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President's Corner by Phil DelCostello



Hello all,

Well, there is been a little lull in the action with car shows and events due to the HOT South Carolina weather, but don't worry, we will start getting busy with activities again real soon.

The first event on the calendar is Corvettes at Carlisle, August 27-29 2026. This will not be a trip like last year but we do have a few club members that will be attending again. If anyone is interested, feel free to contact me for more information.

The Victory Lane Corvette Club will be holding their 4th Annual Charity Corvette show on September 12, 2026, in Cornelius, NC. Right now, there are 12 cars registered for the show and I am hoping that we get many more to go. Victory Lane Corvette Club is the biggest supporter for our show and I am hoping we can return the favor. The Hampton Inn in Concord, NC is the host hotel and there will be a free reception on Friday evening for all show participants staying at the hotel. You can register for the show and book your room on the Victory Lane Corvette Club website. If you are going and would like, we are traveling up as a group, leaving on Friday, September 11, 2026. I will put out more information as we get closer to the show. If you do register, please email me and let me know. They will provide parking for us as a club for the number of cars I tell them we will have attending.

President's Corner - Phil Delcostello

The 15th Annual Queen City Corvette Club show will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026, in Concord, NC at the Hendrick Motorsports Complex. Queen City is another of our big club participants for our show and we like to support their show. If you have never been to this show, it is a great location and for an additional fee you can tour the car collection of Rick Hendrick. I have done this twice and I can only tell you that it is amazing. If you are interested in the tour, register quick because it does sell out. Go to the club website to register.

The Free State Corvette Club will be holding their annual Corvette Show on October 17, 2026, in Ocean City, MD. There are a few club members that will be attending this show. If you are interested, there is more information on the Free State Corvette Club website.

The annual club picnic will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at the Grenfell Estate beginning at 12 noon. As soon as I have the cost, we will put out an Evite and you will be able to pay on our website. More information will be sent on this.

Nominations for Board of Director positions that will be vacant this year will be taken at the October membership meeting and elections will be held at the November meeting. The board seats up for election this year are President, Secretary, Car Show Director and Activities Director. All of these positions are for a 2-year term.

Phil DelCostello
President
delcostello@sccoast.net

"Save the Wave"

Vice President - Linda Pettigrew



Venues – Venues continue to be a challenge. Please note the changes below. We are going to try Giant Crab again with a buffet instead of ordering from a menu. If you know of any potential places for our meetings, please let me know. We typically look for:

- A central location in Myrtle Beach (preferably near Broadway or Barefoot)
- Ability to accommodate up to 120 people
- Adequate parking for our corvettes

Evite - Please sign up via your evite app for the meetings and other activities. Please 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 or upload a picture, just let me know.

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 on the 9th!

Linda

2026 MBCC MEETINGS

Month	Date	Time	Location
August	08/09/2026	5:00 p.m.	Simply Southern Smokehouse
September	09/13/2026	Noon	Member Picnic (Grenfells)
October	10/11/2026	5:00 p.m.	Simply Southern Smokehouse
November	11/08/2026	5:00 p.m.	Giant Crab
December	12/13/2026	5:00 p.m.	?

Editor's Notes - Reese Helms

And just like that.... the show plans picked up again..... and all was good!!!!

For those who have never been to Carlisle, it is a definite bucket list event!

The Victory Lane show in Charlotte was well attended last year even if it did rain. Highly recommend!

And of course our Picnic at the lovely Grenfell Estate, always amazing!

I want to apologize for the extreme delay this month. I am working with Doug Jensen to correct and align the sponsorship info. On my end this has proven to be a time consumer!!!!

As I close I wanted to add something. A few years ago when the club experienced such incredible growth and at the same time COVID occurred, we started to struggle to find locations for meetings. Our size, while amazing, makes the task of VP a major problem. Every month here lately I see her asking and borderline begging for venue assistance and potential hosts. Please consider when out at a nice-sized restaurant attempting to have a discussion with a manager or at a minimum get some contact info and forward it to Linda and/or Phil.

As always a little help goes a long way!

Reach me at: vettegazette.mbcc@gmail.com

Reminder submissions due by 28th of the month

Membership Director - Patti Stone



Hello Members,

Happy August! Where has the summer gone? I cannot believe we are already into the month where kids will be going back to school, and at the later days of summer vacation. But of course, we still will be experiencing the Grand Strand heat. None the less, I love it here and all it has to offer each of us. Enjoying the beautiful sunshine in our Corvettes!

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.

Club anniversaries for August:

20 Years

Bob & Beverly Rivest

Our membership numbers are 299 members with 125 Family Memberships, 45 Single Memberships, 4 Social and 4 Honorary. We still have 8 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.

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.

Membership Director- Patti Stone

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 August meeting. Stay safe and enjoy driving those beautiful Corvettes!

New Members - Patti Stone



Jamie and Shannon Nininger



Greg and Annie Herd



Frank Davolos and Tracy Divito-Davolos

New Members - Patti Stone



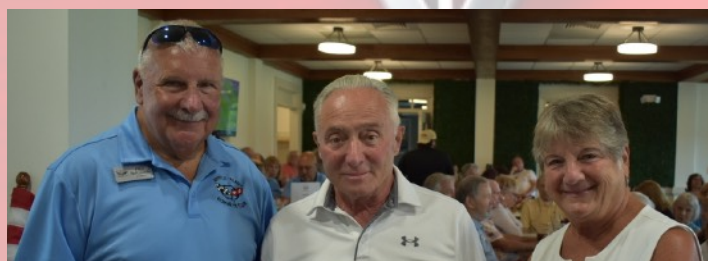
Tom and Ginny Bennet



Jim and Susan Burkett



Tim Forest



Anthony Ceruolo

NCM Update - Dick Lawrence



August 2026 Ambassador's Report

By Dick Lawrence

As of the latest available 2026–2027 information, the most relevant C8 battery updates involve GM's newer lithium-ion 12V system (with a built-in Battery Management Control Module) and ongoing fixes for parasitic drain tied to BCM firmware, OnStar telematics, and infotainment sleep-mode issues. These updates improve communication, diagnostics, and reliability but still require proper firmware calibration and correct charging procedures.

1. What's New for 2027: Key Battery-System Updates

Although GM has not released a 2027-specific bulletin yet, current updates affecting 2025–2027 C8 models include:

✓ Introduction of GM's LS6 Lithium-Ion 12V Battery

- Lighter and longer-lasting than AGM.
- Includes **K244 Battery Management Control Module**,

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- programmable via SPS.
- Communicates directly with the **Body Control Module (BCM)** over CAN.
- Provides its own DTCs and diagnostic data through GDS2.
- Not interchangeable with aftermarket lithium batteries due to proprietary communication.



- [CorvetteForum](#)

✓ **Under-Voltage Protection (UVP) Behavior**

- LiFePO4-type chemistry likely used.
- If voltage drops below ~11.3V, the battery enters UVP and disconnects.
- Requires a **jump pack** to wake the battery—standard maintainers may not reactivate it.



- [CorvetteForum](#)

✓ **Improved Parasitic-Drain Mitigation**

GM's 2026–2027 calibrations continue addressing the major causes of C8 battery drain:

- OnStar module LTE handshake staying active.
- Infotainment system failing to enter sleep after CarPlay/Android Auto use.
- Rear Camera Module wake-ups due to CAN timing issues.



- [Alibaba.com](#)

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2. Known Battery Issues Still Affecting C8 Owners (2026–2027)

◆ Persistent Parasitic Draw

Most cases are **software-related**, not battery failures.

- Normal sleep draw: **22–32mA**
- Problematic draw: **>55mA** after 30–35 minutes



- [Alibaba.com](https://www.alibaba.com)

◆ OnStar Low-Battery Alerts

Owners report receiving low-battery warnings even when the battery is healthy.

These differ from “general battery issue” alerts, which indicate a deeper system fault.



[CorvetteForum](https://www.corvetteforum.com)

◆ BCM-Controlled Charging Variability

Some owners suspect inconsistent charging behavior, though GM documentation shows this system existed in earlier Corvettes as well.



[CorvetteForum](https://www.corvetteforum.com)

◆ Electrical Gremlins Affecting Battery Health

Infotainment freezes, camera module faults, and other electrical issues can prevent proper sleep mode.



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schumachercorvette.net

3. Verified Fixes & Best Practices (GM-Aligned)

✓ 1. Update BCM & OnStar Firmware

GM TIS2WEB calibration **v1.32+** resolves most wake-event drains.



Alibaba.com

✓ 2. Disable OnStar's Always-On Handshake (Dealer Procedure)

Reduces 80–120mA continuous draw in outdated modules.



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✓ 3. Install GM Battery Disconnect Switch (P/N 84975368)

Recommended for vehicles stored long-term.



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✓ 4. Proper Lithium Battery Recovery

If UVP triggers:

- Use a jump pack directly on battery terminals.
- Standard maintainers may not wake the battery.



- CorvetteForum

4. What This Means for 2027 C8 Owners

The shift to a lithium-ion 12V system and continued firmware updates mean the C8's battery reliability is improving, but the platform still depends heavily on correct software behavior across its many ECUs. Regular firmware updates and proper lithium-battery handling remain

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essential for long-term reliability.

Special Presentation - Phil DelCostello

Recently Rich and Chickie Kidd were recognized for many years of administrating our 50/50 raffles during each meeting, We are thankful for their time and dedication to this.



Car Show Director - Douglas Jensen

Sponsor Plaque Presentations



Car Show Director - Douglas Jensen



Sponsor Plaque Presentations



Charity Liaison - Debra Labruna

Hello everyone,

It's that time of year to be thinking of what charities you'd like to nominate for 2027.

Nominations for a charity must include:

charity name and address
website
contact name
contact phone number
email address

Charities must be a local charity that operates in the counties of Brunswick, NC; Horry and Georgetown in SC. They shall be independent of any National Charity or Program and whose funds remain in the counties mentioned above.

In 2027, the Canine Angels are not eligible to be nominated as they have been one of our charities for the past 2 years. As a club we have decided not to nominate the same charity for more than two consecutive years.

The deadline for submissions must be received by August 31.

Please submit all nominations to Debra Labruna at labrunavette16@gmail.com.

Timeline:

August 31 - nomination deadline

September - vetting nominated charities

October 11 meeting - learn about nominated charities

November 8 meeting - vote for 2, 2027 charities

December 13 meeting - award balance of monies to 2026 charities,
Canine Angels and Hope Harbor Home

Thank you.

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.

Upcoming Events:

Darlington Raceway - Laps for Charity: September 3rd, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (please note this revised date and time). The cost is \$30 for 3 laps. Check-in is at the Gate 39A tunnel entrance off Highway 151 at Darlington Raceway. Caravaning and group meal details are still to be determined.

Savannah Road Trip: October 26th - 29th. We will be staying at the Staybridge Suites in the historic district. Rates are \$189/night (exterior view) or \$179/night (atrium view) plus taxes, which includes free breakfast and a free social hour with heavy appetizers, beer, and wine. Discounted garage self-parking is available for \$27 per night. A limited number of rooms are available. The response to this trip is great with about 40 members participating. Considering the size of our group we most likely will have to do activities in smaller groups. Some of my suggested things to do in Savannah are as follows:

- Hop-On-Hop-Off Trolley Tour
- Haunted Ghost Tours
- Riverboat Sunset Cruise
- Leisurely walking around the many plazas, restaurants and shops in the historic district.

More events and road trips are in the works for the cooler weather in the fall. Stay tuned.

Please contact me at petelabruna@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,

Pete Labruna
Activities Director



Events



Club Calendar



MBCC Events

Aug 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

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

[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
704-979-5600



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

Diane Kirkwood	3
Emily Knouse	3
Debbie Sadar	4
Phil DelCostello	5
Melody Perry	5
Pete Labruna	6
Marlene Grover	8
Larry Ashton	11
Stan Data	12
Mike Hughes	12
Ginny Bennett	13
Steve Musselman	13
Joe DeFrancesco	14
Don Stone	14
Steve Jackson	16
Lezle Sapio	17
Randy Dean	18
Rebecca Rhodes	18

Tim Sturm	18
Vicki Cannon	20
Chris Ballard	21
John Grover	21
Diane Verona	22
Sharon Allred	25
Connie Curry	25
Rick Grimm	25
Betsy Guy	25
Donna Jackson	25
Susan Burkett	27
Jerry Pinkas	27
Barbara Grenfell	28
Sue DeFrancesco	29
John Freni	29
Darlene Couper	31
Douglas Jensen	31

Happy Anniversary

Craig & Kari Steinbock	3
Wayne & Rebecca Rhodes	5
Dick & Gloria Lawrence	8
Bob & Deb Lagoy	9
Tom & Ginny Bennett	13
Les & Darlene Couper	14
Bob & Regina Eller	14
Hamilton Ward & Lyn Mikeal	14
Pete & Debra Labruna	19

Dale & Vicki Baker	20
Dan & Dawn Buckley	21
Fred & Trish Busche	21
Curtis & Nancy Jessee	25
Gerard & Patricia Turza	28
Rich & Chickie Kidd	30



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.

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