

Legends Ledger

January 2021



Rare Member Sighting...
Jim Deaton brought out his beautiful Blue 1966 Convertible for the Huffines Chevrolet "Love for Kids" Christmas Drive-Thru Event.
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January Meeting
11 am
Sat, Jan 9
Springcreek BBQ
1993 N Central Expressway
(US 75) McKinney, TX

2021 Upcoming Events

Double check all event dates to make sure they haven't been cancelled or rescheduled.

***Jan 9 Legends Club Meeting** Springcreek BBQ, McKinney 11:00 AM
1993 N Central Expy, McKinney, TX (972) 542-8529 details page 3

***Feb 13 Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM

***Feb 19-21 Autorama** Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX
Move in on Thurs. Feb. 18. Legends plans to display six C1-C4 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 26-28 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.



*CLOT Club Participation Event

Autorama February 19-21, 2021

Corvette Legends of Texas has an exhibit at Autorama every year. We usually like to feature some of the older cars, since our club has LOTS of them and most Corvette clubs don't. Last year all six cars were C-3 Corvettes. Sometimes it's all C-1s. Most of the time it's a mixture of C1-C4 Corvettes.

Tom Hubbert has just taken over the job of VP for Special Events from Jerry Echols, who served us for many years. If you would like to display your Corvette, please go to www.autorama.com, download the ENTRY FORM, complete the form and get it and a photo to Tom at thubbert@verizon.net, or call 972-897-3045. Entry fees are covered by the Club.

Move in is Thursday, Feb. 18. We also need volunteers to man the display and promote the Legends club during this three-day indoor show, even if you don't have a car on display. Legends pays the \$50 entry fee for your car and you get a pass to the show for all three days.

**Welcome
Back**

Scott &
Donna
Buzzell,
Dallas, TX



Red 1962,

Maroon 1967 Conv., Silver 63 Cpe

Dallas New Car Show

We need 20 Corvettes to represent Corvette Legends for the New Car Show. Cars can be new, old, used, sort of clean. Just for display. It's fun to hang around the display area and talk to all of the visitors about our cars.

The CBS 11 Classic Car Corral will return this year as well. Show guests will get to see beautiful examples of automotive style, innovation and power from nearly every decade. This year, they will celebrate the evolution of the Mustang, Cougar and Corvette. If Pontiac is more your style, stop by and see a replica of the 1977 black Trans AM Burt Reynolds drove in the movie Smokey and the Bandit.

If you would like to put your car into the New Car show in Kay Bailey Hutchins Convention Center in downtown Dallas please call: our new VP for Special Events, Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.

Many of you know how this works, you must arrive down there with less than 5 gallons of gas in the tank, and disconnect the battery once in place inside.

Show is Mar. 24-28. We move in on Tues, Mar 23, and leave the cars there until Sun. night Mar. 28, about 7pm. It is considered a secure place for your cars. Those displaying will get an "in and out" pass for the entire show.

We will meet at the Exhibitors underground parking garage, Fire Department will check fuel and we caravan into the display area together. Please be there between 1:00-3:30 pm on the 23rd. The earlier the better, as we all have to go in together.

Please note that the dates and location for the 2021 New Car Show are currently "On Hold" due to public health concerns surrounding the Corona Virus pandemic. Further information is expected to be released the third week in January.





John Lee Cantrell of Dallas, Texas passed away on November 20, 2020. John was born in Lubbock, Texas on February 28, 1936. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1955 and then attended Texas Christian University on a Track and Field Scholarship where he met his beautiful wife, Margaret. He continued his higher education while working for

Texas Instruments and received a master's in business from University of Dallas.

Over the next 50 years, John owned and operated several businesses in the oil and gas industry. John had many hobbies to keep himself active that included playing tennis with his friends at Cooper Aerobics Center, competing in the Masters Track and Field events and spending time with friends and family at his Bison ranch in East Texas. He treasured the time he made by meeting up with his lifelong best friends from Pampa High. He also had a passion of collecting vintage Corvettes which he shared with his son, Keith.

He is the son of the late Royall and June Cantrell. Preceding him in death is his sister, Joan Seawright and his son, Bryan Cantrell. He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Gorman) Cantrell to whom he was married to for 60 years and his son, Keith Cantrell and his daughter, Kelly Cantrell both who are from Dallas, Texas. At the family's request, in lieu of flowers please consider a gift be made in memory of John L. Cantrell to Highland Park United Methodist Church.

January Meeting

11 am-Saturday, Jan. 9

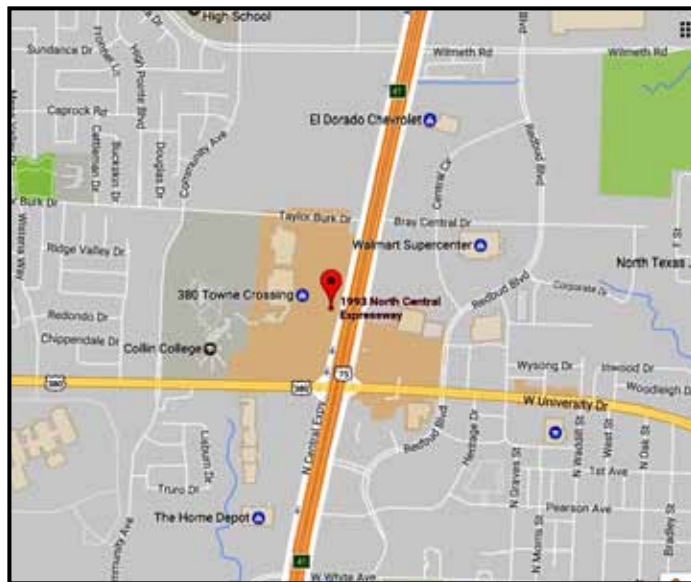
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McKinney, (972) 542-8529

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



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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:

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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



**General Meeting, Corvette Legends of Texas
Saturday, December 12, 2020, Hula Hut, Little Elm, TX**

The Members of Corvette Legends were called to order by President Sam Deneault at 12:36 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. A light crowd of 26 members present. There was no Lady Legends prize. 50/50 Pot Winner was Joe Koester (\$27). Diane Preston had nothing to report on the newsletter but did introduce Duffy Oyster, Owner of the Hula Hut who is planning to join Legends. Joel Joseph reported that Corvette World is still accepting new, unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots.

President Sam Deneault introduced the new officers for 2021. Sam Deneault, President, Len Woodruff, VP Operations (Joel Joseph stepped down), VP Special Events Tom Hubbert (Jerry Echols stepped down), Secretary Pat Cople and Treasurer Susan Joseph.

Bill Preston reported on calendar sales and there are only about 100 calendars left. He wasn't sure of the

exact amount going to Patriot Paws due to credit card sales and people mailing the donation envelopes, but estimated around \$9,000 to \$10,000. A big thank you to all members who helped collect the money.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Deneault for Pat Cople, Secretary



Kelsey Koester, Susan Joseph and Jan Koester



Hula Hut owner, Duffy Oyster, donated to Patriot Paws for one of our Corvette Calendars



Dennis Conte, Dan & Brenda Jacobs and Mack Rogers



Bill Preston, Jim Deaton, Denise Iverson, Linda Deneault and Gary Williams.



Donna Wadley, Mary Davis, Vince & Cindy Dumas, Jim Ritter and Al Lisbona.



Gary Williams, Bill Preston, Don Eckhart, Jerry Echols, Denise Iverson, Donna Wadley and Mary Davis



Susan & Joel Joseph, Kelsey Koester, Linda Deneault, Len Woodruff, Jan & Joe Koester.



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A Fond Farewell

Down to the bare bones after powder coating during the one-year frame off restoration by Legends Wrenches of his 1965 at Don Clark's garage taken 1/31/03

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Ron Thur and I have been a member of the Corvette Legends of Texas since day one, December 20, 1996. If you do the math it comes out to 24 memorable years.

It all started at a Lone Star Corvette Club meeting, when a new group was forming outside the Outback restaurant in Plano. I was asked by one of the senior members of the new group, if I was with them or not. A quick explanation informed me that several officers of the Lone Star club were forming a new club called the Corvette Legends of Texas, and since the people I was most friendly with were switching I went too with my Black on Oyster '80 and never looked back. I'll forgo the reasons for the split here, but it obviously worked out well.

The officers who switched had done a lot of homework up front to form the new club, create the rules, register the name and outline how the Legends would be different. My only complaint was I ordered a \$48.00 Lone Star Jacket and the person who sold me the jacket knew that the Legends were forming at the next meeting... and so it sits in my closet in pristine condition.

The first officers of the club did an outstanding job getting the Legends off the ground and getting our name



Ron Thur's Blue 1965 at the State Fair of Texas Car Corral 10/14/2001

out in front of the Corvette community. Before long we were doing displays for events, towns and businesses. Getting noticed helped garner new members.

At first we targeted members with older Vettes. A ceiling was placed on the different generations and, of course, the newest at the time was the C4. We wanted all generations, but it was weighted towards the older models. Even today we have a very large number of beautiful C1's and C2's.

Chuck Gokoo was our first President. Other officers included Tom Douglas, Scott Eakins, James Gentry and Tracy Tucker. They were very dedicated to ensuring the success of the Legends. Through their efforts we were given space to display about 12 cars at the 1997 Dallas New Car Show. We were also one of the first clubs allowed to display our cars on the main floor with the dealers. We then obtained space at the Autorama to display some cars. In the fall of '97 and we secured space in the Car Corral at Fair Park during the state fair to display club cars. Those three traditions continue today with the help of dedicated members. All this was achieved in the first year of the club.

Weekend slab shows were very popular for the next 10 years or so and many members participated. I was asked to keep track of the shows with their details and

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Legends cars populate the Founders Day show at Tom Bean Texas 5/9/98





Legends Members at the Dallas New Car Show 3/8/98.

Front Row: Tom Atchison, Joe Koester, Walter Plumley, Chuck Gokoo, James Gentry, Scott Corso, Richard Schneider, J.C. Cherry, Ron Thur, Allen Haws. Second Row: Kathy Adams, Bob & Carol Cook, Joel Adams, Dennis Reed, Jeff Snyder. Rear: Tom Douglas, John Zachary.

Cars being displayed starting at 12:00 belonged to:

New 98 supplied by our Chevy sponsor, Terry Tucker, Tom Atchison, Walt Plumley, Jeff Janocik, John Tipps, J.C. Cherry, Richard Schneider, Allen Haws, James Gentry, Chuck Gokoo, Bob Cook, Joel Adams, Tom Douglas, Dennis Reed, Frank Reynolds, Ron Thur, Joe Koester. Center Hidden behind the sign: Scott Corso. In front of the sign: John Zachary.

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publish dates and times in the monthly newsletter. We had pretty high interest in them and I attended two or three shows a weekend, weather permitting. At this time I had my '65 and was doing very well in the award department. My real surprise was when Larry Dyer presented me with the "Ron Thur

Trophy Whore" trophy, at the After Holiday Party in January 2006. It's the only trophy I still have.

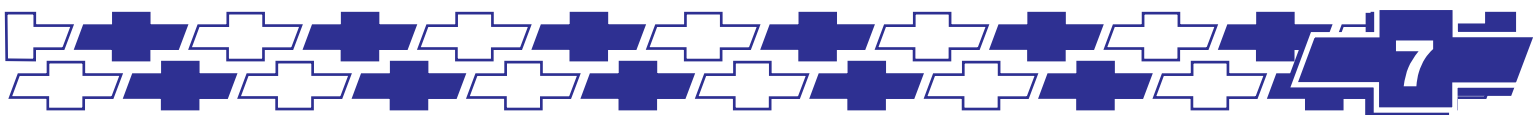
Legends members also began showing an interest in out-of-town shows such as the Hot Springs Corvette Weekend and the Sulphur Springs Corvettes on the Plaza. The Corvette Revue hosted by the River Cities CC in Shreveport is the one I remember most, as the club asked me to coordinate our participation. The show was in September each year so the weather was usu-

ally perfect. They did an excellent job with lots of door prizes, provided box lunches, and a welcome dinner was provided Friday evening. Some of their members performed skits that were always entertaining, and they had an excellent secure location for the judged show. Added extras included drink coupons for the hotel lounge. At the show's close there was a police-escorted drive up and down the Red River frontage road at a good clip. There were also several casinos for those who felt lucky! Legends always had a good turnout for this show until Hurricane Katrina changed all that. It was never the same and I'm not sure the show still exists.

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Corvette Revue entertainers "Dolly" and "Porter" present trophy to Sharon and Craig Conde.





Birthdays for January

01-02 Len Woodruff	01-16 Dee Elliott
01-06 Bill Foote	01-18 Mary Anne Lisbona
01-06 Jerry Fernandes	01-19 Tom Lainson
01-07 Mark Elliot	01-21 Herb Duplant
01-09 Craig Bierman	01-21 Pat Harrington
01-09 Kathy Maybury	01-24 Don Sebert
01-09 Matt Tidwell	01-24 Gary Spurlock
01-11 Al Lisbona	01-29 Jim Ritter
	01-30 Karen Bessell

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Many Legends at the Corvette Revue in Shreveport 9/11/04 taken from the overpass by Ron.

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Many years back Bill Tichy rose to the occasion and began organizing many extended road trips, and from the reviews I saw he did an outstanding job. I can only speak to one trip, a long weekend to Palo Duro Canyon in the fall of '04, when my '04 Corvette was just a week old. There was a mix of eight C4's and C5's so speed was not an issue... at least not to us. It was an excellent weekend with perfect weather. We saw the 'Texas' show in the Amphitheater, went on a buckboard ride to the canyon's edge, enjoyed a cowboy breakfast that was out of this world and an adult beverage gathering in John and Micky Zachary's room that evening.

On the way back Bill led us on some desolate roads, where the cars got some exercise. So as it happened, we were cruising somewhere around a 100 mph with no other cars in sight, until one came from the opposite direction. It was equipped with flashing lights. He promptly made a U-turn and pulled alongside each Vette waving them over. The trooper immediately requested a drivers'



Drivers "meeting" with State Trooper on Amarillo Road Trip 8/22/04 from inside a Vette. Pictured are Ron Thur, John Zachary, Ron Spurlock and Larry Dyer... PRICELESS!

meeting and informed us that he noticed we didn't have front plates and that Texas law required them. He then told us he would be a real hit in his barracks, if he ticketed eight Corvettes in one shot. Next he said that since it was a beautiful day and we weren't going excessively fast to get plates on the front, and be careful. Then he headed in the opposite direction.

Besides being like a large family the Legends Club is special in many other ways. For those who like to turn a wrench the 'Weekend Wrench' is available for members to help other members with their cars. It is a great learning opportunity... from tune-ups to engine pulls. Whoops, I forgot about the coffee and donuts provided by the host.

My first Weekend Wrench didn't go so well. I was changing all the fluids out on my '80. After draining the oil pan and checking that it was empty, I asked Tom Douglas what was next, and he said to put the new oil in and I did... No one mentioned putting the plug back in. I spent most of the afternoon cleaning up Scott Eakins driveway.

The club is also well represented in the NCRS, with many members capturing those coveted ribbons. And of course, for those who like to eat there were weekend dinner cruises that are very popular. I only went when catfish was not involved, and once a month there is a breakfast gathering on a Sunday morning. I'm sure there are several activities I've missed but I'm trying to avoid writing a novel.

For the past 23 years in the Legends I owned my '65 Nassau Blue Roadster, oddly enough nicknamed 'BLUE'. I have participated in numerous Legends events and even got to win my class in Autorama one year. Through the generosity of member, Don Clark who had a huge garage, we performed a complete frame-off restoration there starting in late 2002. With his help and the help of many other members, we completed the work less paint in less than a year. It was an invaluable learning experience. Shortly after that, I got to take a couple of laps at Texas Motor Speedway, feeling confident we had it all back together with no left over nuts or bolts.

Unfortunately the time has come, when I can no longer properly maintain 'BLUE' and give it the TLC it deserves, and we parted company a few weeks ago. The time was right and I am comfortable with my decision. The Corvette Legends of Texas is an awesome club and it allowed me to meet and become friends with so many people over the years. Unfortunately two members I was close to, Tom Douglas and John Zachary, are no longer with us, but I will always have fond thoughts of both of them. So with many memories and hundreds of photos, I relinquish my membership to the Legends and wish the club and all of its members the best for the future.





Don Eckhart & Denise Iverson's '58, Dennis Conte's '61, Bill & Diane Preston's 57, Jim Deaton's 66, Bruce Jarrett's 61.

Tom Entrekim's '06, Al Lisbona's '14, Jim Ritter's '19, Cindy Dumas's '15, Vince Dumas's '15, Mary Davis & Donna Wadley's '59



Miss Teen Candidates and all the "elves" delivering the gifts to the Kids at the Huffines tent where new Chevrolets were also being displayed.



Eleven Legends Corvettes and 14 members showed up to brighten up the displays in the "Love for Kids" Drive-Thru Christmas Event sponsored by Huffines Chevrolet of Lewisville. The morning was cold, but we enjoyed showing off our Vettes.



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Event organizer, Huffines' Fred Whitfield, with Mary Davis and Donna Wadley



Jim Ritter and Cindy & Vince Dumas with their Corvettes after the morning warmed up a little.



Donna Wadley with Ringo, Mary Davis, Diane Preston, Don Eckhart and Denise Iverson with 'Nilla.



Jim Deaton, Bill Preston, Al Lisbona, Cindy Dumas, Tom Entrekim, Vince Dumas and Bruce Jarrett enjoying the warmth of face masks.

Weekday WRENCH



Scott Buzzell and Len Woodruff

The Wrenches Group answered a call from Scott Buzzell to get his 1962 and 1967 Corvettes running on December 3. It was GREAT to see Scott again. He served the Legends Club for many years arranging programs and speakers for our monthly meetings. He and Donna also hosted us at his Addison hangar to enjoy Kaboom Town fireworks for several years.

We had lots of help to work on both Vettes with Ken Dobbs, Mike Kmita, Jerry Echols, Len Woodruff, Jim Pagana, Sam Deneault, Bill Preston, and Tom Entrekin all showing up.

Scott is getting the 1962 ready to sell. The guys assessed what it needed and made a plan. Once Scott's grandson, Jason, got a new battery for the 1965 the guys got it running. Let Ken Dobbs know if you want to join in or have them come help you (972) 896-4611.



Bill Preston looks on as Jerry Echols, Jim Pagana and Ken Dobbs working on the 1965.



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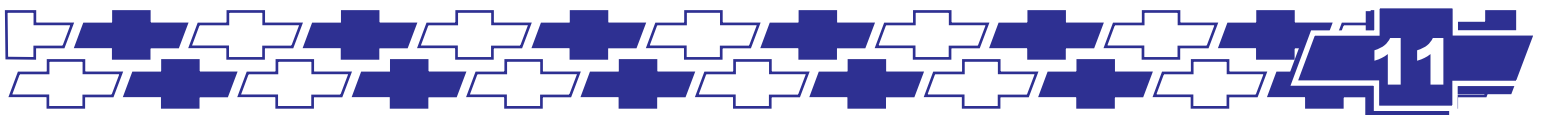
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