900 Tyson Rd. Hope Hull, AL 36043. Please email your Mardi Gras order forms to Pam Smith asap. The stops include National Maritime Museum of the Gulf, Toomey's Half Shell Oyster House, and Rouse's (for King cakes). Electric carts will be available at each stop for David Dodd.
3. Mardi Gras Parades:
 - a. Sat. Feb 7th, 2026: Millbrook, AL (parade begins at noon)
 - b. Sat. Feb 14th, 2026: Wetumpka, AL (parade begins at 1pm)
4. **Sat Mar 7th: Country Road Lunch Rides.** First one for 2026 will be **March 7** (date changed from 3/21). Valle Grande Mexican Restaurant, Maplesville, AL. We will meet in the Academy Sports parking lot in Prattville between 10am-10:25am and depart 10:30am. More details to follow. 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.
5. Sat. Mar 14th: Track Laps and car show event here at Talladega! Below are the links to purchase from. The first link will be the one for admission on March 14th event. That ticket also doubles the ticket included in the offer for Jack Link's 500. The second link is for anyone who would like to purchase additional discount tickets for Jack Link's 500. As a reminder, the \$70 ticket for the Track Laps event covers everyone in the car! Track Lap and Car Show Link: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Talladegacar2>. Tickets for Jack Link's 500: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/2026jack>
6. **Sat Apr 11th: Country Road Lunch Rides.** Hot Diggy Dog. Meet at Dollar General on Hwy 231 near Wetumpka Police Dept. We're taking the "Tim" route on this one. Drive north on Hwy 231 to Rockford; Hwy 22 towards Clanton, Hwy 31 South, Hwy 143 South, Hwy 14 West. Designation will be at the Dodd's for hot dogs and fixings.
7. Thu-Sat 4/23-4/25: 2026 Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash.

Charitable Items Needed:

A. **MOM (Medical Outreach Ministries):** Carolyn Middleton

Items Needed:

<u>Lunch Bags</u> <u>White or Brown</u>	<u>Pens</u>	<u>Post It Notes-All Sizes + Note pads 4x6 or 5x7.</u>
<u>Copy Paper</u>	<u>Spray Air Freshener</u>	<u>Paper Clips &</u> <u>2026 Calendars. Don't throw away those</u> <u>calendars from the mail, they can use them.</u>
<u>Rubber Bands</u>		

B. **Homeless Sleeping Mat Ministry:** Vickie Lavender

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 Small Blankets	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 (AGAIN – probably taking 50/50 hints from Mike Peavy) won! And as usual, donated it back to the CCCC Charity fund!

More comments/business? NO! We wanna go home!!!

Adjourn somewhere around 7:50 – not exact, I was still in mourning over the broken ice cream machine (juat ask Mary Kay – I'm a senstive guy).

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.)

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