



December Meeting

Saturday,
December 11
11:00 am

Lupe Tortilla
4535 Belt Line Rd.
Addison, TX
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December 2021 Legends Ledger

2021 Upcoming Events



*CLOT Club Participation Event

***Dec 4 Lewisville Christmas Parade** **Lewisville, TX**
 Sponsored by Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville. Parade Staging begins at 10 am along Cowan between Parnell & Main. Enter to meet the Corvette Legends at Elm & Edna Streets east of Medical Center of Lewisville. Decorate your car and wear Christmas apparel. Parade starts at noon. Go to lunch together after parade about 1:30 at Korner Cafe, 912 W. Main, Lewisville, across from Lewisville High School. Contact Tom Atchison for details 214-215-1948.



***Dec 4 Christmas Fest at Bent Tree** **Carrollton, TX**
 Car show at Bent Tree Bible Fellowship on Saturday, December 4th from 12-3 PM! Food Trucks, Live Music, Games and kids activities also available! There will be something for everyone!
 Please bring your vehicle to the west parking lot off of Marsh Ln at 4141 International Pkwy, Carrollton, TX on Saturday, December 4th, no later than 11:45 AM. Thank you for sharing your antique, classic, restomod, or unusual car or truck with all of us! For more information call 972-306-4477 and ask for Jon or Karen.

***Dec 11 Legends Club Meeting** **New Location Addison, TX**
 11 am-Lupe Tortilla, 4535 Belt Line Rd. • Addison, Texas 75001. Phone: 469-498-1801

Dec 11 Texas Strong Toy Drive **Corvette World Carrollton, TX**
 Bring your unwrapped toy donation 8am-6pm weekdays or 8am-3pm Saturdays by **December 11 to this official toy donation location!** 1810 N. I-35E, Carrollton, TX. This is a Drive Thru Event again this year, no Corvette caravan. Or bring your donation to the Legends Meeting and we will take it to Corvette World for you.

Dec 18 Pharaohs Cruise, Show & Toy Drive **begins Denton, TX**
 Full Details on Page 10.

=====2022=====

***Jan 8, 2022 After Holiday Party** **McKinney, TX**
 Celebrating Legends' 25th Anniversary with recognition of Charter Members.
Happy Hour 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm. \$40 per person. Heritage Ranch Country Club, 465 Scenic Ranch Cir, McKinney, TX, (972) 886-4700. Take Stacy Rd. East from US 75 to 2.8 mi. to Country Club Rd., then North .2 mi. to Stacy Rd., then East .8 mi. on Stacy Rd. to Heritage Rd., North into Heritage Ranch (stop and tell guard you are with Legends Corvette Club). Continue on Heritage Blvd. to traffic circle and go right at traffic circle to Club House on the Left. **Payment due by Saturday, December 11, 2021** at the meeting, give to Linda Deneault or Kevin Shedden or mail to Corvette Legends, PO Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316. See page 4.

***Feb 12 Legends Club Meeting** **McKinney, TX**
 11 am-Spring Creek BBQ, 1993 N. US 75-Central Expy, McKinney, TX 75071.

***Feb 18-20 Autorama** **Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX**
 Move in on Thurs. Feb. 17. Legends plans to display six C1-C3 Corvettes again this year. Call Tom, if you want yours to be in the show. Sign up to man the display and promote the Legends club during this three-day indoor show. *Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.*

Feb 25-27 Wise County Antique Auto Swap Meet **Decatur, TX**
Wise Co. Sheriff's Posse Grounds, 3101 S. FM 51, Decatur, TX
Directions: Hwy. 51 South, 1.5 miles south of Junction 287 & 51. Take US 287 North to Decatur. Exit FM 51 South (Weatherford Exit). 1 mile South on left. Fri.-Sun. 8am-6pm. Rain or Shine. 3,000+ vendor spaces sold. 80% of vendor's items must be auto-related. FREE Admission. Info: www.wcaac.com/dsm.

***Mar 24-28 New Car Show** **Convention Center Downtown Dallas, TX**
 Move in on Tues., Mar. 23. Anyone interested in displaying their new or old Corvette in the Club display at this 5-day indoor show should contact *Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.* **Free entry and no car registration fee to display.** Show hours: Wed: 4-9 pm, Thur-Sat: 10am-9pm, Sun: 10am-7pm. Show promoter's plans are tentative until third week in January.





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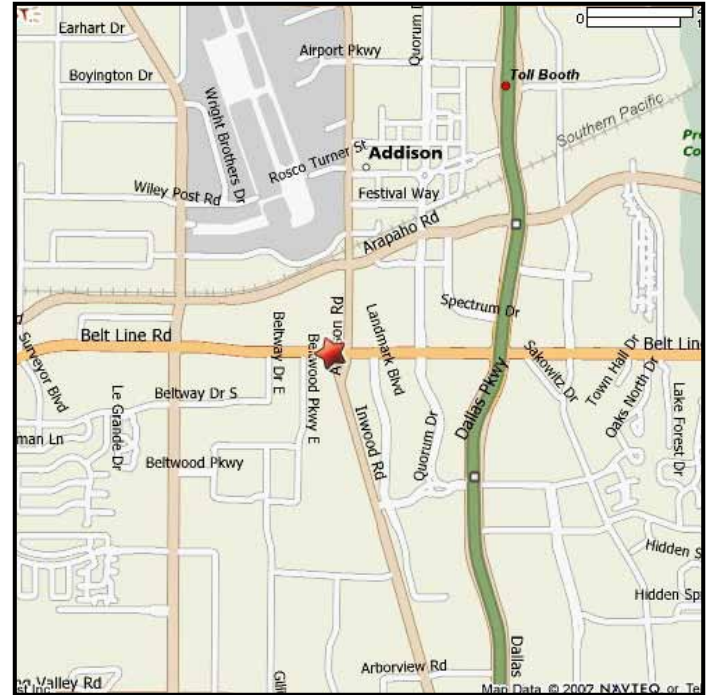
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*1 mile West of Dallas North Tollway
just 1/2 mile West of BJ's Brewhouse
on the North side of Belt Line.*



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Membership Information:

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
Len Woodruff: Lenwoodruff@gmail.com or (972) 979-5722





The Story Of The One And Only 1983 Corvette

With only one example remaining, this truly is the rarest Corvette on earth!

The fourth-generation Corvette, also known as the C4, lasted for twelve model years, from 1984 to 1996. While the C4 Corvette won't go down in history as the fastest or most popular Corvette in history, it moved the Corvette forward from the old rattly C3 muscle car, to a car that started to compete with offerings from Ferrari and Lamborghini like we see with the C8 Corvette today.

While the C4 was slated for an early 80's debut, the car was eventually pushed for a 1983 model year release, with multiple pre-production cars built, but at the last minute, the car was pulled from the production line, something that is unheard of today.

Though the 1983 Corvette was canceled, 61 cars were produced. Of these 61 cars, all were crushed other than one example. This is the story of the only 1983 Corvette.

Due to new emissions, fuel economy regulations, and safety regulations being introduced in the mid-70s, the development of the C4 was hit with adversity that the designers at GM never had to overcome in the past. While the Corvette was being tweaked to meet these new regulations, the 1983 model year was reaching its end, and it was too little, too late for the 1983 Corvette. The C4 would not make it to market for the 1983 model year.

Even though only a few early production model 1983 Corvettes were even produced, they were ordered to be crushed.

42 of the 43 1983 Corvettes were crushed, except for number 23, the car that survived.

When GM ordered that all 43 1983 C4 Corvettes were to be crushed, it was decided for convenience-sake that all of the cars would be crushed in Bowling Green, Kentucky, where they were produced.

In June of 1982, Ralph Montileone, a worker at the plant, was assigned to use a mobile crusher to get rid of the 43 1983 Corvettes that had been built. All of the cars were destroyed, one by one, until Montileone got to the last car, number 23. Out of nowhere, it started to downpour over Bowling Green, and Montileone decided to save the final crushed car until the next day.

Ralph Montileone had just bought some expensive boots and didn't want to ruin them in the inches of rain that started flooding the parking lot, so the car was left untouched. As Montileone arrived at the plant the following day, the mobile crusher was gone. This crusher was a rental, and during the night the rental company came and took the crusher away, leaving number 23 as the lone surviving car.

While the one and only surviving 1983 Corvette faced the crusher and lived, the story did not end there. After the crusher was taken off the plant property, the 1983 was driven to a back lot of the plant and parked indefinitely at the time.

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After GM missed the 1983 model year, to this day, the only year without a Corvette, things were tough and emotions were high among the company, people had other things to worry about other than this car that missed the crusher. Not only did the 1984 car have to be better than the 1983, but it also had even stricter emissions and safety requirements that they had to meet.

After the C4 got its footing and started to sell well into its first few years, a plant manager noticed the lone white Corvette sitting in the back of the parking lot and found out that it was a 1983 model, although all records indicated that they were all crushed.

It was decided that this car would be brought into the front lobby of the Corvette plant after a fresh paint job, and it would be on display as the only surviving 1983 Corvette.

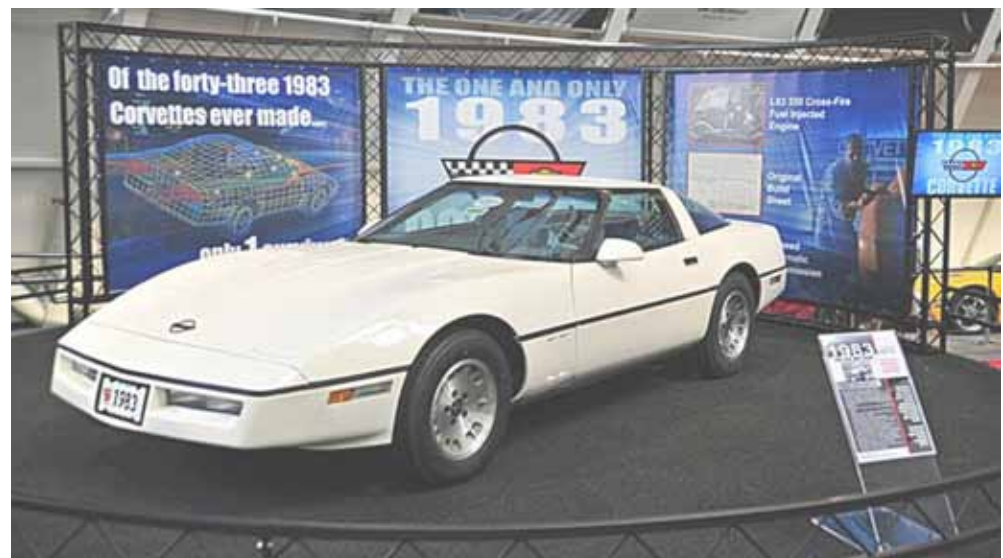
After years and years of hiding in plain sight as a showpiece of the lobby of the Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the 1983 Corvette was officially repainted its original all-white color to keep the car as it was when it came off the line.

Finally, the GM executives in Detroit sent the team at Corvette a relieving message that they would be able to keep the car, not only to act as the only remaining Corvette in a year without a Corvette but also to act as a piece of history to educate visitors about the history of the plant.

A few years later, the National Corvette Museum was officially opened, and the only 1983 Corvette was sent across the street to the museum to be displayed, where it sits today.

The 1983 Corvette still sits in the National Corvette Museum today, where it has its original body panels, colors, and it even runs and drives. Over a quarter of a million people visit the museum every year to see this piece of automotive history, the car that survived its destruction for years thanks to a little luck and some love from the team at Corvette.

As Corvette owners today argue about which Corvette is the rarest, there is no doubt that the only 1983 Corvette is the rarest existing Corvette today. A true one-of-a-kind car that helped pave the way for every Corvette we have enjoyed since.





Mike Kmita, Kerry & Janice Smith.



Don Eckhart's 2013 White Callaway convertible.

Corvette Legends of Texas General Meeting Nov. 13, 2021-BJ's Brewhouse, Addison, TX

Prior to official start of meeting, Len Woodruff distributed red tickets to every family in attendance. Two tickets were drawn, and those lucky members were asked about their initial interest/ownership of a Corvette. Kurtis Allen and Al Lisbona gave their memories and were rewarded with Amazon gift certificates.

The Members of Corvette Legends were called to order by president, Sam Deneault, at 12:30 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was 57.

Lady Legends Winner: Linda Deneault
50/50 Pot Winner: Len Woodruff (\$75)

Diane Preston handed out flyers for the Nov 20 Thanksgiving Food Blessing at Music City Mall in Lewisville. It's sponsored by Huffines Chevrolet, who also supports and sponsors Legends. Members are encouraged to display their Corvettes for this event.

Tom Atchison talked about the Dec. 4 Lewisville Christmas Parade – details for staging are in the Newsletter.

John Cantleberry mentioned a Classic Car Show on Dec. 4 at Bent Tree Fellowship Church in Carrollton.

Dennis Conte, Membership Coordinator, said to give membership dues to him, Sam, or Kevin. Kevin Shedden, makes deposit into club account.

Next Meeting will be Dec 11 at Lupe Tortilla Mexican Restaurant in Addison. The Feb. 12, 2022 meeting will be at Spring Creek BBQ in McKinney.

The club website has been moved to a new provider. Denise Iverson has uploaded the member e-mail list. She also mentioned that if you "reply all" it will only go to her; she will then make distribution if necessary.

Tom Hubbert announced Autorama is Feb 18-22. He would like at least 2 of each of the C-1, C-2, & C-3 models on display.

Dinner Cruises: The club still needs a coordinator for this activity; but if any member has an idea for a cruise, please let us know. Dennis Conte has a cruise planned to Bowie, but not scheduling until Spring.

The After-Holiday Party is scheduled for January 8 at Heritage Ranch Country Club. Program commemorates



Bill Schelling checking out Matt Tidwell's White & Silver 1961



Rare Member sighting... Roger Berry with Mary Jean Entekin.

the club's 25th anniversary and honors original members. Tom Lainson is contacting those who are no longer active members of the club, urging them to come. Tom Atchison reminded members that payment of \$40/person is due by our next General Meeting, December 11.

The 9th Annual Corvette World Toys for Tots collection ends Dec. 11. There is no caravan scheduled, so members who wish to contribute can bring their unwrapped toys to the next meeting and Sam will see that they are delivered. Dennis Conte also identified a Dec. 18 Toys for Tots cruise from Denton to Gainesville sponsored by Pharoah's Car Club. Details on page 10 or contact Dennis if you are interested in participating.

Nov. 11 was Veterans Day. Veterans were asked to stand and be recognized in appreciation for their service. Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Submitted by Pat Cople, Secretary





Kathleen & Jim Pagana



Gary Williams; 1972 Green Convertible



Kurtis & Sandy Allen finally got their Legends name tags!!!



Gary Williams, Dennis Conte and Rocky Rainbolt.



Ron Cople and Duane Reich checking out the Vettes.



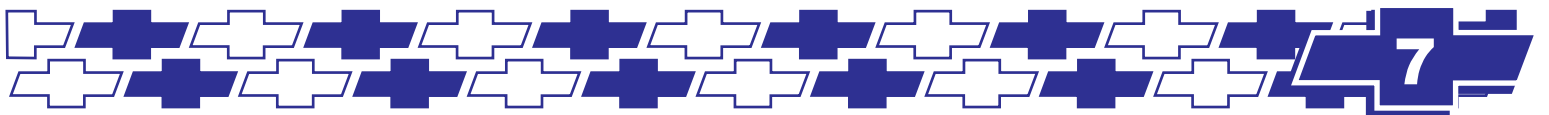
Bob & Linda Rockett with Jerry Echols



Rare member and Vette sighting... Walter Adams and his Black 1964 Convertible



Keith May and John Cantleberry



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Pharoahs Cruise, Show & Toy Drive

On Saturday the 18th of December, the Pharoahs will be having a cool day event: Car Cruise, Car Show, Track Laps, Toy Drive and Shop Tour. Registration \$25 with all proceeds minus the drawings to go to the Denton State School Volunteer Services Organization.

You must bring a new, unwrapped toy for the Eagles Canyon Raceway Toy Drive. Did I say Track Laps? YES!!! The folks at ECR have invited the Pharoahs to cruise the track between noon and 1pm!

Riley Performance & Restoration is opening their doors to us for an Open House and Shop Tour later that day!

9am - Meet up at Fisher 59 Distributors, 5050 W University Dr, west of Denton just past Masch Branch Rd. to register - \$25

10am - Depart for Eagles Canyon Raceway - Hwy 380 to Decatur then north on Hwy 51 to ECR.

10:45 - Arrive at ECR for a car show from 11am to 2pm. Lunch will be available during that time at your own expense.

Noon-1pm - Track Laps - ECR will lead us on track laps.

2pm - Depart ECR for Riley Performance, 2721 I-35, Gainesville via Hwy 51.

2:30-4pm - Riley Performance Open House/Shop Tour.

4pm - Prize drawings: \$25 for 3rd place, \$50 for 2nd place and \$75 for 1st place. You MUST be present to win!



Birthdays for December

12-01 Cynthia Nutt
12-01 Kerry Smith
12-02 Dan Jacobs
12-02 Sherry Williams
12-04 Duane Riech
12-04 Lee Brumit
12-04 Linda Dobbs
12-06 Jean McCall
12-06 Suzanne Hardy

12-09 Connie Hamel
12-09 Debra Sealock
12-10 Don Eckhart
12-14 Roger Elliott
12-14 Ron Cople
12-17 Beth Woodruff
12-19 Don Schaded
12-20 John Arakelian
12-25 James Hamel
12-26 Craig Conde
12-31 John Spencer

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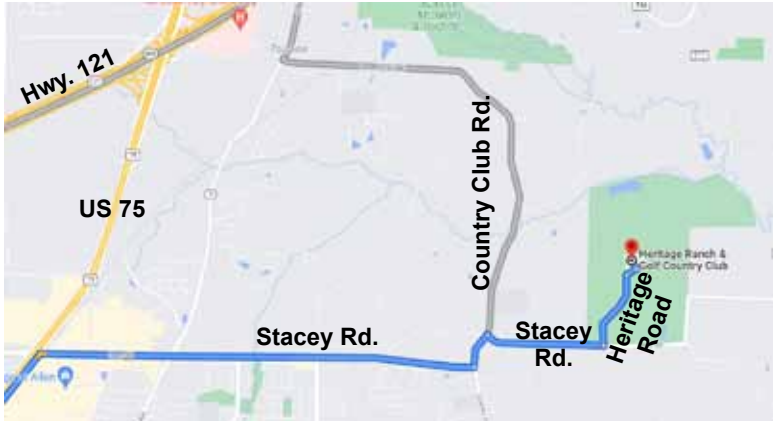
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to arrive before Dec. 11, 2021



5:00 PM--Social Hour, Music, Cash Bar

6:00 PM--Dinner

**7:00-9:00 PM---Short Meeting,
Member of the Year Presentation**

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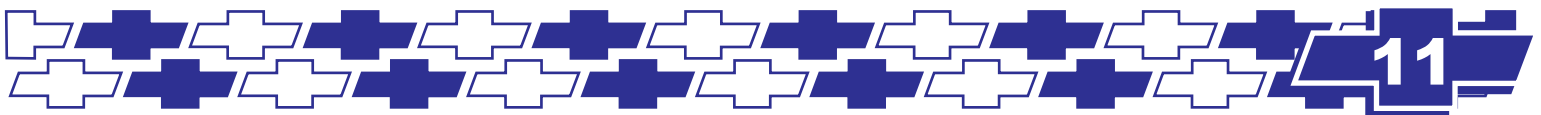
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