



CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 08/04/2026

Chappy's Deli 8141 Vaughn Rd. Montgomery, AL

"WHAT'S HAPPENING UNDER THE HOOD?"

- President: Chris (Madame, El Presidente Supremo Christina) Dodd- Welcomed the well-fed, patriotic, 250th celebratin', Corvette lovin' (and ONE Camaro-owner) crowd at precisely (or close enough to) 6:30. She "kicked" off the meeting with a round of bingo, with sweet treats as prizes. No chocolate was harmed during this game as Stef wasn't there to raid the goodie bag.
- Secretary: Stef was absent (this time physically, mentally, and spiritually - he wasn't screwing off... he was at the MGM City Council meeting to oppose the Bond issue (no accountability) and the Air BnB ordinance proposal (too weak). In his stead, last meeting's Minutes were still perfect (as usual) and were still accepted (as usual). Julie took notes to send to Stef, so he could spice them up a bit (add the lies you all love).
- Treasurer: Vickie "No, you silly Gen Zer, I don't take Zelle - just gimmie cash or a check....to which the Gen Zer asks: "What's "cash" or a "check"? Lavender - Financial Activity Summary as of Jul 31, 2026. Even with the problems in the Strait of Hormuz, the Fabulous CCCC is "swimming" in cash (last month we were "floating", and this month we're "swimming"!)" We have \$3,292.97 in checking and \$4,611.77 in savings for grand total of ONE BILLION DOLLARS (well, tht might be a government or FTC or SEC rounding error, it's actually \$7,904.74. Thanks Vickie for continuing to dodge the Fed's audits!
- Membership Chair: Pam Smith. We have 84 Family Members as of July 31st, only ONE renewal in July, and 47 attended the meeting (12 actually paid attention... the rest were looking for the ice cream treats). August Birthdays include:
 - 3 Chris Jones
 - 8 David "I like salt water fishing" Mastin
 - 10 Roger "NOT the Money Man with the Money Plan" Lavender
 - 12 Roy Poe
 - 15 Kenneth "No, I am not Kieth's brother" Jackson
 - 18 Justin Gassaway
 - 18 Mark Wilkinson
 - 20 Mary Kay "Don't even ask me why I married him - I'm still figuring that out myself" Eisen
 - 21 Ken Stommel and Carol Turner
 - 22 William Johnson
 - 26 Wendy Briggs and Jay Davis
 - 27 Mark "Let me show you how to blow up an engine with style" Reese
 - 29 Teresa "Garrett, my Corvette makes this brrint, zing, grinding kinda noise, can you fix it?" Green
 - 30 Samantha Lawrence and Kris "Mary Kay, I am still trying to figure this out with Greg" Lyons

Standard disclaimer: If you have any updates such as, Vanity Tags, New Cars, Addresses, Email, Phone Numbers, please keep us updated. This keeps the Roster

current and you can continue getting info on club events.

- We are taking (still) membership dues for 2026 (hey, you math majors, 2026 is 58333333333333% done...how about paying up?). If you are unsure if you have paid or not please contact me. I will be updating the Roster this month. Reminder, the dues for 2027 have increased to \$40.
- Happy Anniversary to the following members:
 - 8/4 Becky & Billy Moses with 64 yrs. Absolutely OUTSTANDING!!!!
 - 8/14 Jennifer & Tony Trammell with 20 yrs. Another wonderful celebration!!!!
 - 8/1 Mary Kay & Stefan Eisen with 6 yrs. MK says it feels like a "life sentence without parole.....
 - 8/10 Pam & Norval Smith, A Long, Long Time – how long? Something about the Signing of the Declaration of Independence being in the same week.....actually it's 41 years...
- Tony & Jenn Trammell did a Museum Delivery on their C8. Way cool! They said they were treated well and had a little bonus, care of Carolyn Middleton.
- Greg Thigpen is doing a FANTASTIC JOB running the Hyundai plant tours (seriously I don't say very many nice things about Greg). There is one more to go on Sept. 9th. Greg said there are 3 spots open for that tour. For you that haven't been..... it is amazing. Likely one of the most advanced automotive manufacturing facilities in the world.... Right here in the Gump! And if you sign up and can't make it for some reason..... let Greg know so we don't stand around going: "Well,,,,, Mark (last name omitted) signed up, but he is a slow driver, so maybe he might show up...later...tomorrow...never."
- Pam suggested a tour of the Eleven86 bottling facility. Eleven86 is bottled in Autaugaville. Available dates are 9/29 and 10/1 – 1 hour tour. This is a privately owned company and it earned the 2025 Alabama Manufacturer of the Year. Each bottle cap has a Bible verse. The owners purchased the closed Autaugaville school and opened Autaugaville Christian Academy.
- As always, please let Pam know if you have any updated information or cars. And her store for club attire is always open!
- Mark Reese said he's going to Barbers on 8/15. If anyone would like to go, contact him. We also have a Barbers date with JUSTTRACKIT on 14 November. Mark, Chris, Stef are already signed up. Come... they have multiple classes and instructors available. Come run a "world-class" track... you'll love it! Or you can be a spectator like Dave Windham.....
- Vice President "I got your winning 50/50 ticket here" & Car Show Coordinator "if you come, that's great, but I'll still win the trophy (he actually did win another one last weekend) – or maybe Greg Thigpen, or maybe Mike "trailer light inop" Scott.... We just take turns" This list of upcoming events is a blended list from Blade and Carolyn Middleton. Thanks to Both!
- August 15: Chelsea. Chelsea Lodge 886 Car Show at City Hall, 11611 Chelsea Road, 8-2, Info: 205-368-0997
- August 15: Fultondale. Fultondale Founder's Day Classic Auto Show at Black Creek Park, 749 Yarbrough Road, 10-2, Info: Heather 205-994-6396 or FB/Fultondale Founder's Day Festival
- August 15: Highland Home. Highland Home Band Boosters Car Show and Yard Sale at Highland Home High School, 18434 Montgomery Hwy, Montgomery, AL, 9-2, \$20, Info: Dacey Reese 334-318-6628 or Miriam Patterson 334-322-3453 or register on the Facebook page of the Highland Home Squadron Pride Marching Band
- August 22: McCalla. Tannehill VolksJam All VW at Tannehill State Park, 12632 Confederate Pkwy, 9-3, Info: Todd Prater 205-18-4847 or FB/Tannehill VolksJam 2026
- August 22: Pelham. The Arc of Shelby County Cars for a Cause Car Show at Campus No. 124, 2408 Pelham Pkwy, 10-1, Info: 205-664-9313 or thearcofshelby.org

- August 22, 2026 Prattville, Alabama, The Prattville Cruise In at The Lyric at Ester's, 124 West Main Street, 1-4, Info: Mynecia Steele 334-595-0850 or prattvilleal.gov
- Sep 18-19th : Pensacola, Florida, 23rd Annual "Vettes at the Beach" All Corvette Show, 735 Pensacola Beach Blvd., Meet and greet on Friday 4-6. Show on Saturday 8-4, Info: 850-375-6993 or miraclestripcorvette.com. **Several CCCC members are attending**, if you would like to be a part of the fun. Chris and David Dodd, Pam and Norval Smith, Mike and Becca Scott, Tony and Jen Trammell. When Chris signed up for it, she and David were registrants number 73 and 74 so there should be a crowd. There is still plenty of time to register. Chris will bring Dasani and 2 tents. We must all drive in together if we want to park together. Let Chris know if you plan to attend so that she can email the coordinator and let them know how many we have.
- Oct.17th: GNOCC will host their 34th annual ExtraVetteGanza in Slidell, LA. Over 200 Corvettes from across the US are typically there. This is an exceptional car show. You will not be disappointed! And bring your appetite.
- November 7: Millbrook. Capitol City Corvette Club presents Cars On The Green, 9-2. Car, Truck, Bike, Jeep show at Village Green Park, Registration \$20 closes at 11:00, 50/50, raffles, door prizes, food trucks, all proceeds go to charities, Info: Chris Doss 334-320-6205, Mario Williams 334-730-3774. Food truck, KONA Ice, 50/50, raffle prizes, and a patriotic quilt raffle. We still need volunteers. (SEE SIGN UP SHEET ON TABLE). We need raffle prizes for this event. Please bring an item whether you purchase one or obtain a gift card from your favorite restaurant. Flyers are on the table so you can present them to the customer.
- CONTINUING CRUISE-INS
- 1st Friday: Gadsden. Broad Street, Downtown, Info: 256-390-4787 or 256-490-9865
- 1st Saturday: New Hope. Cruise-In at Hardees on 431, hosted by North Al. Street Toys, 6-9, Info: Billy Vann 256-723-6431
- 1st Saturday: Selma. Cruise-In at the Glass House just before you cross the Pettus Bridge, Beginning October 7, 6-?
- 1st Saturday: Wetumpka. Across the River Bridge at the Farmers' Market pavilion 5:00 – 7:00
- 2nd Saturday: Clanton. Cruise-In downtown Clanton, 2nd Avenue and 6th Street (March – September)
- 2nd Saturday: Opelika. Cruise-In at Home Depot in Tiger Town, Exit 58 off I-85, Sponsored by Deep South Cruisers (Now Year-Round), Info: Angie Simpson 334-703-5722
- 2nd Saturday: McCalla. Colonial Promenade Tannehill, Shopping Center, Exit 1 at I-459, 6-9pm, Oldies by DJ Ray, April – September
- 3rd Saturday: Auburn. Cars and Coffee behind Krispy Kreme 8-10, No Ordinary Streetcars Hosting this
- 3rd Saturday: Tallassee. Cruise-In at Tallassee Shopping Center, 6pm,(Year-Round)
- 3rd Saturday: Opelika. The Lunchbox, I-85 Exit 66 East, 554 Lee Road 799, 1-5 (CT), Live entertainment, door prizes, family fun, 334-749-1224
- 3rd Saturday: Pelham. Mustang Only cruise in at Cardinal Restaurant (5-10) Hwy 31 in Pelham across from Susan Shein Dodge
- 3rd Saturday: Centerville. at Advance Auto Parts, 4-8 (March – November)
- 3rd Saturday: Roanoke. Burger King on Hwy 431, 5-8, Door prizes, 50/50, music, (April-Oct)
- 3rd Saturday of each month Fort Payne, Alabama, 4-8, Enter 5th Street, Light #8 at 3:30, (April-October)
- 4th Saturday of each month Dothan, Alabama, Wiregrass Antique & Collector Car Club, 6-8 at

Atlanta Bread Company, 3070 Ross Clark Circle

- Last Saturday of Each Month Montgomery, Alabama, Cruise-In at DreamLand BBQ (corner of Vaughn and Taylor Rd), 5:00-8:30 (No cruise in Nov-Jan)
 - Billy Moses said that the October Dreamland cruise in will be moved up from October 31st to October 24th due to a scheduling conflict.
 - Web Master: Julie "All Continues to be well" Hall – Web is cooking along. No issues this time!
 - NCM Ambassador: Carolyn "You got an hour?" Middleton - Report on current events at the Museum.
 - **Value of the National Corvette Museum to the Bowling Green area:** Been in Bowling Green for 45 years – "Bowling Green embraced Corvette, and Corvette embraced Bowling Green." Supports \$1.65 billion of Kentucky's gross domestic product. Every \$1 in direct GDP from GM fuels \$2 more in statewide economic activity. Every \$10 becomes \$30 in total economic impact (there is some magic math there.... Can't quite figure that out... has to do with the velocity of money concept). \$1 Billion in GM output supports \$3 Billion in Kentucky's GDP (again, magic math). 1,200 people employed - Each job supports 8.8 additional jobs across the region from suppliers to small businesses (somebody's got to feed them, cloth them, school their kids, fix their teeth, etc.). GM also works with 173 Kentucky suppliers (mostly bourbon).
- New NCM Membership Loyalty Program (oh, no, another app to clog your phone and record your activities).** Download the App "PassPlay"...You will need to know: Your type of membership – individual, family lifetime, business, etc. and your membership # (like it can't look that up for you). Earn points by participating in events: Visit the NCM, Join a Museum in Motion event (remember the story of chasing the 80 year old across TX in the last month's minutes?), Shop at the NCM store, Eat at the Stingray Grill (French fries in 0-20 Mobil Oil!), Tour the Plant, and Take part in special programs
- What do you get? Use the app to enter the NCM. Use to app to go to other museums associated with NARM free (North American Reciprocal Museums) – Art, aquariums, historic, transportation, zoo, military, military zoos (aka the Service academies),etc. and use points for the following (depending on # of points earned): Member lapel Pin, Member Patch, Member Luggage Tag (maybe a "members only jacket?"), 4x8 Tribute Brick (4 foot x 8 foot? That's H-U-G-E!), Lunch with NCM President and CEO (you're still buying).

2027 Corvette Grand Sport and Grand Sport X:

- Grand Sport X: Remember that the Grand Sport X is the new electrified variant that replaces the C8 E-Ray. It is now available to order. It will launch at the end of 2026. Avoid the rush, rob a bank today....
- Equipment Differences in Grand Sport and Grand Sport X: Both have: New naturally aspirated 6.7L V8 LS6; Inside the cabin they are almost identical; Same exterior and interior color palettes (they also have the same taste palettes), stripe packages and other cosmetic upgrades. Grand Sport Differences: can get either Z52 Sport Performance Package or the more aggressive Z52 Track Performance Package; Six-piston front and four-piston rear performance brakes; can have Heads-Up Display but only of higher trim levels. Grand Sport X Differences: Hybrid power upgrade (get ready to rob another bank when the batteries need replacing); Front-mounted electric motor to boost output to 721 HP; Separate Sport Performance Package which includes 275/30ZR20 front and 345/25ZR21 rear high-performance tires (it comes with TIRES!!!); Magnetic Selective Ride Control suspension; Carbon ceramic brakes; and all trim levels have a heads-up display (HUD)

- 2027 Corvettes are barely heavier than 2026 Models (does this taillight make my butt look wide?): 2027 Stingray Coupe is just 26 pounds more than the 2026, while delivering substantially more performance; 2027 Stingray Convertible is just 24 pounds heavier; C8 Grand Sport is 154 pounds heavier than the Stingray Coupe; C8 Grand Sport convertible is 153 heavier than the 2027 Stingray convertible; and the Grand Sport X is only 43 pounds heavier than the E-Ray. Just cut out a few Happy Meals and you'll be back to your cruising weight.
- Interesting Corvette Stories:
 - Remember Corvette had problems in obtaining carbon fiber accessories? They cannot order Visible Carbon Fiber Engine cross brace with Jake Logo. Covers all models from Stingray to ZR1X, Grand Sport and Grand Sport X, BUT you can order from Corvette Accessories or one of the GM Parts Warehouses online and GM will offer 20% off if you order it. Gotta love corporate bureaucracy!!! Remember the geniuses at GM tried to kill the Corvette no less than 5 times throughout its history.
 - 2027 Corvette to Offer New Royal Blue Racing Stripes: Full length dual racing stripes (for you "racers" that don't go close to the track, it's like a participation trophy). It's available on every 2027 Corvette configurations except on the Admiral Blue Metallic exterior paint. Price = \$1,295
 - Another Florida man gets arrested for Super Speeding in C8 Corvette: In 2025, Florida implemented a new "super-speeder" law – any motorist caught driving more than 100 mph or 50 mph over the posted speed limit would be subject to arrest (Mark, Greg, Rulbrkr, Chris, Chaz, etc., take notice). Another C8 driver was arrested – this time in St. John's County (near St. Augustine). He was going 130 mph in a 45 mile an hour road. He was put in handcuffs and into the back of the trooper car. Penalties: First offenses are up to 30 days in jail, \$500 fine or both. Subsequent offenses can be up to 90 days in jail, \$1,000 fine or both. Two or more offenses in 5 years - driving privileges revoked. Another reason to go to the track... no blue flashing lights!!!
 - C7 Corvette Z06 performs a burnout for a Baby Gender Reveal: Corvettes have starred in many burn-out videos. Video shows a secluded 2-lane road lined with trees. The Silver Corvette straddles the double yellow line – looking calm (that should be a sign right there). BUT after a few revs, the driver lit up the rear (kinda hard to light up the front tires on a rear wheel drive car) tires with a stationery burnout. Pink smoke poured out from behind the Corvette and completely swallowed the car. It's a Girl! The replacement tires could have funded a year at college.
 - Carvana has over 300 Corvette units in stock: From 2010 to 2026 model-years --42 of these are manual transmissions (remember that manuals help dementia?); Low end – from \$25,000 to \$30,000; includes a 2010 model, six-speed automatic, 91,000 miles for \$24,990; Similar spec'd C6 Corvette with 65,000 miles for \$29,990; C7 Corvette - \$36,000 automatic or \$44,000 for stick shift convertible or \$45,000 for a coupe
 - Rezvani Engineering announces gate shifter conversion for C8 Corvettes: This is not a manual transmission swap kit. It is a mechanical shifter only – there is no clutch pedal. A mechanical shifter conversion that restores the art of driving to modern dual-clutch supercars".. Will soon be available for C8 Corvettes – they are accepting a \$500 refundable deposit

Paragon Performance conducted real world tests with 5 C8 Corvettes:

- All conducted on the street with times recorded by a Dragy GPS device within

15 minutes of each other

- Three tests: 0-60 MPH; 60-130 MPH; Quarter Mile

Five Corvettes were tested (fastest and slowest times):

- 2021 Corvette Stingray – 3.79s / 3.86s Fifth
- 2023 Corvette Z06 – 3.58s / 3.63s Fourth
- 2025 Corvette E-Ray – 2.83s / 2.92s FIRST
- 2025 Corvette ZR1 – 3.33s / 3.44s Second
- 2027 Corvette Grand Sport – 3.55s / 3.63s Third

- **Corvette Raffles:**

- August 6, 2026 – 2027 Torch Red Corvette Coupe - \$100/ticket, 2,000 tickets, 900 left
- August 27, 2026 – 2027 Pitch Gray Corvette Convertible - \$200/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,100 left
- September 4, 2026 – 2027 Red Mist Z06 Convertible - \$300/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,100 left
- September 5, 2026 – 2026 Black Corvette Coupe - \$20/ticket, unlimited number
- September 24, 2026 – 2027 Arctic White Corvette Coupe - \$150/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,300 left

- **Corvette Sweepstakes: Use the code word “Capitol” to get 50% more tickets**

- 2012 Corvette Blade Silver ZR1; Odometer – 13,642; 6.2L LS9 V8, 638 hp; Two owner (both have had their licenses revoked?); 6-speed manual transmission; Ebony interior; 3ZR Option Package

- | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Entries</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Entries</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Entries</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Entries</u> |
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| \$25 | 18 | \$50 | 40 | \$100 | 90 | \$200 | 200 |
| \$350 | 400 | \$500 | 650 | \$1k | 1,750 | \$2k | 4,000 |
- Closing date for tickets – September 6, 2026
- Drawing date – September 17, 2026

BUSINESS

1. Tonight is the deadline for submitting your recipes for our CCCC Cookbook. Send to Ashia Williams. Her email: ashiakwilliams@gmail.com. She has plenty of dessert recipes and needs more entrees.
2. Hyundai MFG Tour. Today was the second tour. I hope you all had a great time, and I am sure you got the pleasure of meeting Peggy, Pam's sister. There are 3 open slots if you want to attend, on Sep 2nd. Please see Greg Thigpen. You are welcome to email him at au1gat@knology.net or text/call 334-201-7260.
3. **CCCC Patriotic Quilt:** The quilt is ready! The actual size is 82.5" x 87.75". Some pictures are on the tables. Tickets are now ready to sell and will continue to sell through the day of the car show. Drawing will be Nov. 7, 2026 at the car show. We would like all members to sell at least 5 tickets. All proceeds will go toward our charities this year. Please see Chris Dodd for tickets.
4. **2027 NCM BANNER:** We need to decide when/where we can have a photo op. The club did one several years ago in front of the Capitol on Dexter Ave. Other suggestions? The timing will be sometime after our car show.
5. Country Road Lunch Ride: We are working on a trip to the Wellborn Muscle Car Museum in Alexnder City in October. Details are forthcoming. See

<https://www.wellbornmusclecarmuseum.com/> to get oriented.

6. **Sat. Aug. 15th, 3pm-6pm:** Capital City Car Expo at Montgomery Motor Speedway, 480 Booth Rd. Corvettes are wanted to display for this event. Feature: Participants will be able to drive a pace lap. The track is ½ mile. We will meet as a group to drive to the speedway. Please meet at Catoma Baptist Church parking lot, 4300 Old Selma Rd, Montgomery, AL at 12:15pm. We will depart at 12:30pm. Members of the City and Montgomery Motor Speedway will direct us where to park. When you arrive at the entrance, slightly move over to avoid as much as possible the added slag on the road. Chris will be bringing Dasani and two tents.
7. **Sat. Dec 12th:** Secret hosts wanted for Christmas Caravan. 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. Note: We have a host for the entree, but still need hosts for appetizers and desserts. Meet between 4:00 and 4:25pm at designated area(TBD). Depart 4:30pm.
8. Continued support is needed for the NCM diecast Corvettes. When you are shopping, look for the packaged cars. The NCM gives these to the kids that tour. Just imagine a child receiving one of the cars. I bet they are excited!
9. Jo Alexander asked why we do not have an app for the club. Another member knows a developer and will check on cost and logistics for creating an app. Next question: who is the app for?

Reminder, if you have any suggestions for "road/eat trips", please contact Chris Dodd.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Aug 19th:** Ladies Luncheon will be at the Tea Garden, 6450 Atlanta Hwy, Ste. B, Montgomery, AL. Time: 11am.
2. **Dec 1st.** CCCC Christmas Party. This is the only month we do not have a monthly meeting as we have our Christmas Party.

Charitable Items Needed:

MOM (Medical Outreach Ministries): Carolyn Middleton

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

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 Deodorant
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Personal Wipes Small Towels	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: Stan Wilkinson won so that means the money goes to Shelly!
OUTSTANDING!!!!

More comments/business? NOPE!!!! OUTTA HERE after 73 minutes!!!!

Adjourn. Please do not begin to leave until meeting has officially been adjourned.
Well, nobody PHYSICALLY left, but there were some “mental” departures before the meeting was 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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SAVE THE WAVE!