

LEGENDS LEADER

November 2022



November Meeting

11 am Saturday, Nov. 12

Prairie House Restaurant

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

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Bill & Pam Neubauer's Blue 2004 Convertible

Generation Breakout of Legends Members' Corvettes (10/17/22)

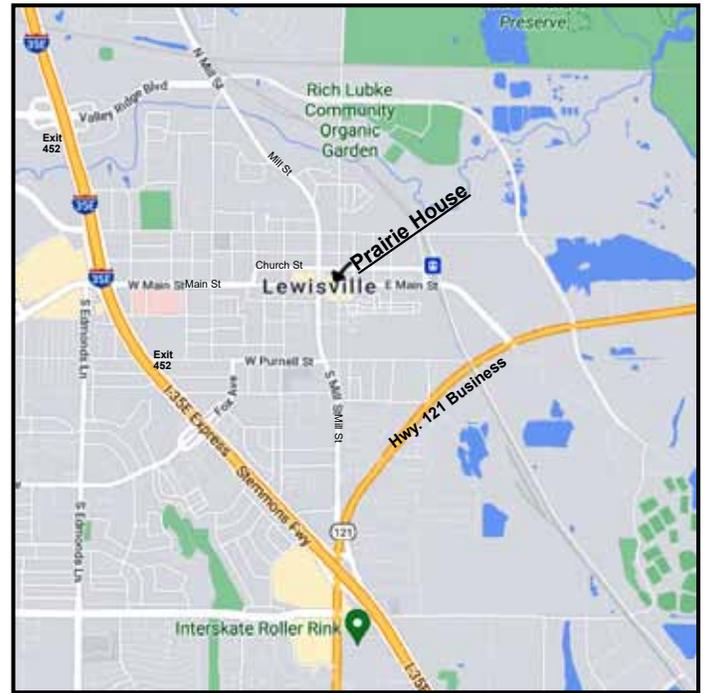
Be sure to let Dennis Conte know when you buy or sell your Corvette(s) so our Corvette census is correct.

		1953	30	14%
		1963	44	20%
		1968	36	17%
		1984	14	7%
		1997	25	12%
		2005	31	14%
		2014	29	13%
		2020	8	4%
		2022		
			217	Total

134 Memberships

Legends Newsletter available in Color on our Web Site: VetteLegends.com

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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 Dennis Conte (see above)
\$35 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

Meeting Speakers:

If you have a recommendation for a guest speaker to address the club at one of our meetings, please contact
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PHANTOM OF THE OPERA COUPÉ

Ever think of Corvette's gentler side? All it takes is a change of mood. Suddenly the Corvette Sting Ray Sport Coupe is an up-to-date image of yesterday's opera coupé.

Gone the mohair, the sidemounts, the running boards. In their place, American Contemporary. All the soft comfort and genteel manners of the noble old opera coupé, but wrapped in a two-place projectile about as nostalgic as a space shot.

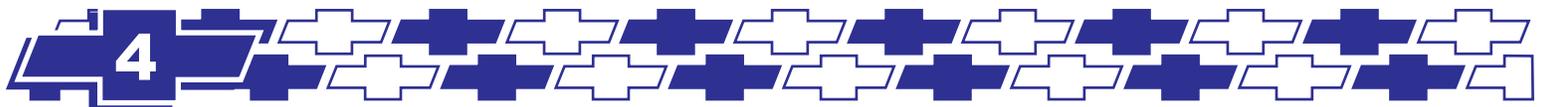
Go ahead. Pamper it once in a while with a night at the

opera. But docile as it can be, the real Corvette spirit lurks below the surface. No opera coupé ever had a V8 like this or a ride like this or a rage to punch holes in the humdrum like this.

Any pleasure a car can give, Corvette gives you—sedate to snarly. What could be more versatile? Yet even we can think of one situation where Corvette is totally out of place: standing still.

Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.

'64 CORVETTE STING RAY BY CHEVROLET



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA COUPÉ

America's personal-luxury car scene exploded in the late '50s. Studebaker's Golden Hawk was among the first, back in '56. Ford's Thunderbird helped prove the market when the four-seat Squarebird came out in '58. By 1963, Buick's Riviera had eased onto the scene, and suddenly most car brands wanted in on this new niche. Chevrolet naturally sought a way to capitalize on the near-luxury-car game, but the Impala was too big (and the ritzy Caprice was coming for '65 anyway), the Nova was too small, the Chevelle was brand new for the year and just finding its feet, and the Monte Carlo was half a dozen years away.

Why not try it with the Corvette? This ad is trying to convince people to see the Corvette's softer side. It's printed in color, but the image is a study in black-and-white contrasts. Black suit, white dress. Black pavement, white Corvette. Black tires with whitewalls. And maybe the ultimate contrast: presenting the Corvette as a luxurious proposition.

It made some sense: the all-wheel-independent suspension made for a far more compliant ride than its solid-axle predecessor and you could order a Powerglide two-speed automatic transmission with the 250- or 300-gross-horsepower small-block V-8 for perfectly acceptable performance without the engine talking to you every second it's in use. Corvette's elevated price tag (within five percent of a base '64 Riviera, for example) also made it the perfect fodder for Chevy to aim at the personal-luxury market.

And so, we get the Phantom of the Opera Coupé ad, ostensibly a '60s update on a '30s body style that had fallen out of favor: the Opera Coupe. There's no talk of engine specs, horsepower, gear ratios, spring rates, or anything with a whiff of performance about it beyond some, "No opera coupé ever had a V-8 like this or a ride like this or a rage to punch holes in the humdrum like

this" copy. There's a lot more talk of "soft comfort and genteel manners," "as docile as it can be," and more.

There's also emphasis on the rear, likely for several reasons. First, the idea of a fixed-top Corvette was just one model-year old by 1964, and this image cements the notion that it's fully enclosed, far away from the weather. Lack of exposure to the elements speaks to luxury. Second, with so much talk about power and what happens below the hood with sports cars, the rear shot de-emphasizes the powertrain to concentrate on the cabin. And third, without saying a word, the rear shot highlights the new one-piece rear window that replaced the controversial 1963 split backlight. Less interesting today, perhaps, but when it was new, single-piece glass was seen to right a quirky wrong.

Today, nearly 60 years later, Chevrolet's Corvette is only available with a dual-clutch transmission, requiring no input from the operator if desired, and is styled in part so that the trunk can accommodate golf bags. Corvette has long-outlasted the personal-luxury era... but did this ad from 1964 predict Corvette's far-flung future?

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**Corvette Legends of Texas
General Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2022
Spring Creek BBQ, McKinney**

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by President, Sam Deneault, at 12:05 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was 39.

Guests: Suzanne Roberts & John Heimsath

New Members: Bob & Mildred Van Guilder

Lady Legends Winner: Stefanie Sammis

50/50 Pot Winner: (\$60) Jeff Clevenger

Len Woodruff distributed white tickets to members: two numbers were drawn – Bill Neubauer and Denise Iverson/Don Eckhart. After describing their history as Corvette owners, each was given an Amazon gift certificate.

Diane Preston is working on publication of a new Member Directory. Current plan is to have the new directory in January.

Dennis Conte reported new club members – the Van Guilders.

The next General Meeting will be November 12 at Prairie House in Lewisville. The December 10 meeting will be at Outback Steakhouse in Plano. Len Woodruff is always looking for new venues – give him your suggestions.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for the February 17-19 Autorama. The club has a total of 6 spaces, with 3 reserved for C-1, C-2, & C-3. The other 3 slots are available for later model Corvettes. Tom Hubbert had the application forms available for those who signed up. He also requested volunteers to assist with the club display.

A fall dinner cruise is still in the planning stage by Dennis Conte.

The After-Holiday Party will be on January 14, 2023 at The Heritage Ranch Country Club in Fairview. Sam

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Rare member sighting... Jerry Fernandes (right) showing his 2008 Red Convertible to Bill Foote



Brad & Stefanie Sammis at the meeting with Jeff & Debbie Clevenger



Linda Deneault, Joe & Jan Koester and Tom Schipper.



Stefanie & Brad Sammis with their 1966 Blue Convertible visit with Don Sebert about his Black & Silver 1956 after the meeting.



Jeff & Don Sebert in the background and Esther Towles & Carl Johanson.

Denault reported that entertainment has been booked, but still awaiting signature on the contract.

The NCRS Texas Regional will be at the Embassy Suites in Frisco October 20-22; The Southwest Swap Meet in Arlington is October 28-29.

Everyone is invited to Kimberly and Ed Atchley's Halloween Party on October 22. See the Newsletter for details. Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Submitted by Pat Cople, Secretary



Annette Sanford, Diane Foote, Nadine Tichy and Jan Koester visit before the meeting



New members Bob & Mildred VanGuilder with their White 2014 Coupe



Dan Jacobs, Len Woodruff and Joe Koester



Bill Tichy with Denise & Don Eckhart in their Red & White 1958



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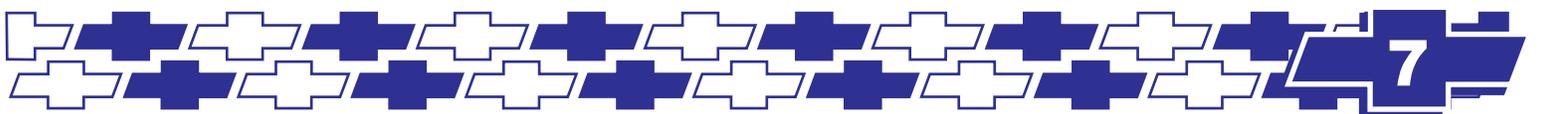
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Paint Seminar and Bean Dinner

Lots of Legends members showed up at Bill and Diane Preston's house on Saturday, October 15.

Bill was getting his 1957 Corvette ready to display at the NCRS meet October 20-22 in Frisco. He's not having it judged, even though NCRS has created a class just for his highly customized Vette. The car will be there to attract attention to the Solid Axle Corvette Club booth. SACC's new Regional Rep, Don Brittin, is looking for new members.

It's been eight years since Bill finished the third restoration on this 57 and it's starting to show some wear from the 14,000 miles he's put on it. So, of course he had to spiff it up for the NCRS people.

He and his grandson, Preston Watkins, had made some covers to hide the discolored exhaust manifolds. Speed and Sport Chrome Plating in Houston did a great job of plating them.

The idea for the Paint Seminar came to him when he realized that the red accent paint on the stock Corvette valve covers was peeling off. It's a



little thing to paint, but you still have to go thru all the steps that you would to paint the whole car. He thought it would be an opportunity for club members to see what's involved that makes a paint job so expensive.

Attending the seminar were Bunky Garonzik, Len Woodruff, Vic Pacheco, Sam Deneault, Keith May, Don Brittin, Gary Hardy, Rick Mayberry, David Jackson, Dennis Conte, Brad Sammis, and Lon Hutcheson.



Lon Hutchenson, Brad Sammis, Len Woodruff, Keith May, David Jackson, Dennis Conte, Gary Hardy, Vic Pacheco and Rick Mayberry



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After-Holiday Party

\$40⁰⁰
per person

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Social Hour 5:00 pm--Dinner 6:00 pm

Heritage Ranch Country Club
465 Scenic Ranch Circle, McKinney, TX



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*Payment and RSVP due by
Saturday, December 10, 2022*

Your name will not be put on the reservation list
until your payment is received.

Pay at December 10 Legends meeting or mail to
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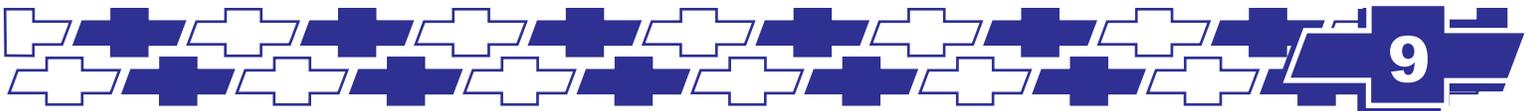
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**Bob & Mildred
VanGuilder**
The Colony, TX
2014 White Coupe
2003 White Coupe
1972 Red Coupe
1965 White Coupe

Birthdays for November

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 11-06 Stefanie Sammis | 11-22 Irene Cleaver |
| 11-08 Mike McCown | 11-23 JoAnn Brumit |
| 11-08 Ron Spurlock | 11-24 Gary Williams |
| 11-09 Brian Ratcliff | 11-26 Al Macdonald |
| 11-09 Steve Daniel | 11-27 Annette Sanford |
| 11-10 Carl Johanson | 11-28 Kim Liptoi |
| 11-10 Donna Wadley | 11-29 Jan Koester |
| 11-13 Victor Freeney | 11-30 Keith Bessell |
| 11-14 Michael Kmita | 11-30 Keith May |

Member Sightings at the Sam Pack Auto Show Farmers Branch, TX October 8, 2022



Bill Opincar with his 1967 Blue 427 Roadster



Mike Ludka in his 1972 Orange Coupe



John McIlvoy's Black & Silver Fuel-Injected 1957



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