

# Corvette Club of Nova Scotia

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## Membership Numbers

131 members, 5 of which are lifetime  
150 cars

### Welcome to our new members:

Kevin Hurd, Beaver Bank – 1987 Maroon Convertible  
Terry Stewart, Hubbards – 2007 Yellow Coupe



"That strange sensation you're feeling is called coolness. Have you, by chance, bought a Corvette recently?"

C1 – 0  
C2 – 3  
C3 – 27  
C4 – 14  
C5 – 29  
C6 – 41  
C7 – 32  
C8 – 4

### Things you need to know...

**Breakfast Club** starts the 3rd Sunday of November – Smitty's, Bedford  
**Holiday Party** – **we are looking for ideas** – event to be held in January (send your ideas to any member of the Executive)

**Charity for 2022** will be Ronald McDonald House Charities Atlantic (as chosen at the AGM)

**PJ Drive** is in full force – donation drop off to Joan Butt; charity is Juniper House in Yarmouth

**2022 Calendar** – great Christmas gift – order now: gregbowie@hotmail.com

**2023 Corvette Z06 Reveal** – October 26

Send me your photo – make the front page!

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## AUTO SALES

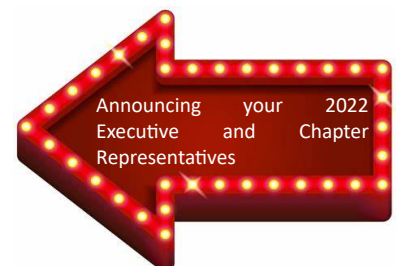


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## Message from the President

For those of you who were not at last Sunday's AGM meeting I was voted in as your President. I'm very honoured to have this title. I wrote a few words that morning and I'd like to share them with you.

Well isn't this a surprise. I never dreamed a few years ago when Ivan said he was going to join the Corvette club of Nova Scotia that any of this would lead to Ivan becoming president, let alone me.

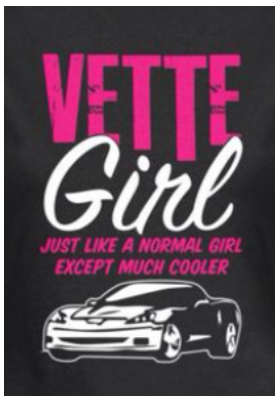
Thank you for the nomination. Female president!! Wow that's pretty awesome!!!! I may not know everything about the Corvette like past presidents, cough!! cough!!! – Ivan!! But I am surrounded by them, and I am always eager to listen and learn.

I also consider myself to be a very approachable and a people person. I enjoy having conversations with you all and hearing what your thoughts and concerns are so, please feel free to reach out to me.

Being a female president, I feel I can see things from a different perspective. I can relate to the wives that attend these functions, runs, and meetings. I can make these events a little more interesting, resulting in doing things that make the wives feel like they are a part of something special. After all, I came into this club because it was Ivan's thing and I wanted to do it with him. So between my ideas, and the help of my husband and vice president, I think you all are in great hands. Looking forward to 2022 and all the amazing things that we will do.

So let's come together, enjoy the cars and each other. Laugh until we can't breathe, take pictures and make memories to last a lifetime.

Amanda Hines  
President



In keeping with our female President, take a look:  
*(our first female President was Holly Poole)*

Vette Girls Magazine  
<https://www.pinterest.ca/vettegirlsc/female-corvette-owners/>

L.A.C.E - Ladies for the Advancement of Corvette Enjoyment  
<https://www.motortrend.com/features/vemp-0209-corvette-ladies/>

## 2022 Schedule of Events

(to be updated as dates and runs are known/confirmed)

Date	Event	Host(s)
		

### Meeting Place unless otherwise indicated:

Tim Hortons, Bedford Commons – 36 Verdi Drive. From Truro take TCH 102 to Exit 4C. Turn left at top of ramp. Straight through first lights, then right at the next light. Tim's will be on your left. From Halifax take exit 4C and turn right at the top of the ramp. Then right at the lights. It is suggested you arrive a few minutes early as times are for leaving the meeting point. Also please have enough gas so you don't need to stop the whole group to get gas. We run channel 5 on the GMRS radios.

### NCM Caravan 2024 – Registration opens on February 14, 2022

There will be a new Facebook group so as to not mix information with the previous 2019 Caravan page. The website is up: [www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/](http://www.corvettecaravan.com/new-england/)

Tentative events planned along the way to Bowling Green – !!! laps around Virginia International Raceway and a tour of Rick Hendrick's Car Collection!!!

Aug 20-Sept 3rd (approx dates), 2024

#### Notable dates:

- Aug 23-24 Corvettes at Carlisle - Gettysburg Wyndham, PA (2 nights)
- Aug 25 The Hotel Roanoke, VA (1 night)
- Aug 26 Embassy Suites, NC (1 night)
- Aug 27 Meadowview Marriott, TN (1 night)
- Aug 28-31 Holiday Inn Bowling Green, KY (4 nights)

*Show me the money!*



### Weekend Runs/Events

To host an event, please contact:

Contact: Greg Bowie  
gregbowie@hotmail.com

#### Registration:

\$475.00 couples registration fee. (US Funds) - \$255.00 singles registration fee. (US Funds)

Deposit of \$200.00 (US Funds) due at time of registering. Balance due July 15, 2024.

Registration Fee - Guarantees you a Room for all 9 nights (5 hotels) of the trip at the designated hotels. Hotel room registration will open 12 months out. Registration fee does NOT include cost of the rooms.

Registration Fee does include:

1. Dinner at The Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center, Roanoke, VA – Sunday evening August 25, 2024.
2. Dinner at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Concord, NC – Monday evening August 26, 2024.
3. Dinner at Meadowview Marriott Resort, Kingsport, TN – Tuesday evening August 27, 2024.
4. Lunch in the Atrium Holiday Inn (host hotel), Bowling Green, KY – Wednesday August 28, 2024
5. Dinner/Dance (Cowboy Up Western Theme) at the Sloan Center – Wednesday evening August 28, 2024.
6. New England Caravan Commemorative Route Book.
7. New England Caravan Dash Plaque and Name Tags.
8. New England Caravan Tote Bag.

More info to follow in the coming months.  
Start planning for this monumental event!

Ivan & Amanda Hines, Eastern Canada Leaders

*"That Corvette dealership has offered to pay for your counseling. Apparently, they saw you hugging and caressing one of their cars on the lot."*



# Vette Bios

Each Newsletter we would like to feature “your Corvette Bio” story. Where you have the opportunity to share your unique introduction into the Vette world – let us know how you came to own your first Corvette and any that followed. You can send your stories to Ivan, Darleen or any member of the Executive.

## Paul Bailey's Bio

My 1973 Corvette; back in 1991 I was a super excited 23 year old (I am now 53), for \$3500 I purchased this well used and abused Corvette for a full body off restoration. I had NO idea what I was getting myself into. As seen in Pic 1, it was originally white with an oxblood interior. When I brought it home, to my parent’s garage, my father told me I bought a good engine (none #'s matching 327/300hp) and 4 brand new tires. Over the next 3-4-5 years with lots of help from my father, who was a heavy-duty mechanic, we stripped the car, removed the body to the point we walked out of the garage with only the frame (Pics 2, 3, 4).

What I did not know was this car was rotten, all the classic issues a C3 will have. The frame needed to be replaced, the “bird cage” was rusted requiring a lot of rusted pieces to be cut out and replaced. My father and I worked at it mostly weekends as I lived in Halifax and the car was in his garage in Bridgewater, so we got to spend a lot of time together while I learn the tricks of the mechanical trade.

Then life got in the way, in 1996 I built a house, got married, bought sailboat(s) and rebuilt insurance write-off cars to be used as daily drivers as a hobby. By this time the Corvette was moved to my garage in Halifax, the frame/suspension completed, the engine installed and running with the body mounted. I would tinker with it every once in awhile and started the engine but I was making very slow progress in getting it completed.

Then in 2007, tragedy, my father passed away from leukaemia. Before he passed away, I remember talking to him about ALL the work we did, the trips to the US, Corvette Carlisle, the Corvette Museum and the planning and searching for all parts I had. I ask him what I should do .... His answer was to sell everything and go to the States and buy a Corvette that I could use, enjoy and be happy driving. I remember going to the garage many times and staring at this thing that gave me so many happy memories (I proposed to my wife (now X), sitting in that car); frustration, disappointment and an empty wallet. I decided that any other Corvette I bought I would always think about the one my dad and I started .... and never finished. So, I dug deep (in my wallet) and decided I HAD to finish this Corvette, the way I wanted, and as perfect as I could afford.

It was at this time I was introduced to Mike MacKenzie. Without his help, I am sure I would still be sitting in the garage today trying to put this thing together. He was a great help and a great friend, I learned a lot from him. When it came time for paint, I wanted only the best. I took the car to Overall Collision in Dartmouth. I had all the many layers of paint stripped off, using a razor blade so the body needed a lot of work. It took them 3 months of working day and night to deliver the Hugger Orange car of my dreams. I was very impressed with the work they did, but one “pays” for quality, it was worth every nickel.

10 years ago, I FINALLY finished this car. As a joke, I like to think of it as a long-term investment, but this Corvette will never, in my lifetime, reach the value of what I put into it. But that’s the point, for me it's not the \$\$ value, it’s the value of the memories = priceless. ....



*It's hard to forget someone  
who gave me so much to  
remember.*



## Run for the Hills (Part 1) – Getting There is Half the Fun?

Early in the planning of the “Run For The Hills” Cabot Trail event this month, Doug Butt asked if Nancy & I would lead a group from HRM to Baddeck since he and Peter Arsenault would be in Baddeck a day early and be unable to do so. No problem I said, imaging in my mind about 12 - 15 cars. It certainly did not take long for that vision to change as registrations grew and 26 cars were teed up to travel from the mainland to Cape Breton. OK I thought, I’m up for the challenge.

Well apparently I wasn’t. I completely underestimated the COVID effect as I quickly found out that nobody was interested in feeding 50 people for lunch. Plan B... split the numbers and delegate upwards to our President, Ivan Hines, to lead half of the group. Ivan graciously accepted the task. Relief (or at least I thought).

To make the trip a bit more interesting I decided that we would leave a bit earlier than necessary and take a detour via Route 19 after crossing the causeway. Nancy & I had travelled this route back in August and thought that lunch at either the Celtic Music Centre, the Red Shoe Pub or the Glenora Inn & Distillery would be good options. So let’s get it booked. Ring, ring, ring... answering machines x 3. No returned messages. Next day, two answering machines but one live connection... oh, you will have to talk with XXXXX but she isn’t here right now. No call backs. New idea... send a message through their websites. Success, I got responses... we’re not sure if we will be open so call back in two weeks, no we don’t take reservations, sorry the dining room is closed. Arrg!

So, by the process of elimination we would have to wing it without a reservation. Luckily a call to the Celtic Music Centre a couple of weeks later rewarded me with someone actually answering the phone and we finally had a lunch reservation. With more certain timing now in hand, I also managed to book a private group tour of the Glenora Distillery, again all through e-mails. In the end I think everyone who travelled with us enjoyed the scheduled stops... some fiddle & piano music at lunch, a distillery tour that went well past the normal length of time due to so many questions from the group and a nice travel cross country to Baddeck on a very smooth and winding Route 252.



As I reflected more upon the trip after our return home, two thoughts kept nagging me. What's happened to the tourism industry when you have to struggle and be persistent just to make contact? And secondly, how much time and effort was required by Doug and Peter to put on such a well organized weekend? I think we all know the answer to that one; I most certainly do.

Rick Latimer



## Run for the Hills (Part 2) – Getting To the Fun

The genesis of the trip to Cape Breton occurred in the summer of 2019 after seeing reference to one while going through some old CCNS minutes. Well now, that certainly sounds like fun! A quick check and an Exec ask-around determined that CCNS had last done this in 2016; Matt Meade provided some of the flyers showing what had been done although information on how it had been done was lacking.

Brought formally to the Exec for approval in principle at the 2019 AGM, a green light was received for the idea, so it was time to start things in motion. A call for volunteers quickly brought three; one of whom was willing to lead the drive up if that helped (thanks Rick) and the second who shortly thereafter withdrew the offer. Otherwise all was quiet on the western front... The third volunteer, Peter Arsenault, had been on the previous Cape Breton trip and thus would be a valuable source of background information. Additionally, he and I had worked for the same "company", so we would inherently have a similar approach to PFTW/HFTB planning (Plan For The Worst/Hope For The Best). Also, we both figured that we could sweet talk our spouses to help us out if required – a most likely event. Thus it was agreed, let's do this!

In simplest terms, the intent was simple: to execute a trip around the trail for CCNS members over a Fall long weekend which would be conducted in three phases, the trip up, the trip around and the trip home; throughout, safety considerations would be paramount. The initial plan for a long weekend run around the Cabot Trail had it occurring over the Labour Day weekend due to a conflicting personal commitment in October. So as to avoid duplication of effort; Peter was to focus on the accommodation and food services aspects, thus leaving me free to focus on all the other aspects of the trip including Exec approval, budget, communications with local community, police and park officials, as well as media relations and overall route timings...you get the idea. Additionally, we backed each other up so that if anything removed us from play, the other could easily step in and take over. Remember, PFTW/HFTB!

Several possible options were then considered as to where to stay and where to eat. In the end, it was decided that it would be easiest to arrive just once, unpack just once and repack/depart just once. A virtual search of the Trail area showed Baddeck to be the best location from which to operate.

Then, in March of 2020, COVID reared its head. RFTW/HFTB. What to do...

Ultimately, given the public health restrictions put in place, the decision was made to delay the trip until 2021, a delay that also permitted the trip to now be planned over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Throughout the summer of 2020, planning for the trip continued and a Trip Advisor search identified the Silver Dart Lodge in Baddeck as a prime venue. Additionally, Peter's recollection was that lunch at a restaurant along the Trail had taken some 2 1/2 hours, so an alternative "quicker" solution would need to be found. What to do...

In September 2020, a three-day trip was planned for Peter and I and our spouses to travel to Cape Breton with our Vettes to physically check out the Lodge, its facilities, the surrounding area and conduct a "dry run" of the Trail to test our planned concept of operations. If all checked out OK, we would then finalize a block booking deal at the Lodge before heading home. In the end, other than discovering that a significant road portion of Smokey and its look out was under major construction (down to bare gravel in fact – sorry Peter) along with a much smaller stretch of the highway on the western end which was also under repair, the Trail checked out OK. A meeting with CB Highlands National Park officials gave us a thumbs-up as well, no issues whatsoever with our plan, as was the case with the Lodge and its facilities....other than the fact some accommodation buildings were closed as was their restaurant operation due to the pandemic. However, on-site food services were key to the plan. What to do...

Still employing the PFTW/HFTB approach, the trip was put out on the street with registration opening as advertised in the spring. In view of the fact that on-site food services, specifically breakfast and an all-participants supper after the Trail run, were considered absolutely essential, 1 Aug was selected as a go/no go decision point. If, by 1 Aug, the Lodge's restaurant wasn't going to be operating, then the trip and all the reservations made, would slip further to Thanksgiving 2022. Planning continued while we kept our fingers crossed. PFTW/HFTB!

By 1 August, it was apparent that the owners were not going to open the Lodge's restaurant. Equally apparent were the facts that COVID appeared to be reasonably managed in Nova Scotia, that CCNS demand had exceeded the block-booking limit and that folks were sorely looking forward getting out and doing something. Could we change venues and still do the trip in 2021? What to do...

A further Trip Advisor search showed that Auberge Gisele's Inn (AGI) in Baddeck had an operating kitchen and ample facilities. Additionally, AGI were prepared to provide box lunches to facilitate a quick picnic style lunch stop around the Trail – perfect! By coincidence, Peter and I, and our "we're still in it with you" spouses, were off to the west coast of Newfoundland for a few days visit so, in early August, we made initial contact with a phone call to AGI management and stopped in on our way by. The meeting and on-site visit went exceptionally well and we told them we would be back to confirm a decision in a few days. Until then, mum was to be the word. While in Newfoundland, Peter and I made sure that we were comfortable with all aspects of the venue change; which in the end we were. On the way home, we again stopped in Baddeck to concurrently deliver our



decision to management at both the Silver Dart Lodge and AGI. The path forward had now been set.

As AGI could give us an almost unlimited number of rooms as all bus tours had been cancelled, we set our block booking limit at 35 rooms in order to hopefully allow all CCNS members who wanted to go, the opportunity to participate. In the end, we topped out at 33; no one was left at home.

With Peter, aided by Terri, now working hard to prepare and promulgate coordinating instructions to shift reservations over to AGI and ascertain box lunch and meal orders from all participants, I focused on keeping up to date with the ever evolving public health protocols, securing a welcome package and having a media statement released that included word of our “parade pass” through Baddeck. Concurrently, Rick was busy addressing the issues associated with bringing a group this size up to Baddeck during a pandemic and, with Ivan’s assistance (thanks again Ivan), it was all beginning to come together. Throughout, we cross checked lists of names to ensure we all had the same info.

The issue of group size, some 33 Vettes, would also be a challenge for the Trail run. Safe parking space for that number of vehicles during a high-traffic weekend at Trail look outs and the time required to run 60 people through rest and lunch breaks were real issues. In the end, these challenges were solved by breaking the pack into two groups; a concept that proved itself perfect for the Trail run.

With the big pieces addressed, it was now time to focus further on a plan for where to have lunch around the Trail and what we might do to make the meet and greet (M&G) more than just a bar event. Lunch at any picnic stop would work in fine weather, but what about on a windy, cold and wet day; and what about washroom facilities? What to do...

A virtual google street view “drive” of the mid-point area of the Trail for a large, public facility with a hall identified the Cabot Volunteer Fire Hall as such a place; and contact with their Fire Chief quickly confirmed their willingness to assist us in every way. PFTW/HFTB.

With the lunch stop resolved, it was on to that of the M&G. That’s when Joan came up with the idea of having a Ladies Raffle which eventually grew to include items of interest for the men as well. While gracious donations of items were received from nine members of the Club (thanks again to each and everyone of you), Joan had an even bigger vision in mind and set-out to hit up relatives and a few local businesses to donate a number of items that were on the tables and available for winning on Saturday evening. Thanks Joan for spearheading this event.

Last minute planning during the days before the trip saw our CCNS banner being shipped to Baddeck and contact being made with the RCMP and with National Parks staff for park maps. “What about the required day visitor passes?” the Park staff asked, “What day visitor passes I asked?” What to do...

On Thursday, 7 October, Peter and I, our spouses, and two very fully loaded Vettes, headed up to Baddeck under sunny skies with perfect long weekend weather being forecast. PFTW/HFTB!

On Friday morning, we all conducted a walk-through of the M&G area to have tables arranged and details finalized for the check-in. The lady who prepared our Welcome packages called to ask if we could amend our parade pass route slightly to go by the home of her father-in-law who would be celebrating his 91st birthday on Saturday – no sweat, too easy. At the same time, Peter verified the agreement with AGI as to the check-in process that would enable all participants to have their proof of vaccination verified and receive their keys, meal cards, day park passes and a marked Trail map, all without having to see AGI staff. Then it was off to the RCMP to verify plans for the parade pass. “What parade pass?” the attending RCMP constable said. What to do...

The rest of Friday afternoon was spent doing a last chance “snake check” around the Trail and pre-purchasing day park passes. At the same time, Victoria County confirmed the release of their media statement the previous day, and Destination Cape Breton made contact to detail plans for drone coverage at the Smokey Lookout on Sunday morning. A visit and walk-thru of the Cabot Fire Hall confirmed the suitability of their facilities for our use and inspection of the parking area across the street resulted in their volunteering to have it “graded” before our arrival on Sunday. We left them a \$125 donation for their wonderful help. We also stopped in to the General Store and at Flora’s to make them aware of our planned visit on Sunday. Interestingly enough, they had already heard that we were coming. How word travels in a small community!

Given the number of Corvettes involved with the Trail run and the finite parking capacity of the Cabot Fire Hall, Peter and I also had to work out a way to ensure that the two groups would not be there at the same time. This matter was significantly complicated by the fact that there was a large area of the Trail immediately to the west of the Fire Hall that offered no form of wireless coverage whatsoever. In the end, a procedure of SITREPS (situation reports) at known Trail points (C1 to C8) kept us in touch and resulted in the two-group pass occur at it’s intended location. Too cool!

Back in Baddeck, Friday night saw the four of us marking Trail maps, putting together welcome packages, having a last minute meeting with AGI management to see about dedicated CCNS use of the back parking lot, putting out raffle items and waiting for the RCMP to call about the parade pass escort.

On Saturday, we gave our Vettes a final wash, put the final touches on the raffle tables and the reception area and placed the Corvette Club of Nova Scotia banner out in front of the Inn. AGI staff confirmed that their drone was good to go, and contact was made with both Rick and Ivan to get a better ETA for their groups. Then, just as the groups arrived and while the AGI drone flew overhead and the CCNS members were in the process of getting an in-brief and receiving their welcome packages, the RCMP called. They were good to go with the parade pass and the RCMP escort cruiser would be there at exactly the time we’d asked, 4:00. PFTW/HFTB

With that resolved, all our planning was completed and, right on time, it was time to start the fun!

Doug Butt

# Run for the Hills (Part 3) – The Fun



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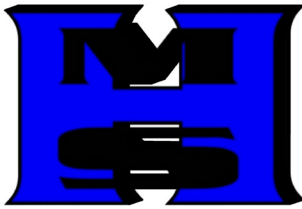
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