Corvette Legends of Texas

Legends Ledger

October 2026

Black Gold & BBQ Lunch Cruise!!!





Legends members turned out at the Racetrac in Lavon, TX.



New member Tim McDonald arrived in an awesome yellow C-8!... He's a C4 guy!!!



The BBQ at Country Tavern in Kilgore was as awesome as Butch McLoud said it would be! We had two long tables and the rest of the place was already packed!

Butch McLeod planned this back-road trip to Kilgore, TX for us. He ended up in the hospital on September 19 instead of going to Kilgore with us!!! His great buddies, Ken Yanniello and Jim Veirs took over and lead the two groups through the route Butch had planned.

We went through REALLY small towns like Quinlan, East Tawakani, Emory, Golden, West Mineola, Starville, Big Sandy, and Browning. There was a stretch of curvy 2-lane perfect for the lead-footed Corvette owners.

Ken's group, that I was in, didn't get lost or have any break downs... But we arrived at the Country Tavern BBQ for lunch a long time before Jim's group arrived. Either they had some problems... or Ken just drove faster!!!

The East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore, TX was well worth the trip. It showed a lot of interesting things about the oil industry in East Texas from its inception. It also had great displays of life in that period. We saw a video of the oil fields and "felt" the gusher erupt. The "elevator ride" down to see all the geological layers of the earth was interesting and comical.

Attending, in addition to Ken Yanniello and Jim Veirs:

Bill & Diane Preston	John & Kathy Pierce
Don & Denise Eckhart	Tom Schipper
Tim McDonald	Al & Mary Anne Lisbona
Judy & Greg Bailey	Mike Kmita & Michele Chapell
Mike & Jean Volpe	John & Carol Heimsath
Bob & Millie VanGuilder	Bill & Diane Foote
Jeff & Debbie Clevenger	Sam & Linda Deneault
Bill Tichy & George Sacco	Kurtis & Sandy Allen

October Meeting

11 am, Sat., October 10

Don Camillo Tuscan Grill

1225 Turbeville Rd, Hickory Creek

(aka Hundley Dr.)



Directions:

From the North:
Take Exit 457 from I-35E toward Lake Dallas Dr.*

Directions:

From the South-Exit I-35E at 458A toward FM 2181/Swisher Rd. Go 0.6 mi on Frontage Road and do a Texas U-turn at Swisher Rd.
*Continue South on I-35 frontage road in the right lane to Turbeville Rd/Hundley Dr. ramp, Exit right toward Turbeville Rd. Turn left onto Turbeville Rd. at light, then immediately Turn right thru parking lot of Elm Fork Tap House to Don Camillo's behind Elm Fork Tap House.

CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS OFFICERS

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Legends Ledger Newsletter: *Published monthly.*
Submission deadline is the 15th of the previous month.
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Club Web Site: http://www.vettelegends. com
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Meetings-2nd Saturday of every month
If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club or a new meeting location in the North Dallas Metro Area, please contact Jeff Clevenger.

Membership Info: $40 for annual membership
Application available on our web site: VetteLegends.com
Send all changes in your address and Corvette ownership to: Dennis Conte: Dennis.Conte@att.net

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Oct 2-3 **Good-Guys Car Show** Texas Moor Speedway **Ft. Worth, TX**

***Oct 10** **Legends Meeting** 11 am Don Camillo Tuscan Grill **Hickory Creek, TX**

Oct 9-10 **Brazos River Corvette Show** On the Historic Square **Granbury, TX**
Gates open 7:30 am Saturday. Judging 10:30 am. Entry $30 add $10 after Sept 10.
NEW "Friday Night Get together" close to the town square with door prizes, 50/50 raffle, live entertainment, a keepsake and hors d'oeuvres at no charge. Cash bar. RSVP required for Friday night.
Contact Theresa Halford 432-634-7214 or thalford@pathtechltd.com

Oct 24 **Atchley's Halloween Party** 822 Downing Dr. **Richardson, TX**
8 pm, RSVP 972-256-66122. A great costume party for you to enjoy!!! See page 3

Attention!!! **Nov. Meeting is on the 1st Saturday, Nov. 7th!**

***Nov 7** **Legends Meeting** 11 am **Prairie House Restaurant** **Lewisville, TX**

***Nov 14** **Vettes 4 Vets Corvette Show** **Oak Point Park** **Plano, TX**
11 am - 2 pm, Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park - 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy
$10 donation. Register on line: *https://planoflagsofhonor.com/vettes-4-vets-car-show/*
Show at **Plano Flags of Honor!** Hosted by the American Legion Post 321 and VFW Post 4380, this special event celebrates our veterans while showcasing some incredible Corvettes. Show your support for the brave men and women who have served our country. It's a day of fun, community, and appreciation! Come out and salute our veterans in style! Food Trucks, Music, Awards!

***Dec 12** **Legends Meeting** 11 am **BJ's Brewhouse** **Addison, TX**

Generation Breakout of Legends Members' Corvettes (7/19/26)

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



1953 1962	27	15%
1963 1967	31	17%
1968 1982	26	15%
1984 1996	7	4%
1997 2004	14	8%
2005 2013	25	14%
2014 2019	27	15%
2020 2026	21	12%
	178	Total

128 Memberships



Birthdays for October

10-02 Louis Guerra
10-03 J.C. Cherry
10-04 Clair Schwendemen
10-05 Carole Arakelian
10-06 Ramon Rey
10-07 Bill Zeman
10-10 Rick Walters
10-11 Hedy McAlister
10-11 Mary Jeanne Entrekin
10-12 Dean Castillo
10-14 Nancy Kemmet
10-15 Karen Meinzinger
10-17 Laura Riley
10-17 Jeff Sebert
10-18 Mack Rogers
10-18 Jeanne Vaughan
10-20 Mary Davis
10-20 Wesley Weaver
10-25 Butch McLeod
10-26 Fred Hager
10-27 Allison Yanniello
10-28 Susan Elliot
10-30 Sam Deneault



Car Display for Seniors

Saturday, September 26

Corvette Legends of Texas did an informal display of our Vettes for residents of Lifecare Center of Plano. Steve Parry had made the arrangements with the center's Activity Director. Many of the residents were brought outside to look at the cars by the staff. Also several resident's family members came too.

We enjoyed telling about our Vettes, since we had C-1's and a C-8... so the earliest and latest models were there to compare. Bill and I especially enjoyed talking to a retired Chevy salesman who also had mechanical experience. We also REALLY appreciated the 80 degree temperature!!!



Steve Parry's Yellow C-8R fascinated everyone with the rear engine, the trunk and frunk.



The Clown is NOT a resident. Tom Hubbert only had to drive 1 mile to bring his stock Red 1962!



Bill & Diane Preston's Fuel-Injected Black 1957 got lots of attention.

Rare Member Sighting!!!

Linda & Gerry Boren had dinner with Entrekins and Prestons. They were on one of their cross-country road trips from their home in Star, Idaho to the East Coast for Gerry's submarine reunion. We miss them and their one-owner 1960 Vette.





Jay Leno's New ZR1X Corvette



Photo Credit: Sierra Chevrolet and Sierra Auto Group

Jay Leno recently added another milestone Corvette to his world-famous collection, taking delivery of a new 2026 Corvette ZR1X Convertible. Finished in black with an Adrenaline Red and Black interior, the car is loaded with the Carbon Fiber Aero Package, visible carbon-fiber wheels, and red brake calipers, making it one of the boldest new Corvettes we've seen yet. It's no surprise that one of America's most well-known car guys would be drawn to Chevrolet's latest performance flagship, and seeing a ZR1X go straight into the Leno collection only adds to the excitement surrounding this new top-tier C8.



Beginning Jan. 13, 2027, guests at the National Corvette Museum can go behind the scenes of America's Sports Car with guided tours of the Museum's new 66,000-square-foot Collections Facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Designed to preserve Corvette history for generations to come, the Collections Facility expands the Museum's capacity for vehicle preservation, artifact conservation, secure storage, and education while giving visitors the opportunity to see more of the Museum's collection than ever before.

Tickets will be available online by Dec. 1, 2026. Tour capacity will be limited, and all Collections Facility tickets must be purchased in advance. Each tour ticket will also include self-guided admission to the National Corvette Museum, with **both visits to be used on the same day.**

Go Behind the Scenes of Corvette History

Every Corvette has a story, and inside the Collections Facility, guests can get closer to more of them. The purpose-built facility can accommodate more than 200 Corvettes, bringing the Museum's growing vehicle collection together under one roof while creating the space and resources needed to preserve America's Sports Car for decades to come.

Guided Collections Facility tours will take guests beyond the traditional Museum experience for a closer look at the work required to care for historically significant vehicles and artifacts. Visitors will explore vehicle preservation and restoration spaces while encountering Corvettes from every generation, including significant vehicles that are rarely on public display.

More Than 70 Years of America's Sports Car

The Corvette story stretches from groundbreaking design and engineering to racing, innovation, and American culture. The National Corvette Museum preserves that story through a growing collection of historically significant Corvettes and thousands of artifacts connected to the people, ideas, and milestones that shaped America's Sports Car.

Inside the Collections Facility, guests will encounter selections from this broader collection while learning more about the people and processes behind its preservation. From production and performance Corvettes to vehicles connected to design, motorsports, innovation, and cultural history, the tour provides another way to understand how Corvette became an American icon. Along the way, guests will also see the work happening beyond the Museum galleries to preserve these vehicles and artifacts for future generations.

"From day one, this expansion project is about creating a sustainable future for preserving the full story of Corvette," said Bryce Burklow, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. "We're safeguarding our collection to protect and celebrate the design breakthroughs, engineering milestones, and incredible donor stories that make Corvette an icon and the National Corvette Museum home to Corvette history. And soon, our guests will be able to experience that process in a whole new way."

Preserving the Legacy of Corvette

The Collections Facility represents a major investment in the National Corvette Museum's mission to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette, America's Sports Car, through collection, preservation, and celebration of its legacy. For the Museum, preservation is about more than storing cars. It means protecting the vehicles, artifacts, and stories that document Corvette's impact on automotive design, engineering, motorsports, and culture.

The Collections Facility provides the space to continue that work while giving guests greater access to the collection and a deeper understanding of how the Museum cares for Corvette history. By bringing preservation, conservation, education, and public engagement together, the facility helps ensure the story of America's Sports Car can continue to be collected, protected, and shared for generations.

What to Know Before Your Collections Facility Tour

The Collections Facility is an active preservation and collections environment, and the tour experience reflects the work taking place inside. **Guests should review the following information before purchasing tickets:**

Tours include extended periods of standing and walking.
Rollators, electric scooters and strollers are not permitted.
Canes and wheelchairs are permitted.
Complimentary wheelchairs are available upon request.
Children must remain closely supervised through the tour.

All Collections Facility tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets are not sold at the Collections Facility. Collections Facility admission and National Corvette Museum admission must be used on the same day. Tour availability will be limited, so guests are encouraged to plan ahead and purchase tickets in advance.

New Way for Museum Members to Explore Collection

National Corvette Museum Members have another way to explore Corvette history through the Museum's Member portal, which includes digital access to Corvettes in the Museum's collection and the stories behind them. The portal complements the opportunity to experience the collection in person through the Museum and limited Collections Facility tours.

Together, these digital and in-person experiences give Members new ways to connect with the collection they help preserve while providing greater access to the vehicles and stories that make the National Corvette Museum home to Corvette history.

The National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. is the destination for the history, innovation, and community surrounding America's Sports Car. A visit to the Museum takes guests through generations of Corvette design, engineering, racing, and culture, connecting more than 70 years of history with the Corvette of today.

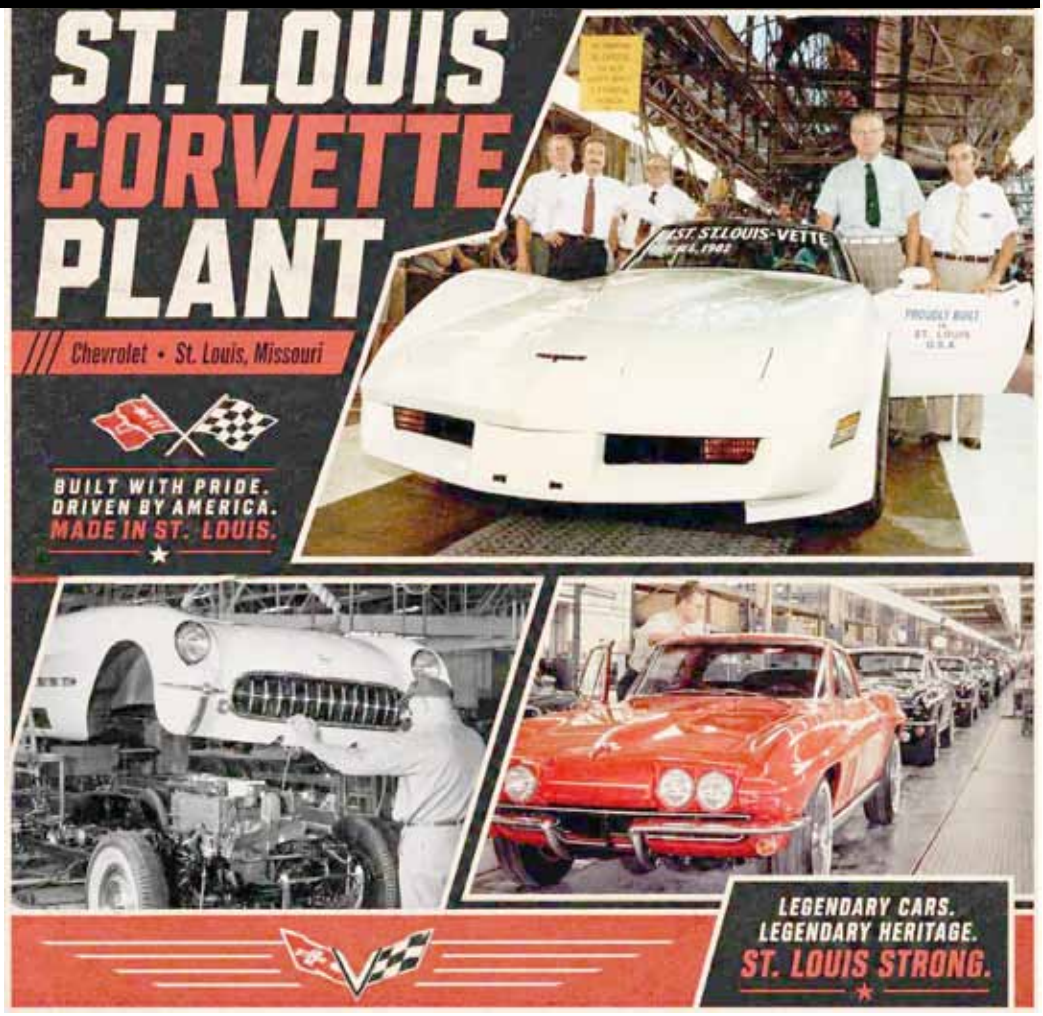
Before Bowling Green, There Was St. Louis

For nearly three decades, some of America's most legendary sports cars rolled out of a Chevrolet plant in St. Louis, Missouri. Corvette production moved there in 1954, just one year after the car debuted, and the factory went on to build the beautiful early C1s, the unforgettable midyear Sting Rays and the wild, curvy C3s.

This was the birthplace of icons like the 1963 split-window coupe, the fire-breathing big-block Corvettes and the long-running Shark-bodied models of the 1970s. Roughly 695,000 Corvettes were built in St. Louis before the final car left the line on July 31, 1981. Production then moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where the Corvette is still built today.

For St. Louis workers, these weren't exotic machines from some faraway factory. They were hometown cars—assembled by local hands and shipped across the country to become dream cars, race cars and driveway legends.

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CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS
GENERAL MEETING--September 12, 2026
Big Mike's Bar & Grill, Plano

Tom Hubbert was not feeling well so the members of Corvette Legends were called to order by Jeff Clevenger at 12:08 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was recorded as 56.

Guests: Jordan & Sam Rand, guests of the Van Guilders
New Members: John & Kathy Pierce, 2026 silver coupe
Lady Legends Winner: Mary Jean Entrekin
50/50 Pot Winner: Steve Parry ($79)

Jeff began by introducing our guest speaker, Grey Acuna of Fortified Film Solutions. Fortified Film Solutions does installation of Expel Paint Protection Film (PPF) and ceramic coating for Corvettes and other cars. They also can install windshield protection film for your car. Grey gave us a lot of information, more than I could record, and also answered all questions our members had for him. His business is located in Grapevine and will give a 10% discount to all Legend members.

Legends window stickers and new coffee mugs are now available at the meetings. Stickers are selling for $3, mugs are $10. See Jeff Clevenger.

Our meeting today was at a new location, Big Mike's Bar & Grill in Plano. It was a nice location, great parking, a big room and good food. Everyone seems to enjoy it.

Next Meetings:
Oct. 10-Don Camillo's Tuscan Grill, Hickory Grove
******Nov. 7-**Prairie House, Lewisville *(Note the date change due to Vettes 4 Vets event on Nov 14)*
Dec. 12-BJ's Brewhouse, Addison.

Steve Parry reviewed upcoming events:
Sat. Sept. 26-Life Care Center of Plano.10-11am, 3800 W. Park Blvd, Plano. This is a small car show for the residents who can't easily attend larger events.
Sat. Nov. 14-Vettes 4 Vets. Part of Plano Flags of Honor event. Oak Point Park, Plano (2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy). We'll have a friendly challenge with Lone Star club – who will have most Corvettes, no decision of prize award yet. Jeff is also in contact with Patriot Paws to have them attend as well.
Cars & Coffee, Plano Tortilla Factory. 1st Sunday of month at 8AM. 18th st & Ave. K

Steve also reported there is no update on the status of Dallas Autorama for this year. Dallas Market Hall has been sold and will be demolished to build a new data center. Both the Dallas and Houston Autorama events have been canceled.

Ken Yanniello reviewed the plans for Butch McLeod's cruise to Kilgore, TX planned for Sat., Sept. 19. Butch is having some health issues and will not be able to attend. There's been a good turnout, so we'll split into two groups with two lead cars. We will leave at 9 am from the Racetrac, Hwy 78 and Hwy 205, Lavon. Lunch will be at the Country Tavern near Kilgore and we'll tour the East Texas Oil Museum in Kilgore after lunch.

Kimberly Atchley invited all members for her annual Halloween Party, Oct. 24 at 8 pm. Halloween is her favorite holiday and she goes all out with decorations, a costume contest, trivia games and a lot more. Details are in the newsletter.


New members John & Kathy Pierce


Guests Jordan & Sam Rand

Our club officer election is coming up. Elected offices are President, VP-Operations, VP-Special Events, Secretary and Treasurer. Tom Hubbert has decided to step down as President so we'll be needing a replacement person. Nominations will be done in November, with the election done at the December meeting.

Sam Denault reported at the end of the meeting that he had just received a text that our founding club president, Dr. Chuck Gokoo had passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



Fred Hagar arrives at the meeting in his Red 1963 Split-window Coupe!!!


Debbie Clevenger, Sandy Allen, Kathleen & Jim Pagana, Kurtis Allen and our speaker from Fortified Film Solutions, Grey Acuna and his daughter and wife.

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