



Legends/Cowtown 2019 Corvette Caravan
group at The Gilmore Automotive Museum
in Hickory Corners, Michigan

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October Meeting
11 am-Saturday
October 12, 2019

McKinney Location
Spring Creek Bar-B-Q
1993 N Central Expy (US 75)

McKinney, (972) 542-8529

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October 2019

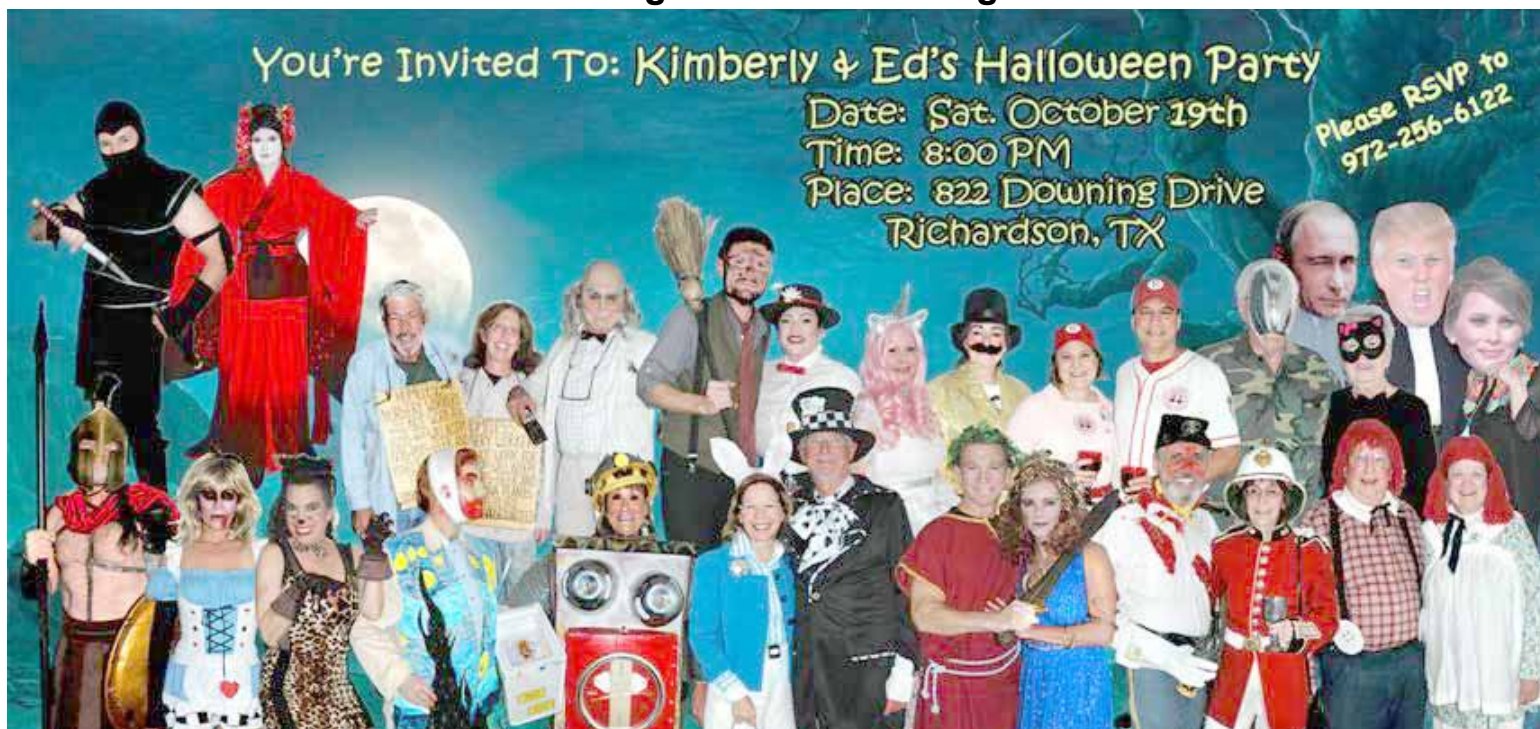
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2019 Upcoming Events



*CLOT Club Participation Event

- Oct 3-6 Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend** Eureka Springs, AR
eurekaspringscorvette.org
- *Oct 12 Legends Club Meeting** Spring Creek BBQ-McKinney 11:00 AM
- Oct 12 Patriot Paws Fall Graduation** Rockwall, TX
Help us celebrate our 2019 Veteran-Service Dog Teams! 10am, Hilton Bella Harbor
Rockwall Lakefront, Bella Harbor Ballroom, 2055 Summer Lee Drive, Rockwall, TX 75032, A light lunch will be served. **LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING! RSVP office@patriotpaws.org**
- Oct 17-19 DFW Swap Meet** Grand Prairie, TX
Lone Star Park, I-30 @ Beltline, Fri & Sat: 8-5, www.earhartproductions.com
- *Oct 19 19th Annual Cowtown Corvette Show** Ft. Worth, TX
Just south of Hulen Mall at 4921 Overton Ridge Blvd. Move in 9-10am. Awards at 2pm.
\$25 early entry/\$30 at the show. See page 5 for full details.
- *Oct 19 Ed & Kimberly Atchley's Halloween Party** Richardson, TX
Start getting your costume ready NOW!!! 8 pm, 822 Downing Dr., Richardson, TX
RSVP 972-256-6122. See invitation below.
- Oct 24-26 Lone Star NCRS Regional** Embassy Suites Frisco, TX
- *Oct 25-26 Corvettes on the Plaza** See page 7 Sulphur Springs, TX
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FRI: 5-6:30 pm-FREE Reception at the Clarion Point-Complimentary Beer & Wine, Hors D'oeuvres and Door Prizes! **6 pm-Dine Around Town with Legends members** (site to be announced).
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Show Chairmen: Steve Judkins, fndrxr@aol.com or 409-718-1471. Mike Hart, mhart366@gmail.com or 972-743-4741. Call these local hotel numbers only to get Special Corvette Show Rates.
Clarion Point (New Host Hotel) 903-885-6851, Hampton Inn 903-439-4646, La Quinta 903-885-8181.
- Oct 29 C8 Tour at Huffines Chevrolet** 1001 Coit Rd Plano, TX
5-7pm at the Plano location only. National Dealer Tour location.
- * Nov. 9 Legends Club Meeting** Wild Salsa, Fairview 11:00 AM
- Nov. 16 Solid Axle Annual Meeting** Brumit's Garage, Garland, TX 2:00 PM
See Red River SACC Newsletter or Contact Bill Preston for details 405-412-0502
- * Dec 7 Corvette World Toy Run** as early as 8 am Carrollton, TX
Benefits Toys for Tots. Caravan leaves about 10:15 am
- * Dec 7 Lewisville Christmas Parade** Lewisville, TX
Decorate your Corvette and/or yourself for Christmas Parade.
- *Dec 14 Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM





Linda and I decided to go to Rogers again this year, We spent about three weeks getting every thing ready, Cleaning up the Vette, then the trailer and truck. I found one bad tire on the trailer, pulled it off and went to Discount Tire for a new one.

Thursday morning we left out at ten o'clock. Great! We made it to north of McKinney and had a blowout on the trailer, put on the spare, stopped in Sherman and bought two new tires and after two hours we were on the road again. We got to the hotel at 7:30

Friday we went to the Daisy BB gun museum. It was interesting, found a copy of the BB gun I had when I was about twelve years old. After lunch we went to Crystal Bridges Museum, all kinds of paintings, sculptures etc.

Went back to the hotel, the Corvette club had hot dogs, burgers, chips, and drinks, was very good. Then we went out on the hotel patio and listened to live music till nine.

Saturday we went to the Corvette show ten miles north at Pinnacle Hills outdoor mall. We got set up, then we had a little shower, the sun came out we dried the car, the judges came, the show was over at 2 pm. We loaded the car and went back to the hotel. At 7 pm we went to the banquet, food was good. There were four or five C-2s in my class all of them nice, I got a class award, which I thought I was lucky. Sunday morning got up to a big breakfast at the hotel then we came home. All in all it was a fun trip.

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In front of Target on West side of US 75, N of US 380 (University)



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Coordinated by Len Woodruff (see above)
 \$35 for annual membership
 Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:

Club Mailing Address:

Corvette Legends of Texas
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 Plano, TX 75026-0316

Meeting Speakers:

If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact Joel Joseph (972) 727-6833.





Birthdays for October

10-03 J.C. Cherry	10-17 Jeff Sebert
10-04 Clair Schwendemem	10-18 Mack Rogers
10-05 Carole Arakelian	10-20 Mary Davis
10-09 Don Pinson	10-21-Bob Harris
10-11 Bobbie Jo Dawson	10-24 Don Dawson
10-11 Mary Jeanne Entrekin	10-26 Fred Hager
10-14 Nancy Kemmet	10-27 Lisa Sunderland
10-15 Bill George	10-27 Rick Dietel
	10-30 Sam Deneault

New Members

Jim Ritter-Coppell, TX
2019 Silver GS Cpe



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Communications@VetteLegends.com**



August Dinner Cruise

by Mary Jean Entrekin

photos by Al Lisbona

On Saturday August 24th we met at Braums in Lewisville, TX. at 2:30 We all left at 3:00 and cruised to Denton. Diane Preston gave us a map so we could stop and visit Bill Preston at his rehab on our way to Bebo's. It was a quick visit, but we all enjoyed visiting with him after his open heart surgery.

We had 13 cars and 26 people. Two of the couples just met us at the restaurant. All enjoyed the food and visiting with each other. They had the biggest chicken fried steak I ever saw. SOOO Big.

The people in attendance were Mary Jean and Tom Entrekin, Julia Kelsey and Tom Atchison, Al and Barb MacDonald, Jerry and Barb Echols, Bob and Linda Rockett, Len and Beth Woodruff, Pat and Ron Cople, Al and Mary Anne Lisbona, Tom and Sandy Lainson, Ken and Kathy Weller, Don

Eckhart and Denise Iverson, Bill and Diane Foote.

That was a good day for a cruise even though it was really hot, hot, hot, about 100 degrees. Another great dinner cruise!

Thanks to Al and Barb Macdonald who are hosting the September 21st Dinner Cruise. I'm having surgery on September 6, but hope I'll be up to traveling the short distance to Macdonald's home here in Flower Mound.



Ron Cople, Bill Foote, Preston Watkins (Bill's grandson), Don Eckhart, Julia Kelsey, Denise Iverson, Pat Cople, Al Macdonald, Diane Foote, Mary Anne & Al Lisbona, Linda & Bob Rockett, Sandy Lainson and Mary Jean Entrekin visit Bill Preston (sitting) at his rehab in Denton



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AKA How to have 40 Collector cars in a 2-car garage.

*Presented at the August 2019
Legends meeting by Len Woodruff*

The Beginning

I have been in love with cars as long as I can remember. My love of cars was further stoked when we moved to the center of the automotive world (at that time) Detroit, MI. I was surrounded by everything automotive in Detroit. We lived in Dearborn just a few miles from the assembly plants and auto museums.

While still in Detroit I continued my car craziness, when I submitted my design in 57 for the 58 Ford having no idea what the lead time was for new car models. Fortunately I received a nice letter back from the design team, that they already had the design and couldn't use mine.

The Early Years

During this time there were a few models cars around. I remember building a Hubley die cast Model T. There were also the cars that you could carve out of balsawood, but I didn't have the skill set for that.

Lucky for me the auto manufacturers thought having a scale models of the cars they were selling was a great way for the potential customer to have a reminder of the car they wanted. So GM, Ford and Chrysler commissioned companies to build these for them. They would supply all of the original blueprints so that the cars, which were called Promos, would be exact replicas of what they

were selling in the showroom.

The investments by the full-sized car manufacturers spawned a new industry making Promotional Models that would later become model cars companies like AMT, Revell, Monogram, MPC and Johan.

Because of the investment from the full size manufacturers to pay for the very expensive steel mold for the promotional models, the new model car industry was able to make kits with extra parts and sell these scale models to the build so people like me could build a copy of their dream cars.

In the early part of 1958 we started seeing model kits, with one-piece bodies made from styrene plastic, show up in the hobby shops around town. This was a major change that made the bodies much more to scale. True to the time period, these were models that had parts to build them as stock, custom or race cars. One of my very first builds was a full custom Edsel Pacer Convertible.

Who remembers bubble skirts, continental kits for the spare tire, rear mounted antennas, hood louvers, a-pillar spotlights and flame decals?

From that point on I bought every kit I could afford. I especially liked when my grandparents visited, because they would be good for another kit during their visit.

Life Happens

I continued building through the end of the sixties but slowed down considerably to finish college and to start getting into 1:1 cars (the term modelers use to

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distinguish from the scale models). I had a series of 1:1 cars, 68 SS396 Chevelle, 69 Z28 Camaro and 74 Nova SS with a 454 which was my drag race car for many years.

At the end of the 70's the kit manufacturer Monogram came out with the 78 Pace Car Corvette in a huge 1:8 scale. The Pace Car was the hottest car for 78 and the only way I could afford one was to buy this kit. It was so big I had to use the dining room table to build it. I brought this car today that I built 41 years ago to show everyone how big it is. Little did I know that just a few years later I would have my own 78 Silver Anniversary Corvette.

The New Beginning

I continued to build cars off and on, depending on what subject caught my attention. Along the way I continued to increase my skill set by adding capabilities like my own spray booth and air brush for painting. I added a miniature Lathe and Mill to create custom metal parts like wheels and pulleys.

During this time I was painting with automotive grade lacquer paint in primers, color and clear coats. Along about 2005 the paint companies made it harder for us to get the lacquer paints. This is when I transitioned to the urethane two-part base and clear coats. I

like the base coat because it covers better and the urethane clears lay down smoother than the lacquer clears with less polishing to get a smooth finish.

My Start of Building Collector Cars

One of my first collector car builds was a 2005 C6 Corvette in Daytona Sunset Orange with urethane clear. I followed it up with the 2007 Z06 in Atomic Orange, then 2009 ZR1 in Crystal Red Metallic Tint Coat and finally a 2011 Grand Sport in Inferno Orange. I guess I must be in love with the C6.

I also built the 62 in Honduras Maroon, 67 in Marlboro Maroon and the 2004 in LeMans Blue Metallic.

How Detailed Can These Kits Be Built?

Many of these kits are what is called "Full Detail" kits. That includes full engine detail like: the correct double hump heads on the 62, correct exhaust like the difference between the C6 Standard engine verses the Z06, separate front and rear suspensions, shocks, and drive shafts are also included.

The engines are often detailed with: sparkplug wires, fuel lines, vacuum lines, brake lines, carburetor linkages, radiator hoses, heater hoses, scale nuts and bolts, turned aluminum spark plugs, spark plug boots, and wiring looms. Other items can include: CNC Machined wheels and 3D printed parts.



**Friday Evening
October 25
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Reception**

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**Saturday, October 26
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Downtown Plaza**

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7:30 am Registration Opens-\$40

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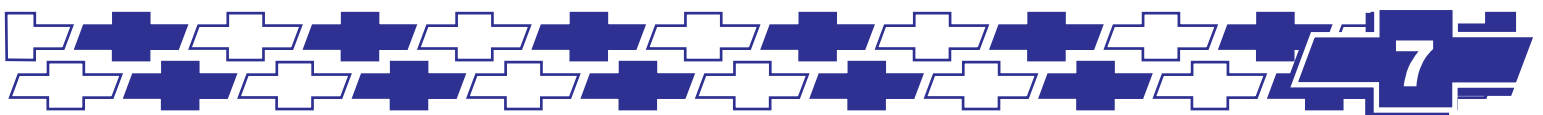
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by Larry Dyer

Leslie Mello, Ron Spurlock and Vince & Cindy Dumas at Jack Daniels Distillery

Lunch at the Gilmore Museum Diner.

Tuesday, August 27. Our trip started out at the ungodly hour of 5:15am *Note: for those who don't know me, I AM NOT A MORNING PERSON.* When I left my home, it was still dark, and cool, driving with the window down. I was heading north towards Texas Motor Speedway because I was meeting up with the first group at the QT gas station across from the speedway. Halfway there the sky opened and poured down rain in buckets.

Met up with the Cowtown Club members and headed North to Denton to meet the Legends members. (Just to let you know, originally Shawn was to leave Winstar at 9am, but then realized he wouldn't get us to Little Rock in time, so he moved the depart time to 8am). Got together then back onto I-35 heading to Winstar Casino to meet up with the North Texas Caravan. About a mile on I-35 I looked in the rearview mirror to see the taillights of Vince Dumas' car, I thought 'oh s**t that's not good'. I pulled over to see if they were OK. A little shaken up but they were all right. Vince suggested we go ahead, and he'll catch up. We got to Winstar meeting up with the caravan. We drove to Little Rock arriving at Bale Chevrolet for snacks and social gathering, along with a few hundred more Corvettes. Vince and Cindy Dumas met up with us at the hotel we had booked many months ago. The problem was this hotel, even though recommend by the NCM was not where we stayed. Everyone had some sort of complaint about their room and we had to find other accommodations.

Wednesday, August 28th. We gathered at Bale Chevrolet again for coffee and donuts. At 9am we began our exit with the Little Rock Police blocking traffic all the way to the highway. After a few stops for potty breaks and lunch we arrived in Nashville a little after the Corvette museum closed, so we just found our hotel and settled in for the night.

Thursday August 29th. By this time there were six Corvettes, so we headed to the Corvette Museum. As could be expected it was crowded and we had to park in the racetrack parking lot and got bused back to the museum.

Walked around a lot, spoke with many of the vendors there. Went to the Amphitheater to hear the concert. Listened to the Journey Tribute band, stayed for a while then left. Went to dinner waiting to hear from Bill Tichy who was to ride with me. You see Jan stayed home for personal family business and Bill for personal reasons couldn't drive to Bowling Green.

Friday August 30th. Still Bill hadn't been to the museum, so he and I went back and walked around to a less crowded Museum. Took forever to get back to hotel, because of a bad truck accident which had occurred around 2am.

Saturday August 31st. Headed out of Nashville towards Mammoth Caves National Park. Met up with Sam and Linda Deneault along with Bob and Linda Rockett. We did a small tour before leaving and heading to Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sunday, September 1st. Arrived at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the self-guided tour of the museum, then the "Kiss the Bricks" tour. This was riding around the track with a guide pointing out points of interest and stopping at the yard of bricks. We had our picture taken kissing the bricks. Note: we were originally going to do the tour of the garage area but because NASCAR was going to be racing there the following weekend we couldn't. Left Indianapolis heading to Kalamazoo, MI.

Monday, September 2nd. Arrived at the Gilmore Museum, what a fantastic place! The only thing more beautiful than the grounds were the cars on display. The staff there was very knowledgeable and answered all questions. We ate lunch in an old diner type structure originally from Median, CT. They allowed us to drive our cars onto the grounds for some picture taking in front of an old-style Shell gas station. Not everyone wanted to leave because we had not seen everything there, but we did head out and arrived in Ludington, MI.

Tuesday, September 3rd. Started the day at Big Sable Point Lighthouse. Because of the rain we all got a ride

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Larry Dyer and Bill Tichy at Greenfield Village



Linda & Sam Deneault at Mackinac Island



Linda & Bob Rockett at The Gilmore Museum

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out to the lighthouse instead of the guys hiking out there. The lighthouse has six volunteers who work there 24/7 for two weeks at a time. Then another group of volunteers come in. Their schedule is May 1 to November 20. They split our group with half watching an educational video on the lighthouse and the other half touring the living quarters of the volunteers. We had to wait a while because of the lightning in the area before we could climb up to the observation deck. What a sight from 92 feet above.

We left the lighthouse and had lunch in town at a restaurant one of the guides recommended. After we all ate more than we should have we walked down the street to a place Nadine Tichy recommended, House of Flavors, an ice cream shop with more flavors than you've ever seen.

We left town heading for St. Ignace traveling on the Ironton Ferry, a cable drawn ferry moving four cars at a time, which we used to cross the river. Drove through the tunnel of trees arriving at our destination.

Wednesday, September 4th. Took the ferry ride to Mackinac Island. Great place! Took the tour of the island seeing the sights. On Mackinac Island no motorized vehicles are allowed on the road, everything is either horse drawn or bicycle. We had a buffet lunch at the Grand Hotel, which was spectacular. After lunch we just walked around town, found a place for an adult beverage then got back on the ferry.

Thursday, September 5th. Started the day driving to Soo Locks. Very interesting the way they work. Watching a ship being transferred then went inside and saw a few videos which made it much clearer as to what was going on. By the way, we were a short bridge ride away from Canada.

We then headed for Dearborn, MI, a long drive. When we finally got to our hotel, we found out that all the rooms booked had a single queen size bed, this worked for most but not for Bill and me. Because of the big car show the next day at the museum, most rooms were booked but eventually they found Bill and me an acceptable room.

Friday, September 6th. Went to the Henry Ford

Museum. We bought our two-day passes as suggested by Bill and began our tour. This museum was unbelievable, they had so much stuff I never expected to see. They had the actual Lincoln that JFK was shot in, they had trains, and airplanes plus they had cars. As many know, they only built 48 Tucker automobiles and we had seen two on this trip. Ron was so informative with his knowledge of trains and showed us so much. A few of us worked on a Model T putting on the driver's side running board. We then went on the tour of the Rouge plant where they make high end F150 trucks, four-door models and Raptors.

Saturday, September 7th. Back to the Henry Ford Museum to see Greenfield Village. We lucked out in that this was the weekend when the "Old Car Festival" took place for the 69th time. This is the oldest continuous running car show in America. There were over 800 Model T Fords, plus truly unbelievable cars, nothing newer than 1938.

Bill and I started our trip home, stopping for the night in Nashville, after traveling through Ohio and Kentucky. While the others were off to various places . . . Niagara Falls, Cincinnati Ohio, Chicago.

Thanks to all who participated on this journey: Cowtown members, David & Becky Clark, Robert & Cyndie Geyer, Ron & Connie McCrary. Legends members Sam & Linda Deneault, Vince & Cindy Dumas, Bob & Linda Rockett, Ron Spurlock & Leslie Mello and, of course, Bill Tichy who did the heavy lifting in planning this trip.

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September Meeting



CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS GENERAL MEETING September 14, 2019

LaHacienda Ranch, Carrollton

The Members of Corvette Legends were called to order by vice-president, Joel Joseph at 12:15 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Guests: Conner Cleaver

New Member: Jim Ritter – who recently gave up motorcycles for a 2019 Silver Vette

Lady Legends Winner: Beth Woodruff

50/50 Pot Winner: Ed Atchley (\$57)

Diane Preston reported that there are still a few members who are on the #*\$#\$ list, because they have not provided confirmation of the information in the Member Directory... She is “not-so-patiently” waiting so the new publication can go to press. Also, Diane and the club were pleased to welcome Bill Preston back home, and at the club meeting, after his surgery and recovery.

Len Woodruff reported that the club has 128 members and gave a generation breakout of club cars: C-1 is best represented with 42! Also, the next Weekend Wrench project involves Len’s car.

Future club meetings:

Oct. 12 – Spring Creek BBQ in McKinney;

Nov. 9 - Wild Salsa, Fairview. Joel Joseph needs a head count for the November meeting since this is a new venue and he needs to notify the restaurant of approximate attendance.

The Club will participate in the Texas State Fair on Sept. 29. Jerry Echols reported that there is space for 25-26 cars, and we are just about full up, but there are always a few drop-outs, so don’t hesitate to sign up. We will be in the Corral with Lone Star Miata Club. Specifics on meeting places and directions are in the Newsletter.

The Park Place Supercar event is Sept. 28. Contact Tom Lainson for details. Info is also in the Newsletter.

The Macdonalds are hosting a dinner cruise at their house on Sept. 21. The sign-up sheet was passed around for updating. Directions will be sent via e-mail to those who have signed up.

A report on the 2019 Corvette Caravan to the Museum and the “after caravan” tour was given by Larry Dyer. He reported Vince Dumas had a slight mishap on the trip, but overall it was a good trip. Those of us who stayed at home got highlights of the tours, thanks to the pictorial journal that Sam and Linda Deneault sent via e-mail.

Don Eckhart reported that three C-1 Corvettes drove 3500 miles via Route 66 to the Solid Axle Convention in Livonia, MI. Next year’s



Joel Joseph calls out raffle numbers while Conner Cleaver passes out prizes.

Dennis Conte drove his Jewel Blue & White 1961 to Detroit for the Solid Axle Convention in August.



Welcome back Gloria & Vic Freeney and their 2014 Smoke Gray Coupe

convention will be during Corvettes at Carlisle.



The Atchley’s asked members to pencil in Oct. 19 – the date for their Halloween Costume Party. Those who have attended in the past say this is a don’t miss event. Watch the Newsletter for details.

Corvette World Garage Party is today (Sept. 14) with contributions to a silent auction going to Toys for Tots. Corvette World will also be the gathering point for Toys for Tots drive the first weekend in December.

Tom Atchison confirmed the date for the After Holiday Party as Jan.18, 2020 at the Lewisville Hilton Garden Inn. He assured members that there will be a larger dance floor.

We will not have a booth at the Good-Guys Fall Event Sept. 27-29. Patriot Paws will be having a graduation ceremony on Oct.12, and, hopefully, our dog Axle will graduate! Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Pat Cople, Secretary





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