

LEGENDS LEADER

March 2024



March Meeting

11 am Saturday, March 9

Prairie House Restaurant

119 E Main St, (East of Mill St.) Lewisville, TX

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Upcoming Events 2024



*CLoT Club Participation Event

- *Mar 9 Legends Club Meeting** Prairie House Restaurant Lewisville, TX
- Mar 16-17 Corvette Chevy Expo** Convention Center Galveston, TX
Indoor Show and outdoor Show & Shine put on by Vette Vues Magazine.
Info at CorvetteChevyExpo.com
- Mar 23 Summit Racing Car Show** Summit Racing Arlington, TX
2200 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 9:00 am
- Apr 12-14 Corvette Kickoff Classic** Apache Casino Hotel Lawton, OK
Fri. Top 25 Show! Sat. & Sun. Show-N-Shine & Judged Show! Sun. Refuge Cruise.
- *Apr 13 Legends Club Meeting** Outback Steak House Plano, TX
- *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. 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
- May 4 50th Birthday Car Show** Double Oak, TX
Town of Double Oak 50th Birthday Car Show. Sat., May 4, 9am-Noon, Registration 8-10am, Judging 10-11am, Awards 11:30am. Coffee & Donuts. Downing Middle School South Parking Lot. 5555 Bridlewood Blvd, Flower Mound, TX. Spectators park in North Parking Lot. \$20 registration. Pre-Register at www.DoubleOak.Texas.Gov
- *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
- *Aug 29-Sept 2, 2024 National Corvette Caravan** to Bowling Green, KY
Full information on page 11. 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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A decade has passed since a colossal sinkhole engulfed prized cars at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

At around 5:30 a.m. on February 12, 2014, the cave-in tragically claimed eight cars from the museum's multi-million-dollar Corvette collection.

The event was captured on video and images from the museum's security cameras, quickly gaining viral attention.

Director of Collections, Robert Maxhimer, remarked, "It really put the museum on the map and exposed it to people who may not have known of its existence." The museum experienced a resurgence, becoming a tourist hotspot and attracting new investments.

Maxhimer announced an upcoming exhibit titled "Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined," set to open this summer. The exhibit will feature the cars recovered from the sinkhole, including the fully restored one-millionth Corvette by GM, along with a captivating time-lapse of its restoration process.

The exhibit will debut on June 14th and will be on display until September 15th. You'll be able to see it when you visit during Corvette Caravan. The current exhibits showing the sink hole and all the engineering involved in repairing the museum will be removed after that... an exhibit not to be missed.

See Back Issues and Legends Newsletter in Color at VetteLegends.com

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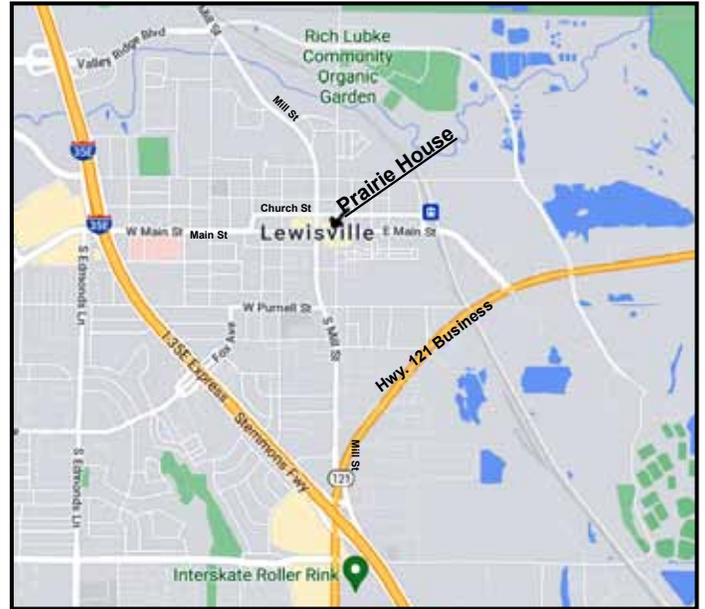
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Lewisville, TX

Additional parking on Main St.

Gerry & Linda Boren will be at the meeting visiting from Idaho. Come and say HI to them.



Directions: Take Exit 452 off of I-35E. Go 1 mile east on Main St. (just past Mill St.) Prairie House is on your left on 1-way street.

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Coordinated by Denise Eckhart <http://www.vettelegends.com>
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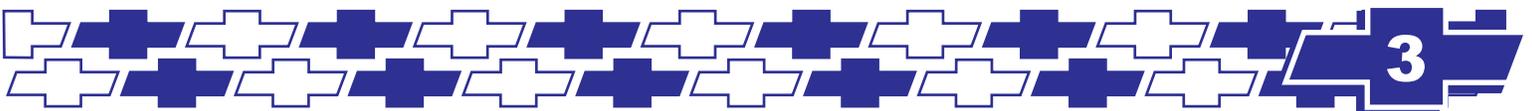
If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact
 Len Woodruff: Lenwoodruff@gmail.com or (972) 979-5722

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
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Go to www.pateswapmeet.com
for Pate's full rules and instructions

Label the parts/items you plan on selling at the swap meet with a wired tag. Give a brief description, your name and asking price. If the price of the item is NOT negotiable, put the **Firm** on the label so that we know that the price is FIRM, in case you are not present to do the deal.

1965 original
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John Smith

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.

The club has paid \$220 for the four spaces. If you're selling parts, please donate a portion of your proceeds to Legends.

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.

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, the club will bring a pop-up shade.

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.



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Semi with 10 C8's Stolen



Authorities reported that Isaiah Walker, a 23-year-old from Lawton, Oklahoma, seized a semi-truck transporting over \$1 million worth of new Corvettes from an Arizona truck stop, claiming he needed a ride home after his release from prison.

According to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, Walker assaulted and robbed a truck driver at the Loves Truck Stop in Willcox, near Interstate 10. He engaged the victim in conversation about the truck's cargo, then suddenly attacked him and forcibly ejected him from the cab, exploiting the victim's trust.

Driving off with the semi, which contained 10 Chevrolet C8 Corvettes valued at over \$1.25 million, Walker evaded a pursuing deputy, driving recklessly and endangering other motorists.

Ultimately, law enforcement managed to halt the stolen truck, leading to Walker's arrest. Despite the valuable cargo, Walker claimed his motive was solely to find transportation home after his prison release.

Facing multiple felony charges, including robbery and theft-related offenses, Walker was incarcerated in Cochise County Jail.

Fortunately, the stolen truck was recovered undamaged and returned to its rightful owner for completion of its delivery, as confirmed by Willcox Police Chief Dale Hadfield, who commended law enforcement for their professionalism and restraint in resolving the situation peacefully and safeguarding public property.



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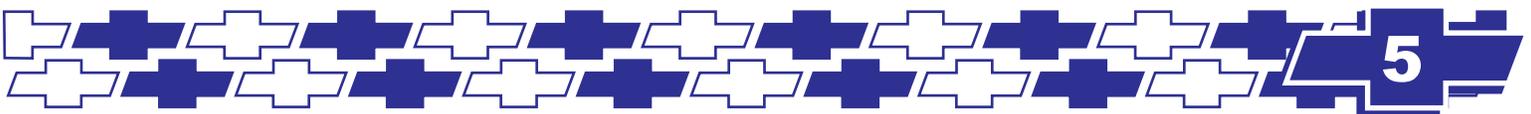
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64TH ANNUAL AutoRama.

Corvette Legends of Texas won Outstanding Club Display and \$150 at the AutoRama, Feb. 16-18. Our members brought out six outstanding Corvettes to represent our club. Thanks to them for all the work it took to get their cars ready and down to Market Hall for the whole weekend

- Steve Parry** - 1st Place, Contemporary Sports - 2022
- Shane Morris** - Class Award, Domestic Sports - 1960
- Jeff Clevenger** - 3rd Place, Domestic Sports - 1965
- Mark Peterson** - Class Award, Domestic Sports - 1972
- Vic Pacheco** - Class Award, Domestic Sports - 2010
- Tim Wardlaw** - 2nd Place, Domestic Sports - 1962

Tim Wardlaw also got a Street Achievement award at the end of the show called "Custom Sport" from the International Show Car Association.

We also had lots of help from other members who helped with the set up, manning the booth during the show and tearing down the display and getting everything back to the storage area.

Of course, the biggest thank you goes to Tom Hubbert, our VP for Special Events who makes ALL of the arrangements weeks in advance to recruit the show cars, gets our club space secured with AutoRama, and makes sure all the "stuff" gets set up.



VP of Special Events, Tom Hubbert, made all of our arrangements for AutoRama!



Vic Pacheco talks to a spectator about his 2010 Red Grand Sport Coupe



Rare old member sighting...
Joe & Kathryn Maulsby



Tim Wardlaw (above) and his White Fuel-Injected 1962



Steve Parry's Yellow 2022 C8R

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Rare member sighting... Lon Hutcheson (left) visiting with Mark Peterson who showed his War Bonnet Yellow 1972 Coupe



Bill Preston, Shane Morris and Dennis Conte checking out the fuel injector in Shane's Black 1960.



Jeff Clevenger's 1965 Blue Convertible.




Birthdays for March

03-02 Kathy Hanks	03-16 Tim Wardlaw
03-03 Katie Jackson	03-17 Mike McCall
03-03 Michael Ludtka	03-20 Diana Kingston
03-15 Terry Sealock	03-23 Cathy Hubbert
03-15 Walter Adams	03-25 Fay Jarrett
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While everyone else was ready for the first of the new generation, Mike Yager, founder of Mid-America Corvettes, asked for the last. Mike contacted Chevrolet General Manager Jim Perkins to request the honor of purchasing the final C4 Corvette. The whole Yager Family went to Bowling Green, Kentucky, to watch the car being assembled. Mike asked every person who worked on the C4 to autograph it as it moved down the assembly line. After a 13-year lifespan and 358,180 Corvettes created, the C4 era ended.



A Corvette Milestone

The C4 Corvette was a milestone from the day it was introduced in March 1983 as the new 1984 model. Corvette engineers had completely redesigned “America’s Sports Car,” creating a reliable, high performance, high-horsepower sports car that fully complied with emission control and fuel economy regulations.

The C4 firmly established Corvette as a world class car. For the automotive enthusiast, the C4 Corvette was a world class car, and a world class bargain. For a base sticker price of \$21,800 when it was introduced, Corvette owners had a car that was unmatched by other cars costing tens of thousands of dollars more. In fact, many critics in the motoring press considered the car to be among the best handling cars in the world.

Unique Style And Handling

The C4 Corvette was truly an innovation and brought Corvette back to the automotive center stage. Under Dave McLellan’s direction as Chief Engineer, the 1984 C4 introduced a forged aluminum chassis and a thorough update to every other aspect of the car, leading Motor Trend to announce, “A Star is Born.”

The styling took its cue from the mid-engine 4-Rotor Corvette Paris Show car and lowered the drag coefficient to 0.34. The technology infusions over the life of the C4 included:

- *Aluminum Intensive Chassis
- *50, Then 40 & Then 35 Aspect Ratio High Speed Tires, Then Finally Run Flat Tires
- *Tire Pressure Monitoring
- *Mono-tube Adjustable Bilstein Shocks
- *11.5” Ventilated Disc Brakes
- *Zero Scrub Front Suspension
- *Rack & Pinion Steering
- *Ultra Light Fiberglass Springs Front & Rear
- *6-Speed Manual Transmission

The Last C4

In mid 1995, after General Motors announced the 1996 model year would be the end of the line for the C4, Mike began making plans to purchase the car. He recognized the significance of the C4 in the development of the Corvette, and he wanted to make sure the last C4 was properly honored. He secured GM’s approval to buy the last C4 on the condition that he would retain ownership of the car and display it in his museum.

“You can find a lot of ‘first cars’ because everyone is excited about a brand new vehicle. But ‘last cars’ are rare. The ones that exist are typically in private collections and no one ever sees them. This car is on display at the MY Garage Museum for everyone to see,” Mike said.

The Last C4 is a stock Arctic White coupe, with the LT1 350 c.i. 330 horsepower engine and an automatic transmission. Unique commemorative design features added to distinguish the Last C4 include:

- *White ZR-1 Wheels
- *Grand Sport Flares Mounted To The Fenders
- *Red Grand Sport “Hash Marks” Adorn The Fenders
- *A Unique “Last C4” Emblem Mounted On Each Side Of The Car
- *Custom Mid America Motorworks Seats With “Last C4” Stitching
- *A “Last C4” Decal Mounted To The Top Of The Windshield

A Celebration Of A Landmark Generation

At the assembly plant, production of the last C4 was a celebration, not an ending. Mike escorted the car as it moved down the production line. He even helped install the shock absorbers, control arms and the ZR-1 wheels on the car.

Before the car left each work station, Mike asked employees to sign the car. Their signatures can be found all

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The Last C4 Engine, autographed by Jim Perkins and Dave McLellan

over the Last C4, autographed on the section of the car they created. The car was also signed by Jim Perkins, former Chevrolet General Manager; Dave McLellan, Chief Corvette Engineer; Fred Gallasch, then Assistant Brand Manager for Corvette; and Jeff Cauley, of Cauley Chevrolet in Michigan, the “dealer of record” for the car.

As the Corvette moved down the line, the employees followed behind, removing fixtures used to build the C4 and watching as the last C4 left the plant.

For the last C4, Mike chose the R8C option, which enabled him to take delivery of the car at the National Corvette Museum, also located in Bowling Green. The actual delivery of the car to Mike was at a party celebrating the Last C4 and a memorial service to Zora Arkus-

Duntov, the Godfather of the Corvette, and personal friend of Mike’s.

The car has only been driven 37 miles. In fact, the plastic covers installed at the plant to protect the steering wheel and seats are still in place.

The Last C4 is on public display seven days a week at the MY Garage Museum & Retail Store in Effingham, Illinois. Visitors get a chance to see the raised hood, where signatures cover the engine bay. They will also see photos of the car’s production and delivery, including photos of the Bowling Green employees surrounding the car after it rolled off the line. There is even a hammer that was used on every C4 built over the 13-year production! A banner with more employee signatures and the framed “After 41 Years—The End” tag commemorating the last small block engine produced in Flint, Michigan complete the display.

The Last C4 was honored by being inducted into the Bloomington Gold Great Hall. It was selected to join the ranks of 49 other Corvettes to be among the 50 most significant Corvettes in the Corvette hobby.



Mike Yager and Michael Yager with the Last C4 in the Bloomington Gold Great Hall

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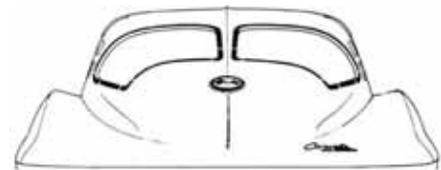
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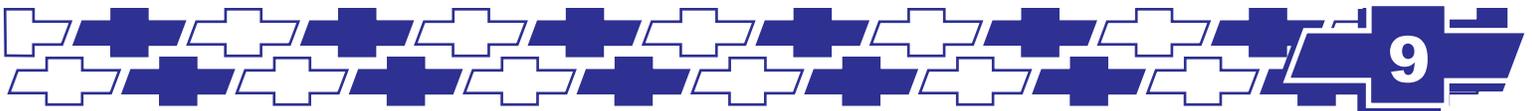


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CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS GENERAL MEETING February 10, 2024

Spring Creek BBQ Restaurant, Richardson

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by 'President for the day', Tom Hubbert at 12:07. Sam Deneault was out of town so Tom was filling in for him. There were no minutes from the previous meeting to approve due to the After Holiday Party. Despite the weather, there were 48 members signed in, though I'm not sure the attendance sheet made it to everyone. Six Corvettes braved the wet and rainy conditions.

Guests: Ralph Stannard

New Members: Rob Franklin

Lady Legends Winner: Sandy Allen

50/50 Pot Winner: Tom Shipper (\$56)

Tom reviewed the After Holiday Party. It was a nice time with good food and Doc Gibbs had us laughing with his music and comedy. 46 members (couples) attended but that was some less than last year. In an effort to improve our party, a short survey will be emailed to our members for comments and suggestions about how to help us make the party better. Please look for it in the coming weeks and respond, when you receive it. Thank you in advance.

March 9 meeting-Prairie House Restaurant in Lewisville.

David Hume of WindRestrictor will give a presentation at the March 9 meeting.

April 13 meeting-Outback Steakhouse in Plano.

Diane Preston mentioned that the February newsletter included a sheet of the latest updates to our member directory. So if you only read online, you need to add it to your directory.

Tom recognized Ken Dobbs as our 2023 Member of the Year. He received the long deserved award at the After Holiday Party. Ken has been our weekend/weekday wrench coordinator for many years. He received a round of applause from the members.

The Pate Swap meet will be held at Texas Motor Speedway from April 27-29. Jeff Clevenger is our point person for this event. Jeff was out of town so Diane Preston filled us in on the plans to date. The club has four spaces reserved and Diane had a handout with a map of the speedway grounds with the location of our spaces highlighted as well as some notes concerning labeling and pricing your items. Bill Preston added the helpful hints to price your items in whole dollars and he'll have a 'free' box available for those little things you just want to be gone. The club will have a pop-up shade for those working at the booth, but collapsible tables will be needed. Sam, Tom and a few others will be meeting at the club storage unit at noon on Wednesday, April 24 to get the items there loaded up. There'll be more info at the next meeting as well. Go thru all that stuff in your attic, garage and sheds that your wife wants you to get rid of!!!

Tom Hubbert reminded all that Autorama is set for February 16-18 at Dallas Market Hall. Six cars will be shown: Tim Wardlaw and Shane Morris with their C1 fuelies, Jeff Clevenger with his C2, Mark Peterson with his C3, Vic Pacheco with his C6 and Steve Parry with his C8R.

Bill Tichy spoke briefly about hotel arrangements for the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green & the National Corvette Museum 30th anniversary event next Labor Day weekend. He has been communicating via email with those signed up and is planning a get together at his house after the March meeting for further planning of the after event trip. If you're signed up or interested in going, please make sure Bill has your email address on his list. Bill is coordinating all the plans for our club.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm. Thank you to Tom Hubbert for filling in for Sam.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



Guest Ralph Stannard with Bill Foote



Chuck & Sonja Endicott



Rare member sighting... Don & Diana Kingston



New member Rob Franklin



Kathleen Pagana, Sandy & Kurtis Allen, Steve Parry, Jim Pagana and Mel Ehlers





The 7th National Corvette Caravan August 29-31, 2024

Bill Tichy plans to have a meeting of Legends members who are going on the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green at

his home, 218 Steeplechase Dr., in Irving immediately after the March club meeting on Saturday, March 9. We will have time to discuss trip details, after-museum options; e.g. Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Gilmore Car Museum, Henry Ford Museum, etc.

New Info: The following is a proposed hotel plan while we are in Bowling Green. The Caravan will arrive at Red Roof Inn on Wednesday 8/28 and we will depart Sunday 9/1 resulting in a four night stay. Red Roof Inn & Suites, 807 Mammoth Cave St., Cave City, KY. Check-in 8/28 Check-out 9/1. The cost per room varies each night. Total cost for the stay is \$366.11.

Red Roof phone number is 1-270-773-3121. A block of 14 rooms is being held for the Texas Corvette Club. Given the number of hotels which are already fully booked I recommend that you make your reservation very soon and ask for an email confirmation.

Please give Bill a call at 214-770-6679, if you have any questions. Here is a reminder of details and dates that require your attention.

1. Attend Bill Tichy's planning meeting March 9 to review details and plan extended trip after the Caravan!
2. Sign up for OK/TX Panhandle Caravan by 8/5
3. Make hotel reservations at:
Marriott Southern Hills, Tulsa for 8/26
The Pear Tree Hotel, Cape Girardeau, MO for 8/27
The Red Roof Inn, Cave City, KY for 8/28-9/1
4. Register for 7th National Corvette Caravan

Corvette Caravan Pre-Registration Closes on Monday, August 5th at 12 pm CDT. There are ABSOLUTELY no refunds after that date. All pre-registrants will receive an event credential, pin, and dash plaque. Event credentials will grant participants access to the Museum galleries during event hours and access to seminars and presentations (*unless noted with an additional fee on the agenda*).

Participants who select a caravan will sign the event waiver and receive their event credentials, pin, and dash plaque, when they meet their caravan captain for the first time. Participants who do not select a caravan can pick up credentials, pin, and dash plaque when they arrive at

the Museum and sign the event waiver.

While event Pre-Registration will remain open until August 5th **caravan registration will close on July 8th** at 12pm CDT. Participants registering after that date will be able to select a caravan and receive route information, but credentials, event pins, or dash plaque will NOT be sent to caravan captains and MUST be picked up upon arrival at the National Corvette Museum.

Sign up for the OK/TX Panhandle Caravan. \$25 to Caravan Captain, Ed Onley, 4400 Mackenzie Dr., Moore, OK 73160, 405-642-8929

OK/TX Panhandle Corvette Caravan Schedule Monday, August 26, 2024

-Legends Chairmen Bill Tichy & Larry Dyer will lead group from the DFW area Monday morning (time & place TBA)

-**Lunch** Frontier Chevrolet, El Reno OK on Route 66.

-**Route 66** from El Reno to Tulsa. If some want to follow Rt.66 to Tulsa, the rest of the caravan will take I-44 to Tulsa. (NTTA tag is good).

-**Monday night in Tulsa OK** Marriott Southern Hills Resort Hotel. \$169 + taxes.

Tuesday, August 27, 2024

-**Depart** Marriott Parking Lot. (Early departure time TBA).

-**Take I-44 to toll road to Missouri** (NTTA Tag is good)

-**Stop at Missouri Visitor Center** to re-group.

-**Lunch at Springfield, MO.** (Locations TBA).

-**Route 60 East to Cape Girardeau MO.** Four caravans meet there. Make reservations at the Pear Tree Hotel (part of the Drury chain) Estimated \$72 + taxes. We have two group numbers 10069890 & 10069878. Call 800-325-0720 for reservations. Plans for All-Corvette Car Show, on the Mississippi River in old downtown.

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

-**Everyone goes to Bowling Green KY**, see Red Roof Inn, Cave City, KY hotel info for our group.

On Tuesday, August 27th, On-site Registration will open at the National Corvette Museum. Onsite registrants will receive an event credential and event pin.

Event Pre-Registration: \$50 for Lifetime Members;
\$60 for Members; \$85 for Non-Members

Event Onsite Registration: \$60 for Lifetime Members;
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