

Legends Ledger

January 2026



January Meeting
11 am Saturday,
January 10
BJ's Brewhouse
4901 Belt Line Rd., Dallas
(Addison)
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Rob Franklin poses by our new club banner donated by Jeff Clevenger to use at Autorama and other indoor events.

We have reserved a Corvette section (15 seats) at the Sat., Feb. 14, 2:30 Matinee for anyone in Legends. Tickets are on sale now, but for seats in the club section, call the Box Office 972-304-7047 (not get them on-line) before Feb. 6!

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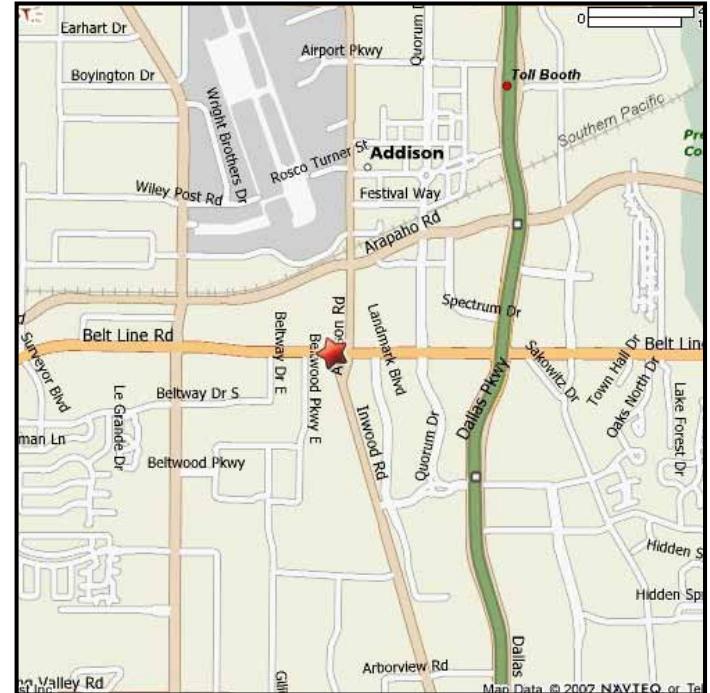
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Newsletter Coordinator: Diane Preston

Legends Ledger Newsletter: Published monthly. Send submissions to cdiane1957@aol.com

Submission deadline is the 15th of the month.

Club Web Site:

Coordinated by Denise Eckhart <http://www.vettelegends.com>
Send submissions to: Communications@VetteLegends.com

Meeting Speakers:

If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact
Jeff Clevenger

Membership Information:

Coordinated by Dennis Conte (see above)
\$40 for annual membership

Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:

Club Mailing Address:

Corvette Legends of Texas
P.O. Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316



AutoRama.

Move In Thurs. Feb 12th

PARKING DIRECTIONS

ENTRY FORMS

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LOCATION



Dallas Market Hall
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The New Electrochromic Roof Panels for the 2026 Corvette Cannot Be Retrofitted

One of the surprises for the 2026 model year that no one really saw coming was the new RPO CF8 Electrochromic Roof Panel that combines the traditional one-piece removable roof panel with a see-thru window in the center. That window is made from an electrochromic dimming glass, so with a touch of a button you can select one of the three available settings that controls the amount of ambient light into the cockpit.

So far we've yet to experience the functions of the new roof panel for ourselves, but our opinion is that it's another pretty cool option for Coupe owners who want to let some additional light into the cabin without taking off the roof panel. We can also see those who would normally buy a Convertible select it on a ZR1 Coupe, so they get more light into the cabin while also being able to have the split window design. Regardless of your reasons to have it, we do find it to be a bit pricey with the CF8 roof priced at \$3,000.

The new roof panel is a free flow option on all 2LT/2LZ and 3LT/3LZ trims for the Stingray, E-Ray, Z06, and ZR1. However, buyers should keep in mind that there is no body-color option for it. The panel features a Carbon Flash Metallic finish with the Electrochromic window in the center. We haven't seen one on a ZR1 or ZR1X, but we assume that roof panel will remain visible carbon fiber.

The New Electrochromic Roof Panels for the 2026 Corvette Cannot Be Retrofitted. Today the question has come up as to whether it's something that can be added later and the answer is a definitive NO. The Electrochromic Roof Panel has a special wiring harness that is only added on those 2026 model year Corvettes ordered with the CF8 option. This means you can't order it over-the-parts-counter and install it later.

So with the pricing where it is the fact that it's only available as a factory install, we can see this RPO as only being added on a very low percentage of builds.

Generation Breakout of Legends Members' Corvettes (12/17/25)

Be sure to let Dennis Conte know when you buy or sell your Corvette(s) so our Corvette census is correct.

		1953	23	14%
		1962		
		1963	31	18%
		1967		
		1968	26	15%
		1982		
		1984	7	4%
		1996		
		1997	15	9%
		2004		
		2005	27	15%
		2013		
		2014	24	14%
		2019		
		2020	20	11%
				173 Total

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**CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS
GENERAL MEETING, December 13, 2025
Vaquero's Texas BBQ Restaurant, Allen**

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by Tom Hubbert at 12:09 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was 47.

Lady Legends Winner: Carole Arakelian

50/50 Pot Winner: Linda Denault (\$80)

Tom introduced John Spencer to speak about 1956 and 1957 Corvettes. John again amazed us with his knowledge the early generation Corvettes. He told us that the 53-55 models didn't meet the production quantities that Chevrolet wanted, which led to restyling changes in 56 and 57. The two main changes were in reducing the clumsy features about the car and improving the performance. He gave us the details of those changes. He really is a wealth knowledge and research of the early Vettes. Thank you, John!!!

Tom then introduced us to the new club display sign to be used for AutoRama and other indoor club events, a donation from Jeff Clevenger. Jeff later thanked Diane Preston for her design and layout of the sign and thanked Don and Denise Eckhart their donation of another stand to have a second sign made. It's a great improvement from the old worn sign we had and it will look terrific at either end of our AutoRama display.

Tom next made us aware of an email that some members received. The note appeared to come from Tom asking to send money to a third party on behalf of the club. This was a SCAM, as Tom or any member of the club would never ask to do this. Please be aware and delete any such email without opening anything in it.

Diane Preston stated that she will soon be reducing the newsletter from 12 to 8 pages by discontinuing paid ads. The newsletter will still contain the same amount of news. She also told us about the 1st on the 1st All Corvette show. This show has been going on for at least twenty years and was held in McKinney. Now Lone Star Corvette Club has continued to sponsor it the last few years when McKinney stopped. It's a great show and there were more than 100 cars there last year. It will be on Jan. 1 from 10 am-2 pm at Corky's Gaming Bistro, near Grapevine Mills Mall.

Diane reviewed the Huffines-sponsored Lewisville Holiday Parade held Saturday, Dec. 6. Eight Vettes participated and the club won the Centennial Award of \$1,000 for best representation of a specific decade(s) 1925-2025. Each car was decorated and had the year of the car on the windshield. Diane gave a special thank you to Craig Conde who decorated his 1956 Pontiac station wagon in a Grinch theme, with a 6' Grinch tree on top and 2 running trains. He even decorated himself as the Grinch with a green face. He decorated Sharon's Corvette as well in a teddy bear theme also with a teddy and polar bear tree and running train on top. His above and beyond efforts helped the club to win the award. Thank you to Tom Schipper, Jeff Clevenger, David



David Vaughan, John Spencer and Ed Atchley buying raffle tickets from Dan Jacobs.



John & Carole Arakelian and Don Sebert



Sharon & Dean Castillo, Bill Tichy and Rob Franklin



James Veirs, Jeff Clevenger and Butch McLeod

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Mahmood Maher, Jeremy Wilson, Bill Tichy, Rob Franklin and Carol & John Heimsath.



Bill Neubauer, Scott Ray, Bill Foote and Mac Rogers. Tom Schipper & Linda Deneault selling raffle tickets.



Joe Koester, Denise Eckhart, Sam Deneault and Mike & Jean Volpe.



Bill Preston, Cindy & Vince Dumas, Gary & Cheryl Williams and Mary Jean & Tom Entrekin.

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Schall, Bill Tichy, Sam Ghazaleh, Kurtis & Sandy Allen, Bill & Diane Preston and Craig & Sharon Conde for participating

Dennis Conte reported we had three new members join in November and all new members should have received their name tags. He asked us wear our name tags to the meetings so all members can get to know each other and for those of us (myself included) who are memory challenged with names. He also told us about Iron Horse Ranch Foundation in Argyle. He participated in a Toys for Tots event held there recently. They are a non profit which supports car culture and family fun.

Next Meetings: Jan. 10--BJ's Brewhouse, Addison.

***** February meeting is changed to Feb. 21** due to the conflict with AutoRama. The meeting will be at Don Camillo's in Hickory Creek.

Mar. 14--Spring Fling/After Holiday Party at The Tribute Golf Club, The Colony

The Spring Fling/After Holiday Party will be March 14, 2026 at the Golf Clubs of the Tribute in The Colony. Social hour will start at 5:30 pm, dinner will be at 6:30 followed by a short meeting with the Member of the Year award. St Philip the Apostle's Knights of Columbus group will be doing a casino night for us as entertainment starting around 7:30. Entrée choices are beef or chicken (same menu as last year). Cost will be \$50 per person again. Mark your calendars, a sign up sheet was passed at this meeting and will be available at the January and February meetings. Give payments to Tom or Kevin Shedd at any meeting or mail to the club PO Box by March 1.

AutoRama will be Feb 13-15, 2026 at Dallas Market Hall. Dan Jacobs & Mark Peterson continue with the planning. Six cars are signed up: John Spencer with his '54 C1, a '78 C3, a C5 Z06, a C7 and Steve Parry with his C8. We still need a C2 and a C4 to have one of each generation. Contact Dan or Mark please.

The Pate Swap meet will be April 23-25, 2026. The club will have 2 spaces. Setup day is Wed. 4/22. Sale dates are Thurs. thru Sat. Jeff Clevenger will have spreadsheets to inventory your items for sale and tags to price your items at the Jan. and Feb. meetings. He'll be available after those meetings for help and to answer any questions you may have about the swap meet. Time to go through your garage and storage places for items you can sell. Sign up sheets for member help at the booth will be sent around at future meetings. Please contact Jeff for any other info.

Dan Jacobs mentioned that former member, Allen Hawes, has a Case XX pocket knife with the Corvette Legends of Texas logo. If interested, please see Dan for pictures and more info.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



After-Holiday Party

Saturday, March 14, 2026

5:30 pm--Dinner 6:30 pm

Payment and RSVP due by Sunday, March 1, 2026

payment must reach Kevin Sheddern or Post Office Box by March 1

Tribute Golf Club
1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX

5:30 PM--Social Hour & Cash Bar

6:30 PM--Served Dinner-

7:30-9:30 PM---Short Meeting,
Member of the Year Presentation

Casino Night!!!



Directions: Exit Hwy. 121 at Main St. (FM 423) in The Colony. Go North 4.8 mi. West on Lebanon Rd. (traffic light) Go West 3.2 mi. to Tribute Golf Club.



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James (Jim) LeRoy Brummett passed away December 13, 2025. He was born in Tacoma, WA, on September 29, 1941, to Patricia and Harry Brummett. He was the third of six children.

After graduating from Puyallup High School, James joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1959. He began his career as an electronic technician in Groton, Connecticut. While on his first assignment, he married Sandra Murphy in 1961. They had a son, Glen, and daughters, Shirl Ann and Jenni. Shirl Ann passed away a few days after birth due to a heart defect in 1964 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

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In 1971, while James was stationed in Rhodes, Greece, Sandra was killed in a car accident in California. After Sandra's death, James relocated back to his home state of Washington. In 1972, James met and married Helen Hall, and they had a daughter, Crystal.

Throughout James's U.S. Coast Guard career, he was stationed across the United States and in Greece. His dedication and sacrifice were recognized with his promotion to Chief Warrant Officer (CWO3). While stationed in California, he oversaw an electronics and navigation repair facility and was awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Achievement Medal. He retired in 1980 after 20 years of service.

Following his Coast Guard retirement, James ventured into many occupations, including managing a buffet-style restaurant, serving as a Christmas tree farm caretaker, operating a U-fish pond and hatchery, and working as an apartment manager. At age 62, he fully retired and enjoyed many outdoor activities in Washington, including trapping, fishing, and hunting.

In 2016, he moved closer to daughter Crystal and granddaughter Breanna in Texas. There he began additional hobbies, including coin collecting, attending many car shows with displays of his love of the United States military, and participating in various car clubs focused on his love of Corvettes including Corvette Legends of Texas.

A graveside service was December 19 at 2 pm at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.



LEWISVILLE



Legends members appeared in the Lewisville, TX Christmas Parade Saturday, December 6, as we do every year. Bringing their Corvettes were Bill & Diane Preston, Jeff Clevenger, David Schall, Kurtis & Sandy Allen, Sharon Conde, Sam Ghazaleh, Tom Schipper, Bill Tichy and Craig Conde's 1956 Pontiac station wagon.

Our sponsor, Huffines Chevrolet of Lewisville, is also the sponsor of the Lewisville Parade every year. This year's parade theme was *"100 Years of Christmas Magic"*, coinciding with Lewisville's Centennial Celebration. Our entry won the Centennial Award for Best representation of a specific decade 1925-2025, by noting the decades that our Corvettes were produced.

After the parade we went to Main Street Cafe nearby in Old Town Lewisville for lunch.

Thanks to everyone who participated in this important event.

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David Schall with his 1967 Red Corvette Roadster.



Kurtis & Sandy Allen's 2008 Blue Coupe



Tom Schipper in his elf suit with his 2020 Red Corvette



The loudest and most obnoxious float in the parade was just in front of our Corvettes with extra loud Mario music... Oh well, it's better than being behind the horses!





Sam Ghazaleh with his 2015 Grey Corvette



Sandy & Kurtis Allen, Bill Tichy and Bill Preston ready for the Lewisville Christmas Parade.



Bill Tichy shows off his Cowboy-style
Santa hat before the parade...
Nadine made him wear it.

Craig Conde took his Grinch theme
to the extreme of painting his face green
for the parade.

The hit of the parade was Craig
Conde's 1956 Red and Black Pontiac
Station wagon with everything Grinch...



Sharon Conde's 2014 Corvette decorated front and back for the Parade with bears on the hood and in the back, toy train and decorated tree on the roof.





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