



CAPITOL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 09/01/2026 Chappy's Deli

“WHAT’S HAPPENING UNDER THE HOOD?”

- President: Chris (Christina) Dodd– Welcomed everyone with chocolate, lies, smiles, and a genuine desire to get this meeting over before midnight... the meeting started “on timeish”.
- Secretary: Stef Eisen - Minutes of Last Meeting were approved before anyone knew they were approved. A perfect blend of lies and half-truths with some facts to keep it grounded. Stef wasn’t even at the last meeting and STILL got to do the meeting minutes. In the middle of the “motion and seconding” confusion, Greg Lyons seconded his own motion that stated he was a jerk. It’s in the minutes now!!!!.... Nothing like an “in abstentia” secretary.
- Treasurer: Vickie “I gotta book for a grandson’s football game” Lavender - Financial Activity Summary as of Aug 31, 2026. As she was starting the revelations of how rich we are, she muttered “Oh I didn’t change a number there” --- that should be a cause for concern.....anyway, the membership was satiated from dinner and let that comment slide as she reported that we have \$3,552.97 in Checking and a “changed” \$5071.77 in Savings for a Grand Sport Total of 1 MILLION DOLLARS (hey, if she gets to “change numbers, I should be able to make some up too). Really, we have \$8,62474ish in the bank.
- Membership Chair: Pam “I don’t hear you Madam (or Ma-Damn) Presidente (or maybe I’m ignoring you) Smith: September 1st, 2026 CCCC report has 89 Family Members as of August 31st; 3 Renewed/Joined in August; 50 attended the September meeting.
- September Birthdays:
 - 6 Tony Trammell
 - 10 Michael Glass
 - 17 Jon Briggs
 - 20 Larry Coleman
 - 25 Averil “Camera, Lights, Action!” Loague
 - 26 Rick Peters
 - 28 Charles Williams
- We still have some 2026 dues that are DUE. Please help Pam with her book-keeping. Also, she is happy to get a head start on 2027 dues. Membership dues have increased to \$40 starting with the 2027 renewals.
- New Members:

- Cloice Temple, Jr. of Auburn with a 2026 Red/Black Stingray Coupe.
- Member Updates:
- Congratulations to Charles (Chaz) and Cynthia Williams on their new 2027 Admiral Blue/Red Grand Sport with the Heritage Package. They are the first members to own a 2027. Chaz and Vickie are good friends wonder if there are any nefarious fund transfers going on????
- Terry & Amanda Wright brought their beautiful daughter and handsome new grandson to proudly show off tonight. Congratulations!!
- Visitors:
- James (Jim) Beam of Montgomery, AL with a C5, 2002 Z51 Silver Coupe. C5s RULE!!!!
- Danita & Jermaine Lewis of Montgomery, AL with a 2026 Black/Black Stingray
- Racing & Leisure Event Coordinator: Mark "President of the "Black Flag Racing Team"" Reese: Roebing Road was a blast...The amigos had "Steaks and Lies" on Sunday night and drove all day Monday! Chris "Three degrees camber" Marcell, Stef "No Black Flag violations THIS time" Eisen, Randy "5 flags, why am I solo on the track?" Williamson, and ringleader Mark "why does my car and trailer smell like burning electrical wire?" all had new stories to add to the collection. All participants deposited rubber on every corner of that track. Stef got to go to the beach for a few feet (all fours, of course) and Mark blew up something (some wires here and there between the car, the trailer, the transformer, the sub-station, the power station... who knows). When Randy FINALLY came in, the track Boss came over and asked Randy if that was his father driving his car just then. We brought enough jacks on this trip (you can never have too many jacks), it would have made a NASCAR pit crew jealous. Randy also needs to get new wheel studs and nuts...right now it takes a combination of 19 [plus or minus 17] different sockets to remove the wheels on the car to get ready for the track).
- At the meeting, Mark gave a heartfelt report on Jeff.... He would have turned 60 on 1 Sep. Jeff and Mark are/were truly "two of kind" willing to do anything for anyone AND jump off of any cliff and "....figure it out on the way down" kind of leaders. We need more of them for sure. They inspired/inspire others. One story was Jeff and Mark doing "Jeff and Mark" things in their cars...and Jo Alexander observing and stating that "dang, if they can do it, so can I" – and that's how Jo got into racing for many years! Jeff could also defuse just about any situation with his wit. At one car show, he was a judge and it came down to these two BEAUTIFUL, almost identical Orange C3 Corvettes. How does one break a tie between two gorgeous cars!!!!????!!!! Well, leave it up to Jeff. He had them turn on their stereos and the one with the better sound.... Won!!
- Vice President & Car Show Coordinator: Mario (Blade) Williams - Upcoming Car Shows
- Late report from the MGM Motorspeedway car show. Madame Presidente stated that she would need to keep on working because David was drooling over some ZR1 or something (and another convoluted background story on getting a new horn for an existing Corvette that "sounded awful"). She also threatened to move to Chaz's

home if David got a ZR1. Chaz stated that they'd make room.

- 7 Sep: Smith Lake Park Car Show (Cullman, AL) 9-4.
- 12 Sep: Independence Fire Dept (Prattville, AL) 11-2. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1702-county-road-40-w-prattville-al-united-states-alabama-36067/2nd-annual-red-white-revved-up-carshow/1543648843329528/>
- 12 Sep: Tabernacle Baptist Church (Selma, AL) 10-2. See <https://carmacruisefinder.com/car-show/tabernacle-baptist-church-car-show/>
- 19 Sep: Lakeside Park (Pell City, AL) 10-3. See <https://www.lakesideliveshow.com/>
- 27 Sep: Wheels f the South (Lincoln, AL) 1-4. See <https://stayhappening.com/e/wheels-of-the-south-car-truck-andamp-bike-show-E2ISYUIF44A>
- Web Master: Julie Hall - Website Updates, etc. Website is doing fine, so Julie took a minute or two to explain the Mary Kay chemo bundles that her group sponsors every year. For a \$25 dontion to her, she and her team assemble chemo care budles from Mary Kay products (at product cost) and distribute them as gifts to local chemo patients. Trust me, as One who has watched his wife go through the throws of chemo, those bundles ease the discomforts associated with chemo.
- NCM Ambassador: Carolyn "Can we get out of here by 8 pm, please?) Middleton - Report on current events at the Museum.
- NCM 32nd Anniversary Celebration: is from 3 -5 September at the National Corvette Museum (well, where else would it be... Disney World?). The Middletons are going and taking the other 17 model Corvettes the club gave. At the Celebration, there will be updates on the museum, the Corvette Assembly plant, Corvette racing. Michelin tires, Mobil 1 oil and the official opening of the Corvette Collection facility – and an ambassador meeting.
- Saturday night is the Corvette Hall of Fame Induction ceremony - Harlan Charles and Kirk Bennion from GM will be inducted (But Gregg Lyons, Chass Williams, Blade, Patsy Demo, and Rulebrkr didn't make the cut – this year).
- Corvette E-Ray Inventory Winding Down and Grand Sport X is starting off
- Corvette E-Rays: as of August 19, 2026, there were only 100 new units available nationwide (77 were 2026s/ 23 were 2025s -- 41 are 1LZ trim, 32 are 2LZ trim and 27 are 3LZ. 8 are got the Stars and Steel Limited Edition package.
- Corvette Grand Sport X: The 1st Grand Sport X model was produced in the Corvette Assembly Plant in August. Dealers started submitting orders in July. \$112,195 for the coupe and \$119,195 for the hardtop convertible. It has a paltry 535 HP and 520 pound-feet of torque (Mark could tweak those a bit with a #12 Torx driver).

- 2027 Corvettes:

	Stingray	Grand Sport	Grand Sport X	Z06	ZR1	ZR1X
● HP	520	535	535	670	1,064	1,250
● 0-60	2.8	2.75	2.4	2.6	2.3	1.89
● ¼ mile	11.0	10.95	10.4	10.6	9.6	8.99

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- 31 Wheel Choices (there was a hand-out for that at the meeting. Most members chose the “round” wheel – oval ones get wobbly at 110 MPH)
- The 2027 Corvette Grand Sport X Configurator is now live: 2027 Grand Sport X accounts for 5.2% of all C8s produced in first 2 weeks.
- Corvette Production halted in Sep/Oct 26: idle for 3 weeks to prepare for updates for the Grand Sport and the Grand Sport X
- GM Changes: There is an auto Parts Supply Deal worth \$4.5 Billion with Procura Auto Parts and JP Morgan and Bank Santander. It is designed to finance supplier payments before GM actually uses the parts in question. The banks provide funding to Procura which will use it to make advance payments to select GM suppliers, thereby securing components before they need the parts. GM will repay Procura once the components are used in vehicle production. This (supposedly) helps to secure future parts supplies (I think it’s a way for banks to just make more money. Remember when you could get a new Corvette for \$50K or so?)
- Change in Mobil 1 Oil: the new LS6 V8 Engine on the Stingray and the Grand Sport switches to Mobile 1 5W-50 Supercar Oil. The 535-HP LS6 is meant to be a far more serious performing engine than the outgoing LT2 V8. Better high RPM stability is another advantage of the new motor oil. By moving to a thicker oil, the LS6 gains higher high-temperature viscosity, resulting in better protection at extreme RPMs and under lateral-G loads – allows the LS6 to safely rev higher without collapsing the oil film. The LS6 has an increase in compression from 11,5:1 in the LT2 to the 13.0:1 in the LS6, High cylinder pressures are better managed by the 5W-50 motor oil. It holds viscosity longer, resists oxidation and stays stable even after repeated high-temperature cycles. NOTE: Calibrated Speed and Performance in Leeds AL (Austin, the guy who’s build a lot of LS engines for the track – has been recommending 40 and 50 weight oils for years).
- GM Tinting Windshield was just patented by GM to reduce glare without darkening or blocking the driver’s view. It’s used for vehicle windshields, side windows or other glass surfaces. It uses electrochromic technology and divides the window in question into numerous independent controlled sections like pixels
- Interesting Corvette Stories (besides the lies we tell at CCCC gatherings): Corvette lands on IIHS Study of vehicles with highest rates of driver deaths. IIHS – Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and Corvette sits at the center of the report. IIHS President says “Powerful engines and marketing that attracts aggressive drivers is the issue for sports cars and muscle cars. They’re dangerous mainly because of how they’re driven.” Corvette was # 19 of 20 -- worst performers were Kia Rio #1 (highest driver deaths) and Ram 3500 Crew Cab long bed 4WD (highest other driver deaths) (question: what’s an “other driver” death). Man pours gasoline on C8 Corvette, sets it on fire and takes a sip: man in Stockton, California was taken into custody after witnesses saw him set a C8 Corvette on fire in a driveway (Mark, don’t get any ideas

about NT2). Suspect arrived by bicycle while carrying a red gasoline can. He then walked towards the Corvette, looked it over and poured liquid on the roof. At one point it looks as if he takes a drink from the container (now that sounds like a couple of our members). Seconds later he is igniting the car. Then he walked across the street and watched as it burned. Suspect was booked into San Joaquin County Jail and charged with felony arson. Motive is unclear (I think he was just a jealous Mustang or Pooooorche owner).

- Stretched 1992 Corvette sold at Barrett-Jackson for \$19,250. It was an 18 inch stretched chassis Corvette and still only two-doors with the original L83 5.7L V8 engine with 4-speed automatic transmission.
- C5 Corvette Looks like it jumped out of a cartoon: The owner did it in his backyard by applying a combination of spray paint and large acrylic paint markers
- Extreme Online Store (EOS) has Customized Upgrades for Corvette Owners. Use promo code VETTES for 5% off these items: C6 Corvette Projector LED Sequential Signal Turn Headlights (like those on C7s) - \$599.98. Corvette C7 Stage 3 Front Splitter Lip with Side Winglets -\$479.98. C8 Corvette Z06, Grand Sport, E-Ray Dry Carbon Fiber Front Splitter - starts at \$359.98 without front canards or \$599.98 with front canards
- Corvette Raffles:
- Sep 4 - 2027 Red Mist Z06 Convertible - \$300/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 827 left
- Sep 5 - 2026 Black Corvette Coupe - \$20/ticket, unlimited number
- Sept 24 - 2027 Arctic White Corvette Coupe - \$150/ticket, 1,500 tickets, 1,159 left
- Oct 22 - 2027 Blade Silver Corvette Coupe - \$100/ticket, 2,000 tickets, 1,717 left
- Corvette Sweepstakes: Use the code word "Capitol" to get 50% more tickets
- 2012 Corvette Blade Silver ZR1. Odometer - 13,642 with a 6.2L LS9 V8, 638 hp. It's a Two owner/6-speed manual transmission/Ebony interior/3ZR Option Package
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- \$25 18 \$50 40 \$100 90 \$200 200
- \$350 400 \$500 650 \$1,000 1,750 \$2,000 4,000
- Closing date for tickets - Sep 6, 2026 Drawing date - Sep 17, 2026

BUSINESS

Hyundai MFG Tour. 2 Sep was our final tour.

1. **CCCC Patriotic Quilt**: Sell Sell.... The quilt size is 82.5" x 87.75". Tickets are available will continue to sell the day of the car show. This cost is \$5.00. Drawing will be Nov 7, 2026. We would like all members to sell at least 5 tickets. Please see Chris Dodd for tickets.

All proceeds will go toward our charities this year (and they are Montgomery Area Nontraditional Equestrians (MANE) <https://maneweb.org/> and the Louise M Smith Development Center, Prattville, AL <https://www.awearc.org/developmental-center>

2. Country Road Lunch Ride- The Wellborn Musclegar Museum in Alex City can't accommodate us in October. Look for this event in the Spring of 2027.

3. Sat. Dec 12th: Secret hosts wanted Christmas Caravan for *desserts*. If you are thinking about

hosting, we have some ladies that would like to help physically and financially. See Chris Dodd after the meeting or text/call.

If you are new to the group let me, explain 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. The day of the event we meet between 4:4:25pm at designated area TBD. Depart 4:30pm.*We have a secret host for appetizer & main course. (thank you secret hosts)

4. Continued support is needed for NCM diecast Corvettes. When you are shopping look for the packaged cars. NCM gives these to the kids that tour. Just imagine a child receiving one of the cars; I bet they are excited.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. **Sep 16th:** Ladies Luncheon will be at Pike Road Coffee, 569 Pike Rd., Pike Rd, AL 36064 Time: 11am.
2. **Fri-Sat Sep 18th-19th:** Pensacola. 23rd Annual Vettes at the Beach. Hosted by Miracle Strip Corvette Club. \$55. Meet and Greet Fri 9/18 4-6. Car show Sat 9/19. There are several CCCC members that are attending (Chris/David Dodd, Pam/Norval Smith, Mike/Becca Scott, Tony/Jenn Trammell. Come join us! Madame Presidente will bring Dasani and two tents. There is a request for all of us to park together, but we must drive in together. Would everyone like to drive together to Pensacola? David & I were thinking leaving at 10am. That would get us there approx. 1pm then maybe getting a snack before meeting at 4pm @ the meet/greet event.
3. **Sat. Sep 19th** Cars & Coffee at Riverside Chevrolet, 4270 US Highway 231, Wetumpka, AL. 10am-Noon.
4. **Sat. Nov 7th:** CCCC CAR SHOW Village Green Park, Millbrook. 9am-2pm. \$20. Food truck, KONA Ice, 50/50, raffle prizes, patriotic quilt, and raffle prize. (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 certificate from your favorite restaurant. Flyers on the tables so you can present to the customer.
5. **Sat. Sep 26th:** 19th Annual Fall Heart of Dixie Car Show Bass Pro, Prattville, AL. 9am-1pm. \$25. Includes one lunch.
6. **Sat. Sep 26th:** Car Cruise 'N @ Dreamland BBQ. Vaughn Rd., Montg. 4:30pm -8pmish. (some get there way earlier than 4:30)
7. **Sat. Oct 17th:** GNOCC will host their 34th annual ExtraVetteGanza, Slidell, LA. Over 200 Corvettes from across the U.S. The is an exceptional car show you will not be disappointed.
8. **Sat. Oct 24th:** Halloween Party Keith Kozak's. Do you have a costume-wear it so we can see it, but if you don't it is not required. You will have a good time with or without a costume. Food Truck will be available, and I hope your luck is good as bingo will be played. Event time:4pm-until. ADDRESS: 111 Melissa Robyn Rd. Deatsville, AL. Time: 4:30 PM-GHOSTLY. **DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CORVETTES!!!!**
9. **Sat. Oct 24th:** Car Cruise 'N @ Dreamland BBQ. Vaughn Rd., Montg. 4:30pm - 8pmish. (some get there way earlier than 4:30) This  is the last one for the year. Decorate yourself with a scary or not so scary costume and decorate your cars for Halloween.
10. **Tues. Dec 1st.** CCCC Christmas Party @ Arrowhead Country Club. This is the only month we do not have a monthly meeting (Thank GOD - I am tired of doing these damn minutes by then) as

we have our Christmas Party. Cost has not been determined at this time.

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>Paper Clips</u>
<u>Spray Air Freshener</u>	<u>2027 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
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: Drew Williams won.... He donated it back to the charity!!! Yea!!!!

More comments/business? YES!!!! Please remember Charlie Kirk. Please pray for our nation. Please remember 9/11. Unfortunately, there are people in the USA that have forgotten and are letting the evil in.

Adjourn BEFORE 8 PM!!!! It was 1932 (not the year, the time)

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!