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President's Corner by Phil DelCostello



Hello all,

Just in case some of the new Corvette owners may not be familiar with the “Wave”, I’ll share the following article I found that explains it. If you are or ever were a Harley rider, you already are familiar with “that” wave. I know it’s kind of long, but enjoy the read and you will understand why everything I publish to club members ends in “Save the Wave”.

There’s one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It’s an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when they meet one of their fellow Corvette owners on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. They immediately think: 1. They have been mistaken for Sterling Moss. 2. Their lights are on. 3. They have just been given the bird.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, they experiment with their waves, running the gamut from the gaping “yoo hoo” to the ultra-cool “two finger flip.” They perfect their timing, making sure they affect neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded “oh brother” too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, they even develop a defense mechanism for non-wavers, usually settling on the “Wave”? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head” approach. (This is especially useful when you’re not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is

President's Corner- Phil Delcostello

one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.

Lady Corvette drivers have their own unique problem: to wave or not to wave. This miss or misses who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time, or has her own Corvette, is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all ladies are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving tootsie toys.

Phil DelCostello
President
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"Save the Wave"

Vice President - Linda Pettigrew



Venues – Venues continue to change. I'm still checking out a few new places... hopefully some of them will work well! Note the change in date (again) for the September picnic.

Evite - Please sign up via your evite app for the meetings and other activities. Just a reminder that if you sign up for a meeting or activity and something happens and you can't attend, just change your RSVP response.

I also encourage you to add a picture to your evite profile. It's helpful with so many members to be able to put a face with a name. If I can help you download the app, just tap me on the shoulder at the next meeting!

Host/Hostess - If you're interested in serving as host/hostess at the meetings, please reach out to me – lypettigrew@gmail.com. It's only a one month commitment and is a great opportunity to meet your fellow club members!

See you soon!

2026 MBCC MEETINGS

Month	Date	Time	Location
July	07/12/2026	5:00 p.m.	Terrazza 19
August	08/09/2026	5:00 p.m.	Toasted Yolk
Sept (change in date)	09/13J/2026	Noon	Member Picnic (Grenfells)
October	10/11/2026	5:00 p.m.	Joe's Crab Shack
November	11/08/2026	5:00 p.m.	Toasted Yolk
December	12/13/2026	5:00 p.m.	Kitchen Table

Editor's Notes - Reese Helms

Sadly our Show is over..... For this year.

Thank you to all the volunteers and fellow members who worked to put on yet another incredible event.

As I write this we also just celebrated Americas 250th. Absolutely amazing to think that's how far we have come from 1776.

And without declaring independence we would never have America's Sports Car, the Corvette! Which is now a certified street and track monster with these super high horsepower numbers they are making.

Thank you all so much for the great show coverage. Without each, this production what not be possible.

Reach me at: vettegazette.mbcc@gmail.com

Reminder submissions due by 28th of the month

Membership Director - Patti Stone



Hello Members,

Happy Birthday America!!!! Celebrating 250 years and still going strong! How special that we can be part of this celebration. What a milestone for our country. As a country, we still have much to work on, but thankfully we live in a country where our freedoms still stand for all these many years, because of the brave men and women who fought for that freedom we enjoy every day. Our country is not perfect, but I would not want to live anywhere else and am proud to be an American. My eyes are always misty when I see our flag raised and hear our Star-Spangled Banner sung. God bless our country and its people.

I want to take this opportunity to give kudos to our Car Show Chairman, Doug Jensen, and our President, Phil DelCostello, for the wonderful leadership involved in our 29th Annual Car Show. All their hard work paid off for such a great and successful car show where our charities will benefit. Thank you to all the members of our club who volunteered their time, talents, and giving in whatever way you did, no matter how big or small. A car show of our size cannot happen without the participation of our club members. You came through as you always do. I heard nothing but thanks and appreciation for your enthusiasm and kindness to all our guests. Our club rocked this event!

As I know you will, please continue to make all our new members feel welcome each time you see an unfamiliar face. Go over and introduce yourself and welcome them to the club. They joined our club for the exact same reason you did...fun and fellowship with fellow corvette enthusiasts in hopes of some long-lasting friendships.

Our membership numbers are 299 members with 126 Family Memberships, 43 Single Memberships, 4 Social and 4 Honorary. We still have 13 families and 11 single memberships we have yet to meet. I am looking forward to them attending a meeting and orientation soon, so I can introduce them to our club members.

New Members - Patti Stone

Club anniversaries for June:

5 Years

Phil and Sue DelCostello

Doug and Debbie Jensen

Club anniversaries for July:

Ron & Blanche Miguel

George & Emily Knouse

REMEMBER: New members receive their name tags and welcome packet at the monthly meeting after they join. Any new members who have not yet attended an orientation and therefore have not received their packets and name tags, please let me know if you will be attending our meeting this month. We meet at 4:15PM before the meeting starts at 5PM.

If any members have lost their name tag or have a new car, they would like to be listed on their name tag(s), they can be ordered for \$11.00 each. Please just let me know. Bob Dyke has MBCC cling-ons for your car for sale, made of static plastic and will not cause damage to the car. For optimal stick, dampen them before you adhere to your car. The cost of these is \$22.00 for 2 cling-ons. I also have car decals (\$3.00) for purchase at all meetings.

If you attend a club event where members will caravan, please bring a two-way radio so you can communicate with others. The radio should be tuned to channel 8.

If there are any changes to your address, phone number or email, please let me know. I would hate you to miss a notification of the upcoming fun events or cancellations because we do not have your updated contact information. You can reach me at 336-432-4212 or email me at corvettelvrs@bellsouth.net. Please feel free to contact me with any questions, changes, or concerns.

Hope to see everyone at our July meeting. Stay safe and enjoy driving those beautiful Corvettes!

NCM Update - Dick Lawrence



Ambassador's Report by Dick Lawrence

The 2026 Corvette had a total production of 25,184 units, with exterior color popularity led by Black and Arctic White, while interior Black dominated at 58%.

Total Production by Model

- **Stingray:** 15,634 units (62%)
- **Z06:** 6,550 units (26%)
- **E-Ray:** 1,177 units (4.7%)
- **ZR1:** 1,553 units (6.2%)
- **ZR1X:** 270 units (1.1%)

Exterior Color Highlights

Chevrolet provided percentages for the 2026 Corvette exterior colors, showing trends in popularity:

- **Black:** Most popular color
- **Arctic White:** Highly favored
- **Blade Silver Metallic:** Ranked 3rd

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- **Roswell Green:** Ranked 6th
 - **Hysteria Purple:** Least popular at 4% of total builds
 - **Riptide Blue:** Maintained a solid 7% of builds
- Special edition colors included the **USA Stars & Stripes edition**, with 250 units featuring Arctic White and Black with a flag design across all five models
- [CorvetteBlogger](#).

Interior Color Highlights

Black interior: 58% of all Corvettes

- **Top stitch color Red:** 8.3% of interior
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- **Observations**
- The **Stingray** dominated production, influencing the overall color distribution.
- Limited-production models like **ZR1X** and special editions had unique color schemes, making them rarer.
- Some colors like **Hysteria Purple** and **Riptide Blue** were less common but still represented a notable portion of builds.
- These figures provide a clear picture of the 2026 Corvette color trends, showing that **classic colors like Black and White remain dominant**, while specialty and vibrant colors appeal to niche buyers. records, and the cutting edge of what the platform can achieve.

Car Show Director - Douglas Jensen



Hello all,

Well, it seems like the dust just settled on the 29th Annual Corvettes at the Beach and the wheels are turning on the 30th. The date is set for Saturday, June 5th, 2027, so put it on your calendar.

First, I want to thank ALL the volunteers who helped at the car show. It would not have been such a great success without all your hard work. You made it happen and I can't thank you enough.

A couple weeks ago, we held an "after show" action meeting on June 22nd to discuss a number of items with the volunteers that were able to attend. Among the topics on the agenda were items that we felt were successful, and of course some items that we may need to do a little different next year. If anyone has any comments or suggesting on what we could/should do different, please email them to me. I think overall, the show was a huge success, but of course, there is always some room for improvement, so please don't hesitate to contact me with your thoughts. Next year, for our 30th, we want this show to be our best ever!!

We are also looking to form a new "Friday Event" committee for next year's show. This committee, as the name suggests, will be solely responsible for any and all planning of the Friday Event(s) before the Car Show, whether it be a dinner party like we have done in years past, or perhaps a new and exciting event for Friday. We are always open to new ideas, and are willing to entertain any thoughts of how we can step up our game and make our Friday Event a fun and exciting get together for all members and guests to enjoy.

We do have some initial figures that we can use as a gauge of our show's success. We had 439 Total Registrations; this is paid guest cars plus MBCC member cars. Total money raised for our two charities, which is calculated by ADDING paid registrations, t-shirts, silent auctions, raffles, 50/50, Friday Dinners, sponsorships, donations, vendor fees, etc., MINUS Broadway at the Beach fees, purchase price of T-shirts, rental of Ocean Reef plus dinners, DJ (2), porta potties, tent, tables, chairs, advertising, copies/design of flyers, trophies, raffle tickets, certificates of appreciation, etc., gives us a total of approximately \$25,000 which will be evenly split between Hope Harbor Home and Canine Angels. A \$1,000 donation was made to each of the charities at the car show, and the remainder will be shared with the charities at a future club meeting.

Thank you all again for your support.

Doug Jensen
Car Show Director

Charity Liaison - Debra Labruna

Hello everyone,

We had a very successful car show and were able to present each charity with a \$1000 check at the show. The balance of proceeds will be awarded at the December member meeting.

Attached are photos with Rick Kaplan and service dog Chapstick from Canine Angels accepting their check, and Karen Custer, Executive Director of Hope Harbor Home, receiving their check, along with Phil and myself.

I hope members had a chance to talk with them during the show.



Activities Director - Pete Labruna



To our new members, welcome! I encourage you to take part in our club activities, as it is a great way to meet other club members.

To all members, please use the calendar on our website for additional car shows and cruise-ins.

Sign ups for activities and events are generally done through Evite.

In June around 20 members participated in bowling for fun at Surfside Bowling Center. Those who attended had a great time.

Upcoming events:

Darlington Raceway - Laps for Charity - September 2nd - 4 laps for \$30.

Savannah Road Trip - October 26 to 29th - Hotel-Staybridge Suites in the historic district - \$189 (exterior view), \$179 (atrium view) plus taxes per night includes free breakfast and free social hour (includes heavy appetizers, beer and wine).

Parking - garage self parking at a discounted rate of \$27 per night

Limited number of rooms

Please contact me at petelabruna@gmail.com for any questions and or suggestions,

Thank you,
Pete Labruna
Activities Director

Member Contribution - John Grover

Historical Facts About Our Corvettes

- Corvette got its name from a Corvette, which is a small, maneuverable warship
- About 1.6 million (without 2019 production numbers) have been produced since 1953
- 1st and 2nd generation Corvettes became the first truly collectible cars of the modern era
- All 1953 and 1954 all Corvettes were Blue Flame 6 cylinder engines
- The first triple carburetion Corvette was a 1953 Corvette with the Blue Flame Six, a 150 hp, 235 cubic inch motor. It was on all 1953, 1954 and 1955 Blue Flame 6's.
- Tripe carbs with 3 two-barrel carburetors returned as an option on the 1967 427 Tripower big block engines, the L68 with 400 hp and the L71 at 435 hp.
- In 1955 the optional 265 cubic inch small block V-8 made its debut
- 1956 was the debut of the dual-quad carburetion system for V8's. 3080 of the 3467 built in 1956 had this option
- In 1957 the 265 engine became the 283 and the top-of-the-range 283 was called the "Fuelie". It was the first ram jet fuel injected system and the first fuel-injected production Corvette
- All Corvettes produced from 1953-1962 were convertibles
- 1957 was the first year a 4-speed manual transmission was offered as an option, costing \$188.30
- The C-2 Corvette debuted in 1963 with 2 body styles; convertible and split window coupe
- Of the 21,513 Corvettes built in 1963, 10,594 were split window coupes
- The 1963 Corvette was the first with independent rear suspension
- The 1963 Corvette was the first without a trunk and stayed like that through 1982
- Hideaway headlights debuted on the C-2 in 1963 and stayed until the last C-5 in 2004
- The 1965 Corvette was the first year to offer four-wheel disc brakes as standard equipment (you received a \$64.50 credit if you ordered optional drum brakes)
- In 1965 the first big block Corvette, the L78 396 cubic-inch V8 with 425 HP, was introduced. The cost: \$292.70
- The 1967 L88 427 model Corvette had the first functional hood scoop. Only 20 were produced
- Beginning in 1968 to 1982 every Corvette had a T-top. Tinted glass tops were offered in 1978
- The two words "Sting Ray" were first used on the 1963 and until to 1967.

Member Contribution - John Grover

- The one word “Stingray” reappeared on the fenders of the 1969 model and was used until 1976
- The first aluminum block engine for mass production was the 1969 LZ1 model. Chevy built 2 models, one yellow and one white, both with ZL1 427 big-block engines.
- Every Corvette built today has an aluminum engine.
- The 1982 Collector Edition was the first with a hinged rear window.
- The 1982 C-3 Collector Edition Corvette as the first with a MSRP over \$20,000. It was \$22,537.
- The only Corvettes produced with double overhead cam engines were the ZR-1's, produced from 1990-1995. It was a 5-7L V8 with 375 hp, redeveloped to 405 hp.
- The 2019 ZR1 models are the only Corvettes produced to date with over 700 hp. They offer a supercharged 6.2-liter V8 with 755 hp.
- 14 Corvettes have been Indy Pace Cars, debuting in 1978 on the 25th Anniversary edition



Events



Club Calendar



MBCC Events

Jul 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	1 5pm - Dagwood's 5pm - Dagwood's	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 9am - Plantation Pancake	10	11
12 5pm - MBCC MEETING	13	14 10:30am - Hot Stacks	15	16	17	18
19	20 5pm - Cici's Pizza @ 5pm - Papa's Pizza	21	22	23 5pm - Doesn't Matter	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

[Click Here For the Calendar](#)

Events



4TH ANNUAL CHARITY *Corvette Show*

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH 2026
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Hosted by Carolina Custom Vehicles
20310 Chartwell Center Dr.,
Cornelius NC. 28031

Pre-Registration \$20 | Day of Show \$25

Host Hotel
Hampton Inn & Suites
9850 Weddington Rd
Concord, NC. 28027
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Proceeds to benefit VLCC supported charities:



Food Trucks | DJ | Awards | Vendor Displays | Door Prizes | Silent Auction | 50/50 drawing



Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

June

Dave Pettigrew	2	Jim Sadar	18
Tim Fletcher	4	Carol Dornseif	19
Mike Prisco	5	Reese Helms	19
Gail Booker	5	Fritz Gibson	21
Sharon Peters	7	Tim Brock	22
Kerry Wagoner	9	Matthew Griffin	23
Wendy Faulkner	10	Bill Walker	25
Eva Jackson	11	Dwight Taylor	27
Ross Barnes	13	Linda Pettigrew	28
Patsy Brown	13	Pam Ihling	29
Ralph Cozart	14	Robert Lagoy	30
Bettelou Hair	16		

July

Blanche Migel	2	Marilyn Ferrell	22
Tony Russo	4	Tom Liberta	22
Patti Stone	5	Cathi Theodore	22
Irene Freni	7	Dawn Buckley	24
Mack Barnhill	8	Denise Grabarz	24
Anthony Ceruolo	11	Tom Bennett	27
David Adelman	12	Cindy Miraglia	29
Mark Miraglia	14	Wayne King	31
Linda Grimm	16		
Tony Zappia	18		
Sandra Getts	19		
Mel Whitley	20		

Happy Anniversary

June

Vincent & Susan Masi	1	Jerry & Carmella Walter	12
Kevin & Sandy Duke	2	Craig & Daphene Hearon	19
Gregg & Beth Dippel	3	Tom & Gina Llanaez	19
John & Linda Earnest	6	Robert & Diane Verona	19
Gordon & Joan Bottom	7	David & Patsy Brown	23
Richard & Marilyn Ferrell	7	Al & Diane Kirkwood	23
Kevin & Della Goettl	9	Rogers, Clyde & Dianna	23
George & Emily Knouse	9	Don & Donna Jackson	24
Larry & Pat Pitarra	9	Joe & Sue DeFrancesco	27

July

Christopher & Michele Nieves	10
Dean & Susan Howard	12
Philip & Dianne Talento	15
Phil & Sue DelCostello	21
Joseph Worts & Ramona Messina	31



Classifieds



Classified

We have decided to sell my dad, James DeFeo's, Corvette. If anyone is interested, here are the details:

Pampered 2007 Chevrolet Corvette LT2 convertible. Member of MB Corvette Club. shown in car shows and used in parades. 6.0 L V8 engine. Burgundy exterior, tan leather interior. 89,754 miles. Great condition. \$29,000. Call daughter if interested - Stephanie at 843-424-7569 or hall101004@yahoo.com



Classified

Selling my 2010 Grand Sport convertible.
Yellow w/titanium gray and black interior
6 speed manual

4LT

NPP exhaust

All stock except for a Kenwood head unit that provides Apple/Android car play and CD player and also added a white Grand Sport shift knob.

Michelin PS ZP's are 3 years old.

Has 35K miles

Asking 40,500

Contact:

Kim Rayburn

mobyred99@yahoo.com



Classified

2014 Stingray Convertible, 3LT with 251 Performance Package. Crystal Red tint coat with Kalahari interior and top color. Red Calipers, automatic transmission, magnetic selective ride control, exhaust dual mode performance, chrome aluminum wheels.

One owner, clear title, no accidents, no known defect 37585 miles today, asking \$35,000.00.

Email for complete list of standard and optional equipment simo6330@gmail.com



Classified

1984 Corvette For Sale.

It needs a motor rebuild or replacement. It has major oil leaks. It needs a new hood release cable. It has other problems, but they are the 2 biggest. I also have 4 extra rims and 3 extra tires. One tire had a blowout. I would like to sell everything as a package. If you want them, please make me an offer. I do not know how many miles are on the car. I would guess about 140,000 to 150,000 miles. The car needs some work.

Contact Bob Roth: Bobroth1972@gmail.com or 843-504-8034

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