



# LEGENDS LEADER

## February 2024

**February Meeting**  
11 am Saturday, February 10  
Spring Creek BBQ  
Richardson, TX

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**Silver 1963  
Split-Window Coupe  
owned by Ken Dobbs,  
2023 Legends Member  
of the Year!**  
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# Upcoming Events 2024



\*CLoT Club Participation Event

- Feb 2** **Corvette Plant Tours End** **NCM** **Bowling Green, KY**
- \*Feb 10** **Legends Club Meeting** **Spring Creek BBQ** **Richardson, TX**
- \*Feb 16-18** **Autorama** **Dallas Market Hall** **see info below** **Dallas, TX**  
 Move in Thurs. Feb. 15, move out 7pm Sun., Feb. 18. Legends plans to display six C1-C8 Vettes. Members will be in the roped off display area during the show to recruit new members and talk to interested visitors about our Corvettes. Call *Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045* or email *thubbert@verizon.net*.
- Feb 22-25** **N. TX Auto Expo** **Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center** **Dallas, TX**  
**650 S Griffin St, Dallas, TX.** Preview all new models from leading automotive manufacturers! Thurs-Sat 10am-8pm, Sunday 10am-7pm. Tickets \$15. Read more on [northtexasautoshow.com](http://northtexasautoshow.com)
- Feb 23-24** **Wise County Antique Auto Swap Meet** **Decatur, TX**  
**Wise Co. Sheriff's Posse Grounds, 3101 S. FM 51, Decatur, TX**  
*Directions: Hwy. 51 South, 1.5 miles south of Junction 287 & 51. Take US 287 North to Decatur. Exit FM 51 South (Weatherford Exit). 1 mile South on left.* Fri.-Sat. 8am-6pm. Rain or Shine. 3,000+ vendor spaces. 80% of vendor's items must be auto-related. FREE Admission. Parking fee. Info: [www.wcaac.com/dsm](http://www.wcaac.com/dsm).
- \*Mar 9** **Legends Club Meeting** **Prairie House Restaurant** **Lewisville, TX**
- Apr 12-14** **Corvette Kickoff Classic** **Apache Casino Hotel** **Lawton, OK**  
 Fri. Top 25 Show! Sat. & Sun. Show-N-Shite & Judged Show! Sun. Refuge Cruise.
- \*Apr 13** **Legends Club Meeting** **TBA**
- \*Apr 23-28** **Pate Swap Meet** **Texas Motor Speedway** **Ft. Worth, TX**  
 Legends will have a booth for members to sell parts and promote the club during the swap meet. Contact Jeff Clevenger for information 972-948-7218 or [ClevengerJ@charter.net](mailto:ClevengerJ@charter.net). See page 4.
- Apr 26-28** **Good-Guys Lone Star Nationals** **TMS** **Ft. Worth, TX**  
 Friday & Saturday 8am to 5pm, Sunday 8am to 3pm. Details: [good-guys.com](http://good-guys.com)
- \*May 11** **Legends Club Meeting** **TBA**
- May 11** **Cruisin for a Cause, Car Show** **McKinney, TX**  
 Stonebridge United Methodist Church, 1800 S. Stonebridge Dr., 8am-Noon  
 Contact Mike Ludtka 214-579-6858
- May 17-18** **Lone Star Corvette Classic** **Marriott, Champion Cir** **Ft. Worth, TX**

## Save the Date!!!

**\*Aug 29-Sept 2, 2024 National Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY**  
 1. Register with the TX Panhandle/OK Caravan. 2. Register for the Bowling Green portion of the Caravan at [NCM.com](http://NCM.com). 3. Make hotel reservations in Tulsa & Cape Girardeau. 4. Make hotel reservations in Bowling Green. Call Bill Tichy 972-650-8007 or cell 214-770-6679, to be included in our group and get full info.

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**FRI<sup>FEB</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
 3 PM - 8 PM

**SAT<sup>FEB</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
 10 AM - 8 PM

**SUN<sup>FEB</sup> 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
 10 AM - 6 PM





# February Meeting

11 am, Saturday, Feb. 10



## Spring Creek BBQ

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Legends Ledger Newsletter: Published monthly. Send submissions to [cdiane1957@aol.com](mailto:cdiane1957@aol.com)  
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### Club Web Site:

Coordinated by Denise Iverson <http://www.vettelegends.com>  
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### Meeting Speakers:

If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact  
 Len Woodruff: [Lenwoodruff@gmail.com](mailto:Lenwoodruff@gmail.com) or (972) 979-5722

### 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





Go to [www.pateswapmeet.com](http://www.pateswapmeet.com)  
for Pate's full rules and instructions

# Legends Will Have a Booth at Pate

## Bring your parts to sell

Start cleaning out your garage and workshop of those unused, extra Corvette and other parts that are collecting dust! Turn those parts and automotive items into CASH! Corvette Legends will have four spaces at this year's PATE Swap Meet.

### Thursday, April 25 thru Saturday, April 27, 2024

**Setup:** Wednesday, April 24th 12- 4 pm. Meet at the club storage unit in Attic Self Storage, 108 E. Coats Dr., Allen, TX at noon or TMS at 1:30 pm to bring in items. Cars cannot enter vending area Thurs-Sat from 10am-5pm. You'll have to carry in your items.

**Time:** Open daily 7am-10pm Parking \$10 per day/with no exit/reentry

**Location:** Texas Motor Speedway, 3545 Lone Star Circle. Fort Worth, TX 76177. west of the grandstand Gate 4 to unload Wed. or Gate 3 from parking area. Club space is Zone 2, Block 42, Spots 634-637, between 3rd & 4th St.

For parts/items you plan on selling at the swap meet, please label them with a brief description, your name and asking price.

**Example: 1965 original Corvette steering wheel, John Smith, \$250**

We need volunteers to staff our booth during the swap meet, as well as promoting the club and membership. Shifts are 7-11 am, 11am-3pm & 3-7pm. Also, we need portable tables and pop-up shades.

If you need help transporting any large items, please contact Jeff.

If you're interested in working the booth and/or selling your parts, with our club please contact Jeff Clevenger at (cell) 972-948-7218 or (email) [Clevengerj@charter.net](mailto:Clevengerj@charter.net).



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## Birthdays for February

2-03 Jerry Echols

2-03 Tina Oyster

2-06 Sharon Hager

2-08 Bill Neubauer

2-11 Ken Weller

2-12 Bob Van Guilder

2-14 Kimberly Atchley

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# After-Holiday Party

Saturday, January 13, 2024

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Corvette Legends of Texas' annual After-Holiday Party was held at Heritage Ranch Country Club in Fairview, TX for the third year.

The 2023 Member of the Year award was presented to Ken Dobbs for his outstanding service to our club. See the story on page 8.

We were entertained with music and comedy by Doc Gibbs and his wife, Vera, for the second year.



President Sam Deneault visits with Jim & Kathleen Pagana.



Comedian and entertainer Doc Gibbs and his wife, Vera.



Bob & Millie VanGuilder



Dennis Conte with Cathy & Tom Hubbert



President Sam Deneault visits with Barb Echols, Judy & Greg Bailey

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Sharon Conde, Joe Koester, Kevin Shedden and Linda Deneault.



Ken Weller, Mike Kmita, Bill Tichy, Diane Gibson, Sam Deneault and Jim Pagana



Jan & Larry Dyer and Nadine & Bill Tichy.



Craig & Sharon Conde, Joe Koester and Kevin Shedden. Ken & Linda Dobbs in the background with Sam Deneault.



Kimberly & Ed Atchley and Al & Barbara Macdonald



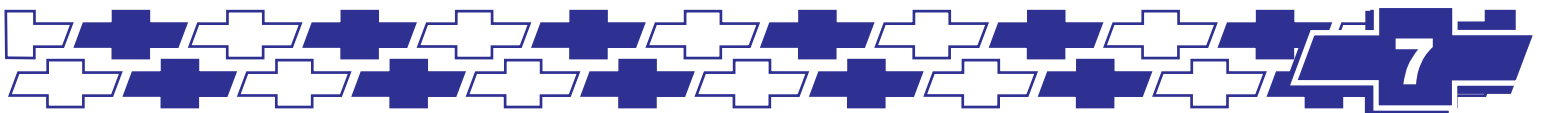
Denise & Don Eckhart with Jerry Echols



Robert & Maggie Cotner and Diane & Bill Preston.



Sandy Allen and Janice & Kerry Smith.



# 2023 Member of the Year

## Ken Dobbs

Ken Dobbs is actually being honored for being the member of the year for the last seven years! Ken recently resigned after serving Corvette Legends of Texas as Weekend/Weekday Wrench Coordinator since 2016. He has shared his time, garage, trailer and expertise with countless members to solve problems and enhance their old Corvettes. He and his crew met regularly to work on members' cars and maybe have a snack from Linda Dobbs' kitchen or go to lunch courtesy of the member whose car was being repaired.

Ken has also served as an outstanding ambassador for our club at car shows all over the region showing his awesome 1963 Silver Split-Window Coupe. Wherever he and his wife, Linda, take the '63 you can bet they will come home with a Best of Show!

About 20 years ago he decided he wanted a Corvette. He started looking for a 1961, red with white coves, red interior, 270 hp, two fours and both tops... He ended up buying the 1963 coupe.

It came with the original engine on a stand, six boxes of parts, four rims, hub caps, an original 1963 spare and a set of knockoff wheels. It already had a frame-off. He replaced parts, had the engine rebuilt, put in 11.25 pistons, solid lifter cam, etc. He replaced the interior, repainted the car, installed original tires, T-3 headlights, and all bolts that were not correct. Now she is like new, he drives her on pretty days, and to car shows... if they are close. He calls her Miss Baby.

He's also built a beautiful 1957 Chevy more recently, so he knows his old cars!



Ken Dobbs is presented the 2023 Member of the Year Award by club president, Sam Deneault at the After-Holiday Party on January 13, 2024



Ken and crew member Mike Kmita work on a C-1 in Ken's garage.



Ken & Linda show off Best of Show and class trophies at the "Corvette Kick-off" in Lawton, OK.



You can always count on Ken to bring Miss Baby to shows where Corvette Legends of Texas has a display. Here he's setting up for the North Texas Automobile Expo in Dallas, which we did for many years.



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## Corvette World of Dallas

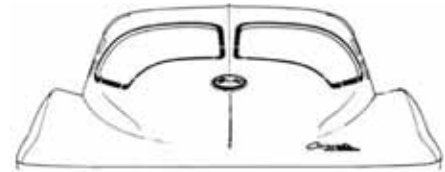
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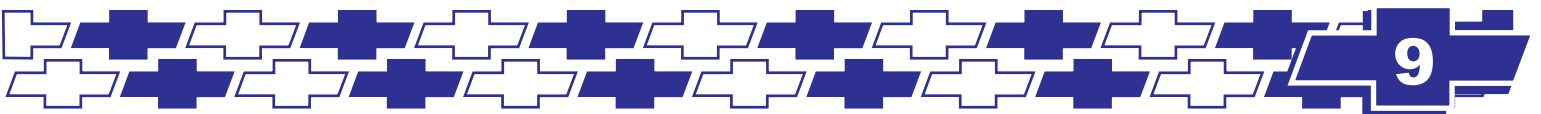
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# 10 Things You Didn't Know About The C2 Corvette



**The original Sting Ray is a huge favorite these days.**

There's no denying the importance of the C-1 Corvette. After all, it got the ball rolling, but it wasn't until the C-2 launched that America's sports car grew some serious teeth. Yes, that iconic Sting Ray styling sure does make the car look muscular, but Chevrolet also beefed up the power train so the Vette could really take on European performance cars and win.



That combination of style and winning performance makes the C-2 Corvette a car many dream of owning. It also means people obsess over it, learning all they can about the car. But how much do you really know? See how many of the following 10 items you knew before reading this.

## 1. 1963 Pilot Line Cars



The C-2 "Pilot Line" or prototype cars totaled up to 23 vehicles, almost all convertibles. They were manufactured on the line at the same time as 1962 Corvettes were being assembled, sharing some components with them. These pre-production models also came with a 1962 Chevy Nova handbrake. As for the body panels, they were built using mahogany wood buck and handmade fiberglass.

## 2. Stingray or Sting Ray

When the C-2 first launched, everyone knew the styling was influenced heavily by marine life. That was evident in the name of the new body style, which was written on the cars as "Sting Ray." That's right, all the way from the 1963 to 1967 model years the name was two separate words. Today, we're all used to writing it out as "Stingray," but that came about with the second year of the C-3 in 1969.

## 3. Vinyl Up Top

These days it seems like there's a split among enthusiasts about whether vinyl on car roofs is stylish or not. Up through the 1966 model year, Corvette owners who wanted a convertible with the removable top for cold weather driving couldn't get black vinyl. Instead, they had to go with a body color roof. For the final year of the C-2, the 1967, GM gave convertible shoppers this option, expanding styling choices.

## 4. Split Window Controversy



Easily one of the most desirable Corvettes of all time, at least when it comes to collectors, is the 1963 coupe. That split window in the rear was discontinued after just one production year, thanks to Corvette owners complaining they couldn't see properly to reverse or even while driving down the road. Instead of ignoring the feedback, GM made the rear window for the 1964 and beyond a solid pane of glass. This means the '63 coupes are rare and quite valuable today.

## 5. More Torsional Rigidity

Enthusiasts who are even just a little technical understand

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the importance of torsional rigidity when it comes to handling. While everyone knows about the switch from the split window to a regular rear window from the '63 to '64 models, they might not be aware that GM added more steel framework to both the convertible and coupe. They each feature steel pretty much surrounding the passenger compartment, plus in the coupe the steel extends overhead in the roof so sticking turns became that much more effortless. Optional wide-rim aluminum wheels also helped increase handling performance

## 6. Off-Road Exhaust



If you've looked through the options list for the C-2 Corvettes, you might have noticed a line for an "off-road service exhaust system." Before anyone gets any weird ideas, GM wasn't suggesting taking a Vette on the Rubicon Trail or anything like that, obviously. Opting for this meant getting a muffler with three internal baffles instead of five. With less restriction in the exhaust flow, the car sounded more aggressive, something people who heard the optional exhaust liked enough to pay extra for it. Of course, they could've just ordered the exposed side-mounted exhaust, but surprisingly not everyone was into that.

## 7. An American First



There's no doubt the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray was revolutionary in many ways, but you might not realize weight distribution is one of the big changes to America's sports car. Over half the weight sits on the rear axle, which was the first time an American front-engine car had such

weight distribution, making it an oddity. The result of this design is better handling in turns, making the C-2 a legitimate threat on the track.

## 8. Functional Stinger



Pretty much everyone loves the look of the stinger hood on certain C-2 Corvette models, but the sad fact is the scoop wasn't functional, with one small exception. The 1967 model introduced the L-88 427 engine which got an induction of fresh air through the hood scoop. Sadly, a mere 20 were made.

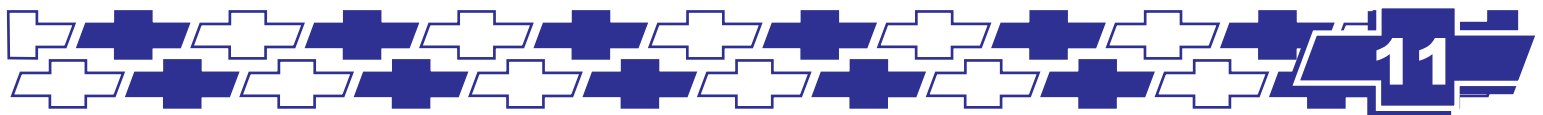
## 9. Thermal Efficiency



Anyone who knows the C-2 Corvettes is aware the 1966 model year introduced two pavement-pounding 427 V8s. There are a lot of design tweaks which push output on these engines to impressive heights. Among them is the modified wedge-type cylinders designed for greater thermal efficiency. Thanks to a reduction in the ratio of chamber surface to chamber volume, more of the thermal energy was used to push the piston down instead of uselessly heating up the cylinder walls.

## 10. Rally Wheels

You might associate the iconic Rally Wheels with the C-3 Corvette since that's when they really became popular, but the fact is they launched with the C-2. It was the 1967 model which first used Rally Wheels as part of the standard equipment, although an aluminum wheel was an option some chose instead.





**Feb. 10 Meeting**  
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