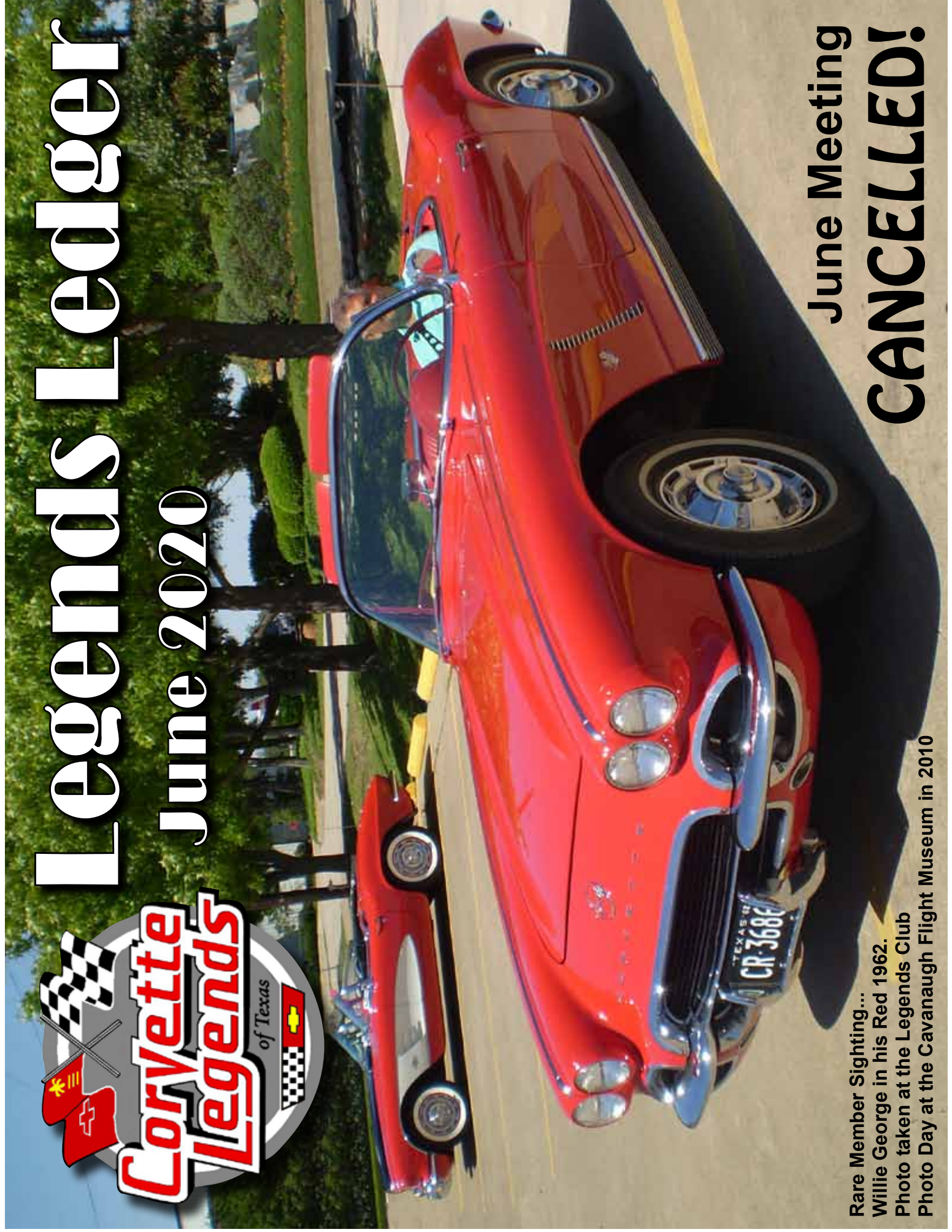


Legends Ledger

June 2020



Rare Member Sighting...
Willie George in his Red 1962.
Photo taken at the Legends Club
Photo Day at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum in 2010

June Meeting **CANCELLED!**

2020 Upcoming Events



*CLoT Club Participation Event

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

- ~~Jun 7-13~~ **Hot Rod Power Tour** Norwalk, OH-Joliet, IL
Rescheduled to August 23-29, 2020
- ~~*June 13~~ **Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM
Cancelled Do this instead!
- June 13** **Parker Square Car Show** 4-8 pm Flower Mound, TX
1400 Cross Timbers Rd (FM 1171), 3 mi west of I-35 between Garden Ridge & Morriss.
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Sponsored by North Texas Mustang Club, <http://www.ntmc.org/>, All makes of cars welcome.
- ~~June 13~~ **NCCO All-Corvette Show** Embassy Suites Norman, OK
Cancelled
- June 20** **Conner's Car Show & Keller Crawfish Krawl** Keller, TX
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auctions, live music, food, over 100 vendors, shopping & restaurants, and more. All car types and styles
welcome. Benefits Downs Syndrome and Autism charities. Info: connerscarshow.com
- July 10-12** **Corvette Kickoff Classic** Apache Casino Hotel Lawton, OK
This is a New Date-Details on Pg. 10
- ~~*July 11~~ **Legends Club Meeting**
- July 17-19** **Corvette Invasion** Bastrop Convention Center Bastrop, TX
Details on page 4
- ~~July 19-23~~ **NCRS National Convention** French Lick, IN
Cancelled
- *Aug 8** **Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM
- Aug 21-22** **Summer's End Corvette Show** Springdale/Rogers, AR
Details on Pg. 8
- Aug 23-29** **New Date-- Hot Rod Power Tour** Norwalk, OH-Joliet, IL
For full info: <https://www.hotrod.com/events/power-tour/>
KICKOFF on Sunday, Aug. 23: Summit Motorsports Park in Norwalk, Ohio (New Date)
Monday, Aug. 24: National Trail Raceway, Hebron, Ohio (New Date / New Venue)
Tuesday, Aug. 25: Indiana State Fairgrounds, Indianapolis (New Date / New Venue)
Wednesday, Aug. 26: World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway, Madison, Ill. (New Date)
Thursday, Aug. 27: University of Illinois - State Farm Center, Champaign, Ill. (New Date)
Friday, Aug. 28: Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds, Davenport, Iowa (New Date)
FINALE on Saturday, Aug. 29: Chicagoland Speedway, Joliet, Ill. (New Date / New Venue)
- Aug 26-29** **Solid Axle Corvette National Convention** Carlisle, PA
For full info: contact Diane Preston 405-615-3856 or cdiane1957@aol.com
- Sept 11-12** **Bloomington Gold** **New Date & Location** Indianapolis, IN
- *Sept 12** **Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM
- Sept 17-20** **Southwest Swap Meet** TMS Ft Worth, TX
- *Sep 25-Oct 18** **State Fair of Texas** Dallas, TX
- Sept 25-27** **Good-Guys Lone Star Nationals** TMS Ft Worth, TX
- *Oct 1-3** **Pate Automotive Swap Meet** TMS Ft Worth, TX
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promote this charity and collect donations from swap meet visitors near the main entrance.
- *Oct 10** **Legends Club Meeting** 11:00 AM
- Oct 22-24** **NCRS Texas Regional Meet** Embassy Suites Frisco, TX
- *Oct 23-24** **Sulphur Springs Corvette Weekend** Sulphur Springs, TX
Fri. Welcome Reception 5:00-6:30 pm at Clarion Pointe Hotel. Complimentary Beer &
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FRIDAY 1:00 pm-6:00 pm- Bastrop Convention Center

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 pm-9:00 pm "Meet and Greet"
Wristbands required.

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Once we arrive we will **INVADE** their monthly Cars and Coffee event, the ones who are registered will go straight to the paddock area to line up for parade laps.





Fund Raising 2021 Calendar

Corvette Legends of Texas is creating a calendar that we will give to people for a \$20 donation to Patriot PAWS Service Dogs. We will be promoting it at Pate Swap meet October 1-3, 2020 at Texas Motor Speedway in our booth near the entrance.

Your Corvette Can Be Featured

Legends Members' Corvettes will be Featured on each month along with the photo of a Veteran and their Patriot PAWS Service Dog. For a \$250 donation you can put your car's picture on the top half of one of the months. A description of the car of under 50 words may also be included. Photo will be 11x8.5" and needs to be high resolution. Len Woodruff is available to take a photo, if you don't have one that is large enough.

Get your money in early. Only 13 spots are available for your cars, so get your payment in early to Bill Preston. Each month will also feature a photo of a Veteran and his Service Dog and a brief biography of that Veteran in the top half.


Members will sell advertising to occupy the empty days on each month's calendar for \$25 per square. Ads can be from 1-6 squares wide and 1 square tall. The ad for the cover will be \$500 and the bottom tab will be \$400.

The Patriot PAWS Service Dogs story will be featured on the outside of the calendar.

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14 Things You Didn't Know About the Corvette

When it comes to American cars, the Chevrolet Corvette is in a class by itself. The first ones were built in 1953, and General Motors has reliably been cranking them out ever since. In fact, only the Chevrolet Suburban (first built in 1935) is older than the 'Vette for nameplate longevity in the GM stable. Test your Corvette knowledge with these fun facts about America's oldest sports car.

The 'Vette was born in Michigan, but raised in the Midwest

The General Motors plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky, is the only one in the world producing Chevrolet Corvettes, and it has been that way since opening in 1981. Before that, Corvettes were built in St. Louis, Missouri. But it was in Flint, Michigan, where the first 'Vettes rolled off the assembly line in June 1953.



The First Model Lacked a Few Surprising Features

The 1953 'Vette was a rare bird: Only 300 were made. They were all convertibles, all with "Polo White" exteriors, red vinyl interiors, and black canvas tops. The side windows didn't roll down; you simply removed them altogether (a feature also found on the 1954 and '55 models). The '53 Corvette also lacked exterior door handles; you had to use the interior handles to open the doors. And only two factory options were available — an AM radio and a heater.



The Hood Once Resembled a Cheese Grater

For the 1958 model, Chevrolet gave the car a facelift inside and out, but it was the exterior that got most of the attention. Chevy designers gave the 'Vette two extra headlights, a more prominent grille, and loads of chrome accents on the doors, trunk, and front fenders. To top it all off, the hood was embellished with louvers that served no practical purpose whatsoever. (Those louvers disappeared the following model year.)



The Shriners Had a Fleet of Them

Back in 1957, members of the Tangier Shrine of Omaha, Nebraska, got the bright idea of forming a "precision driving team" and arranged a special order of 13 Corvettes, which they drove in parades and other events nationwide. The Tangier Shrine Corvette Patrol was such a hit that the members decided to buy a new fleet of cars the following year... and the next... and the next... finally disbanding in 1981. Perhaps the most notable year was 1962, when the patrol cars were painted purple (the official name of the hue, developed for Cadillac, was Royal Heather Amethyst).



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The Corvette Starred in a Popular '60s TV Show ...

Other cars have played a prominent role in popular culture, but few can match the Corvette for sheer star power. The TV show "Route 66" followed the exploits of two 20-somethings traveling cross-country in a Chevy Corvette. GM supplied a new 'Vette for each season of the show, which aired on CBS from 1960 to 1964, and touted the show in its Corvette fan-club magazine.



... And in a Forgettable '70s Film

Everyone remembers actor Mark Hamill's first starring movie role in "Star Wars," but not many recall the film he followed it up with. Released in 1978, "Corvette Summer" starred Hamill as a teenage gearhead who travels to Las Vegas with a wannabe hooker (actor Annie Potts, in her Hollywood debut) to find his beloved sports car, which has been stolen. The action-comedy opened to mixed reviews. The New York Times described Hamill as affecting "a naïveté that would be unconvincing in a tiny child". The movie has been largely forgotten today. The Corvette featured in the film is a 1973 model, by the way.



Don't Forget That Prince Song, Either



"Little Red Corvette" became Prince's biggest hit to date, when it was released in 1983 as the second single off his album "1999." The single peaked at No. 6 on the Billboard Hot 100 and is included on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 greatest rock songs. According to Rolling Stone, the Purple One recorded the entire song just one day after installing a new recording system at his home studio near Minneapolis.

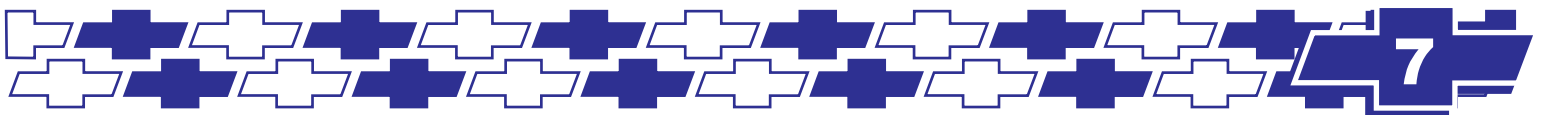
GM Once Built an Aluminum Corvette

The Chevy Corvette was the first mass-produced vehicle with a body made largely of fiberglass, rather than steel. But General Motors engineers have tinkered endlessly with the Corvette over the years, experimenting with different engines, body styles, and materials. In 1972, GM built two prototype XP-895s, which had a mid-body V8 engine. Engineers designed one body using traditional steel, the other with aluminum supplied by Reynolds Aluminum. These days, the XP-895 lives at the General Motors Heritage Center near Detroit.



It Once Had a Split Rear Window

The second generation of Corvettes arrived with the 1963 model, which Chevy dubbed the Sting Ray (later changed to Stingray). Its sleek, sharp lines were a radical departure from the curves of earlier 'Vettes, and for the first time a hardtop model also was available. The '63 Sting Ray hardtop is noteworthy for its fastback split rear window, a design feature that disappeared the following model year (but resurfaced on the 1971 Buick Riviera).



Summer's End Corvette Show



**Saturday
August 22, 2020**

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Schedule of Events

Friday, August 21

Registration and Reception

Springdale, AR Holiday Inn

9:30 a.m. Arkansas Air and Military Museum Cruise
leave from Holiday Inn parking lot

3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Registration

4:30 - 9:30 p.m. Reception

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Complimentary Burgers,
Chicken, Dogs and Soft Drinks

7:00 - 10:00 p.m. Live Entertainment on the patio
Hotel Cash Bar all evening

Saturday, August 22-Car Show

Pinnacle Hills Promenade, Rogers AR

7:30 - 10:00 a.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Car Show

Springdale Holiday Inn--Hotel Cash Bar

6:00 p.m. - ? Cocktails (Cash Bar)

6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner

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06-11 Bryan Liptoi	06-24 Kevin Shedden
06-13 Esther Towles	06-26 Diane O'Brien
06-19 Pat Cople	06-26 Linda Boren
06-21 Nick Bernier	06-26 Philip Schilt
06-22 Janice Smith	06-27 Jerilyn Sebert
06-23 Rocky Rainbolt	06-27 Roger Berry
06-23 Tom Entekin	

Corvette Plant
GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant will resume production of the 2020 Corvette on Tuesday, May 26. We do not yet know when tours will be available.

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Sharks and Manta Rays and Sting Rays, Oh My!

The Sting Ray isn't the only sea creature that has inspired Corvettes over the years. The mako shark that a GM executive landed during a fishing trip inspired a 1961 prototype of the same name, all shimmery two-tone paint, pointed snout, and exhaust "gills." The glimpse of a manta ray gliding through the sea inspired another prototype, the 1969 Manta Ray. Many of its sleek design cues would appear on the third- and fourth-generation Corvettes of the late 1960s and '70s.



1979 Was a Very Good Year ...

When it comes to the best and worst Corvettes of all time, many collectors say the '79 model falls into the latter category. This third-generation model was heavy (3,300 pounds), relatively slow (165 horsepower), and pricey (the first to retail for more than \$10,000). But that didn't dampen buyer enthusiasm. About 53,800 of these third-generation 'Vettes were sold in 1979, the most of any model year. By comparison, Chevy sold just under 18,000 Corvettes in 2019.



... But 1983 Was a Very Bad Year

In fact, there is no official 1983 model year Corvette, and there's only a single prototype known to still exist. What happened? Some of the delay can be attributed to the challenge GM had meeting California's new, more stringent vehicle emission rules. Design demands made by company president Lloyd Reuss also may have played a part (it is said he didn't like the planned T-tops). Whatever the case, by the time the Bowling Green plant was ready to go, it was too late in the year to introduce a 1983 model. A handful of prototypes were built for testing purposes — all but one later destroyed — and the fourth-generation Corvette made its debut as a 1984 model.



Citizen-Band Radios Once Were Optional ...

So many drivers hopped aboard the '70s citizen-band radio craze that General Motors offered CB radios as an option in some of their cars — including the Corvette.



Chevy offered buyers the option of a factory-installed CB on their 'Vettes starting with the 1979 model (an eight-track player was another option that year; check out the original sales brochure). The 1985 model year was the last one offered with a CB.

... And It's No Longer a Front-Engine Sports Car

The 2020 Chevrolet Corvette wowed fans when it hit showrooms. The all-new eighth-generation model is the fastest ever built, capable of doing zero to 60 mph in an unbelievable 2.9 seconds, according to GM. To achieve that speed, Chevy engineers did something they'd never done before on a Corvette: They relocated the engine from the front to just behind the passenger seats.





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