

Capitol City Corvette Club
Sinko Da Mayo Meeting
TUES. 05/05/2026
The Catfish House, 3011 Cobbs Ford Rd, Millbrook, AL
FREE DESSERTS!!!! What a deal!!!

- President – Chris “1835” (no, not what year she was born, it’s the time the meeting started in 24 hour time) Dodd – Welcomed the “beaned/cole slawed/and hush puppied” crowd to the meeting. We had all sorts of fun stuff. Free posters, desserts, some sort of “bingo basket” Chris used to pull winning tickets for NCM passes/memberships, etc. It was a “rock n roll” kind of night – hard to keep up with the action/catch all the faux pas to “put that in the minutes”, but here we go.....
- Secretary: Stef “I’m gonna start taking more time to hear myself talk” Eisen – proposed to read the entire minutes of the last meeting “word for word and note for note” (just like a Black Jacket Symphony), followed by pressing 2 to get all the minutes read again, but in Espanol. For some reason or other, it didn’t go over well and motions and seconds and yea votes quickly approved the April minutes without further delay.
- Things immediately started to go off the rails as the meeting order was changed (No reason was given...typical for a government operation, but what the heck CCCC?). Carolyn was up next!

Corvette News

2026 National Corvette Museum Birthday Bash: Most attendees ever – over 1,400. Carolyn and Jimmie took our donated Matchbox Corvettes (95 of them) to the NCM. We brought the most! They were incredibly grateful – Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! These Matchbox items are handed out to kids on Fields trips. Last year the NCM had over 2,000 children visit. Keep donating these gems, we’ll keep taking them up there!

RV Park has moved out – not sure what will be put there. NCM owns the land.

New Collection Facility: 66,000 sf -- planned completion is early August. Tours start in early January 2027. Yes, they ran multiple tests for sink holes (won’t fall for that trick again). It will hold current Corvette collection (123 cars) plus additional cars 30 years as they gain them. Do you want to donate your Corvette? It is a tax deduction, but you must check with the NCM first. Not all Corvettes are accepted – depends on condition and do they already have that model, year, color, etc.? Also, the addition will hold over \$1 million in non-vehicle collection items (only a small portion of the value of the stuff in either the garagemahal or the stuff in Keith Kozak’s fantastic garage/museum/partyhouse). Alternatively, the NCM holdings might be parts from cars, trees, and other objects we’ve blown up/run over/run into over the years (NOT).

Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced: 3 categories:

GM Chevrolet Category: Kirk Bennion – Corvette designer who played a key role in shaping Vette styling across multiple generations, contributing to the identity of the C5 through the C8. Also, Harlan Charles – GM product planning and marketing manager who helped guide feature content, trim, strategies, and personalization options based on customer feedback (he didn’t read mine... I want FEWER buttons, computers, and do-dads!!!).

Racing Category: John Middlebrook – served as GM’s General Manager starting in 1966 and supported the launch and expansion of Corvette’s factory-backed racing efforts. He helped reinforce the relationship between the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Corvette brand.

Enthusiast Category: James Schefter: author of “All Corvettes are Red.”

NCM Motorsports Park (MSP): An MSP simulator has been built by an NCM IT guy. It will eventually be a racing video game.

2026 Production Numbers: 2026 = 25,000 Corvettes produced: Stingray – 62% - mostly the 1LT levels. E-Ray – 5% - mostly the 3LZ levels. Z06 – 26% - mostly the 3LZ level. ZR1/ZR1X – 7%

- Almost all the 3LZ. "USA" Stars and Steel Edition -- total of 250 built: Stingray - 99; E-Ray - 50; Z06- 51; ZR1 - 25; ZR1X - 25

New NCM Member Portal: Pass Play app. Just need to show it when you enter the museum. Gets you admitted to other museums associated with NARM (National Association of Reciprocal Museums). Aquariums, Historic Museums, Military Museums, Transportation Museums, Archeology, Art Museums plus MANY others (even Auburn football games).

Handouts on Corvette Pricing: The MSRPs include the \$2,495 destination freight charges. 2027 Corvettes - from \$73,495 to \$248,395. 2027 Grand Sport - starts at \$88,495. 2027 ZR1 - starts at \$197,195 plus the \$2,600 gas guzzler tax. The 2027 ZR1X starts at \$227,395 for the coupe/\$237,395 for convertible -- plus \$2,600 gas guzzler tax. **A motion was made by Chris and Seconded by Pam to NOT give a ZR1 Price sheet to either David Dadd or Norval Smith.**

Interesting Corvette Stories:

Corvette ZR1X is the Official Pace Car for the 110th Indy 500. It'll have the patriotic exterior treatment -- tied to the Stars and Steel Collection

The Corvette Z06 GT3.R had to withdraw from the Laguna Seca Race because the transport truck caught fire. A suspected axle failure occurred north of Bakerfield, CA which led to the fire. No one was injured. They thought about bringing the backup Corvette Z06 GT3.R from North Carolina but it would not have arrived in time.

The Suffolk, New York police department seized a "wrapped" C8 Corvette during a DWI arrest. It is now an official police vehicle (coolest in town). Many folks were mad thinking they spent a lot of money buying a Vette PoPo car, but it won't be used for pursuit duty (Mark, Greg, David, Rulebreaker, Chaz, Mike, Drew, Mario, etc., etc., etc., you are lucky dogs).

Feds Busted an alleged car theft ring that stole Corvettes, Camaros, and Honda CR-Vs (what? How did a Honda get on this list?). They were shipping them to Ghana, Africa (Just south of Mobile county, you know). They used electronic OBDII tools to reprogram the vehicles so they would accept new key fobs - can do it in 60 seconds (stateside Chevy dealerships take 3 months - maybe they should recruit techs from Ghana). After they were stolen, they were taken to a "cool down" facility in Washington (probably DC, it is a "swamp" after all) or Maryland (close enough to the "swamp"). Then they swapped license plates (probably New York), obscured VINs (all were "007, license to steal") and disabled the GPS (real Corvette drivers don't need directions) and Bluetooth systems. Then they were trucked to ports in Georgia or Maryland where they were hidden inside shipping containers labeled furniture (Vickie!!!!!! You are busted!!!!).

C8 Corvette Issue (wait...only ONE issue with the C8? Say it ain't so!!! - remember my comment on too many do-dads, buttons, and computers) - water easily enters the coupe's engine compartment during rain or a wash (well, don't we all like water injection for more horsepower?). Nowicki created C8 Water Traps to keep the engine bays dry (I smell a conspiracy between Bowling Green & Nowicki). They are bright safety yellow -- they channel water down through the rear shock tower drain holes and on to the ground. Used for stationary use ONLY and must be removed to ensure proper air flow (so, I guess you can't drive in the rain???). They cost \$299/pair - go to C8WaterTrap.com or C8\$\$\$\$\$Trap.commmmm.

Corvette Raffles: May 21 - 2026 Red Mist Convertible - \$200/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,041 left AND a June 18 - 2026 Sebring Orange Coupe - \$150/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,255 left AND a September 5, - 2026 Black Coupe - \$20/ticket, unlimited number

Corvette Sweepstakes: Use the code word "Capitol" (not "Capital"; yea, there is a grammar lesson there) to get 50% more tickets. The sweepstakes have a 2012 Blade Silver ZR1. Odometer - 13,642/6.2L LS9 V8, 638 hp/Two owner/6-speed manual transmission/Ebony interior/3ZR Option Package

Cost	Entries	Cost	Entries	Cost	Entries	Cost	Entries
\$25	18	\$50	40	\$100	90	\$200	200
\$350	400	\$500	650	\$1,000	1,750	\$2,000	4,000

OBTW the FABULOUS CCCC gained a Level three (of Four available) recognition/award!! Yay!!

- Treasurer: Vickie “Nope, it’s not your turn yet – we will CONTINUE to go out of order” Lavender
- Membership Chair: Pam “Out of Order, but I’m next I guess” Smith . She reported that we had 76 Family Members as of April 30th; 5 renewed/joined for April; 47 attended the meeting;
- May Birthdays:
 - 2 Mario “I’m getting a new toy every month forever” Williams and Kathy “Nicest Yellow Truck in the World” Windham
 - 4 Juan “Always Cruisin” Casto and Rhonda “Coolest Man/Girl Hangout Garage” (yea, it’s just a storage garage for the tractors – right.... With a fridge, counterspace, etc.) Hicks
 - 5 Connie Hadaway, Candy McClendon and Allison Williams
 - 6 Greg “Never saw a seafood plate I didn’t like” Thigpen. There were “yeas” (and some boos”). Mike Scott mentioned to Greg that it was the “Big 7-0” – But he doesn’t look a day over 81!
 - 11 Tim Foster
 - 15 Leigh “Racer!/Donut Drifter?/Auto crosser!” Edgar and Rosemary “I’ll let Michael do the drifting, etc.” Glass
 - 26 Dick Frederick
 - 29 Cindy “Rollin’ Up” Peavy
 - 30 Julie “Web is ALWAYS Doing Fine” Hall and Pam “Who me!? Another Birthday? Smith
 - 31 Kim “Camera Always Ready” Rose
- *If you have any new updates such as Vanity Tags, Cars, Addresses, Email, Phone Numbers, Aliases, SSANs, BOLOs, warrants, restraining orders, etc. -- please keep us updated. This keeps the Roster current, and you can keep getting info on club events (and the PoPo can find you easier).
- *We are taking membership dues for 2026. This year \$36.... Next year \$4,000,000. Mike Scott says he isn’t paying a penny over \$37.50 for dues next year. Mark Reese did the same thing at the last meeting. Do I sense a rebellion/revolution? Here’s an idea -- TAX the “RICH” C8 owners (well, they were rich until they bought the dang car!)!!!! Make the “C8 Elites” pay their fair share!!! They should pay ALL the dues for the C1 through C7 owners!!! Sign the petition! Storm Goat Hill! This is as bad a crisis as the Di-hydrogen Oxide crisis that overwhelms 75% of the earth!
- If you aren’t getting emails, let Pam know on how to update it. Then, (wait for it – this is PRECIOUS) Norval mentioned that HE wasn’t getting any emails. MMMMMM.
- Member Updates:
- Leigh Edgar completed the Ron Fellows Driving School and Loved It! Apparently, they let you do “water” donuts... but it isn’t always easy to get the computers in the Vette to go along with your crazy ideas (Again, see my comments above on too many do-dads, computers, and buttons – see a trend here?). Autocross was also particularly fun! Yea, Leigh!! Now she can leave the road/track with complete confidence and in style!!!
- Patsie Demo is going on a cruise, Yay! Is she taking her C8?
- We lost our Linda Pegg. It is a sad time. Linda passed on 28 April. After we offered a moment of silence to reflect, it was announced that the CCCC will take up a motion at a later date to make a memorial donation from the budget in memory of Linda AND the Ladies Lunch bunch will also do a separate gift. Both will go to St Jude’s Hospital. A memorial service may be planned for a later date. Also, please keep Jerry in your prayers. Visit him if you can. He is still hospitalized. If you would like to send a card, the address is 33 Home Place Road, Wetumpka, AL 36093.
- Visitor: Donnie Moore of Pine Apple. He has a ’70 & ’72 convertible. C3s RULE!!!! I think we made a good impression on him (well, he did sit next to Greg Thigpen and across from Stef Eisen and Chris Marcell, so we’ll have to overcome that). Hopefully he’ll join, despite his tablemates.

- I think there was a mention of a wedding anniversary, but I fell out of my chair and lost track of the conversation when Drew Williams asked if the anniversary was for the car or the couple. I think I saw lightning bolts flash from Michelle's eyes. Drew, can you spell "Dog House"?
- Pam had a Gadsden story: Apparently, during the trip, as the CCCC was ready to go out on a cruise, a "non-CCCC" Red C8 pulled up and inquired as to the activity. After Pam told him about the potential for a "Spirited run" she offered for him to ride along. He answered "No, I better not, my wife's not with me." Pam.... Without missing a beat... told him "Well it's even better if you leave your wife at home." Way to go Pam!!!!
- Treasurer: Vickie "Ok, it's your turn now" Lavender with the money report. Roger always sends Stef a treasurer's Email the day of the meeting. Normally titled: Treasurer's Report. Well, he finally came clean – this month it was titled "Slush Fund Report". MMMMM. We have \$3,151.79 in "Check"ings and \$5,071.77 in "Save"ings. We are doing well in the charitable account because of the \$750 we gained from the raffle of the NCM banner AND we are still holding money for Sergio.... {UPDATE!!!! The Fabulous CCCC Madame Presidente Chris Dodd presented \$510 (\$460 from the budget and someone made an additional \$50 donation) to Sergio on 8 May – for his Maplesville Playground project. It'll buy the Monkey Bars! The reason behind the project???? He wanted a place for Maplesville grandparents to bring their grandchildren without driving to Selma or Clanton.... HOW COOL IS THAT!!!! Kinda makes our "problems" pale in comparison, doesn't it}
-and we also seem to have a better than usual charitable balance because Vickie's new furniture hasn't arrived yet. David Dodd asked for "gas money" from the "flush" "savings" account. Someone said to use the winnings from tonight's 50//50 to do that. David let the cat out of the bag by stating: "That'll be hard to do since I didn't buy any tickets."
- We gave Roy (from Paint Defender NOT ProLine.... Madam Presidente!!!) an opportunity to mention the business. They are moving to Eastern Bypass in the Gump – into the former American Car Sales building. It's a huge place. We look forward to seeing the operation grow! David Dodd was so excited about the move that he dropped and broke a bowl..... and he (thinks he can) drive(s) a Corvette with those hands!!!
- Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: Mark "Is it my turn – Finally?" Reese - Always parsimonious with his words (ohhh half of you are "Googling" that word right now) – he just said "We went Racin' and we had fun". Breaking NEWS: Cory (and his son "Little" Cory the Junior) are officially HOOKED! At Little Tally, they were complaining about their brakes when Mark suggested they take it out of Drive so the engine could provide some deceleration. Cory Jr was quoted as admonishing his father with "SEE, I TOLD YOU SO!" Then Mark went "non-parsimonious" and started telling stories. He revealed that Jimmie Middleton was wrongly accused of having "fire issues, something's wrong with the car" when he was on the track – but the smoke was strictly confined to his tires as he liked to "smoke 'em" coming out of the corners by aggressively using the accelerator pedal. The car was never on fire, but the tires got worn out pretty quick. Then, apparently, Stan Wilkinson was riding with Mark (I think in Cole's "hand me down C7") and the back end got a little wiggly in a corner (the car's back end, not Mark's back end)... and Mark, after correcting the attempt at drifting like a rice burner, stated, "Oopps, got a little out there!" Stan just calmly remarked "Heck, I do that all the time!" If Shelly would have been there, she would have likely rolled her eyes and sighed. OBTW, must be tough to be in a situation where your race car is in overhaul so you have to "borrow" your son's race car..... Surprised Mark didn't steal/borrow NoTree2 and try to blow that engine too. Then, the famous "Plant a Vette near a Tree for Chevrolet" story. Apparently, in an attempt to do a carrier launch (he called it "playing around" in the Little River Canyon area), a little sand/gravel/dirt got in the way of the carrier launch and the car "departed the prepared surface" (read: backwards into the trees). Oh well, "Trees Happen", don't they Mark? In the ensuing investigation into this heinous crime, the PoPo was having trouble working their forensic camera. The PoPo was about to give up collecting the

evidence to prosecute Mark to the “fullest extent of the law” when “lo and behold” an “Angel came down and shown about them”. The Angel’s name was Avrel and she offered to fix the police camera so the Popo could properly nail the criminal. Well, the Popo was in a good mood and let Mark off (again). Well, the story doesn’t end there. Larry Martin, at the next Christmas party, had a tabletop setup where he was able to take a model Corvette and run it across the table into a tree... and he promised to never tell the story again (until the next opportunity arises, of course). There is even an album (Larry made it) to memorialize the event. Aren’t we SO nice to each other in our hour of need!!!

- Vice President & Car Show/Cruise In Coordinator: Mario (Blade) Williams (Also, see the UPCOMING EVENTS section below)
- 9 May Birmingham. Irondale Auto Classic. See <https://americancollectors.com/event/4th-annual-irondale-auto-classic/>
- 9 May Bessemer. Classics in the Park/Hueytown car show (10-2). See <https://www.hueytownchamber.com/events/1115>
- 16 May Trussville. Vette Spectacular (9-2). See <https://carmacruisefinder.com/car-show/mid-alabama-corvette-club-vette-spectacular/>
- 16 May Panama City. Nashcar Show. See <https://happeningnext.com/event/2nd-annual-nashcar-panama-city-mega-show-eid3a0dlxu7pq>
- 16 May Billingsley. Smoke and Chrome Benefit Car Show (9-4). See <https://billingsleyvfd.org/event/4th-annual-smoke-and-chrome-car-show/>
- 16 May Leeds. Cruising the Creek Bank Car Show (8-3). See <https://alabama.travel/upcoming-events/cruising-the-creek-bank-carshow>
- 20 June Prattville Cruise in. See <https://prattvilleal.gov/departments/special-events/prattville-cruise-in/>
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- Web Master: Julie “All is always well with the Web” (and Mary Kay cosmetics) Hall – Guess what? The Web is doing fine and so is Julie!

BUSINESS

1. NCM AWARDS:

Have you signed up? Drawing is tonight. How we have these items to win. Our club achieved Level III for 2025 from NCM, and we were awarded the below.

1) Two (2) free Individual NCM Museum Memberships; 2) Two (2) free Family NCM Museum Memberships; and 3) Four (4) free Guest passes to the NCM. All CCCC members have a chance to win. If you have not completed a voucher, please see Chris Dodd. In all honesty, the flurry of activity surrounding the rolling of the tickets in the “Bingo Basket”, the picking of the prizes, and announcing the winners was a blur... I have no details. Sue me!

Questions / Answers:

(1) QUESTION? If one of our members already has an NCM membership (annual or 5-year membership) and they won one of these free memberships - could they add it on to the end of their current membership? For example, carry it over to 2027 or the end of the 5-year period?

ANSWER: Membership can be added to a current membership to extend the expiration date

(2) QUESTION? The new, free memberships start when they first use it - correct? So, if they get it in 2026 but do not use it until 2027? **ANSWER: Membership starts once it gets entered in the system; the only rule is that it has to be claimed and entered by 12/31/2026.**

2. Sat Nov 7, 2026, CCCC CAR SHOW. Volunteers needed to organize the car show: Volunteer list: Chris Dodd, David Dodd, Jenn Tramell. **Sign up! We can’t do great things with our charity donations unless you do your part.**

3. CCCC Patriotic Quilt: We are making a quilt to commemorate the USA’s 250-year celebration. The

size will be queen (90 x 96). **The quilting party will be Sat. June 13th**. Lunch will be grilled hamburgers (grill master David Dodd) and chips. Once we have the quilt made, we will have a picture available and begin selling \$5.00 raffle tickets and will continue to sell the day of the car show. We would like all members to sell at least 5 tickets. All proceeds will go toward our charities this year.

4. CCCC Recipe Book: Share Your Signature Dish for the 2026 CCCC Cookbook! Submit your dish by June 2 to Ashia Williams. Her email: ashiakwilliams@gmail.com.

PAST EVENTS:

1. **Sat. Apr 11th: Country Road Lunch Rides.** Hot Diggy Dog @ the Dodd's. We had a great ride and lunch. Check out Facebook for Averil Loague's video (Titled: Tim's Run). You won't want to miss the next one.
2. **Fri-Sun. May 1 -May 3rd:** First Friday in Downtown Gadsden. Best weather anyone could have asked for. See Pam's story earlier in the minutes.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

3. **Sat. May 9th:** Long Lewis, Prattville. Cars + Coffee. 8am-11am.
4. **Sat. May 16th:** Cars & Coffee at Riverside Chevrolet 4270 US Highway 231, Wetumpka, AL 36092. 10am-noon. We can do our country road lunch ride going to Bertolone's, Calera. Leave Riverside @ 11:30am.
5. **Wed. May 20th:** Ladies Luncheon will be at Martin's (NOT Larry Martin's house, per Larry himself!) Restaurant, 1796 Carter Hill Rd, Montgomery. Time: 11am. Get the Fried Chicken!!!!
6. **Sat. May 30th:** Dreamland Cruise-In. Address: 7900 Vaughn Rd, Montgomery, AL 36116. 4:30pm-7:45 ish (some come earlier)
7. **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
8. Hyundai MFG Tours 9:30am: **Are you signed up?** Capacity per tour date is only 16 people. **Tues. June 2nd 4 slots available. Aug 4th is full. Wed. Sept 2nd some slots available.** See Greg Thigpen for more information. We will meet at the Coca-Cola parking lot (300 Coca-Cola Road -- turn right after you get to the gate) and depart for the Hyundai plant at 0900.
9. **Sat. Jun 6th:** Train Shed Car Show starts 10am - noon; trophies at 2pm. \$25. NO pre-registration. Pay at the door.
10. **Sat Jun 6th:** Prattville's Cruise 'N organized by Heart of Dixie Mustang Club Time 4-7pm. Free Community Event. 124 W Main Street. Enter from Tichnor Ave. Contact Greg Bixler 334.313.3852 for more information. Bring your chairs & get there early for a good parking space.
11. **Sat. Jun 27th:** Car Cruise 'N @ Dreamland BBQ. Vaughn Rd., Montg. 4:30pm -8pm ish. (some get there way earlier than 4:30) This cruise 'n we will be celebrating our country's 250-year this is a **CCCC SPONSORED EVENT**. Please dress patriotic and decorate your cars. Prizes to be given away for best dress couple & decorated car. When people sign up, they are given a ticket for a chance for an item. We need items for these drawings. Can you please help with this event? If you can, please bring the item to the next meeting (June 2). If you can't bring to meeting, please bring to the event. Thanking you all in advance.
12. **Sat. Aug 15th 3pm-6pm.** Capitol City Car Expo at Montgomery Motor Speedway. Corvettes wanted to display for this event. Feature: participants will be able to drive some pace laps. The track is ½ mile. More information forthcoming.
13. **Sat. Dec 12th:** Secret hosts wanted for Christmas Caravan Sat. If you are new to the group let me, tell you about this event. 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 has

been 25, sometimes we peaked a little past that number. If you think you would like to host, see Chris Dodd at the end of the meeting or call @ 334.320.6205. Meet between 4:4:25pm at designated area(TBD). Depart 4:30pm.

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. SPECIAL NEED FOR DEODERANT AND SUMMER SOCKS.... 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: \$95 goes to Cassandra Dunning!!!! Yea!!

More comments/business? Pam Smith mentioned a Community Health Fair (30 May 10-1 @ the Springfield Missionary Baptist Church) Address: 91 Deatsville Highway, Millbrook, AL 36054. For more info, call 33342905181

Adjourned at 7:50.

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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