

Vettes 4 Vets Car Show

Bring your vehicle and support the American Legion and VFW.

Saturday, Nov. 14th - 10 am-2 pm

Red Tail Pavilion at Oak Point Park
2801 E Spring Creek Pkwy, Plano, TX

$10 donation.

Pre-Register on line or Register at the event
https://planoflagsofhonor.com/vettes-4-vets-car-show/

Club Challenge!

Calling all Corvette clubs: *bring your members and show your support for our Veterans. The club with the most registered Corvettes takes home the* ***Vettes 4 Vets Club Challenge Trophy*** *and bragging rights until next year!*

7-day event schedule at: https://planoflagsofhonor.com/

Saturday, November 14, 2026

8:00 AM RAISING THE FLAG
Overnight-6:00 PM 3rd Infantry Living Military Historians Encampment, Military Vehicles onsite.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Vettes 4 Vets Car Show

11:30 AM Patriot PAWS Service Dog Demonstration
11:30 AM Food Trucks
1:00 PM Quilts of Valor
2:30 PM The Plano Civic Chorus
2:50 PM The Plano Children's Chorale
4:00 PM Musical Performance
4:45 PM Scouts Flag Etiquette Program
5:00 PM TSSARS.Scouts Flag Retirement
5:15 PM TAPS PERFORMANCE



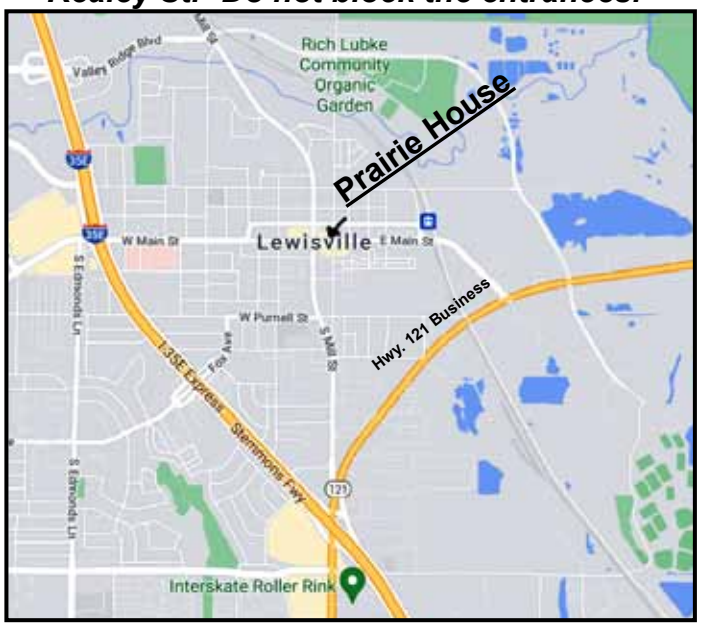
November Meeting First Saturday!!!

11 am Saturday, November 7

Prairie House Restaurant

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

Additional parking in grass lot east across Kealey St.--Do not block the entrances.



Directions: From I-35E go 1 mile east on Main St. (just past Mill St.) Prairie House is on your left on 1-way street.

There is construction on I-35 & Main... plan accordingly.

CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS OFFICERS

contact info in your club directory

President: ..... ***Tom Hubbert***
VP of Operations: ..... ***Jeff Clevenger***
VP of Special Events: ..... ***Steve Parry***
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DIRECTORS

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Membership Coordinator: ..... ***Dennis Conte***
Newsletter Coordinator: ..... ***Diane Preston***

Legends Ledger Newsletter: *Published monthly.*
Submission deadline is the 15th of the previous month.
Send submissions to cdiane1957@aol.com

Club Web Site: http://www.vettelegends. com
Send submissions to: Communications@VetteLegends.com

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
Dues are paid annually at a meeting or mailed to:
Corvette Legends of Texas, P.O. Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316

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Club Member Discount

Legends members get **Fleet Pricing** on parts at

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

2026



✲CLoT Club Participation Event

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

***Nov 14** **Vettes 4 Vets Corvette Show** **Oak Point Park** **Plano, TX**
10 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, Patriot PAWS demo! See pg 1.

***Dec 5** **Lewisville Christmas Parade** 1 pm **Downtown Lewisville, TX**
Staging begins at 11:30 am enter at Cowan & Parnell. **Decorate your car and wear Christmas apparel. Parade starts at 1 pm.** Bring proof of car insurance. Go to lunch together after parade about 2:00 pm at Main Street Cafe, 208 E. Main, Lewisville. Contact Diane Preston 405-615-3856 for possible changes. Parade is sponsored by Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville, our club sponsor.

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

***Dec 12** **Plano Christmas Parade** 2 pm **Downtown Plano, TX**
Staging begins at 1:00 pm immediately after the December Legends meeting in nearby Addison. **Decorate your car and wear Christmas apparel.** Contact Steve Parry 214-215-4142 for info.

***Jan 9** **Legends Meeting** 11 am **Spring Creek BBQ** **McKinney, TX**

2026 Chat with the Engineers Video is Available!



Dear Corvette Owner,

National Corvette Restorers Society is pleased to share the video of "Chat with the Engineers" from our 2026 National Convention in Charleston, SC.

This video features Dave McLellan, Dave Hill, Tom Wallace, Tadge Juechter, Harlan Charles and Tony Roma.

You can view it on the NCRS YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ7j8c9a8Nk

We hope that you enjoy it and share it with any Corvette enthusiasts. This video is a great way to learn more about the Corvette and its history.

Thank your interest in the NCRS!

Mike Ingham, NCRS President

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Call Jeff Clevenger if you need help: 972-948-7218

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

NEW! Club Window Stickers

Available at the Nov. Meeting

$3 ea

Corvette Legends of Texas

Have you gotten an e-mail from Legends lately????

If not... send your e-mail address to:
Communications@vettelegends.com

Why So Many Vehicle Owners Wake Up to $4,000+ Repair Bills After Rodents Attack—And Why Mechanics Keep Missing the Real Solution

The most financially devastating threat hiding under your hood right now?

Engine bay rodent invasions.



It's the silent saboteur that destroys thousands of dollars in electrical systems overnight—while your car sits innocently in your driveway.

And here's the worst…
Most mechanics don't catch it until the damage is catastrophic. Instead, they hit you with diagnostic fees.

Then electrical system replacements.

"How Did A MOUSE Cause THIS Much Damage?" I asked myself that exact question.

My name is Marcus Webb. I've been an ASE-certified automotive technician for 22 years.

When Rodents Infiltrate Your Engine Bay, They Don't Just "Visit." They Systematically Destroy Your Vehicle's Nervous System.

I've diagnosed everything from transmission failures to engine seizures. But this? This made me feel helpless in a way I'd never experienced. I first noticed the symptoms three weeks ago. Check engine light. Random misfires. Intermittent starting issues.

But when I popped the hood on my own truck—the same F-150 I'd owned for eight years without a single major issue—what I saw made my stomach drop.

Chewed wiring insulation hanging like confetti from my fuel injector harness. A nest of shredded paper towels and acorns built directly on top of my intake manifold. Fresh droppings scattered across every horizontal surface in the engine bay.

And the smell... God, the smell when the engine warmed up. My wife had been complaining about it for a week. "Something smells like burning hair when you drive."

I thought it was road debris stuck to the exhaust. Now I knew: **It Was Mouse Urine Cooking On My Engine Block Every Time I Drove to Work**

I'd Tried Everything the "Experts" Recommend

Mouse Traps (got one mouse at a time and had to deal with the body)

Ultrasonic repellers (three different brands—all worthless)

Dryer sheets stuffed around the engine (mice literally nested ON TOP of them)

Mothballs in mesh bags (made my truck smell like my grandmother's attic, did nothing to rodents)

Keeping the hood open overnight (just made it easier for them to see the "vacancy" sign)

Wire mesh over the air intake (they found another way in through the undercarriage)

Meanwhile, the damage kept escalating:

Week 1: Chewed spark plug wire insulation (truck started running rough)

Week 2: Destroyed throttle position sensor wiring (threw multiple error codes)

Week 3: Built a massive nest in the air filter housing (causing airflow restrictions)

Week 4: Started chewing through the main wiring harness (this is where costs skyrocket)

And here's what nobody tells you:

A single mouse produces up to 100 droppings per day, contaminating every surface they touch with pathogens that become airborne when your engine heats up. **You're breathing that in.**

A classic car enthusiast's mint-condition Corvette? Totaled by insurance because the rodent damage was so extensive the car's electrical systems were deemed unrepairable.

And here's the part that makes me angry:

Insurance companies are increasingly denying these claims, classifying rodent damage as "preventable maintenance" rather than a covered incident.

Which means you're on the hook for every penny.

No One Could Tell Me How to Actually STOP Them—Until This Phone Call

That's when I called my buddy Derek, who runs a large-scale pest control operation. "You need to make your engine bay somewhere rodents refuse to go in the first place. Not trap them after they've already chewed through $6,000 worth of wiring."

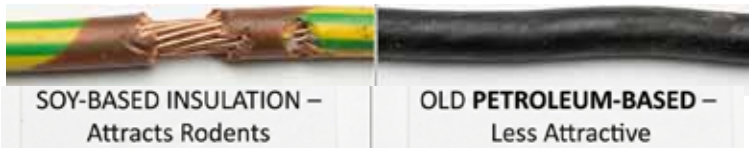
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As he explained, rodents are attracted to your car's engine for three specific biological reasons:

1. **Thermal attraction:** Your engine bay retains heat for 4-6 hours after you park. In temperatures below 60°F, that's like a heated hotel room for rodents.
2. **Protected nesting environment:** Your engine compartment is dark, enclosed, and safe from predators. It's the perfect nursery for raising litters of baby mice.
3. **Biological chewing compulsion:** Rodents' teeth grow continuously at a rate of 4-5 inches per year. They MUST gnaw constantly on various materials to wear them down.

Your modern wiring—with its soy-based insulation that manufacturers started using in 2010—is particularly attractive…It Literally Smells Like Food to Them



"The only way to override these survival instincts is to create a scent barrier so overwhelming that they won't even approach your vehicle."

"Concentrated essential oils. Specifically, a combination that exploits their weakness: A rat's olfactory sense can differentiate between more than 2,000 odorants, but that extreme sensitivity can also become your greatest ally."

Here's What Actually Works—

You need a concentrated, pharmaceutical-grade essential oil that repels rodents for a minimum of 30 days. Not a spray. Not an electronic gimmick.

A slow-release mechanism that keeps the concentration high enough and doesn't evaporate or degrade under engine heat.

The commercial pest control industry has been using this technology for years. We place essential oil pouches in commercial warehouses, food processing facilities, and agricultural equipment for rodent exclusion. But most people never hear about them because they make more money on monthly service calls.

"You need pouches with three specific pharmaceutical-grade essential oils infused into a slow-release carrier:

Peppermint Oil: This isn't your average mint. Peppermint packs a powerful punch of menthol and menthone — compounds that rodents can't handle. The scent hits their system like a shockwave, overstimulating their senses and triggering an instant "get out now" response. It's the same natural defense mechanism that tells them danger is close, and it works fast.

Clove Oil: Think of this as the heavy hitter in the blend. Clove oil's main ingredient, eugenol, has a sharp, spicy bite that rodents hate. It irritates their super-sensitive noses and mouths, making them turn tail the moment they catch a whiff. It's nature's way of saying, "You're not welcome here."

Lemongrass Oil: This oil creates a second line of defense. Lemongrass floods the air with fresh citrusy compounds that completely confuse a rodent's sense of smell — the same system they rely on to find food and feel safe. When paired with peppermint, it forms a dual barrier that blocks them from navigating or nesting anywhere near it.

Rosemary Oil: Rosemary ties everything together. Its strong herbal scent helps stabilize the other oils while adding its own layer of sensory overload. To rodents, the sharp camphor-like aroma is disorienting — it messes with their ability to stay calm and focused, so they stay far away. It also helps the blend last longer and work better in tough environments.

Search for 'BugMD Vamoose'—it has all those oils in it and is packed in an easy to use pouch.

I placed two pouches in my F-150's engine bay immediately—one near the firewall where they'd built the nest, one near the front grille where I suspected they were entering.

Then I waited. And watched. I inspected my engine bay every single morning that first week.

Day 2: No fresh droppings.

Day 4: The old droppings from before were still there (I'd left them as a baseline), but zero new ones.

Day 7: Still nothing new. The minty scent was powerful. I could smell it the moment I opened the hood—fresh and almost cooling, like mentholated vapor rub. But inside the cab with the hood closed? Nothing. The scent stayed exactly where I needed it.

Month 2: "I Protected Everything I Own" At the 30-day mark, I replaced the pouches in my truck exactly as instructed. Here's something critical: you MUST replace them every 30 days for continuous protection.

And, here's what convinced me this was working: Zero evidence of rodents returning. I placed pouches in my wife's Honda CR-V (she parks outside at her teaching job where there's a wooded area nearby), Our camping trailer (sits beside our house unused for months at a time), My stored motorcycle (in the garage where I'd seen mouse droppings before), My riding mower (stored in the shed where rodents are common)

For Standard Vehicle Protection:

Open the pouch - Each Vamoose pouch comes ready to use straight from the package. Place 2 pouches strategically in your engine bay: One near the firewall (back of engine compartment where heat concentration is highest) One near the front grille area (primary rodent entry point) Replace every 30 days - Set a phone reminder for monthly replacement to maintain continuous protection barrier.

Editor's Note: Although this is an obvious advertisement for Vamoose Pouches, it seems that it has a lot of good information. With winter approaching, this is the time to make sure your stored and seldom-used vehicles are not being invaded by nesting mice and/or squirrels. Even my son's van that was parked on the driveway got significant damage to its wiring.

Is Your U-Joint Talking To You?



The U-Joint, or universal joint, transfers the motion of your 1953-2019 Corvette engine to the wheels and compensates for alignment changes, when it's not possible to make a straight connection from the drive shaft to the wheels. Most U-Joints are permanently lubricated these days to ensure proper function, and those that aren't will let you know with noise and vibration if there's trouble brewing. Here are tips to ensure a smooth ride and steps to replace your U-Joints.

The Importance of U-Joints

If it's time to replace your U-Joints, you'll get some quick indicators. This is because U-Joints work together as a team. When you notice squeaking, vibrations and lurches in your once-smooth ride, it's probably the U-Joints.

When U-Joints fail, it can damage the drive shaft, the yoke on the differential, and the yoke, tail shaft, and output shaft of the transmission itself. Routine maintenance and lubrication of the U-Joints can greatly extend the life of the joint and save you the time of having to replace parts more often than necessary.

Quick Tips to Check U-Joints

Listen carefully to your Corvette as it is moving. Take note of any squeaking or metallic sounds, as these can indicate a dried out or under-lubricated U-Joint.

Any vibration caused by a worn drive shaft U-Joint is usually an indication that the U-Joint is close to failure.

If you detect a vibration, do not dismiss it.

While stopped in a driveway or parking lot with the engine running and your foot on the brake, shift the car from park into reverse. Listen for a clunking or banging noise as it goes into gear. You will often feel it jump when it bangs, indicating a loose U-Joint.

Park on flat ground and shut the engine off. When the car is safely parked, try turning the drive shaft and note any play in the U-Joints of the shaft. Loose joints can allow the shaft to move a quarter-inch to as much as a half-inch in either direction when turned.

Insert a large, flat screwdriver into the yoke that connects the drive shaft to the transmission yoke or differential yoke. Try turning the shaft by pushing up or pulling down on the screwdriver. Note any movement in the shaft that would indicate a loose joint.

Inspect the U-Joints using a flashlight. Look into the yokes for chipped or broken bearing caps, rust or missing bearings and retaining clips. These signs are indications of a severely worn U-Joint.

NEW! Club Coffee Mugs

Available at the Nov. Meeting

$10ea





Birthdays for November

11-08 Ron Spurlock	11-25 Bob Braun
11-09 Brian Ratcliff	11-26 Al Macdonald
11-10 Donna Wadley	11-26 Andi Kirk
11-14 Michael Kmita	11-27 David Schall
11-21 David Marko	11-28 Kim Liptoi
11-23 John Pierce	11-29 Jan Koester
11-24 Gary Williams	11-30 Keith Bessell

CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS
GENERAL MEETING--Oct. 10, 2026
Don Camillo's Tuscan Grill, Hickory Creek

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by Tom Hubbert at 12:26 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was recorded as 43.
Guests: Hou Ying Fan, mother of Christina Opel
New Members: Roy & Christina Opel, Bert & Gail Hayslip
Lady Legends Winner: Carol Heimsath
50/50 Pot Winner: Rick Walters ($74)

Tom welcomed Patrick Harrington, a 'rare member sighting'. He's a long-time member who rarely is able to attend our meetings.

Jeff Clevenger reminded us that he has the new Legends Club window stickers and coffee mugs available for sale at the meetings. Stickers are selling for $3, mugs are $10. He thanked Diane for her efforts getting the items ordered and sent.

Next Meetings:
******November 7-**Prairie House, Lewisville *******************
(Note date change due to Vettes 4 Vets event on Nov 14)
December 12-BJ's Brewhouse, Addison
January 9-Spring Creek BBQ, **McKinney**

Steve Parry reviewed the continuing plans for Vettes 4 Vets show on **Saturday, Nov. 14.** It will be part of the Plano Flags of Honor event held at Oak Point Park in Plano (2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy). Legends and Lone Star Corvette Club will be doing a friendly challenge – which group will have most Corvettes!!! A sign-up sheet was passed. The times are still being worked out, Steve will make sure a club email goes out to all members once the time settled. He's hoping Patriot Paws will be able to attend as well. It should be a fun event for all.

Steve also told us of the gratitude expressed by the Life Care Center of Plano and their residents for the mini car show on September 26. The residents were able to come outside to see the cars and chat about them. They very much appreciated the visit, since most cannot get out to a car show. Thank you to Steve, Tom Hubbert and Diane & Bill Preston for bringing the car show to them!

Cars & Coffee at the Plano Tortilla Factory (18th St & Ave. K.) is held the first Sunday of month at 8AM.

John Cantleberry told us that a group of car people, not limited to Corvettes, meet on 1st & 3rd Sunday mornings about 9AM at Ford's Garage restaurant. The location is on the northbound frontage road of the Dallas North Tollway and Windhaven Parkway.

Ken Yanniello recapped the cruise Butch McLeod planned to Kilgore in September. Ken and Jim Veirs led the two groups of cars, no one got lost, they traveled on great back roads to Kilgore and had a good ride. Once in Kilgore, the group had a terrific BBQ lunch at the Country Tavern and then toured the East Texas Oil Museum. Butch and Geni were missed but Ken sent a HUGE THANK YOU to them for organizing the trip! A thank you also goes to Ken and Jim for stepping up and leading the trip Butch had planned.

Tom reminded everyone of Kimberly (and Ed) Atchley's annual Halloween party October 24th, 8 pm at their home in Richardson. Details were in the newsletter.



Jane & John Cantleberry, Patrick Herrington (a RARE, RARE member sighting) and Linda Deneault

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.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



Bert Hayslip brings his wife Gail and his Red & White 1961 to their first meeting



Len Woodruff and Al Lisbona both ordered the same Chicken Salvatore and had opposite reviews of it!!!

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