



**Pearl Harbor Aviation Museum
May 23, 2026**



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From the Driver's Seat

Corvette Ohana,

June is upon us and my muse has been defeated by jet lag. I have been trying to come up with something for this article for over a week. The only thing that has managed to stick is the fact that the Corvette is turning 73 this month.

Today I wondered something – could the staff at General Motors and Chevrolet in 1953 see that 73 years later their suggestion and concept not only would come to fruition, but would have lasting power to stay around for nearly three quarters of a century? I don't know that they would have foreseen the Corvette's success immediately. Poor sales numbers in the early years could have resulted in the Corvette being canceled after a few years of production, but competition from Chrysler in the form of the 300 and Ford in the form of the Thunderbird, along with a Belgian Engineer recommending to Chevrolet that they put V-8s into their cars, gave the Corvette a reprieve. Interestingly, when the competition changed more into personal luxury coupes, the Corvette remained a sports car. New competitors came and went, the original competitors were relegated to the pages of history, and the Corvette kept motoring along.

Towards the end of the month, near the Corvette's birthday, we will gather to take our cars out for a cruise to a diner to celebrate the birthday of the all-American sports car. 73 years of Corvette passion going strong, with no signs of stopping.

V/R

Matt





From the Shotgun

Aloha Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day and found a little time to relax, celebrate, and enjoy the aloha spirit.

May started quietly, but it ended with a fun-filled weekend of events.

Be sure to keep an eye on our newsletter and website for updates, and as always, feel free to email or text any board member with questions, ideas, or fun event suggestions.

May Events Recap

Our monthly dinner was held at Kizuna Steak and Teppanyaki, where everyone enjoyed delicious steak, lobster, and plenty of ono food. Mahalo to all who joined the fun: Rich W., Mike & Karen, Kat & Joe, Bill Y. & Carissa, Tom & Cole, Elithe & Gary, Chuck & Diane, Dean F., Chakib, Fred C., Pam, Bret, Gary T. & Sandy, John & Sue M., with daughter, Sarah-Jane & son-in-law, David. I think I got everyone.

We kicked off Memorial Day weekend with Cars n Coffee at the Pacific Aviation Museum. Even though I couldn't make it, our club was well represented. Mahalo to Bill Y., Ron, Dean, Bret, and our newest member, Chakib, for flying the Corvette flag!

Our second event of the weekend was a memorial cruise in honor of our loved ones and soldiers. We cruised to the Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe and then on to Punchbowl. Afterward, a few of us kept the good company going with lunch at Big City Diner, where the food was excellent as always. Mahalo to Bret, Dean F, Bill Y, Matt, myself, Cole, and Susie for coming out.

We wrapped up the weekend at the Eastside Hot Rod Show in Hawaii Kai, and it was a great time as always. The parking lot was packed with amazing show cars, from classics to newer rides, and there was plenty to see and talk about. I especially enjoyed chatting with people about Corvettes—it's always fun to share our passion for the cars we love.

Looking ahead to June.

Our upcoming events include:

June 2nd GMM

June 13th Kamehameha Day Parade. We need 11 Cars for this one.

June 16th Monthly dinner at Domo Domo Ewa Beach

June 27th talk story cruise with dinner at Big City Diner Windward Mall

June 28th Cars n Coffee Wai Kai

June 30th Board Meeting

Reminders and sign up information will be sent out soon.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events—hope you can join us.

Mahalo,
Tom





CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII, INC.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

5 MAY 2026

2026 Board Members Present: Tom Cambra, Vice President & NCM Ambassador; Colleen Cambra, Membership; Pam Shewell, Editor; Richard Witek, Jr., Master-at-Arms; and Kathleen McNamara, Secretary.

2026 Board Members Absent: Matt Suhar, President and Chris Morris, Historian.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Master at Arms, Richard Witek, Jr. at 7:01 PM.

PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS: On behalf of Matt Suhar, President, Tom Cambra, Vice President, welcomed everyone. He advised all to look to the schedule for upcoming events. There are a lot of events coming up.

SECRETARY: The April Minutes were reviewed as published and Ron Harris motioned to accept them and Pam Shewell seconded. The motion to accept the minutes were unanimously accepted by the Membership.

TREASURER: Dan Adams, Treasurer, gave a verbal report for the Month of April 2026. Please contact any board member for a full report. He also reported that some parades do not donate to the club. He will create a list of parades and past donations.

MEMBERSHIP: Colleen Cambra, Membership, reported that we currently have 1 new application. There is a total of **102** CCOH Members: 78 Oahu; 2 Outer island; 5 Mainland; 3 Associate; 10 Lifetime; and 4 Honorary; 70 Cars.

Colleen reported that a new member application was made by Kenneth and Kimberly Weiss. Bill Youtsey motioned to approve Kenneth and Kimberly Weiss as new members and Gary Kahn seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by the membership.

VICE-PRESIDENT REMARKS: Tom Cambra, Vice President, noted that there are a lot of upcoming club events. See below for CCOH upcoming events and the newsletter or Web page for descriptions, details, and dates.

Upcoming events below:

- 5 May—General Membership Meeting, 6PM for dinner, 7PM for meeting, Zippy's
- 19 May—Monthly Dinner, 6PM at Kizuna Steakhouse & Sushi in Kailua
- 23 May—Cars and Coffee, Pacific Aviation Museum, 8:00AM Cruise to Cars and Coffee from the Rail Station
- 26 May—Board Meeting, 6PM Zippy's
- 28 May—Jan Witek, internment ceremony 1PM National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) Columbarium court 13, wall E, row 100 and niche 119.
- 30 May—Saturday Story Activity, Kaneohe Veterans Cemetery, National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl). Meet at Windward Mall at 9:30AM.



- 2 June—General Membership Meeting, 6PM for dinner, 7 PM for Meeting, Zippy's
- 13 June—King Kamehameha Day Parade- meet at Aloha Tower 7:00AM.
- 16 June—Monthly Dinner, Domodomo at the 360 Degree Golf Course Ewa Beach 6PM
- 28 June—Cars and Coffee, Wai Kai, 8AM cruise to Cars and Coffee from the Rail Station – this is a combined activity, Cruise to Big City Diner @ Pearl City/Waipio
- 29 June—National Corvette Day
- 30 June—Board Meeting, 6PM Zippy's
- 4 July—4th of July celebration at Gary and Elithe Kahn's home on Corvette Dr.

NCM Ambassador: NCM Ambassador, Thomas Cambra reported that the Museum has provided the location of our Banner on the Museum Property. A picture of the Banner in place at the Museum has been provided.

OLD BUSINESS

Parades

King Kamehameha Day Parade- lots of cars needed, June 13th, pre-stage at 7:00am

NEW BUSINESS

Richard Witek, Jr, our Master at Arms, will be leaving June 13th. Ron Harris has agreed to accept the remaining term of Richard Witek, Jr. and the Board voted and unanimously approved his appointment. Richard Witek, Jr. provided information regarding his mother, Jan Witek's internment ceremony- May 28th 1pm National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) Columbarium court 13, wall E, row 100 and niche 119.

4th of July celebration will be at Gary and Elithe Kahn's home at Corvette Drive. Vice President Tom Cambra noted that the cost of the party (\$800) must be approved by the General Membership. Ron Harris motioned to approve an expenditure of up to \$800 for food and other essentials for the 4th of July party and Bill Lyons seconded. The motion to approve the expenditure of up to \$800 was unanimously accepted by the Membership.

There was a raffle had and \$79.00 was added to the Treasurer's account.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe Baldi motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:29 pm and Annie Poole seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously accepted by the Membership.

The minutes of this Meeting were transcribed from notes taken at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen McNamara, Secretary CCOH



HISTORY OF NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY

National Corvette Day is celebrated as a remembrance of the origins of the Corvette — the iconic American sports automobile. The model was introduced in 1953 by the General Motors automobile factory in Michigan. The unique design and sturdiness of the Corvette made it widely popular and it soon became a symbol of American industry and national pride.

In 2008, the American House of Representatives announced that June 30 would be commemorated as National Corvette Day. Incidentally, this was the year when GM had completed 100 years of its operations, which made it the right time to dedicate an entire day in the national calendar to celebrate an important milestone.

Another interesting fact is that 2008 was also the year when the American automobile industry, and the entire economy for that matter, was undergoing a huge crisis. It was the biggest crisis since the Great Depression and was being felt quite severely by the automobile industry, including General Motors.

Therefore, by announcing National Corvette Day, the government also intended to reduce some of the gloom and doom that was being spread about the American automobile industry by celebrating one of its most remarkable achievements.

The decision proved to be timely and well-received because since then National Corvette Day has been celebrated regularly across America and the automobile industry has also recovered from the crisis. Today, celebrating National Corvette Day has become a symbol of the American people's faith in their automobile industry and confidence in its prosperous future.

NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY TIMELINE

1908—General Motors is Established

General Motors is established in Flint, Michigan

1953 — The Corvette is Produced

GM begins production of the Corvette

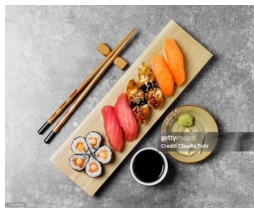
1955 — GM Introduces the V-8 Engine

GM incorporates the V-8 engine into the Corvette

1981 — Production Shifts to Kentucky

GM moves the Corvette production facility to Bowling Green, Kentucky

The Corvette isn't just a car—it's a lifestyle. For over 70 years, Corvette owners and fans have shared a passion that spans generations. Whether it's the thrill of driving, restoring a classic, or attending shows and club cruises, being part of the Corvette community is something special.



Memorial Day Cruise



Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery—Kaneohe



National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl)



June 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 General Member- ship Mtg 7pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 King Kamehameha Parade 6am Staging
14	15	16 Dinner Mtg— Domodomo Hawaii, Ewa Beach	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Sat.Activity—Cruise to Windward Mall
28 Cars & Coffee Wai Kai	29	30* Board Mtg 6pm Zippy's				

- 6/2 Tue 7:00pm General Membership Meeting; Zippy's Vineyard; 59 N. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu; dinner 6pm; meeting 7pm
- 6/13 Sat 6:00am King Kamehameha Parade; meet 6am for staging at Aloha Tower Parking Garage; more details to follow.
- 6/16 Tue 6:00pm Dinner Mtg: Domodomo Hawaii; 91-050 Ft. Weaver Rd., Ewa Beach; HI; Located in the 360 Ewa Beach Golf Club; domodomorestaurant.com
- 6/27 Sat 2:00pm Saturday Talk Story Cruise to Windward Mall —Meet at Stadium Rail Station @ 2:00pm; Cruise to Windward Mall; Dinner at Big City Diner.
- 6/28 Sun 9:00am Cars & Coffee; Wai Kai; 9:00am; Meet at Stadium Rail @ 8:00am if you want to cruise to Wai Kai.
- *6/30 Tue **National Corvette Day**
- 6/30 Tue 6:00pm Board Meeting; Zippy's Vineyard; 59 N. Vineyard Blvd., Honolulu



July 2026

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 <small>July 4th Picnic-Corvette Drive-3111 Pacific Hts Dr</small>
5	6	7 <small>General Membership being held Sat @ BBQ</small>	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 <small>Dinner Mtg 6pm</small>	22	23	24	25 <small>Cars & Coffee; Ko’Olau Ctr, Kaneohe 9am</small>
26 <small>West Side Sunset Dessert Cruise</small>	27	28 <small>Board Mtg; Zippy’s Vineyard; 6pm</small>	29	30	31	

- 7/4 Sat 4:00pm July 4th Picnic & General Membership Mtg; Corvette Drive; 3111 Pacific Heights Dr., Honolulu; Bring a side dish or dessert; Food, water & soda provided. BYOB
- 7/7 Tue — **General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday at the July 4th BBQ.**
- 7/21 Tue 6:00pm Monthly Dinner Mtg—**Need suggestions!**
- 7/25 Sat 9:00am Cars & Coffee, Ko’Olau Ctr., 9:00am; Cruise to Cars & Coffee, Aloha Stadium Rail Station, 8:00am
- 7/26 Sun 4:00pm Sunday Story Activity—West Side Sunset Dessert Cruise. Meet at the Stadium Rail @ 4pm; Cruise to Ka Makana Alii; Leave at 5pm & Cruise to Maili Beach Park. Bring a snack or dessert to share, chairs & BYOB. Sunset approx. 7pm
- 7/28 Tue 6:00pm Board Meeting; Zippy’s Vineyard; 59 N. Vineyard Blvd.

Membership

Regular Membership

Jeff Cadavona & Dale Head	1974 Yellow Convertible
Tim Smith	1967 Red Convertible
Pam Shewell	1964 Red, 1972 Blue, 2004 Red, All Conv.
Chris Morris	2004 Medium Spiral Gray Metallic Convertible
Jay & Yvonne Lewis	2000 Red Coupe
Rich Witek, Jr.	1970 White Convertible
Eric Sakai	1958 Charcoal Convertible
Gary Tahara	1998 Laser Blue (Indy Pace Car) Convertible, 1982 White Coupe
Dan & Sue Carpenter	2004 Blue Coupe
Joseph Greges	2015 Coupe
Ray Burke & Li Higa	2016 Yellow Convertible
Richard & Patricia Long	2006 Red Z06 Coupe
Gary & Elithe Kahn	2021 Red CZ51 3LT Convertible
Norb Buelsing	2001 Black Convertible
Hank & Kathleen Ah Hee	2016 White Coupe
Jay & Kaoru Farmer	1978 Silver Pace Car Coupe, 2002 Red 50th Anniversary Convertible
Rein & Yvonne Hollar	2019 Elkhart Blue Grand Sport Convertible
Susan Canuela	2007 Red Coupe
Richard Galope	1961 White Convertible
Nicole Giamanco & Joe Maloney	2023 Cacti Coupe
Tim Fallen	1985 White Coupe
Gerald Denis	2021 Red Mist Coupe
Michael Horn	2019 Black Z06 Coupe
Matthew Suhar	2009 Blade Silver Metallic Coupe
Chuck & Diane Marshall	2000 Navy Metallic Coupe
Bill & Lisa Miranda	2019 Arctic White Z06 Coupe
Paul Collins	1987 White Convertible
Mike Swenson	2020 Arctic White C-8 2LT Coupe
Bill Lyon	2012 Metallic Red Grand Sport Coupe
Thomas & Colleen Cambra	2021 Red Mist Metallic Coupe
Fred Chang & Stellar Lee	2023 C8 Anniversary Edition—White Coupe
Daniel & Dee Adams	1975 Steel Blue Convertible
Tony Gonzales Jr.	2022 Torch Red Coupe
Mark Dela Cruz	2013 Black Grand Sport Coupe

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Regular Membership (cont)

Thomas Wilson	2022 Elkhart Blue 3LT Convertible
Lyle & Amy Kawakami	2023 Black Stingray 2LT Coupe
William Youtsey	2008 Yellow Base LS3 Coupe
Carisa Tavai	
Vic Underwood	2016 Triple Black Z06 Convertible; 1995 Triple Black Convertible
Bret Jahnke	2023 Z06 Matte Black Batmobile
Gary & Dr. Lili Gallagher	2004 Blue Convertible, 1978 Silver T-Top
Susie Tingey	2023 Black Stingray Coupe
Edwin & Cassandra Barayuga	2012 Black Stingray Coupe
John Bayse	2023 Red Stingray Z51 Coupe
Ron Harris & Annie Poole-Harris	1973 Silver Stingray Coupe, 2001 Black Convertible
Joel Propst	2024 Red Stingray Coupe
Albert & Janice Medeiros	1971 Brands Hatch Green T-Top
David Sanders	2022 White Stingray 2LT Convertible
Guy & Deborah Warren	2024 Red Mist Z06 Coupe
Kathleen McNamara & Joe Baldi	2016 White Stingray Coupe
Timothy Pregana	1998 Black Hatchback LS1
Dean Fong	2022 White C8 Coupe
Janelle Chun-Tolua	2016 Blue Stingray Coupe LT1
Matt Osumi	2007 White Z06 Coupe L57
Mike & Karen Styring	2026 White Z51 Stingray Coupe
Tad Greer	2026 Artic White Z51 Stingray Coupe
Clifford Manzano	2016 Silver C7 Z06 Coupe
Kenneth & Kimberly Weiss	1965 Blue C2 Stingray Convertible

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Off Island Members

John & Sue Moore	1972 Coupe
Bruce Talbot	1979 Coupe
John & Carol Saporito	2017 Black Coupe
Werner Doyle	2023 Red Mist Convertible
Janet Standard	2006 Red Mist Coupe

Associate Members

Stephen Shewell	2007 Black Convertible / 2014 Red Convertible Z51
Al & Donna Hawkins	2006 Black Convertible
Robert & Marilyn Zimman	1969 Black Convertible

Life Time Members

Vernon & Margie Gainer
Al & Helen Hemstreet
Don Adams
Charlie & Kathy Hillman
Mike & Gale Mastronardi
Dennis Shewell (In Memoriam 1990-2025)
Karen Reed

PLEASE NOTE: Any errors in name and/or vehicle type should be addressed to the Newsletter Editor for correction before the next newsletter. Any other corrections should be addressed to the Membership Officer. Thank you.

HANK'S HUT



A 72yr old man told his doctor at the hospital:

“Doc, I’m willing to pay extra, but I have one request. During my treatments, please make sure my nurse is very beautiful.”

The doctor looked surprised and said, “Sir, at your age, you should be more focused on your health.”

The old man laughed & replied, “Doc, you misunderstood me. I have two sons. If the nurse is beautiful, those two idiots will come visit me twice a day just to check how I’m doing.”

~hank

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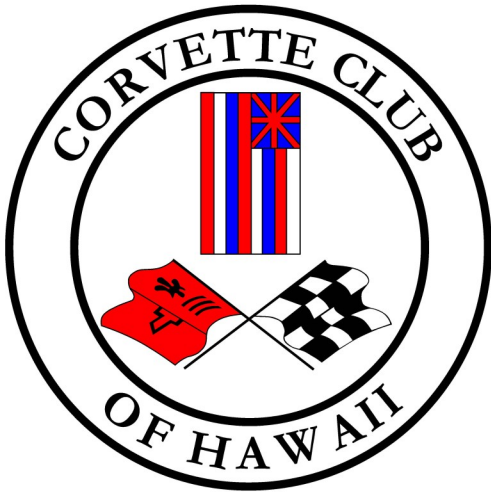
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Articles for **KA LEO O CORVETTE** must be submitted to the Editor no later than the 3rd Tuesday of the month prior to publication (Dinner Meeting). The Editor reserves the right to reject any item that is not in the best interest of the Corvette Club of Hawaii.

CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership in the CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII is open to all owners and drivers of the Chevrolet Corvette; people generally interested in the Chevrolet Corvette; and the purposes of the Club.

Prospective members must submit this application at a Club event or by mail, with a nonrefundable one-time fee of \$15.00 and membership dues in order to be eligible. After this application has been completed and application fee and dues have been submitted to the membership officer, approval by majority vote of the general Membership will be made at the next General Meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Applicants are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

Please visit our website: www.CorvetteClubofHawaii.com



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Membership dues are prorated and payable at the time of submission of Application (the membership year is from January to December). Membership descriptions and application instructions can be found on the back of this form.

PLEASE SELECT THE APPROPRIATE MEMBERSHIP TYPE BELOW:

- Regular** \$36.00/year per person or \$3.00/month X number of months remaining in year plus \$15 application fee
 \$54.00/year per couple or \$4.50/month x number of months remaining in year plus \$15 application fee
- Associate** \$12.00/year per person or \$1.00/month X number of months remaining in year plus \$15 application fee
 \$18.00/year per couple or \$1.50/month X number of months remaining in year plus \$15 application fee

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII (Completed applications can be mailed to the address listed above).

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

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PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOUR CORVETTE

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MODIFICATIONS _____

PLEASE TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

CHILDREN (NAMES, AGES, & BIRTHDATES) _____

YOUR OCCUPATION _____ SPOUSE OCCUPATION _____

HOBBIES _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER ORGANIZED CAR CLUB? _____

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RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO MEMBERSHIP OFFICER **Membership Vote-Date/Membership#** _____