

2023 — Welcome September

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Official Newsletter of the Corvette Club of Richmond



Looking Forward To An Awesome Ride in 2023!

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## Message from the President of CCR – Paul Murman

Greetings,

For many of us, Labor Day weekend is the unofficial end of summer. School is back in session and many of the local pools and amusement parks close for the season. The days are getting shorter and the weather is beginning to cool. But, Corvette season and CCR is still going strong.

Here's a thought. There are only 112 shopping days left before Christmas, and only 99 days until the CCR Christmas Party, which is Saturday, December 9, 2023. The party will be held again at Oaklawn. There is a cost to attend, but all the proceeds will be used to benefit a local charity. You must register and pay by November 10, 2023 to attend the event.

In November the membership will vote and elect the 2024 Board of Directors. Some of the current Board members are willing to serve another term, but the Sargent of Arms position is vacant. If you are willing to fill this position, or if you are interested in running for any other Board position, you may notify Dean Maddern, chair of the nominating committee. Let him know which Board position you are interested in. At the November meeting, the committee will present to the membership those persons willing to serve.

I want to extend a special "thank you" to the Mike and Peggy Todd for their hosting of the August after-meeting social. They graciously opened their home to the CCR family. The food and fellowship they provided was outstanding. If you did not attend, you missed a wonderful event.

As a special reminder, the September meeting and the November meeting will be held at The Twin Hickory building in Glen Allen. We met at this facility a few times in 2022 when our other meeting place was not available so this is not a "new" meeting place. Thank you to Lucy Lindsey for again arranging for the membership to meet at this location.

It is said that life is a journey, so for me, I'd prefer to make the trip in a Corvette with my special gal Gayle as my co-pilot.



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# Membership Meeting Place

# 2023

Get 2023 info

<https://corvetteclubofrichmond.org>



## Next General Membership Meeting

September 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Friday, Sep 8th 2023

**Friday, September 8th!**  
**@ 7:30pm**



[email2ccr@gmail.com](mailto:email2ccr@gmail.com)

## September General Membership Meeting

When **Fri, September 08, 2023**  
7:30 PM

Location Twin Hickory Bldg, 5326  
Twin Hickory Rd Glen  
Allen VA 23059

### Registration

- **Members Meeting**

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!)

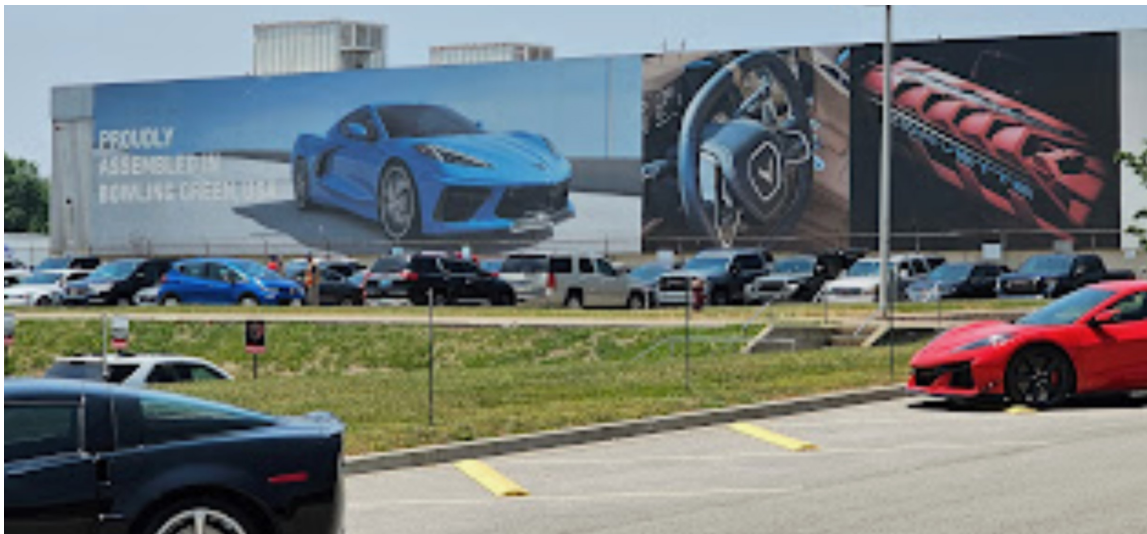
See you there!



## Revs & Rumbles @ the NCM

By Barry Roper, NCM Ambassador / Lifetime Member #2415

It comes as no surprise that when CORVETTES are mentioned in almost any article, the content is usually focused on the cars' appearances, capabilities, options, modifications, and/or racing performances. These writings often reference happenings occurring at the National Corvette Museum or across I-65 at the Motorsports Park. However, there is a third leg on our Bowling Green stool that is less consistently featured and that's the Assembly Plant.



As of June 1, 2023, Chevrolet Corvette production marked forty-two years at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The first year of manufacture for the first generation Corvette took place in Flint, MI, but by the second year, the process had moved to St Louis, MO, where it remained for the next twenty-seven years.

Production was initiated June 1, 1981, in Bowling Green and by 1983, the 750,000th Corvette had rolled off the line in Bowling Green (but as a 1984 model). As interest in the Corvette continued to increase, the one-millionth car (a white convertible with red interior) was produced on July 2, 1992. GM invested millions in the plant by 2005 in preparation for the C6 model changeover.



During this time, Bowling Green was producing nearly 40,000 Corvettes a year and the 1.5 millionth vehicle rolled off the line during the C6 production run. Note: that distinguished Corvette remained on display in the NCM but was unfortunately totaled in the 2014 sinkhole event!

GM investment in the Plant continued in 2012 with \$131 million in renovations for the C7 changeover, and, with the included technology and retooling, resulted in over 250 new jobs. Another update benefit allowed building the aluminum frames for the Corvette in-house for the first time. In 2013, the Performance Build Center originally operating in Wixom, MI, was moved to Bowling Green, creating the only facility to operate both vehicle and powertrain assembly under the same roof. This amazing accomplishment was followed by an equally incredible all new 450,000 sq ft paint shop which officially opened its doors in 2017.

When production of the 2020 mid-engine C8 began in 2019, immediate customer demand was so great that a second shift had to be added resulting in an addition of over 400 new jobs.

However, significant, and unforeseeable difficulties were on the horizon for the Plant as 2020 began its run....



As 2020 production began in 2019 and after only a brief start, a GM-UAW strike silenced the process after only a few units were constructed. Orders for the C8 Corvettes began to pile up as negotiators struggled to mollify Union issues. GM lost \$3.6 billion from what turned out to be a 40 day strike. Production eventually resumed but a second shutdown occurred thereafter due to COVID restrictions. As months passed and protective measures allowed workers options to resume their positions, the dreaded 'supply chain shortages' began to surface and particularly chip shortages slowed Corvette production yet again and intermittently thereafter.

What else could possibly happen? December 2021, an EF-3 tornado struck Bowling Green and the Assembly Plant sustained a direct hit @ 1:30 AM. The severe damage included extensive flooding, a fire, significant roof damage, and many damaged vehicles. Amazingly, *within one week*, Corvettes were moving along the assembly line and out the door to the multitude of waiting customers.

So these and other stories of perseverance and resilience have characterized the Bowling Green Assembly Plant teams for some 42 years. Later this year, the Corvette E-Ray, electrified and with all-wheel drive, will be in production along with Stingray and Z06 models. Brave new world...!

**(Credits to Allie Gordon, Hx of BG Assembly Plant, America's Sports Car, 2nd quarter 2023)**

**Lew Carter's Memorial Service**

March 19, 1949 — August 4, 2023

Chase City, Virginia

On Saturday, August 19, Paul Murman, Mike and Peggy Todd, Dan and Patti Whidden, John and Susie Rhodes, Bubba and Donna Carr, Larry and Robin Williams, Walter and Penny Johnson and Carter and JT Thacker met at the Exxon on Boydton Plank Road to caravan to the service. JT had reached out to me that Wednesday morning before and said he would really like to do a cruise for Lew but had no clue how to do it and it was too late to even think about it now. I quickly emailed him back and said it's never too late JT, let me see who I can round up in the club to caravan with us. Since Walter is from that area, we decided to OD the event. As quick as I sent something out to the members, people started replying they would want to join us. We were surprised to find out that Carter and JT wanted to meet us at the location and travel down with us, so we asked Carter (Lew's Grandson) to lead the pack. We headed down I85 South to South Hill Exit onto Route 1 and then to Route 47 into the cemetery. Walter and I was the back car and let the others know by radio where the speed traps were, Oh I meant where the speed limits changed ten times or so.



I contacted the funeral home on that Thursday to let them know Corvette Club of Richmond was coming and they had designated parking in the circle of the Mausoleum for us. We arrived at 12:40 pm and greeted Michelle and Ashley. Michelle was decked out in her red CCR apparel and embraced all of us. JT (son-in-law) Carter and Haylee (grandchildren) also had on corvette t-shirts. You know Lew always like to wear his khaki shorts and t-shirts, so that was one of his wishes for people to dress casual and have a up beat service. He even asked the Pastor to wear shorts, but the Paster said he couldn't do that, but would dress casual.

We met a lot of Lew's family and friends, of forgot to say, Michelle had Lew's red corvette there also.

As I was planning to go for the service I thought about where we could go as a group to have some lunch after the service. I found a place called Lois', never been there, had great reviews on line and a variety of food. I called them and asked if they could accommodate 15 people on Saturday around 2pm and they said sure, come on by, and we did. They really had a variety of food for everyone to choose from and everyone enjoyed their meals. After lunch everyone headed back to Richmond, some going Route 460 to Route 360.

So, I'm just saying this to let all members know if you want to support a fellow member and their families when a member passes away, just reach out to any of the board members, and we can make it happen!

In Memory of Lew Carter, Gonna miss you Guy!

Submitted by:

Walter and Penny Johnson



# BANNERS



## CORVETTE STORY BOARDS

The club will auction off Corvette Story Boards. There is one for each generation from first to sixth.

The boards are 38in wide x 84in tall.

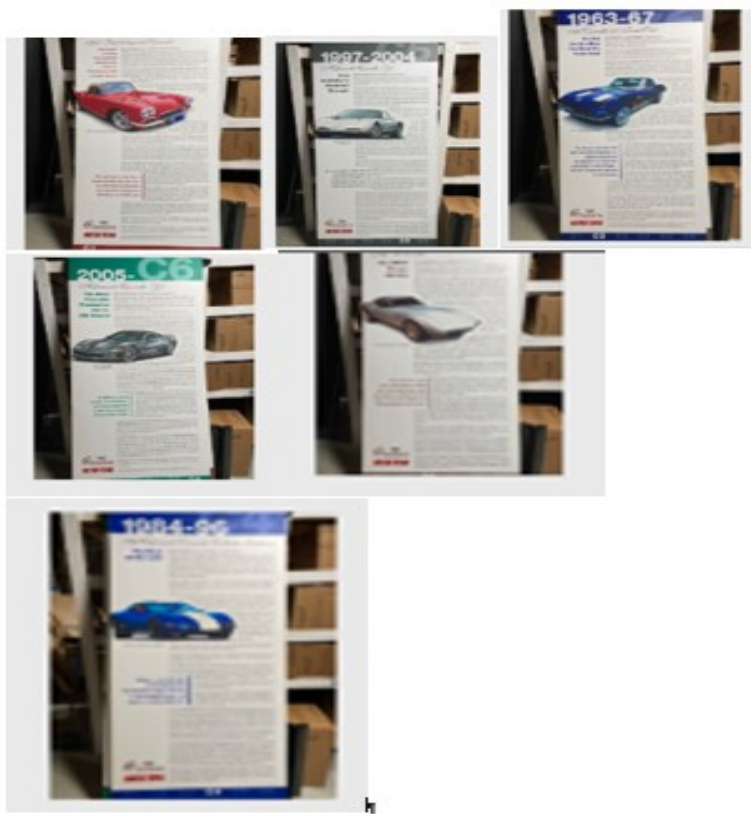
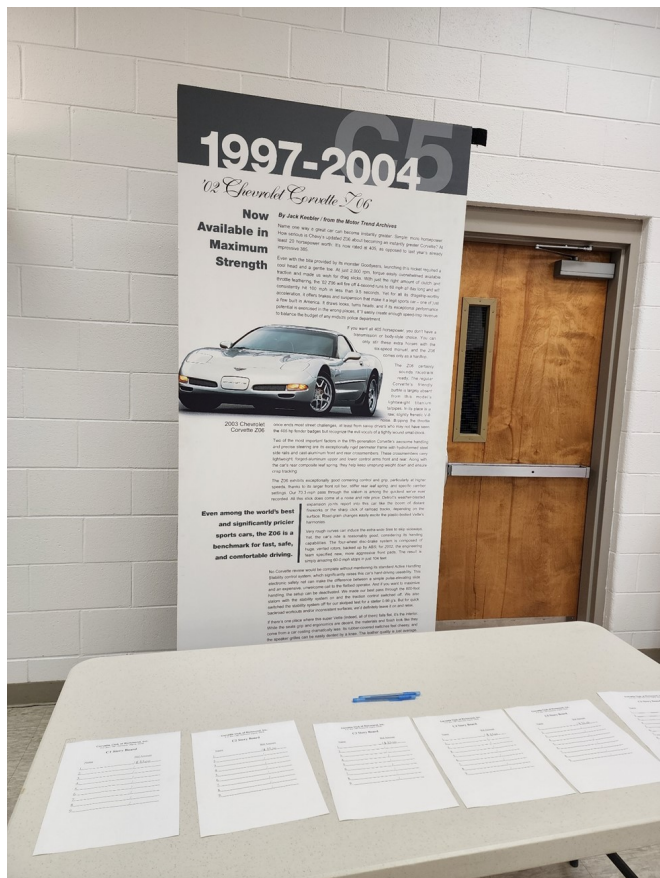
They each have a separate metal stand base.

The bidding will be in the form of a silent auction. The auction sheets will be available at the next four meetings starting on July 14th and will end during the October 13th's club meeting.

**Bidding on the boards is only available at the club meeting.**

Pick-up arrangements by the winning bidder will be made at the October meeting.

Pictures of the boards are at the bottom of this email and can also be viewed on the Club website in the Member's Only section!



**Silent Auction Sign Up Sheets At All Meetings**

## The Corvettes and the owners who love them.

### “C Series” Showcase— August

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

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



The smell of fall is in the air, wonderful fall foliage is not here yet, but soon those leaves will be painted and what a wonderful time to get your Corvette out and just Cruise the back roads and take in all that beauty.

Below—The Cruise to TRUMP Winery in August—...THIS LINEUP NEVER GETS OLD!



Just looking on Line...

**OMG**, I just looked at the C8 —2024 Corvette Stingray Convertible W/251 Performance Package.... OUCH on the price, But WOW , easy on the eyes. *(Don't worry Allen, I was just getting a noteworthy news article for the Newsletter:)*



Lucy Lindsey . CCR Newsletter Editor

## CCR Christmas Party 2023!

*Please join our annual*

# *Christmas Party*

*Saturday, December 9th, 2023  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM*

*Hosted by: Corvette Club of Richmond*

*Oaklawn  
9102 Shady Grove Rd  
Mechanicsville, VA 23116*

*Ticket Deadline November 10th  
Register online or at an upcoming  
Membership Meeting*

*Hors d'oeuvres Served  
BYOB & Set Ups!*

*Members \$10 Non-Member \$15  
All proceeds will benefit  
a local Charity!*

## Corvette — What Are They Named After

The Chevy Corvette is now one of the most well-known names in the motoring world, but many people do not actually know where the Corvette name comes from, as it wasn't simply something Chevrolet just pulled out of a hat.

The Corvette namesake actually originates in Enlightenment Era warships, dating back to the 17th century with the fast and strong ships being a crucial part of any navy that chose to use them.

With a single tier of guns, the warships still remain popular with modern navies to this day, with the ships now having a better design and more armor, and that is what the car is named after.

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## There Is Only One 1983 Model

For the most part, Chevrolet is very organized when it comes to releasing its cars and ensuring that they are correctly advertised, but the 1983 Corvette didn't quite go to plan as Chevy would have liked.

The company originally created a brochure for the 1983 cars, but production was pushed back for retooling and other reasons, and instead, Chevrolet moved on to the 1984 model of the Corvette instead.

But 43 pilot cars were still built, and all but one ended up being destroyed, with the final car now being kept in a museum for people to visit and check out the historic vehicle.

**Articles from National Corvette Museum**



# Trump Winery

Trump Winery Is a Winner.....

... with the Corvette Club of Richmond, for the fabulous visit to Trump Winery, which CCR members enjoyed, on Saturday, August 12!

A total of 36 CCR members, and guests, gathered that Saturday morning, to journey to the exclusive Trump Winery, located in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was a beautiful, but very warm Saturday morning, when we held the driver's meeting, before heading out in 18 Corvettes to travel 64 miles over scenic country roads. Within one and a half hours, we arrived at the grand entrance to Trump Winery. As we passed through the gate, we took the winding Albermarle House Drive up and around, through the vineyards, arriving at the highest point of the estate, where lies the Trump Winery Vineyards Tasting Room. Once the Carriage House of the Kluge Estate, this magnificent edifice has been converted to the Trump Winery Tasting Room, which enjoys a beautiful overlook of the vineyards, and ponds below.

Trump Winery was gracious enough to offer parking for our 18 Corvettes within the Trump Winery Courtyard. The shiny Corvettes were carefully staged for a terrific photo opportunity, and an all-Corvette car show, also enjoyed by other vineyard guests.

Our CCR members had a reserved tasting room awaiting us, where we ordered our wine selections, and chose from the enticing variety of the winery menu options.

Much food, fellowship, and fun were had! Thank you to all our CCR members and guests who participated! Another CCR experience proving once again, that this Corvette Club travels on its stomach! Ain't nothin' better than Vettes and Vittles!

Kirby and Marcie Montgomery, OD's









## Glen Allen Day Parade – October 7, 2023

### O.D. Dave Dolan



At this writing, we have only 6 Vettes signed up for the parade – not much of a representation of the **Corvette Club of Richmond** when we are a club of about 150 families (*and more than 150 cars*). This isn't a huge parade – heck, it's not a parade celebrating Memorial Day, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July or even Christmas. It's small time and really not very important to most of us. I'm asking (*begging even!*) you to reconsider and join us on Saturday, October 7 (*to make CCR not look so rinky-dink*).



Meet at our house at 8 am (4148 Old Springfield Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 – **804-640-9338**). Grab some coffee and a quick bathroom break. At 8:30 we'll drive a mile down the road to our staging area where we can decorate our cars. Because we are **America's Sportscar**, we like to dress up our cars with flags, balloons or other patriotic decorations. Step-off is at 9:30.

The parade route is very short -- we drive down Mountain Road and turn into Crump Park where we'll park to undecorate. You can stay and enjoy the day's festivities or you can follow Dave to **JJs Grille** in the Crossridge Shopping Center at 10298 Staples Mill Road.

**Please...we're counting on you to do CCR proud again this year!**



## Possible List Of Events For 2023

No. ▾	Possible Dates ▾↑ Dates May Change	Possible Events for 2023	OD Name ▾
<b>17</b>	<b>16-Sep</b>	<b>Duncan's Classic Car Show &amp; Farmhouse Res</b>	<b>Todd's</b>
18	16-Sep	Goochland Sheriffs Car Show (NSE)	NSE
19	17-Sep	Compass Christian Church Charity Event	NSE
20	17-Sep	Battlefield Corvette Corvette Show (NSE)	NSE
<b>21</b>	17-Sep	Compass Christian Church Car Show (NSE)	NSE
22	<b>30-Sep</b>	<b>Rocco' Restaurant, Williamsburg, VA</b>	<b>Williams</b>
23	1-Oct		
24	<b>7-Oct</b>	<b>Glen Allen Day Parade</b>	<b>Dolan's</b>
<b>25</b>	12-Oct	VIR Full Course Track Day	NSE
26	14-Oct	Michie Tavern, Charlottesville	???
27	24-Oct	Zip Corvettes @Chattanooga TN, Motor Festi	NSE
28	<b>21-Oct</b>	<b>Tims Crabhouse, Mineral VA</b>	<b>Rhodes</b>
<b>29</b>	21-Oct	Annual Queen City Corvette Car Show	NSE
30	11-Nov	Cruise Park Lane Restaurant, Fredericksburg VA	
31	<b>2-Dec</b>	<b>Virginia Beach Event (Overnight)</b>	<b>Rhodes</b>
32	<b>9-Dec</b>	<b>Xmas Party</b>	<b>PJM / PJ</b>
Events that are in Bold Print are fixed dates for the Event			

**No New Members  
Look Here in October for September New Members**

**...Maybe A New Member would have one of These!**



TopGear | Genovation's mad electric Corvette will do 354kph

**WINNER! - Cookies**  
**John Rhodes**



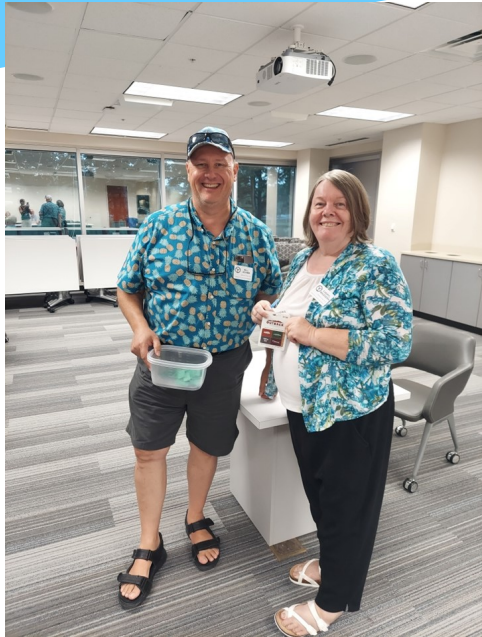
**WINNERS in 2023**

**WINNER!**



**WINNER!**

**\$25 Restaurant Dinner Ticket**  
**Restaurant— Cheryl Madden**



**50/50— Wesley Bennett**

**\$5 Hand Shake**

**WINNER!**  
**Norman Hayes**



**Cookies Newsletter  
Article  
Dave Dolan**



**Cookies**

**WINNER!**  
**Steve Dickinson**



Leslie	Culver	1-Sep
Stephanie	Doswell	1-Sep
John	Rhodes	2-Sep
Philip ("File")	Orcutt	2-Sep
Adolph	Vasquez	3-Sep
Carrie	Starr	3-Sep
Lawrence	Gunn	3-Sep
Harold	Gresham	4-Sep
Gayle	Murman	5-Sep
Tony	Nardone	5-Sep
Karen	Gordon	6-Sep
Benny	Sheffield	7-Sep
Brian	Clark	7-Sep
Mel	Rice	7-Sep
Lisa	Moorer	10-Sep
Bob	Carroll	13-Sep
Janet	St. Amand	14-Sep
Elizabeth	Wagner	15-Sep



Happy Birthday to those members celebrating

September 2023

BettyAnn	Moriarty	16-Sep
Carolyn	Matthews	16-Sep
Joe	Redford	16-Sep
Ken	Nagle	16-Sep
Randy	Beeson	18-Sep
Sally	Temple	20-Sep
Doris	Brody	22-Sep
Peggy	Todd	23-Sep
Mary Lee	Jones	24-Sep
Glen	Crider	25-Sep
Susan	Jaworski	25-Sep
Peggy	Lukas	26-Sep
Bill	Hardy	28-Sep



# The Next 10 Upcoming CCR Events

## [September General Membership Meeting](#)

Fri, September 08, 2023 7:30 PM • Twin Hickory Bldg, 5326 Twin Hickory Rd Glen Allen VA 23059

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## [Duncan Classic Cars & Farmhouse Restaurant & Wingate](#)

Sat, September 16, 2023 7:30 AM • Christiansburg, Virginia

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## [Goochland County Sheriffs Motor Show](#)

Sat, September 16, 2023 10:00 AM • Goochland High School Student Parking Lot

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## [Compass Christian Church](#)

Sun, September 17, 2023 8:30 AM • Mechanicsville Virginia

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## [Battlefield Corvette Club Car Show](#)

Sun, September 17, 2023 10:00 AM • Radley Chevrolet, Fredericksburg VA

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## [September Executive Board Meeting](#)

Thu, September 21, 2023 7:00 PM • Conference Call

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## [Cruise to Rocco's Grill, Williamsburg, VA](#)

Sat, September 30, 2023 12:00 PM • 207 Bypass Rd. Williamsburg, Va. 23185

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## [Glen Allen Day Parade](#)

Sat, October 07, 2023 8:00 AM • Glen Allen, 4148 Old Springfield Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060

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## [VIR Full Course Track Day - October 12, 2023, NSE](#)


Thu, October 12, 2023 7:30 AM • Virginia International Raceway, Alton VA

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## [October General Membership Meeting](#)

Fri, October 13, 2023 7:30 PM • Kings Korner Restuarant (Chesterfield Airport) 7511 Airport Dr N. Chesterfield, VA 23237


# Order apparel




**Jerzees Heavyweight Tee Shirt with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest**  
**\$18.00**  
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**Fleece Crewneck Sweatshirt with CCR Logo Embroidered**  
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**Port Authority Poplin Club Jacket with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest and Full Back. Also includes personalized with member name under logo on left chest.**  
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**Port Authority® Fleece Jacket with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest. MEN**  
**\$39.00**  
[Buy Now](#)

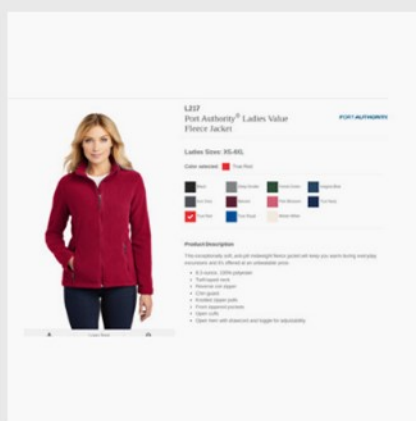
**To order any item here, contact Cheryl Maddern at [c\\_maddfam@hushmail.com](mailto:c_maddfam@hushmail.com)**

**Other club clothing can be found on our [ONLINE STORE PAGE](#)**

**Note: Shipping is not available at this time. Your order can be picked up at the next CCR meeting**



# Order apparel



Port Authority® Fleece Jacket with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest. LADIES  
**\$39.00**

Buy Now



Port Authority® Fleece Vest with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest. LADIES  
**\$30.00**

Buy Now



Port Authority® Fleece Vest with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest. MENS  
**\$30.00**

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Port Authority® Ladies Modern Stretch Cotton 3/4-Sleeve Polo Shirt with CCR Logo Embroidered on Left Chest.  
**\$28.00**

Buy Now

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 Note: Shipping is not available at this time. Your order can be picked up at the next CCR meeting

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