#### 2024 — Welcome February

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#### Message from the President of CCR – Gary Butler

Greetings,

It's February – the month of groundhogs, presidents, and of course, love! As Corvette owners, we "love" to cruise, keep our Vettes clean and sparkling, and show "em" off too. Speaking of cruising, we're starting to get events on the Club Calendar. If you have an event/cruise you'd like to see added to the calendar, please bring it to the attention of the Club. Our Events Coordinator, John Rhodes, can <u>offer assistance</u> with scheduling and planning. OD'ing an event is easy and enjoyable. It's the fun and fellowship of events that help make CCR the Best Corvette Club in the World. When Members get together, great times are <u>had</u>. Check out the Events Calendar on the CCR website for scheduled events and meetings. We'll be discussing some additional events/cruises at the February Club Meeting.

Our next Club Meeting is scheduled for 7:30PM, Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Markel Building, 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, VA 23060. Come early and enjoy socializing with other Members. After the Meeting, arrangements have been made for interested Members to head over to the Capital Ale House for food and beverage.

Corvettes are for driving and I look forward to fun on the road with my best gal, Cindy.



#### <u>Email us at: email2ccr@gmail.com</u>

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#### **Membership Meeting Place**





#### Get 2024 info

https://corvetteclubofrichmond.org email2ccr@gmail.com

#### Next General Membership Meeting Friday, February 9, 2024



Friday, Feb 9th 2024

@ 7:30pm Location Markel Building

**4521 Highlands Parkway Glen Allen, VA 23060** 

#### February General Membership Meeting

When Fri, February 09, 2024

7:30 PM

Location Markel Building, 4521 Highwoods

Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Register

Already registered

As a reminder to all members to please bring/wear your name badge at the meeting. This will help everyone get to know new members and guests (and to remember those forgotten member names!)

#### Announcement:

CCR has arranged to have dinner and/or beverages at Capital Ale House 4024 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA 23060 after the General Membership Meeting. All are welcome to attend. You will be responsible for paying for your own food and drinks. A head count will be done at the opening of the meeting to see how many people want to attend.

Hope to see you there!



#### Revs & Rumbles @ the NCM

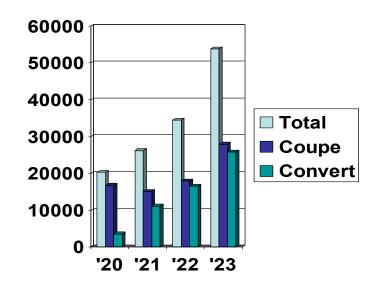
By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador / Lifetime Member #2415
February 2024

With the new year underway, the Corvette Assembly Plant has released final statistics for the 2023 Corvette production year so here are some numbers to digest. A very noteworthy statistic is a significant increase in the number of Corvettes produced each year beginning with 2020 as the first year of the 8th generation. For 2023, although production couldn't keep up with demand, the Assembly Plant churned out 53,785 Corvettes, with the breakdown being 27,943 coupes (52.0%) and 25,842 (48.0%) convertibles. 2023's 53,785 vehicle Corvette production thereby eclipsed every other year of Corvette manufacturing except one! Drum Roll...1979's count (3rd gen) was 53,807, besting 2023's 53,785 by only 22 Corvettes! A big YAY for the Plant!!!

# Total Corvette Production by Year and Coupe vs Convertible %

- 2020 20368 total
   82.4% & 17.6%
- 2021 26216 total
   57.6% & 42.4%
- 2022 34510 total
   52.1% & 47.9%
- 2023 53785 total

   52.0% & 48.0%
   (coupe vs convertible)



The remaining data is arranged in columns for comparison		
DACKAGES	COUPE	CONVERTIBLE
1LT	6,732 (27.1%)	1,865 (8.3%)
2LT	10,450 (42.1%)	8,149 (36.2%)
3LT	7,652 (30.8%)	12,524 (55.6%)
1LZ Z06	204 (67.9%)	45 (71.7%)
2LZ Z06	562 (29.2%)	350 (37.6)
3LZ Z06	2,343 (37.0%)	2,909 (55.3%)

#### Y70 70TH ANNIVERSARY

1,569

EXTERIOR		
TORCH RED	4,400 (20.7%)	3,495 (18.5%)
ARCTIC WHITE	3,866 (14.2%)	3,350 (14.6%)
BLACK	3,898 (11.7%)	2,505(15.4%)
RED MIST	2,583 (11.8%)	3,202 (9.3%)
HYPERSONIC GRAY	2,721 (8.6%)	2,409 (9.7%)
RAPID BLUE	2,158 (6.5%)	1,820 (7.4%)
AMPLIFY ORANGE	1,496 (7.2)	1,534 (6.8%)
CERAMIC MATRIX GRAY	1,302 (7.0%)	976 (5.9%)
ELKHART LAKE BLUE	1318 (7.1%)	922 (5.7%)
ACCELERATE YELLOW	991 (4.5%)	907 (5.2%)
SILVER FLARE	870 (4.4%)	825 (4.0%)
CAFFINE BROWN	282 (3.1%)	254 (3.4%)
CARBON FLASH	815 (2.1%)	1,133 (1.7%)
WHITE PEARL METALLIC	1,143 (5.4%)	2,510 (5.0%)

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DACKAGES	COUDE	CONVERTIBLE
DELIVERY		
U.S.	24,523	22,342
CANADA	1,482	1,697
MEXICO	105	47
MIDEAST	155	122
JAPAN	384	191
EUROPE	926	1,269
AUSTRAILIA	324	0
ISRAEL	28	6
SE ASIA	16	0
MUSUEM	·	
DELIVERY		
(RSC OPTION)	2,504	

#### The Corvettes and the owners who love them.

#### **Spotlight Your Corvette**

These articles and stories for the Editors Choice will be about the Corvettes.

Email me to include your story— email2ccr@gmail.com

This issue has a member article from Jack and Pat Borinski, a must read with fun Pics!



#### This year we will focus on Your Corvette (s)

This year, I will contact our CCR members and interview them about their Corvette.

Some questions to ponder...

Ordered and Museum Delivery! Wow

Aftermarket stuff — Why that color, is that a wrap?

What do you use to keep R clean?

More interesting tips to share on Tires!

Look for members interviews in the CCR Newsletter.

This Issue we have two "SPOTLIGHTS"

John and Susie Rhodes

**And Glenn Crider** 



# SPOTLIGHT John and Susie Rhodes



#### John & Susie Rhodes

#### "The Beginning"

Our first real interest came shortly after I retired when I was in my local gun shop when a new C6 arrived, the guy got and entered, open carry a rather large 45 ACP on his hip. I thought hell I can do that too by considering joining a club such as the Hells Angels. However, cooler heads, common sense prevailed, and we searched for a more moderate organization which ended up being CCR

Our first encounter with CCR was when we mailed the CRR Application and our check for the appropriate sum to the CCR. After a considerable time, we contacted the President by email and phone call. Finally, the President called insisting that they never received either the application or the check for membership.

Based on the President response we copied a copy of the application and both sides of the cancelled check and sent it to the President. Finally, we became members of CCR as we had already purchased the C5 once retired.

One of the early events was to Smith Mountain Lake for a 2-night stay for a car show on Saturday. We went to the Whitehouse for dinner only to find the parking lot full of Corvettes from a Maryland Corvette Club as both clubs had made reservations for 30 members. Restaurant Management believed that only 30 members would be coming instead of the now 60 members' total. Dinners we really delayed which gave everyone a chance to so-cialize, including some lighthearted ribbing by both clubs.

While waiting tall tales began to surface everywhere. One that's burned into my memory is Danny Terry getting a speeding ticket while driving to elementary school. Well, the kidding already started, Bubba, Danny and John began a great friendship from this event. The kidding continues even today. Sometimes you hear Danny and Bubba being referred to as my two stepsons. Since then, we have enjoyed the camaraderie and the social aspects of being Corvette of Richmond members and making new friends.

Yes, it is the "Car", "Corvettes" that attracts all to the club, but behind the scenes, it's the cruising with friends eating and socializing, developing more friendships with gray hair that are retired.

Many may know that I am recovering from extensive back surgery with a great nurse beside me. So, if you read this article and shake your head, I have a disclaimer that it's the drugs. But be assured that both of our present Corvettes are well maintained, checked on a regular basis, covered, and on battery tenders resting comfortably in our heated garage waiting for our first cruise of 2024. Hope to see all of you then.

#### Previously owned–Black c6 and Yellow c4





# Spotlight Glenn Crider



# CCR Newsletter 2024

#### Member's Chat A Corvette Story

#### As Told BY Glenn Crider

What Generation year Corvette (s) do you have?

I recently sold my "mint C3", so I now only have a C7 Grand Sport. It's a 2017 with the Z07 high performance chassis. Did I mention "she'll stop on a dime, and give you change"?

Is there a story you will share with us as to why you bought this and love this car?

I had my first Corvette before I turned 20... It was a 1969 convertible and pretty much a junk pile. Living paycheck to paycheck back then, we decided that we couldn't afford all the necessary repairs to keep it running. With the promise that later in life we would order a new one, we ordered Ruby in the fall of 2016 checking every box on the order form including Museum Delivery!

Do you have a special name for your corvette? This is Ruby. Her sister, "Amber" is now with a new owner.

Color – The color is Long Beach Red which is why "she" has the name "she" does...

Looks – can't stop looking at it. Especially in the winter, I'll just sit in the garage with a cold beverage checking out her beautiful lines!

Have you Tried other cars? When we were younger (early twenties), my sister had a MG and then a Datsun 240 Z... both cars fun to drive, but certainly not the car that I was driving! She was always quick to offer her car in exchange for an opportunity to drive my 1969 Corvette!

Share a tip with the group that you have found interesting about the Corvette. When it's "hammer time" I always ask passengers if they wear dentures and that they should be removed to prevent accidental swallowing their oral investment.

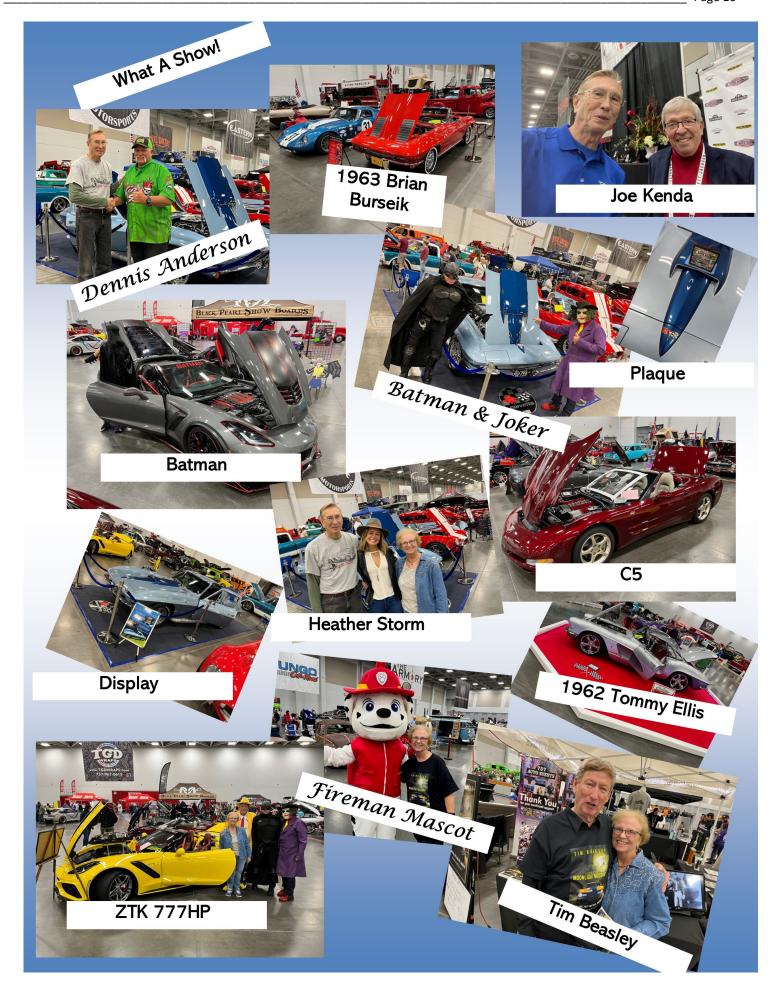


#### Member article by Jack Borinski

Jack and Pat Borinski recently returned from the Coastal Virginia Auto Show in Virginia Beach. They were invited to display their 1964 Corvette Coup in the show along with 200+ other entries. Over the three day period they had events planned all the time. From DJ's, musicians, games, give-a-ways, just built car reveals, NASA display, venders and celebrity guests. Dennis Anderson from Gravedigger, Heather Storm from Garage Squad, Tim Beasley a party planner, Lt. Joe Kenda from Homicide Hunter and Tom Cox from The Appraisers were all there speaking and signing autographs. Evil Diesel raffled off a customized Ford F350 pickup truck for charity. It was a really fun time checking out all the Corvettes, classics and different unique vehicles. The professional restorers of cars gave out special plaques and they received one for Outstanding Classic Build.

See fun picture on the next page!

Thank you Jack and Pat for sharing, looks like it was FUN!



## Proposed Events 2024

# FOR 2024 EVENT SUGGESTIONS FROM CCR MEMBERS

**Keep The WAVE Going!** 

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Welcome New Members:
Kim & Lisa Moneymaker
(Not pictured)



WINNERS in January

WINNER! 50/50 - John <sub>Easley</sub>

2024



WINNER! \$25 Restaurant

Ticket
David Hall

Rhett Riddle
Alan Lindsey
Penny Johnson
Norman Hayes
Walter Johnson
Jack Borinski
Larry Prokop
Charlene Stone
David Dolan
Ken Covington
Dan Raudabaugh

WINNER! - Cookies
Larry
Barker



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# Happy Birthday to those members celebrating! FEBRUARY



Joelyn Howard 1-Feb **Pat Brice** 2-Feb Michelle Carter 4-Feb **Rhett Riddle** 8-Feb Mike Minnicino 9-Feb Joyce Bateman 10-Feb Wylie DuBose 11-Feb Sandy DuBose 16-Feb **Chris Dowd** 18-Feb **Roderic Wingfield** 18-Feb **Robert Brendli** 19-Feb Willie Elder 19-Feb **Robert Buren Jr** 20-Feb James Thacker 23-Feb **Butch Bateman** 26-Feb **Lloyd Smith** 27-Feb **Michael Halstead** 28-Feb

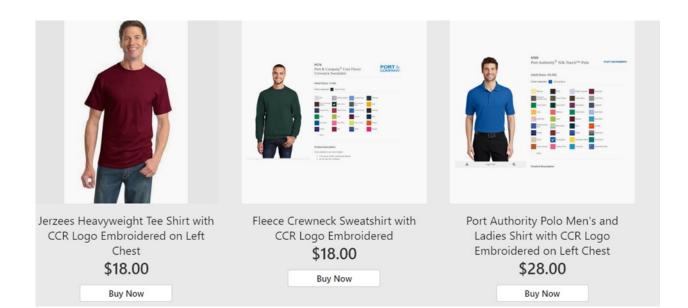
#### The Next Upcoming Events thru May 23,

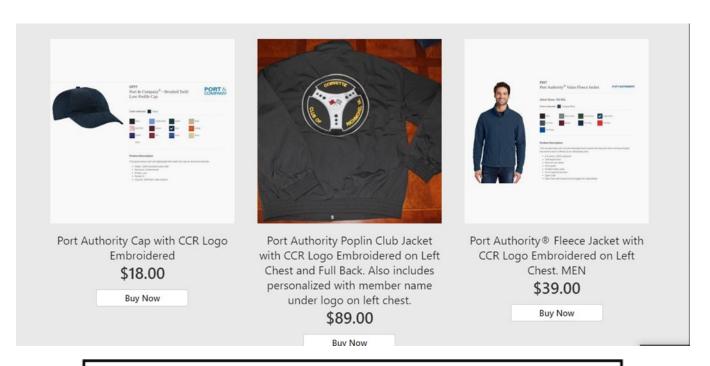
#### The Next 10 Upcoming CCR Events

#### February General Membership Meeting Fri, February 09, 2024 7:30 PM • Markel Building, 4521 Highwoods Parkway, Glen Allen, Virginia February Executive Board Meeting Thu, February 22, 2024 7:00 PM • Conference Call March General Membership Meeting Fri, March 08, 2024 7:30 PM • Grace Lutheran Church 13028 Harrowgate Rd Chester, VA 23831 March Executive Board Meeting Thu, March 21, 2024 7:00 PM • Conference Call April General Membership Meeting Fri, April 12, 2024 7:30 PM • Grace Lutheran Church 13028 Harrowgate Rd Chester, VA 23831 Cruise to Captain Billy's Crabhouse, Newburg Maryland Sat, April 20, 2024 1:15 PM • Captain Billy's Crabhouse, Newburg, Maryland April Executive Board Meeting Thu, April 25, 2024 7:00 PM • Conference Call <u>Zip Customer Appreciation Day</u> Sat, May 04, 2024 9:00 AM • Zip Products, 8067 fast Lane, Mechanicsville, VA 23111 <u>May General Membership Meeting</u> Fri, May 10, 2024 7:30 PM • Twin Hickory Bldg, 5326 Twin Hickory Rd Glen Allen VA 23059 May Executive Board Meeting

Thu, May 23, 2024 7:00 PM • Conference Call

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Other club clothing can be found on our <u>ONLINE STORE PAGE</u>

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meeting

## Order apparel



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**Buy Now** 



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\$30.00

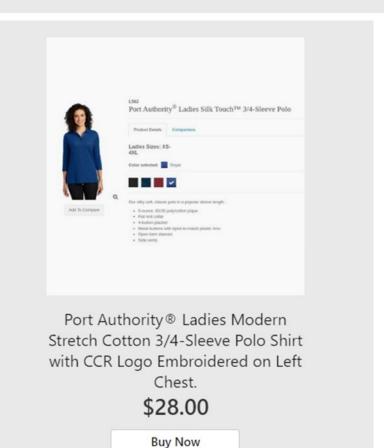
**Buy Now** 



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Help me clear out our stock.

We have the following available

Men's medium red zippered sweatshirt \$25.00

Men's XI fleece vest Navy Blue \$30.00

Men's Polo shirt XL light Blue \$28.00

Men's Polo shirt XL Med Blue \$28.00

Ladies Polo shirt Large Black \$28.00

Ladies large fleece jacket Navy Blue \$40.00

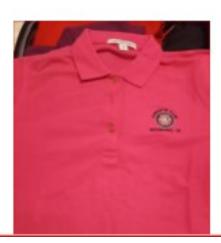
Ladies Polo shirt Medium Pink \$28.00

Ladies Polo shirt Medium Purple \$28.00

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