

WHAT'S HAPPENING UNDER THE HOOD?

CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB TUES. 03/03/2026

Chappy's Deli, 8141 Vaughn Rd Montgomery, AL

- President – Chris “Madame Presidente” Dodd – Welcomed the messy mass while seated on her royal CCCC throne. Well, it was just a bar stool, but she made it look so classy. We need to get her a crown for the next meeting. I think the meeting started on time, but I’m not sure because I was busy stealing chocolate from unsuspecting attendees.
 - Secretary: Stef Eisen - Minutes of Last Meeting were approved. The secretary asked for 10 seconds of silence to show respect for our brothers and sisters that are currently in harm’s way. They are risking it all so that we may enjoy the precious freedoms that we have.
 - Treasurer: Vickie “Hey, Ya’ll Roger’s here!” (It’s ALWAYS good to see you Roger) Lavender - Financial Activity Summary as of Feb 28, 2026. Yes, we have \$\$\$. Savings: \$2,265.04 + Checking: \$4,331.77 = \$6,596.81. Major expenditures out = Buying Mardi Gras stuff..... Major expenditures in = getting reimbursed for buying the Mardi Gras stuff. See how that works! There is some tension in the club leadership, however. We apparently spent \$2,900 and according to Madame Presidente: “It’s all Pam’s fault” -- Pam’s response: “No, It’s not!” – I see a Congressional oversight committee hearing in the near future. Wonder if Vickie will plead the 5th?
 - Membership Chair: Pam “Gimmie your money” Smith – Madame Presidente introduced Pam a “Pamela, over to you”. Our “hard of hearing” sector, led by Greg Lyons, heard “Camelot”. The web site for hearing aids for seniors is: https://www.forbes.com/health/l/best-hearing-aids/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&account_id=150498564&utm_content=1324913808632123&utm_term=kwd-82808381746545:loc-190&utm_campaign=687017026&network=s&device=c&msclkid=995281b175c4191206c8e818d4f350ff. The FABULOUS CCCC has 64 Family Members as of Febr 28th, with 8 Renewals for Feb, and 53 Attended the meeting.
 - March Birthdays include:
 - 4 Chris Blumentritt 5 David “Ex-Presidente” Dodd, Jong Kim, Arthurine Smith
 - 7 Eric “I came tonight just so I could hear my name” Beasley, Scott Crews, Paul Lammon
 - 17 Phil Booty 22 Stan Wilkinson
 - 25 Leslie Buentello, Dennis DiGruccio, Leslie Vinson 27 Marcus Buentello, Marty Frederick
 - 28 Mike “Damn, I’m a year older” Hall
- *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!!!!
- Visitors: Welcome Peggy, Vickie Lavender’s Mother and Jerry Wagnon, friend of Brock Miller. Yes, Brock has friends!

New Members:

Cory & Samantha Lawrence of Wetumpka, with a 2019 Blue Grand Sport Corvette.

David & Ashley Mastin of Pike Road, with a 2026 Black Stingray Convertible Corvette. Vanity Tag- CRAP MNY Yes, he’s in the septic tank business! When he stops for fuel, people think he won his money at the casino. Well, close, but no cigar! He earned it the hard (and right!) way! He worked for it! He always wanted a Corvette, and admits he knows so little about the

Corvette that he Googled some info on it.

- Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: Mark "My clutch sounds like it's about to self-destruct, but they say it's "Normal" Reese: Barber was great! Mike and Rebecca Scott and Tony and Jennifer Trammell came up to see what this tracking stuff is all about. Both are "Hooked"!!!! Mike reported that you'll only ride with Mark one time.... But apparently that one time is enough to get you hooked (Mark, goes 80% when he has passenger, but even 80% is plenty thrilling). After Tony rode with Cole (who goes more than 80%) he decided to find a C8 tracker and ask for a ride. As is usual in the track community, he soon found someone and WROOOOOMMMMM he was off to the "races". This C8 driver was working to stay with the McClarens – exiting 180 degree turns at 80+ MPH..... well, it got to the point where Tony had to "X" the driver, which is a sign to get off the track (NOW). He carefully, but quickly exited both the car and Mark's full-face helmet and tossed his Buc-ees' lunch into the bushes. Even with that "experience" – he's still HOOKED!!!! Yea!!!
 - Next trip: 23 March to Roebing Road. Come along and have some fun!!!!
- Bob Elmore (Rulebreaker) wanted to spread the word on the Grace's Health and Wellness Foundation "Water Aerobics and Car Show" on 20 March at the Bell Road YMCA from 1-2 (Car and Bike Show). The Water Aerobics class is from 11:30-12:30. Free for Vets. \$10 for everyone else. Best Bike/Car eligible for a \$250 cash prize!
- Vice President & Car Show Coordinator: Mario (Blade) Williams - Upcoming Car Shows
 - 7 Mar: Evergreen. Collard Green Festival Car Show. See: <https://www.evergreenareachamber.com/collardgreenfestival.php>
 - 7 Mar: Wetumpka. Holtville Car Show @ the Youth Fields (9-4). No URL available.
 - 8 Mar: Prattville. Mustang Sally Car Show. See: <https://prattvilleal.gov/departments/special-events/mustang-sally-car-show/>
 - 14 Mar: Union Springs. Cruising to Clothe a Child Car Show. See: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/carshowsalabama/permalink/4244810818998730/> See below for the FABULOUS CCCC plan.
 - 14 Mar: Millbrook. Worx Auto Expo car Show. See: <https://carmacruisefinder.com/car-show/the-worx-auto-expo/>
 - 14 Mar: Dothan. Nash Car Show. See: <https://happeningnext.com/event/7th-annual-nashcar-mega-car-show-at-national-peanut-festival-fairgrounds-eid1ef0krq6etxa>
 - 14 Mar: Prattville. Long Lewis Cars and Coffee.
 - 21 Mar: Pelham Car Show. See: <https://allevents.in/pelham/show-your-ride-car-show/200029743463302>
 - 28 Mar: Autauga County Sherriff's Office Car Show. See: <https://carmacruisefinder.com/car-show/1st-annual-autauga-county-sheriffs-office-car-show/>
 - 28 Mar: Montgomery. Dreamland Cruise-In.
 - 4 Apr: Prattville. Prattville Cruise-In. See: <https://prattvilleal.gov/departments/special-events/prattville-cruise-in/>
- Web Master: Julie Hall - Website Updates, etc. All is well as usual. We paid the \$19.00 so we can keep our domain name. Pam recommended that we upload a picture from the Mobile Mardi Gras trip as there is a rumor that there is a picture of Mike Hall smiling. Mark Reese mentioned the power of AI.
- NCM Ambassador: Carolyn Middleton –
- CCCC Points with the National Corvette Museum:
- Our club earned a total of 625 points for 2025 – thanks to all of you!!!

1. This puts the CCCC in Level III
2. Next (and highest) level is top 10% of all Corvette Clubs – hard for the CCCC to compete with Corvette clubs in Texas (for example) that have hundreds of members
3. What does that mean?
 - i. We get Two (2) free Individual NCM Museum Memberships
 - ii. We get Two (2) free Family NCM Museum Memberships
 - iii. We get four (4) free Guest passes to the NCM
 - iv. One Club feature in the Membership newsletter
 - v. Recognition in America's Sports Car magazine (April/May/June edition)
4. I will pick these up in April at the NCM Birthday Bash
5. Continue to let Carolyn know of all levels of NCM Museum memberships and renewals, NCM Insurance policies written, renewed or quotes, purchase of raffle tickets, attendance at NCM events, volunteering, purchase of tributes at NCM (bricks or plaques), donations, delivery of Corvette at NCM, etc.

- 2026 Corvette ZR1 Production: Originally thought to be a small number built; as of February 2026, over 1,000 C8 ZR1's have been produced in 2026 – 1,037; 180 ZR1's were produced during the 2025 year – totaling 1,217.

1. Some stats: Most popular exterior color – black then white; ZR1 Aero options – 80.7%; ZR1 trim – 98.2%; Top selling dealer of ZR1s – MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua, NH
2. 2026 Corvette: Z06 allocations are scheduled to end on May 29, 2026 with final orders on March 26; All dealers were granted Corvette E-Ray allocations – along with Z06s and some Stingrays; \$4,000 Loyalty Cash on the 2025 Corvette for current owners or lessees of 2011 or newer Corvette or Camaro – Valid through March 2, 2026. OOPSSSS! “Oh that's already ended”. Carolyn did volunteer to make up the \$4,000 Loyalty Reward out of Jimmie's checking account.
3. Prices (these are for the 3LT Options) : Stingray Coupe - \$84,245; Stingray Convertible - \$91,245; E-Ray Coupe - \$122,045; E-Ray Convertible - \$129,045; Z06 Coupe - \$133,745; Z06 Convertible - \$140,745; Zr1 Coupe - \$195,495; ZR1 Convertible - \$205,495; ZR1X Coupe - \$220,595; ZR1X Convertible - \$245,590 (Quail Silver LE)
4. New 2026 Color – Blade Silver Matte paint offered only for the ZR1X Quail Silver Limited Edition Convertible
5. 2026 Issues: Affects the updated display system - half of display might be covered by grid-like pattern that obscures critical information making menus, icons and system functions almost unreadable. With only solution to be outright replacement of the affected hardware. Affects the: 12.7-inch center infotainment display; 14-inch digital Driver Information Center; 6.6-inch auxiliary touchscreen mounted to left of steering wheel.
6. Chevy ends building Tremec Corvette Transmissions in Canada – moving back to America: Tremec transmissions make for lightning quick shifts, computer-controlled precision and ability to manage everything from the Stingray to the Z06. Now all Tremec transmissions are being built in the Michigan facility. The move isn't about geography – it's about control – they need tighter oversight. As the Corvette becomes more powerful, quality matters more than ever
7. GM files active Aero patent for controlled Drift maneuvers: GM wants to combine drift mode with active aerodynamics allowing the car to automatically adjust its wings and splitters while sliding. When drift is turned on (**Carolyn asked if any of us “drift”? Most of us answered: “NOT INTENTIONALLY”**) The computer changes the angle of these aero parts on the fly. Adds downforce for more grip when needed. Or reduce downforce to help the car slide more easily. At low speeds it doesn't make much of a difference; but at high speeds, the car becomes more stable. Right now, on the Z06, ZR1 and ZR1X these pieces are adjustable –

BUT fixed once they are set. This could be on other Chevy's as well.

8. National Corvette Museum Collections Facility: Broke ground on October 24, 2025; 6,600 square feet; Used for growing collection of Corvettes, a preservation room, multiple service bays with lifts, and a detailing area; Includes a conference room; Anyone can see the progress on the facility during the NCM Birthday Bash in April 2026 on Friday, April 24; But NCM Ambassadors will get a separate hard-hat tour.

9. Return of the Performance Build Center inside the NCM: Jeff Gordon and his father where the first to participate in this returning experience – working on his own Orange 2026 ZR1X; Cost is \$9,995; Available starting in February 2026 ordering cycle: 6 slots for a Z06/2 slots for a ZR1.

10. C8 ZR1X Corvette too fast to Legally Drag Race: Current NHRA street legal rules state that production cars: Aren't allowed to go under 9.0 seconds or exceed 150 MPH in a quarter mile run. The AWD Hyper Vette can regularly break both rules straight off the dealer's floor: 8.675 seconds; 159.57 MPH; But "NHRA would observe the car in its test configuration and be open to an opportunity to learn of its safety advancements."

11. C8 Corvette ZR1 and Z06 Engine Control Modules (ECM): HP Tuners cracked (overrode) the ECM on ZR1 and Z06 Corvettes; One Corvette on the dyno made 1,180 hp with a tune and "downpipes" and running on MS109 race fuel. You send them your ECM, and they send it back for performance tuning – to you or a shop. You get access to engine parameters like: Boost, Camshaft timing, Air/fuel ratio, Injector/Ignition timing, Rev limiters, Torque management, and hundreds more items. Cost = \$1,499

12. Corvette Raffles: March 5, 2026 – 2026 Blade Silver Corvette Convertible - \$200/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,000 left; March 26, 2026 – 2026 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe - \$150/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,220 left; April 16, 2026 – 2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe - \$100/ticket, 2,000 tickets, 1,700 left; April 24, 2026 – Black Corvette Z06 Coupe - \$300/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,300 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; 327 Cu in/300 HP – numbers matching; Automatic transmission; Black interior; Power steering, brakes and windows. Closing date for tickets – April 26, 2026; Drawing date – May 7, 2026

BUSINESS

Last month a past NCM banner was shown, and it was decided to take bids to assist on the purchase 2027. We voted, as a club, to only purchase every other year which will be 2027. The email bids were to be sent to Chris Dodd. (christinadodd08@gmail) Our highest bid was for \$750. There was a call from the crowd to identify this winner, but Madam Presidente, citing "National security concerns" and "Need to know" said that at this time, the data was classified "Top Secret, no CCCC (or Mustang owners)".

NCM REWARDS: Carolyn will explain. Like to win stuff? Next month's meeting we will present how you can win. How many ARE NOT NCM Members? Do you want to know how to become a member? One perk is your NCM membership / donation is tax deductible & purchasing NCM items you get 10% off. Sorry sale items are not given an additional 10% off.

PAST/FUTURE EVENTS

1. Mardi Gras Day Ride to Mobile. We had a fantastic time, especially when there was no rain, a little cold, but overall, a gorgeous day. Great selection for activity (National Maritime Museum) & restaurant. We expected no less from our coordinator, Pam Smith. Madame

Presidente didn't buy any "Mayonnaise" – that must be code for some illicit stuff I guess.

2. Mardi Gras parades in Millbrook and Wetumpka. Our club, showed up in full force at both parades and earned a reputation for being a standout group in Wetumpka's Mardi Gras celebration. Check the photos on Facebook. At the Wetumpka Parade, we showed up, and we "knew what to do" – we are soooooo much better organized than everyone else! Lined up, ready to go, etc. At the cleanup site, we left no traces of our parade decorations. Pam, our "Supreme Mardi Gras Leader" had 30 participants (can't say Corvettes because we had infiltrators, but they were legit guests) – then a 31st Corvette showed up. She politely told them to "go over there" and if they won't let you in, come back here... she also gave them a CCCC contact card.... Always building new members!!!
3. **Sat Mar 7th: Country Road Lunch Rides.** First one for 2026 will be **March 7**. 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.
- 3A. **Sunday, March 8 – Daylight Savings Time!!!!**
4. **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>
5. **Sat. Mar 14th:** To Clothe a Child Car Show, Union Springs, AL. This is a good car show and benefits many in the area. We will meet at the Walmart Chantilly, Montgomery, between 9:00 am and 9:25 am. Depart @ 9:30 am. Due to the condition of their meeting place, we will park in the downtown area. \$25
6. **Wed. Mar 18th:** Ladies Luncheon will be at Patsie Demo's home. If you plan to attend, we can give you her address.
7. **Sat. Mar 21st:** Cars & Coffee at Riverside Chevrolet 4270 US Highway 231, Wetumpka, AL 36092. 10am-noon. We can decide on where to eat lunch.
8. **Sat. Mar 28th:** Dreamland Cruise-In. First one for the season. Address: 7900 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery, AL 36116. 4:30pm-7:45 ish
9. **Sat. Apr 4th:** Prattville Cruise In. 4-7pm. Concert at 6pm. Free Community Event. 124 W Main Street. Enter from Tichnor Ave. Contact Greg Bixler 334.313.3852 for more information.
10. **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. Meet between 0930-0955. Depart @ 1000. Trip takes 1.5 hours. Eatin' hot dogs @ 1130!!!!
11. **Fri, Sat & Sun April 17th-19th:** MAXWELL AFB Beyond the Horizon Open House Air Show & Car Show. **IS CANCELLED.**
12. **Thu-Sat 4/23-4/25:** 2026 Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash.
13. **May 1 -May 3rd.** First Friday in Downtown Gadsden 05:00pm to 08:00pm CHECK THE SITE OUT: <https://greatergadsden.com/events/may-first-friday-in-downtown-gadsden/> Billy and Ruth Zemo are members of CCCC but do not live in this area. They can coordinate the activities / hotel / etc. We can drive as a group to Gadsden on Friday; roughly a 2-2.5 hr. drive. Meeting place will be Wetumpka. Spend one or two nights at a hotel, if desire. Take

lunch ride in the area on Sat. If you think this is something you would like to do let's see a show of hands!

14. **Sat. May 23rd:** [Home | Hendrick Driven For Veterans](#) Five (5) Lap Session Talladega Superspeedway (May 23, 2026) \$135.00. Free 2026 Talladega Track Day Tee Shirt - Just Purchase One or More Track Day Sessions
15. **Tues. June 2nd and Aug 4th:** Hyundai MFG Tours @ 9:30am. Capacity per tour date is only 16 people. Sign up fast. See Greg Thigpen @ 334-201-7260.
16. **Train Shed Car Show 6 June!!!!**

Charitable Items Needed: MOM (Medical Outreach Ministries): Carolyn Middleton.
Items Needed:

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

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: Mark "First time in 23 years that I've won!" Reese won!!! \$70.00. He posed for the picture..... and then in usual Reese style, kept the money! (NO, NOT REALLY, he gave it back to support the Sergio Fund that will build a playground). We've passed the hat at the last two meetings, and we have \$300 so far (about \$370 w/Mark's gift). YEAA!!!!

More comments/business? Paint Defenders Still are offering a discount to club members for services!!!

Adjourned @ 7:26

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. Carolyn also has small silver & large decals. \$20ea (\$10 materials/\$10 goes to the club.)

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