



Coastal Corvette Association Members – January 2025

We closed 2024 as a year of club growth, operational progress, and fun filled memories with America's true sports car – The Corvette!

Some highlights from 2024:

- Hosted 10 monthly car cruises
- Participated in the Savannah Veteran's Parade
- Oyster Roast at Lisa and Izzy's House
- Elected an NCM Ambassador (Les Preston)
- Registered the Club as an official Non-Profit Organization
- Updated Website & Facebook Page
- Updated Club Bylaws
- Amazing Christmas Party (thank you Melissa!)
- Ended the year with money in the bank!
- We also survived two hurricanes and a flood...

The Club enjoyed trips to Hilton Head, Hinesville (Das Boot!), Metter, Statesville, St, Simons, Richmond Hill, and more. The Board met six times to organize and discuss club progress and planning so that we can do even more in 2025.

As we started 2025, we received the news that longtime member, Ed Ueberall had passed. If you had the pleasure to sit and talk with Ed, then you know how special of a person he was. Ed was one of the first people that I spoke with when I joined the Club. We started talking about our cars, then he started talking about watches, specifically pocket watches. I honestly could have sat there for hours and absorbed how passionately he explained the inner workings and craftsmanship of these small machines, then how he would labor, looking through magnifying glasses to create parts and file off the sprocket teeth a thousandth of an inch at a time to repair them. A true artisan and friend who was welcoming and kind. Ed will be dearly missed. Please keep Linda in your heart as she moves forward. A brick at the National Corvette Museum will be purchased in memorandum for Ed. We will also plan to attend services for Ed and send him off with a Loud V8 Salute! Stay tuned for more information on the time and place.

I'd like to also give thanks for answered prayers as our own Izzy Santangelo is recovering from a hospital stay that lasted from Christmas through New Years Eve. Last report was that Izzy is doing well and should be back in the saddle very soon.

Our first cruise of the year was local to Spanky's in Pooler GA, and we had great time. We had 12 cars, and 22 members attend this chilly ride. Luckily, Spanky's had a fire going in the fireplace and the food was great. We will be posting pictures of the cruise soon (thank you Kathrin Egner for remembering to take pictures!) Tom Egner made it a point to show how really cool he was by driving into the parking lot with his convertible top down. I made the mistake of going to the bathroom and not giving Melissa keys to the car; literally a hot woman standing out in the cold. But she looked great as always!

On tap for 2025:

- Monthly Ice Cream Social
- Coffee & Cars
 - Habersham
 - Hinesville
 - Hilton Head
 - Richmond Hill
 - Beaufort
- 24 Hours of Daytona (Jan 24 – 26) IMSA Racing with Team Corvette
- Wheels and Wings (Feb 22nd)
- 12 Hours of Seabring (Mar 12 – 15) IMSA Racing with Team Corvette
 - Talking now with Team Corvette about special access for our club to the pits and drivers
- Flagler Corvette Club – Corvette only show (Oct)
- CCA Car Show (TBD)
- Roebling Road Track Day (TBD)
- Officer Elections (May)

Please reach out to Melissa Rodriguez at cca.eventplanning@gmail.com with suggestions on what events or locations you like to see the club go to. Car Show, Cruise In, restaurant – she'd love to hear your ideas!

In closing, I'm super excited for 2025 and what they year brings. The club is growing and positioning itself to be a charitable contributor in the community. Also, to draw new and current owners into the best part of owning a Corvette – the community of like-minded people sharing a passion for this brand and how fun it is striking fear into the Ponies and those Dodge Boys.

Best wishes for health and prosperity in 2025!

Kevin Shepherd

VP. CCA