

North Shore Corvettes of MA



Redline Newsletter



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62 Years and still going strong!

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CRUISE NIGHTS:

EVERY TUESDAY, FROM MAY 6 THRU SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2025, TERESA'S GRILL 19, 20 ELM STREET, NORTH READING, MA, 4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM, DINING AFTER INSIDE TERESA'S GRILLE 19

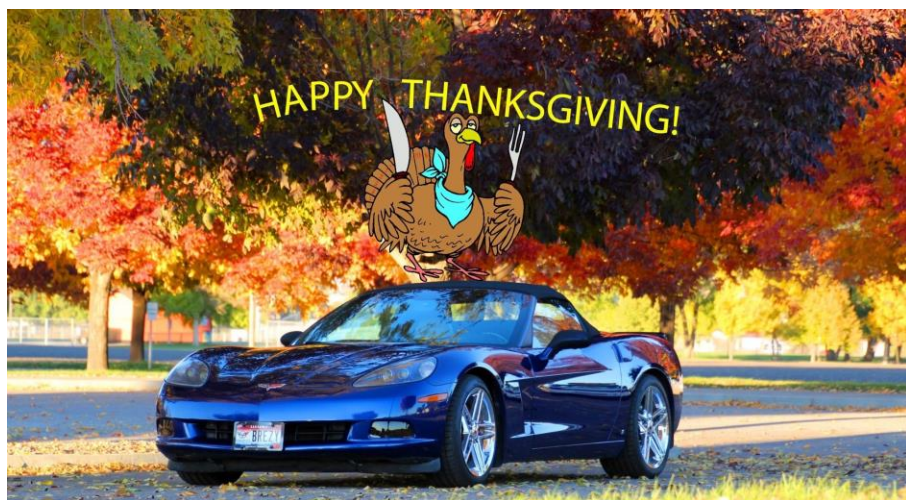
RAFFLES, MUSIC AND OTHER GREAT PRIZES

“CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL UPCOMING EVENTS”

www.northshorecorvettes.com

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Upcoming Events

Coming up this month we have our monthly meeting with our annual Toys for Tots toy collection at the Saugus/Everett Elks on November 12th, our annual Veteran's Day lunch at Applebee's on Tuesday Nov. 11. and the beginning of our monthly dinner get togethers and some popup activities as well. So, check your E-mails for these notices.

Drive safe, stay warm, and keep the Corvette passion alive!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Members,

Happy Thanksgiving to all NSCM Members and their families.

As we head into November, I want to thank everyone for a fantastic driving season. Our events, cruise nights, and get-togethers have been great—and it's all thanks to you.

With colder weather upon us, we'll be winding down our outdoor events but that doesn't mean we'll slow down! We have holiday plans, and social gatherings to keep us connected through the winter.

Let's finish the year strong. See you soon.

We welcome all member's input. This is your club, and we love hearing from you. Please make it a point to attend the monthly meetings so you can get all the details firsthand on what has happened so far and what is on the agenda moving forward. Now is the time to be fully engaged in club activities. Until then stay safe, stay well, and plan to participate!

Please e-mail our Cruise Directors Kirk Therrien, kirk.therrien@cwservices.com or Jim Marchese, jpm7871@comcast.net with your suggestions.



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NSCM EVENT CLUB CALENDAR:

2025 - Mark your calendars,

The proposed events are tentative. There may be additions or deletions as we progress into the Cruise season.

Red NSCM sponsored, Green Non-Club Sponsored

KARS-N-KOFFEE WILL RETURN STARTING MAY 11TH 2025. An Impromptu Kars-N-Koffee Cruise-In from 9am to Noon every Sunday from May 11th thru October 12th, 2025 (Weather Permitting) @ 35 Lowell Street in Wilmington, MA 01867. Paved Parking with a Dunkin Donuts around the corner. Watch our website at <https://www.karsnkoffee.com> or our Facebook page for weekly Pictures and Future Events Status throughout the season

NSCM’s scheduled events:

The proposed events are tentative. There may be additions or deletions as we progress into the Cruise season.

Recent & Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Notes
Oct 3-5	Autumn Cruise to the White Mountains	Beautiful fall foliage, good turnout
Oct 22	Halloween Party	Costume contest
Nov 2 & 16	Bowling	Metro Bowl Foster St. Peabody
Nov 12	Monthly Meeting	6:30 pm at Saugus/Everett Elks, 401 Main St. Saugus Toys for Tots Collection
Dec 6	Holiday Party	Mark your calendar—details to follow

NOVEMBER 2025

*November 2nd, bowling, Metro bowl, Foster st., Peabody.
5:00 PM.*

November 11th Annual Veteran's Day lunch at Applebee's

*November 16th, bowling, Metro bowl, Foster St., Peabody.
5:00 PM*

DECEMBER 2025

*December 6th, NSCM's annual Christmas party,
Teresa's prime, crystal room 5:30pm to 10:30 PM.
More details to follow.*

*December 14th, Sunday, interactive trolley ride,
featuring a Christmas carol with dinner prior to the
trolley tour. More info to follow.*

*December 21st, bowling, Metro bowl, Foster st.,
Peabody. 5:00 PM.*

*December 28th, bowling, metro bowl, Foster st.,
Peabody. 5:00 PM*

NSCM Meetings:

November 5th, E-Board Meeting

*November 12th, NSCM Monthly Meeting,
Saugus/Everett Elks, 6:30 PM (**Remember to bring
a toy unwrapped for our Toys for Tots
donation**)*

December 3rd, NSCM E-Board Meeting

*December 10th, NSCM Monthly Meeting,
Saugus/Everett Elks, 6:30 PM
Elections for 2026 & 2027.*

October Event Recap

October was a beautiful month for our Fall Foliage Cruise to the White Mountains. Over 20 Corvettes participated, from classic C2s to brand-new C8s. Members enjoyed a scenic lunch stop in North Conway and perfect leaf-peeping weather. Our trip to Gunstock Mountain was fun. Members Kirk Therrien, Debi Therrien and Linda Puccia were brave enough to Zip Line while many other members participated in the Mountain Coaster.

Our annual Halloween Costume Party at the Point of Pines Yacht Club on October 22nd was Spooktacular!

Our final cruise night of the season , was held at Teresa's Grille Nineteen, on October 7th, drew a great turnout. Thanks to everyone who helped with setup and breakdown of the equipment to be stored for the winter.



Member Spotlight

By: Linda Puccia

Total Membership 215

Joe & Jean DiPietro, 2018 Coupe, Watkins Glen Gray

Wally & Chyral Curette, 1983 Coupe, White

EJ Wiley, 2015 Coupe, Gray

Peter Bernard, 2004 Coupe, LeMans Blue

Robert Ellison, 2019 Coupe, Watkins Glen Gray

William Adreani, Jr., 2014 Convertible, White

Kristen Baez & Julie Taylor, 2018 Coupe, Red

Bill and Tama Gnerre, 2025, ERAY, Red Mist

Tony and Donna Maggio, 2013, Conv. Crystal Red

Dave and Lynsey Hurley, 1996, Coupe Sebring Silver

Ed Sokoloski, 2020, Convertible, Black

Robert DiNuccio, 2022 Convertible, Red Mist

Membership Application



NORTH SHORE CORVETTES OF MA, INC.



- () **New Membership** 1 or 2 People in the same household. **\$75.00**
() **Renewal** 1 Person **(\$55.00)** or 2 People **(\$60.00)**
(Add a **Late Fee of \$10.00** after **January 31st** to **February 28th** for any renewals)
If a renewal is not received by March 1st the membership fee will be \$75.00

PRINT the full names (first and last) of the one or two individuals within the same household that will hold the one or two votes. (Guests cannot vote) (PRINT as CLEARLY as POSSIBLE)

Vote 1 (First Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
Vote 2 (first Name) _____ (Last Name) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Phone Number Home _____ Cell _____
Vote 1 Email Address _____
Vote 2 Email Address _____

Corvette Info: Year _____ Style: Roadster / Convertible () Coup () Color _____

I was a member(s) of North Shore Corvettes of Massachusetts, Inc. before. No () Yes ()

Do you give permission to distribute all your club roster info to other NSCM members? No () Yes ()

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IN WHAT CAPACITY WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE
() Member () E-Board () Officer () Other Committees

I / We have read and agree to abide by all the provisions set forth in the **NSCM Guidelines** including the **NSCM's Code of Ethics** as adopted by the **North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc.** E-Board and Membership.

(Voter 1) Signature _____ Date _____
(Voter 2) Signature _____ Date _____

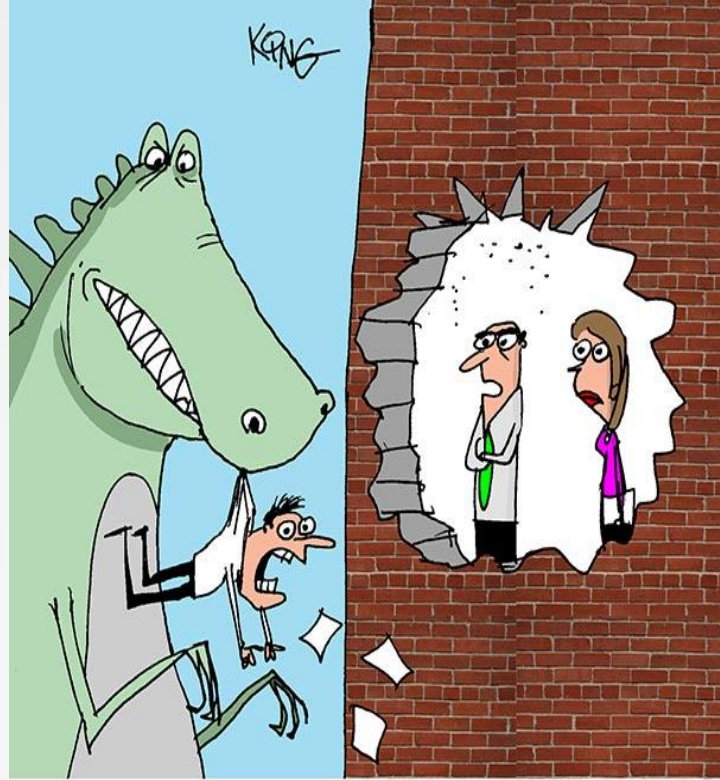
Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Thank you for joining / rejoining the North Shore Corvettes of MA, Inc. Save the Wave!

Corvette Comedy



"Your pumpkin may have lost, but look at the bright side: You own a Corvette, and he doesn't."



"Would it be insensitive if I offered to buy Harold's Corvette? He obviously won't be needing it."



"If there are any Corvette owners on the plane, feel free to move up to First Class. If you haven't guessed, the captain owns a Corvette."



"We don't need to interview you. We saw you drive up in a Corvette, so you're hired."

Report

submitted by Karen Blandini

A Piece of History



New to the Collection: 1960 Corvette

General Motors produced over 10,000 Corvettes in 1960, but only 766 of them were Horizon Blue. This color was offered for just one year before being replaced by Jewel Blue in 1961.

The 1960 model year was also the last time the Corvette featured heavy grille teeth in the front and taillights that were inset into the rounded rear fenders. This car still has its original 283 cubic inch, 230 horsepower engine and a four-speed manual transmission.

The previous owner of this Corvette, Tim Zradicka, purchased the car around 2004. From 2009 to 2011, he completed a full, frame-off restoration. During this restoration, Zradicka discovered a gas station receipt from 1973 in a defroster duct, aiding his research into the Corvette's history and past owners. With the restoration complete, this car is a great example of Corvette's styling at the dawn of the 1960s.



DONATED BY TIM ZRADICKA, PICTURED ABOVE (LEFT) WITH NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM CEO, BRYCE BURKLOW

Meet the 2029 Corvette Caravan Chairman: Jeffrey Duda



The Corvette Caravan is a nationwide, enthusiast-led road tour held every five years to coincide with the National Corvette Museum's anniversary celebration, uniting thousands of Corvette owners as they travel to Bowling Green, Kentucky, in honor of America's Sports Car.

Jeffrey Duda attended his first National Corvette Caravan in 2003 and has since played active roles in each Caravan, as Chairman, Co-Captain, and Captain.

For 2029, Jeff has been named the National Chairman for Corvette Caravan and will be working with Captains from across the country to coordinate the event. Jeff is a Lifetime Member of the National Corvette Museum and resides in Hainesport, NJ. He is an active member of The Original Garden State Corvette Club, and the original owner of a 2004 Le Mans Blue Commemorative Edition Z06, and a 2019 Shadow Gray Coupe. Jeff is also known as the host of Zipity's Garage YouTube Channel, a Corvette-focused lifestyle channel.

New Collections Facility to Preserve Historic Corvette Cars and Artifacts

The National Corvette Museum announced a major expansion to protect and grow its renowned Corvette collection. The new 66,000-square-foot Collections facility, set to open in Fall 2026, will serve as the future home for some of the world's most important historic Corvettes, Corvette artifacts, and Corvette preservation efforts.

The new Collections facility will significantly increase the Museum's capacity for vehicle preservation, small artifact conservation, and long-term

From Sting Ray to Starship: The 1965 Star Trek Corvette Now on Display

At the intersection of American muscle and science fiction legend, one Corvette blurs the line between road and starship. Now on display at the National Corvette Museum, the 1965 Corvette featured in the 2009 reboot of Star Trek brings cinematic flair and Corvette heritage together in a way only America's Sports Car can.

This screen-used stunt car plays a pivotal role in the early moments of Star Trek (2009), as a young James T. Kirk sends it screaming across the Iowa countryside with a hover-bike cop in pursuit. The sequence is high-octane and pure adrenaline, ending with Kirk leaping out just before the Corvette launches into a quarry. While its fate in the film was dramatic, the actual car survives to tell its story.

As a 1965 model, this Corvette showcases mid-year updates including blacked-out horizontal grille bars, a reimagined fender design with three vertical louvers, and the introduction of four-wheel disc brakes—a performance milestone for the era. That same year also marked the return of Rochester fuel injection, making the '65 Corvette a benchmark in Sting Ray evolution.

A deleted scene from the film expands the narrative. The Corvette once belonged to George Kirk, James' late father. After George's death, the car ended up with James' uncle—until the future Starfleet captain found the keys and made the car his own, if only for one final ride. Now, thanks to a generous loan from Ray Zielinski, this iconic Corvette is part of the Museum's collection of historically significant vehicles. It's a reminder that Corvette's cultural impact doesn't stop at racetracks or road tours. It spans generations, genres, and galaxies.

The 1965 Star Trek Corvette is a must-see for fans of performance, pop culture, and everything in between. Visit the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and stand face to face with a Corvette that boldly went where no car had gone before.



Why We're Expanding: Honoring Historic Vehicles Like Neil Armstrong's Corvette

A key reason behind the National Corvette Museum's expansion is the strategic growth of its vehicle collection, which requires the highest standards of preservation. One example is the recently donated 1967 Corvette Sting Ray once owned by astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Years before he walked on the Moon, Armstrong was commuting to NASA in a Marina Blue coupe powered by a 427-cubic-inch, 390-horsepower V8, highlighting one of the many ways that America's Sports Car has a direct connection to one of the most extraordinary chapters in American history. "This vehicle is a prime example of the need for a new facility," said Robert Maxhimer, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Education at the National Corvette Museum. "When a Corvette with a story like Neil Armstrong's comes through our doors, it deserves to be cared for in a space that is built to honor its legacy. This expansion ensures we can physically preserve the vehicle while protecting its history for future generations to enjoy and learn from."

The facility is being built to support the growth of the collection for decades to come, allowing the Museum to accept additional rare vehicles and historically significant materials that tell the full story of Corvette design, innovation, racing, and culture. It will also provide the Museum with additional exhibition space, enhancing storytelling and offering the behind-the-scenes experiences that Members and guests value.

The Future of Corvette Preservation Begins Now

As part of the drive to build the new collections facility, the National Corvette Museum has secured \$2.1 million in funding commitments to the capital campaign supporting this project.

Longtime supporters of the National Corvette Museum, Mary and Ivan Schrodt, have generously pledged \$1,000,000. In recognition of their gift, the Vehicle Collections Gallery will be named in their honor. Michael LaRocca, National Corvette Museum Board Chair-Elect, has pledged \$500,000 to name the Atrium Lobby the Michael LaRocca and Family Atrium, where all guided tours of the facility will begin. Melanie and Tim McMichael & Family, known philanthropists and longtime supporters of the Museum, have pledged \$500,000 to name the McMichael Family Preservation Center, as well as the Glenn and Andrea Johnson Heritage Conservation Lab.

This contribution builds on their previous investment in 2021 that supported the McMichael Family Education Center. An additional \$100,000 gift has also been secured from an anonymous donor.

A Campus-Wide Vision: Connecting Corvette History, Assembly, Manufacturing, and Ownership

The new Collections facility strengthens the National Corvette Museum's campus-wide approach to celebrating America's Sports Car. The Bowling Green Assembly Plant, where every Corvette has been built since 1981, is located just across the street. The NCM Motorsports Park, where guests can experience Corvette performance firsthand, is also part of the Museum campus and sits directly across

Interstate 65. Construction of the new Collections facility will also bring NCM Insurance one step closer to returning to the Museum campus. Once complete, this addition will allow visitors to engage with the full arc of Corvette ownership, history, and performance in a single location.

"This expansion project is about creating a sustainable future for preserving the full story of Corvette," said Bryce Burklow, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. "We're safeguarding the design breakthroughs, engineering milestones, and cultural moments that make Corvette an icon. And soon, our guests will be able to experience that process in a whole new way."

To donate, visit www.corvettemuseum.org/expansion, or if you would like to discuss additional partnership opportunities, contact the Museum's development team at development@corvettemuseum.org.

RAFFLES, RAFFLES, RAFFLES



2026 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Price: \$150.00 Tickets: 1500

Drawing: November 20, 2025 2:00 PM
Central Time



2026 Black Corvette Z06 Coupe

Price: \$300.00 Tickets: 1500

Drawing: December 18, 2025 2:00 PM
Central Time



2026 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

Price: \$100.00 Tickets: 2000

Drawing: January 22, 2026 2:00 PM
Central Time



2026 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 25, 2026 2:00 PM Central Time

To purchase any of these raffle tickets, you must go to the NCM website, download the raffle ticket form, and mail it. The museum will confirm your purchase.



Photo Corner

Pictures from the chocolate festival in North Conway





Back to the Beach 2025



2025 Wakefield 4th of July Parade



Joint car show NSCM and EMCC



Joint car Show NSCM and EMCC



Tiki Cruise Boston Harbor



Boston Harbor Tiki Cruise



The gang on the Boston Harbor Tiki Cruise



NSCM Bowling award to the high single for 2025 John Gaff



Fuzzy Dice Crew at one of the stops



Rob Slocum, Oh no ! not a two again!



**NSCM Sock Hop/Disco/Country
Party Pictures**



NSCM Sock Hop/Disco/Western Night Party



NSCM Sock Hop/ Disco/ Country Night Pictures



NSCM Sock Hop/Disco/ Western Night Pictures



NSCM Sock Hop/Disco/Western Party



Annual NSCM Halloween Pictures





















North Shore Corvettes of MA at the Swampscott Car Show 2025





Tech Tip of the Month

Preparing Your Corvette for Winter Storage



1. Fluids & Engine Care

Change the oil and filter – used oil contains contaminants that can harm the engine during storage.

Top off all fluids:

- Coolant/antifreeze (ensure proper mix for your climate)

- Brake fluid

- Power steering fluid (if applicable)

- Transmission and differential fluid if due

Fuel system:

- Fill the gas tank to 95–100% to reduce condensation.

- Add **fuel stabilizer** (like Sta-Bil or Sea Foam), run engine for 5–10 minutes to circulate.



2. Battery & Electrical

Disconnect the battery (negative terminal) *or* use a **battery maintainer/trickle charger**.

Clean battery terminals before storage.

Check for any **aftermarket electronics** that could drain power and disconnect them.



3. Tires & Suspension

Inflate tires to the upper limit (usually +3–5 PSI).

Use tire cradles or foam pads if possible to prevent flat spots.

Don't engage the parking brake – use wheel chocks instead.

If long-term storage, consider putting the car on **jack stands** (but support suspension correctly to avoid stress).



4. Storage Prep

Choose a clean, dry, temperature-stable location (garage preferred).

Use a breathable car cover (avoid plastic tarps – they trap moisture).

Plug exhaust pipes with steel wool or dryer sheets to keep out rodents.

Place **dryer sheets or mothballs** around interior/trunk to deter pests (avoid direct contact with surfaces).

Crack windows slightly to allow air circulation if in a secure area.



6. Safety & Misc

Check insurance – consider “storage coverage” or comprehensive-only to save money.

Update registration if your state allows seasonal storage.

Document condition with photos before storing (for insurance).



7. When Spring Returns

When you're ready to drive again:

- Reconnect the battery.

- Check tire pressure.

- Remove fuel stabilizer by refilling with fresh fuel.

- Check all fluids.

- Start the engine and let it idle until warm.

- Do a slow test drive and brake test before normal driving.

Corvette News

October Corvette Allocations Come In, But Nothing Yet for ZR1X

We have been reaching out to some of our dealer friends this morning asking about their [allocations](#) for the October Corvette order cycle. While we were hoping for some news on the upcoming [2026 Corvette ZR1X](#), so far no dealers we have heard from received any ZR1X allocations at least for this round.

Chevy has been promising availability of the ZR1X by the end of 2025 which means ordering will have to be starting soon if they hope to meet that goal.

As for this allocation round, we are hearing all four Corvette models were available for allocations (though not every dealer got allocations for all four models). Some of the dealers we spoke with said they received “some” Stingrays, “a lot” of ZO6s and a couple dealers tell us they received multiple ZR1 allocations. Once again, it’s the E-Ray that still appears be the most limited 2026 model this fall.

Next week, we’ll get constraints and we are hoping to see with all these ZO6s going out that Chevrolet’s supply of visible carbon fiber high wings and other aero parts continues to improve for buyers who want the ZO7 package. Last month’s availability for ZO6 aero was okay, but it still needs to get better. We are also hoping to see more of the Electrochromic Roofs which was on 100% constraint in September.

For those that may want to forgo custom ordering of a new 2026, the Chevy Live Inventory Tracker is currently showing 3,294 new 2026 Corvettes that are at dealers or in transit, including [46 new 2026 ZR1s](#). Six of those cars are advertising an MSRP that is north of \$300K!

GM Cancels this Feature on C8 Corvette Coupes for 2026

Looks like our friend [Rick 'Corvette' Conti](#) may have found another change to the 2026 model year Corvettes that GM hasn't told anyone about yet, but then he asks if we ever really needed it in the first place?

It's a good question, and it looks like GM has finally answered: Nope!

The feature in question is the rear glass defroster on C8 Corvette Coupes. These are the micro-lines that run across the rear glass to defrost your rear window. Rick says that these two [2026 Corvettes](#) shown in the video below from the NCM Motorsports Park no longer have them on their rear glass, which is nice as you get a clearer view of the engine bay.

Of course, a hot V8 running in the back basically accomplishes the same thing as the heat rises and melts off any ice or snow on the glass. The C8s are also equipped with the rearview mirror cameras so it's not like you need to defrost your rear window to see what's happening behind you. However, we did hear from one 2026 owner who says the rear defrost button is still on the row of HVAC buttons. But that's probably due to the feature still being used on the C8 Convertible's small vertical rear window. This reminds us of when Chevy removed the external hatch lock cylinder from behind the license plate. They determined it wasn't really necessary to provide for an emergency unlock for the rear hatch when the battery is up in the frunk.

Corvette E-Ray: Should GM Have Marketed The Hybrid Under A Different Name?

When it was officially [unveiled in January of 2023](#), the [Corvette E-Ray](#) made headlines as the first-ever production-spec [Corvette](#) to roll out from the factory with a hybrid powertrain, combining the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine with a front-mounted electric motor to provide some rather impressive straight-line acceleration, not to mention [a host of other benefits](#). Nevertheless, we're hearing whispers that suggest the E-Ray may not be selling as well as GM had initially hoped. One possible reason? The name itself.

Outside of well-informed Corvette enthusiasts, many buyers likely hear the name “E-Ray” and assume it’s a fully electric sports car. Of course, while readers on this website will likely be well aware that the Corvette E-Ray is in fact a hybrid and not a pure BEV, the E-Ray name may still unintentionally invite some confusion, especially at a time when a good portion of the market is quick to slap an “E” on a nameplate when the propulsion system is powered exclusively by electrons. For shoppers unfamiliar with the car’s actual powertrain setup, the E-Ray branding may be creating barriers before they even set foot in a showroom.

From a performance standpoint, the Corvette E-Ray is certainly formidable. Pairing the same 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine from the C8 [Stingray](#) with a single electric motor, the E-Ray’s hybrid system delivers a combined 655 horsepower. What’s more, the electric motor is used to drive the front axle exclusively, thus making the E-Ray the first production-spec all-wheel-drive Corvette in history.

The setup enables absolutely blistering acceleration, sending the Corvette E-Ray from a 0 to 60 mph in just 2.5 seconds, besting the ICE-only C8 [Z06](#) by a tenth. The AWD setup also improves traction in less-than-ideal conditions, making the E-Ray potentially a year-round sports car. But the question remains: did GM make a misstep by calling it the Corvette E-Ray? Would something like “Stingray AWD” or “Stingray X” have been clearer? While there’s plenty of equity in names like Stingray and Z06, “E-Ray” may be a bit ambiguous to the casual buyer, even potentially undermining the excitement in store.

Chevrolet Produced 51 New Corvette ZR1s Last Week, Now More ZR1s Than E-Rays in 2026

Last week we had mentioned that the Chevrolet Live Inventory Tracker was showing 67 new Corvette ZR1s that were “In Transit” from the factory to dealers for delivery. We’ve been watching the production numbers daily and as we said last week, we are really beginning to see a production breakout for the new King of Hill. For those waiting until the ADMs drop (additional dealer markups), your wait may be shorter than initially believed.

Thanks to Roger Kiel’s C8 Production Tracker on Facebook, we’ve been watching the numbers of ZR1s completed with great interest. Last week, we counted 51 new ZR1s completed at the Corvette Assembly Plant during the five-day work week which is the highest weekly total we’ve seen to date. For the month, we are at 165 new ZR1s completed, and the total now stands at 248 ZR1s completed for the entire 2026 model year which just kicked off on July 30th.

I think that most enthusiasts would be happy to see 200 or so new Corvette ZR1s being built monthly, and at that rate we should be able to move through those dealer customer lists fairly quickly. That is also good news as I believe we’ll see allocations for the upcoming ZR1X with the next order cycle in October, especially if GM wants to make their deadline for having the car available “at the end of 2025” as they stated during the reveal back in June.

And finally, we do have concerns over the dropping production numbers of the E-Ray, which last year accounted for approximately 12% of all Corvettes completed. With the ZR1 numbers continually moving upward, E-Ray production for 2026 is running only at a paltry 4% of total production. Based on the slower sales rates of the E-Ray and the fact that there are still 604 E-Rays from 2025 left over on dealer lots which represents approximately 20% of E-Rays produced during the 2025 model year, we really can’t blame Chevrolet for shifting E-Ray production to the ZR1 if that is indeed what is happening. The ZR1 is the hot new model with customers paying full MSRP and then some, and so it’s time for this model to shine...at least until the ZR1X starts production later this year.

General Motors Delivers 5,123 New Corvettes During 3rd Quarter 2025

General Motors released the [third-quarter sales results](#) today and it's not good news at all. Chevrolet sold just 5,123 new Corvettes during the quarter which is a 34.3% decline from the 7,797 Corvettes delivered during the same quarter a year ago. For the Calendar Year to date numbers, Chevrolet has delivered 17,718 new Corvettes from January 1st through September 30th, which is a decline of 31.1% CYTD over 2024. This is the second quarterly decline in sales for the 2025 after 2nd Quarter's sales numbers were down by 37.9% which was attributed to the plant being closed for four weeks for upgrades to the production line. We already expected to see less cars for the 3rd Quarter as total production has slowed to around 150 units per day, but then those sales numbers were further impacted by the STOP SALE Order issued on August 21st.

With the STOP SALE Order shutting down deliveries of the ZO6 and new ZR1s, dealers were simply unable to deliver these two models to its waiting customers due to the risk of fire from spilled fuel. New 2026 Corvettes are now getting the new spilled fuel diverter installed at the Assembly Plant, and remedied Corvette ZO6s and ZR1s can now be shipped and delivered to customers. However, dealers are still waiting for their own shipments of parts so they can remedy any of the remaining in-stock 2025s they have with the new diverter part.

During this time, Chevrolet is also struggling with sales of the 2025 E-Ray as roughly 20% of all 2025 E-Rays produced are still available at dealers. The only good news here is that many dealers are offering huge discounts off MSRP that can save you thousands. With the ZO6 sidelined for the last six weeks, we think Chevy missed an opportunity to offer another incentive for the performance hybrid sports car. Earlier this year, both the Stingray and the E-Ray were offered at up to [\\$3K off MSRP with a Costco Membership](#) and those stackable incentives really helped to lower the price of entry. These delivery numbers are for U.S. sales only.

Our Corvette Sales Archives will be updated in January 2026 with the release of GM's official 4th Quarter 2025 sales numbers.

ACS Composite Introduces C8 Corvette Stingray 5VM Rocker Winglets



Aftermarket specialist ACS Composite has introduced a set of new [C8 Corvette](#) Stingray 5VM Style Rocker Winglets, offering owners a sharp new visual upgrade. The winglets replicate the look of GM's OEM 5VM ground effects kit, enhancing the overall stance without replacing the existing rockers.

The ACS 5VM Rocker Winglets are pre-painted in Carbon Flash Metallic Black, providing a nice match with the OEM trim.

Sculpted with sharp, angular lines, the winglets extend the rocker profile outward to create a more aggressive, race-inspired look along the [Corvette](#)'s side panels. What's more, the winglets feature an easy bolt-on, with all the hardware needed for installation already included with the kit. Thanks to the modular setup, the winglets are compatible with the ACS [Zo6](#) Rockers, ACS Z51 Rockers, or can be directly mounted to the C8 body without any side rockers whatsoever.

The ACS C8 5VM Rocker Winglets are currently priced at \$699 USD (down from an original MSRP of \$861.35 USD), and qualify for free shipping to the U.S. (excluding Hawaii and Puerto Rico) and Canada. More information and purchase options can be found at the ACS Composite website.

2026 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport: Unleashing Unmatched Power, Style & Performance – The Ultimate Sports Car You Can't Miss



The 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport is here, and it's making waves in the world of high-performance sports cars. With a design that exudes power and style, paired with jaw-dropping performance capabilities, this Corvette is a must-see for anyone who appreciates automotive excellence. Whether you're a seasoned car enthusiast or someone looking to upgrade to your dream sports car, this model has something extraordinary to offer. Here's a deep dive into why the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport is the ultimate driving machine. The 2026 Corvette Grand Sport takes everything that made the Corvette legendary and pushes it to new heights. This model blends the aggressive power of the Z06 with the agility of the Stingray, offering a unique combination of speed, precision, and style. It's not just a sports car; it's a masterpiece engineered for drivers who demand performance and want to turn heads at every corner. What makes it special? The Corvette Grand Sport combines a lightweight body, a potent engine, and advanced handling features, giving you an unforgettable driving experience. Whether you're cruising on the highway or tearing up the track, this car is built for speed, control, and comfort. It's a car that offers both exhilarating performance and everyday usability.

Why the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport Will Blow Your Mind

The 2026 Corvette Grand Sport doesn't just stand out for its looks; it's the heart and soul of the car that will leave you speechless. Let's talk about the engine. Under the hood, you'll find a 6.2-liter V8 engine, capable of delivering 495 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque. This engine gives you the kind of raw power that's sure to leave every competitor in the dust.

But the real magic is in how the Grand Sport delivers that power. Thanks to a tuned suspension system and an advanced rear-wheel-drive setup, this car offers unparalleled handling and cornering abilities. It's designed to feel as agile as it is powerful, giving you complete control in all driving conditions.

When Can You Expect the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport to Be Available?

The 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport is expected to hit dealerships in mid-2026. While exact dates can vary, you can expect pre-orders to open sometime in the first quarter of 2026. So, if you've been dreaming about getting your hands on one, keep an eye on your local Chevrolet dealer for updates. The Grand Sport will be available in both coupe and convertible variants, so you can choose the version that suits your style. Whether you prefer the sleek coupe or the open-air thrill of the convertible, both options promise the same high performance and stunning design.

How the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport Works – Explained Simply

At the core of the Corvette Grand Sport is a finely-tuned combination of power and precision. Let's break it down.

Engine: The 6.2-liter V8 engine is the powerhouse behind this car's performance. It's engineered to give you a thrilling ride, whether you're gunning it on the open road or taking sharp turns on a race track.

Transmission: The Grand Sport comes with a 7-speed manual transmission or an 8-speed dual-clutch automatic, depending on your driving preference. The dual-clutch system ensures quick shifts, while the manual transmission gives you full control for that traditional sports car experience.

Chassis & Suspension: The car features a high-performance suspension system with magnetic ride control, which automatically adjusts to road conditions for smoother handling and enhanced cornering.

Aerodynamics: A sleek and aerodynamic design ensures that the Grand Sport remains stable at high speeds. The front splitter and rear spoiler are designed to create downforce, keeping the car glued to the road for ultimate control.

Best Tips to Make the Most of the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport

To get the most out of your 2026 Corvette Grand Sport, here are a few things you should keep in mind:

Embrace the Performance Modes: The Corvette Grand Sport comes with several driving modes, including Track, Sport, and Touring. Each mode is designed to optimize the car's performance for different situations.

The Latest Updates in the 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport
Chevrolet has made several updates to the 2026 Corvette Grand Sport, enhancing both its performance and luxury features:

Improved Aerodynamics: The new body design includes a larger front splitter and rear wing to increase downforce, which improves handling at high speeds.

Enhanced Interior: The interior of the 2026 Grand Sport features high-quality leather upholstery, a digital display, and an updated infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatibility.

Track-Ready Features: For those who love to race, the 2026 Grand Sport now comes with additional track-ready features, like a performance data recorder, launch control, and upgraded brakes.

Conclusion

The 2026 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport is a true marvel in the world of sports cars. Combining breathtaking power, cutting-edge technology, and a design that's built for performance, it's a car that lives up to the Corvette legacy and then some. Whether you're a casual driver or a serious enthusiast, this car is designed to deliver an unforgettable experience on every drive.

Chevrolet Releases the Official 2025 Corvette

Production Stats

One of the best days of the entire year happened today as we finally got the official production statistics for the [2025 Corvette model year](#). The model year officially ran from September 9th through July 30th and a total of 25,835 Corvettes were produced.

Click here to [view and download](#) the 2025 Corvette Products Numbers

The 2025 model year will be remembered for the introduction of the ZR1 as the latest King of the Hill makes its presence known. Officially, the number of ZR1s produced was 180 which would also include any Captured Test Fleet cars, and the total breaks down to 115 Coupes and

65 Convertibles. While the USA is the primary market for the model, we also learned that seven ZR1s were sold in Canada, four went to Mexico, and five were sold in the Middle East. Another interesting stat is the great majority of ZR1s were outfitted with the 3LZ package and just seven of the cars were built as 1LZ models.

Now, with the full stats available for 2025 Corvette owners, it's time to contact Betty at the National Corvette Museum's Library and Archives to order your "1 of 1" letter that compares your build to all others during the model year.

Here are the 2025 Corvette Model Year Highlights:

2025 Corvette Breakdown

- Stingray – 13,640 (52.7%)
- E-Ray – 3,153 (12.2%)
- Zo6 – 8,862 (34.3%)
- ZR1 – 180 (0.69%)

By Model and Body Style

- Stingray Coupe – 8,403 (32.5%)
- Stingray Convertible – 5,237 (20.3%)
- E-Ray Coupe – 1,374 (5.3%)
- E-Ray Convertible – 1,779 (6.9%)
- Zo6 Coupe – 4,786 (18.5%)
- Zo6 Convertible – 4,076 (15.8%)
- ZR1 Coupe – 115 (0.4%)
- ZR1 Convertible – 65 (0.3%)

By Body Style

- 14,678 Coupes (56%)
- 11,157 Convertibles (44%)

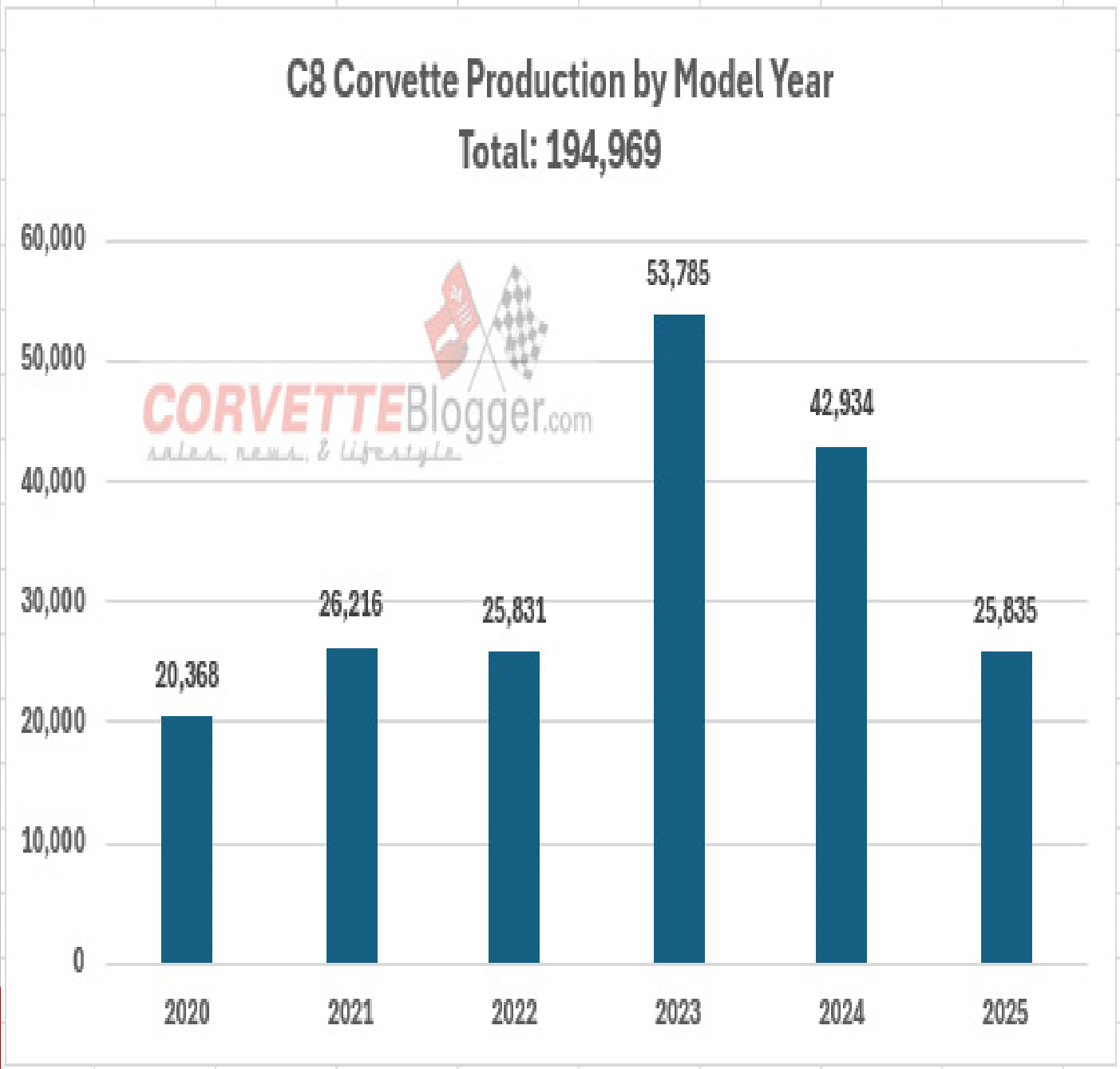
Performance Packages

- Z51 Stingray – 6,485 (39% of Stingrays)
- ZER E-Ray – 1,079 (34% of E-Rays)
- Zo7 Zo6 – 1,805 (20% of Zo6s)
- ZTK ZR1 – 83 (46% of ZR1s)

2025 Exterior Colors

- (GBA) Black – 4,601 (17.8%)
- (G8G) Arctic White – 4,548 (17.6%)
- (GKZ) Torch Red – 3,387 (13.1%)
- (GPH) Red Mist – 2,913 (11.3%)
- (GXA) Sea Wolf Gray – 2,755 (10.7%)
- (GJV) Riptide Blue – 1,824 (7.1%)
- (GXL) Hysteria Purple – 1,707 (6.6%)
- (GBK) Competition Yellow – 1,675 (6.5%)
- (G26) Sebring Orange – 1,375 (5.3%)
- (GMO) Rapid Blue – 1,050 (4.1%)

And finally, the 2025 model year represents the C8 Corvette’s sixth full year of production since the car started production in February 2020. There have now been 194,969 C8 Corvettes produced since inception:



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