



January 2026 Newsletter

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*Virginia FCC Members, Representative Dick Cooley, will meet every 3rd Tuesday of each month in Galax, VA. Location TBA

*Next Club Meeting February 10, 2026 @Sagebrush Steakhouse. Address: 1302 South Collegiate Drive, North Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Board of Directors

Tony Guappone - Chairman

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Foothills Corvette Club Sponsors for 2026

McNeil Chevrolet of Wilkesboro

****Membership: Double check to make sure we have your correct address and phone number on file by January 31, 2026.**

****New directory for 2026 will be ready in March or April.**

****A big thank you to McNeil Chevrolet for the \$1000.00 check!**

****2026 Dues need to be paid by January 31, 2026 to avoid being taken off the email list and incurring a late fee.**

RESERVE YOUR SCOOTER FOR
the 37th Annual
RUN To The SUN
MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA

MARCH
19-20-21, 2026
Myrtle
Beach, SC



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MARCH 19-20-21, 2026

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EVENT COVERAGE BROADCAST ON RANAS RADAR GET ON THE RADAR! www.youtube.com/@RanasRadar



Featured in 2023-2025 on the LOKAR Car Show on Motortrend and MAVTV! And they will be back again in 2026!



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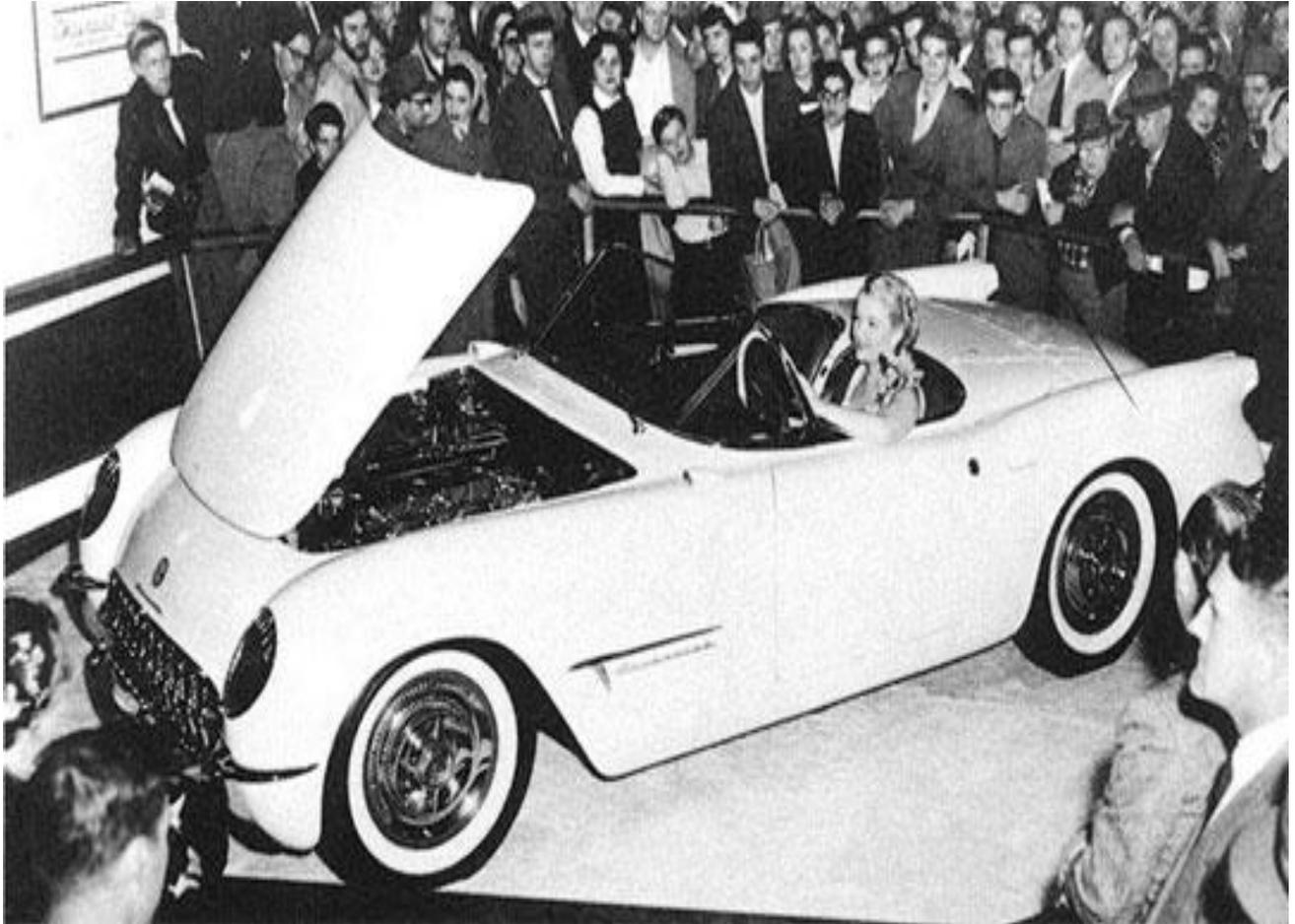
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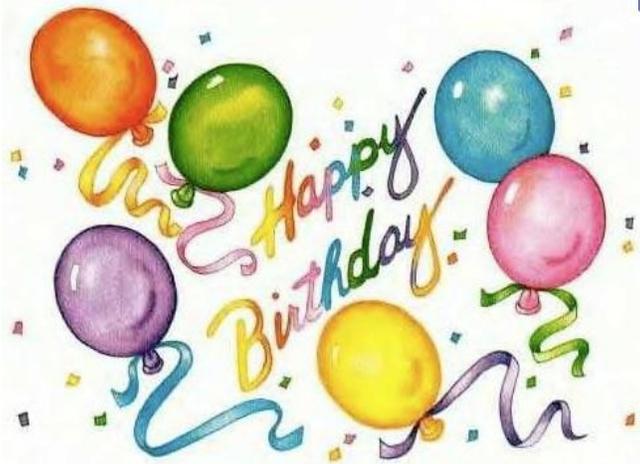
On January 17, 1953, a prototype Chevrolet Corvette sports car makes its debut at the General Motors' (GM) Motorama auto show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The Corvette, named for a fast type of naval warship, would eventually become an iconic American muscle car and remains in production today. In the early 1950s, Harley Earl (1893-1969), the influential head designer for GM, then the world's largest automaker, became interested in developing a two-seat sports car. At the time, European automakers dominated the sports car market. Following the debut of the Corvette prototype at the Motorama show in January 1953, the first production Corvette was completed at a Flint, Michigan plant on June 30, 1953. The car featured an all-fiberglass body, a white exterior and red interior, a relatively unremarkable 150-horsepower engine and a starting price tag of around \$3,500 (not including taxes or an optional AM radio and heater). In an effort to give the Corvette an air of exclusivity, GM initially marketed the car to invitation-only VIP customers. This plan met with less-than-desirable results, as only a portion of the 300 Corvettes built that first year were sold. GM dropped the VIP policy the following year; however, Corvette sales continued to disappoint. In 1954, GM built around 3,600 of the 10,000 Corvettes it had planned, with almost a third of those cars remaining unsold by the start of 1955.

There was talk within GM of discontinuing the Corvette; however, GM rival Ford launched the sporty two-seat Thunderbird convertible in 1955 and the car quickly became a hit. GM didn't want to discontinue the Corvette and look like a failure next to its Big Three competitor, so the car remained in production and performance enhancements were made. That same year, a Belgian-born, Russian-raised designer

named Zora Arkus-Duntov became head engineer for Corvette and put the car on a course that would transform it into a legend.



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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 ALAN STAFFORD

3 KAREN BRITTAIN

4 RUSSELL MAYBERRY

7 BARRY GORELICK

11 DAVID SHELTON

11 SHEILA GUAPPONE

18 CONWAY POWELL

18 MICHAEL CARRIGAN

27 LETHY YATES


**Happy
Anniversary**



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

NONE

RIDES/EVENTS

January 13- FCC Club Meeting @Sagebrush Steakhouse of Wilkesboro. Meal at 6 and meeting at 7.

January 24- Ride by Kendall Hendrix. Ride and go to North Wilkesboro Speedway for directory photos.

February 10- FCC Club Meeting @Sagebrush Steakhouse of Wilkesboro. Meal at 6 and meeting at 7.

March 10- FCC Club Meeting @Sagebrush Steakhouse of Wilkesboro. Meal at 6 and meeting at 7.

March Ride- Mark and Karen Brittain.

March 19-21 Run to the Sun Car show at Myrtle Beach, SC.

March 19-21 Corvette Expo. Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

April 14- FCC Club Meeting @Sagebrush Steakhouse of Wilkesboro. Meal at 6. Meeting at 7.

April 18- Cars and Coffee at McNeil Chevrolet of Wilkesboro.

April 23-25- 29th Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash. See Richard Kashinsky for details.

May- FCC Annual Cook out. Date and place to be determined.

**May 12- FCC Club Meeting @Sagebrush Steakhouse of Wilkesboro.
Meal at 6. Meeting at 7.**

**May 23- Shelton Vineyards Corvette Show. Meet at BP station of I-77
exit 96 at 9am.**

June 6- Corvettes at the Beach Show, Myrtle Beach, SC.

June 10- FCC Meeting. Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6. Meeting at 7.

July 14- FCC Meeting. Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6. Meeting at 7.

**August 11- FCC Meeting. Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6. Meeting at
7.**

August 27-29 Corvettes at Carlisle.

**September 8- FCC Meeting. Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6.
Meeting at 7.**

**October 13- FCC Meeting. Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6. Meeting
at 7.**

**October 15-17 1st Annual Corvettes at Broadway @Broadway at the
Beach. Myrtle Beach, SC>**

**October 17- Queen City Corvette Club Annual Car Show @Hendrick
Motorsports Complex.**

October "Run to the Colors at the North Wilkesboro Speedway."

24-Saturday – Corvette Show only!

25-Sunday – Leaving at 10am "Run to the Colors." Dinner

Be at Olde Beau in Sparta, NC.

**November 10- FCC Meeting Sagebrush Steakhouse. Meal at 6.
Meeting at 7.**

December- FCC Christmas Party TBA

Prayers

Jimmie Holyfield

Kendall and Derry Hendrix

Mary Jane Russell

Halene Miller

Rick and Brenda Jones

Michael and Delores Carrigan

Lori Gervasio

Ed and Sherry Allen

Betty Lovette

Lydia Powell

Eddie Ashbrook and Patty Wallat

Phil Garner

Conway Powell

Jimmy Pittman

Kelly Allen

John Clawson

Please keep all these above dedicated members in your prayers, and some that may not be mentioned. Please let me or Wanda know if I need to add more or take some off.



If you have a corvette or corvette parts for sale, please send an email with information and pictures to Lee Allen gizmo-24@hotmail.com (information will be advertised in the monthly newsletter)

Rick and Brenda Jones are selling their 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette. Automatic transmission with 111,613 miles. They are asking \$19,000.00 OBO. Please see attached photos below.



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1986 Corvette Hatchback Coupe (See photos below)

VIN#: 1G1YY0785G5102794

Engine: 5.7L - 350 cid

Automatic transmission

Silver with red leather interior

2 tops: see through; regular silver metal

110,000 miles

Believe only 4 owners in 40 years

Always garage kept - almost always a trophy winner!

Almost always serviced at Chevrolet dealerships

Have almost all repair receipts since purchase

Have General Motors original Shop Manual (this is expensive!)

Almost new tires in perfect shape

Replaced and updated Air Conditioning in 2024

New magnesium valve covers in 2024

New battery in 2026

Doesn't even need an oil change!

\$12,500

Call/Text Owner: Aileen 336-657-4651

Call/Text Previous Owner of 20+ years: Mac Russell 305-812-5161

(but if no answer, please leave a message)





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I joined for the cars, stayed because of the people”
Kendall Hendrix, President 2026