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June 4 Corvette World Cars & Coffee

9-11 am, 1810 N Interstate 35E, Carrollton, TX, (972) 446-8388

June 1-4 Big Cypress Corvette Weekend

A weekend full of fun in far East Texas! Go for the Cruise to the Ponder Collection of Automobiles, if nothing else! Full details at: www.facebook.com/BigCypressCorvette Weekend or email: ghost95vette@hotmail.com. See page 10.

June 10-11 Bloomington Gold

Bloomington/Normal, IL

Carrollton, TX

Jefferson, TX

Full details at bloomingtongold.com

June 10-11Lone Star Corvette Classic Texas Motor Speedway Ft Worth, TX

Schedule on page 10, Full details at: https://lsclassic.clubexpress.com

*June 11 Legends Club Meeting Hula Hut Little Elm, TX

11 am-Hula Hut, 210 E. El Dorado Pkwy Map on page 3

*July 8-10 Legends Palo Duro Canyon Trip Amarillo, TX

Join Legends members for this fun trip to the Canyon and to see the Play. Details page 9

*July 9 Legends Club Meeting No July Club Meeting
So many members will be gone on the Palo Duro Canyon trip that we are not meeting.

July 15-17 Corvette Invasion Circuit of the Americas Track Bastrop, TX

We will limit this car show and parade laps to the first 350 who register. Visit their website www.CorvetteInvasion.com

Aug 26-27 Summer's End Corvette Show Springdale, AR

Full info: NWACorvetteClub.com (Islot52@gmail.com)

Sept 16-18 Good-Guys Car Show Texas Motor Speedway Ft. Worth, TX

Full details at good-guys.com

Sept 7-10 Mecum Auction Convention Center Dallas, TX

Full details at mecum.com

*Sept 10 Legends Club Meeting

Sept 30-Oct. 23 State Fair of Texas

Legends will NOT be participting in the Car Corral. The State Fair of Texas is cancelling the Car Corral that has been a tradition for our club and many other car clubs. We will miss this fun

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Oct. 21-22 Central Ark. All-Corvette Weekend Hot Springs, AR
A great chance to get out of town with Corvette Legends of Texas Members!

Friday-Mountain parade, Meet & Greet with a Fashion Show, Friday Night Light Show. Saturday-Judged All-Corvette Show inside Hot Springs Convention Center 8am-2pm with Vendors, Silent Auction, 50/50 Pot and much more. Sponsored by Central Arkansas Corvette Club. Full details available at: centralarkcc.com

Oct 28-29 Southwest Swap Meet

Texas Rangers Ballpark

Arlington, TX



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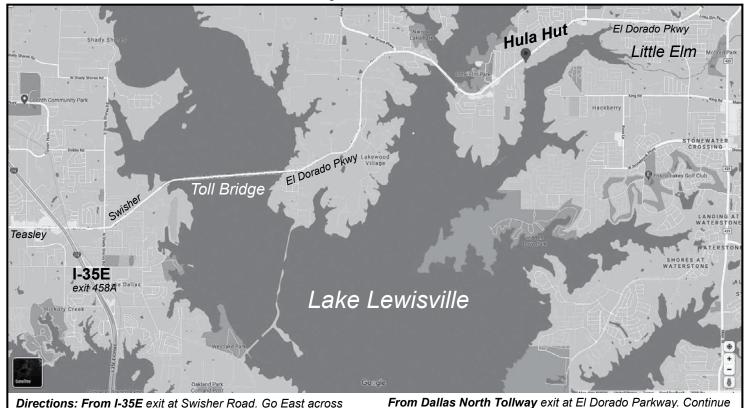
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June Meeting

11 am-Saturday, June 11

at Hula Hut

210 E Eldorado Pkwy, Little Elm, TX (214) 618-4852



Directions: From I-35E exit at Swisher Road. Go East across the Lake Lewisville Toll Bridge. Continue 2 miles east on El Dorado Parkway to Hula Hut.

From Dallas North Tollway exit at El Dorado Parkway. Continue 6.5 miles west on El Dorado Parkway to Hula Hut.

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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

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

Corvette Legends of Texas General Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2022, Sneaky Pete's, Lewisville

The Members of Corvette Legends were called to order by VP, Len Woodruff, at 12:08 pm. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was 69.

Guests: Paige McCown &

Lisa Shedden's sister Michelle

New Members: Brad Sammis - 66 Blue convertible

Lady Legends Winner: Sandra Plumley 50/50 Pot Winner: Pat Cople (\$86)

Diane Preston continues to refine the Newsletter mailing process – believes everything is now in order. She is also working on publication of a new Member Directory. Please review your personal information and give her all updates.

Dennis Conte had name tags for new members, and read off the names. The club records now show 138 members with 220 Corvettes.

New member, Mike McCown, presented background on the establishment of the John E. McCown Memorial Car Show, and how he and his father became interested in Corvettes. Together they have owned 30 cars. The Car Show will be held next Sunday, May 22, at the Fort Worth Aviation Museum. Details are in the Newsletter.

The June 11 meeting will be at the Hula Hut in Little Elm. Len Woodruff announced there will be no July Meeting, because so many members will be on the Palo Duro Canyon Trip.

It's still too early for details on the Legends display at the Texas State Fair Sept. 30-Oct. 23. Tom Hubbert will keep members posted – he is trying for a Sunday, but no promises.

Dennis Conte is working on a dinner cruise for September or October to include a stop at the Roadside America Museum in Hillsboro. The museum includes a collection of unique cars.

The Palo Duro Canyon Trip has 25 cars currently signed up per Bill Tichy. Those participating must prepay for the group activities package not later than Thursday of this week. The Club has to submit the payment. Larry Dyer is looking for input from those who are interested in other activities before and after the event. See more complete information in the Newsletter.

Although given the opportunity, Tom Atchison, had nothing to say. Surprise!!!

The National NCRS Convention will be July 23-29 in Mobile, Alabama; Texas Regional is October 20-22.

Bill Preston announced that Patriot Paws will have a graduation ceremony on May 27. It is a memorable event, and anyone interested in attending should contact Bill since RSVP is required.

Meeting Adjourned 12:34 pm.

Submitted by Pat Cople, Secretary



Rare member sighting... John Plumley here with his parents, charter members Sandra & Walt Plumley... I guess John's sort of a charter member too, but he was a just a kid then.



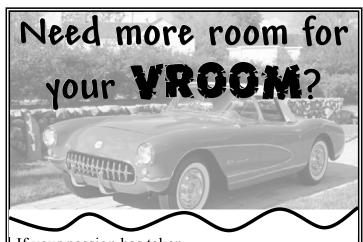
Rare member sighting... Lisa Shedden, husband Kevin on her right and her sister Michelle on her left.



Barb and Al Macdonald



Paige McCown, new member Mike McCown and Kurtis Allen.



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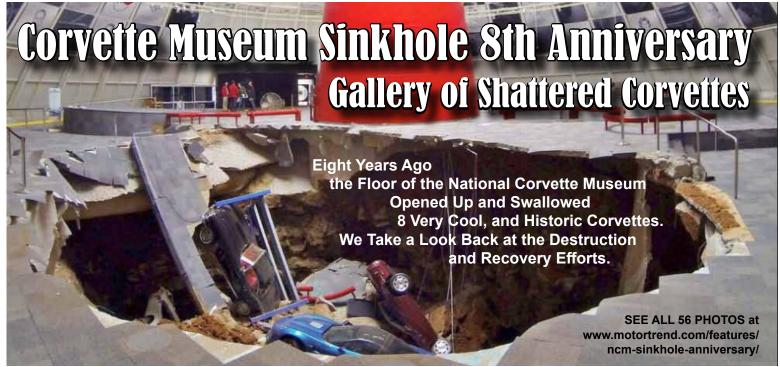
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The National Corvette Museum (NCM) opened the original 63,000 square foot museum on September 2, 1994. The highlight of the new building was the dramatic yellow Skydome that was clearly visible from nearby Interstate 85 and, in 2009, an expansion increased the museum's size to 110,000 square feet. Eight years ago, on February 12, 2014 a massive sinkhole opened up, swallowing eight very special Corvettes.

During the last 20 years, thousands of visitors have wandered through the Skydome to inspect the historically significant Corvettes on display. That ended on February 12, 2014 at 5:39 a.m. when the museum's security system alerted NCM employee Betty Hardison that something was going on inside the building. When the staff arrived the building was filled with dust and smoke, so they called the fire department who quickly located the source. It was a massive 40-foot-wide hole in the floor of the Skydome! In total eight Corvettes fell into the abyss.

Since opening in 1994 this arena has been filled with rare Corvettes and packed with visitors. It was a miracle the collapse took place at 5:39 a.m. when the museum was closed and that nobody was hurt. Later it was found that water had been eroding the soil beneath the museum for years. After the disaster, attendance actually went up quite a bit as visitors flocked to see giant hole and eventually the recovered Corvettes. Take a closer look at the eight historic Corvettes that were either damaged or destroyed in the collapse. If you want to see them in their prime check out the gallery of images. If you love cool cars then be warned some of the images are pretty sad.

ZR1 Prototype-When the sinkhole occurred, a Jetstream Blue ZR1 prototype landed on top of the pile. When the news media sent out their reports about the



incident this ZR1 was the first Corvette the public saw. It sat relatively undamaged 50 feet beneath the Skydome floor.

This was the first car to be extracted and was driven out of the Skydome to cheers from the NCM staff and construction crew. It was originally a 2008 Z06 show car that was converted by GM into a 2009 prototype ZR1. This is the ZR1 that created a commotion, when it crossed the 2008 Barrett Jackson auction block, selling for one million dollars.

1962 Convertible-David Donoho of Zionsville, Indiana purchased this Tuxedo Black 327/340 hp Corvette, 4-speed new in 1962. David worked part time jobs while in high school and saved enough money to buy his dream car. He owned a total of 4 Corvettes in his lifetime, but this one was his pride and joy. He donated his Corvette to the museum on October 26, 2012 to be sure it would be well maintained and protected.

When the floor gave way, the 40th flipped over and fell on its roof causing extensive damage to the top of its body. The 1962 rolled into the hole where its nose got

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lodged underneath a large slab of concrete. The first task was to free the nose and then determine the correct way to lift it out of the hole. Vintage Corvette experts were consulted, and they recommended lifting the car with straps attached to the frame in the engine compartment. Once that was accomplished the '62 was lifted out of its resting place on March 3rd. The 62 was gently lowered onto the Skydome floor.

1992 1,000,000th Corvette-On May 15, 1992, Chevrolet General Manager Jim Perkins (now retired) announced an exciting Corvette milestone. He said that the 1,000,000th Corvette would be built on Thursday July 2, 1992 at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. It was adorned with a 1 millionth banner across its windshield. The white with red interior convertible matched the first hand-built Corvettes that were produced in Flint, Michigan in 1953. Chevrolet donated this Corvette to the National Corvette Museum that was under construction at the time.



After it dropped into the sinkhole, the convertible could hardly be seen, but it did appear to be sitting upright at the very bottom of the sinkhole. Concerned that it might fall into a cave below it they decided to recover it. A rope was gingerly attached to its left rear wheel and it was slowly raised and placed upside down on the sinkhole floor. Another rope was secured to the right front wheel and the Corvette was removed from the sinkhole and looked repairable.

1993 40th Anniversary Coupe-Karen Clark saved her money for a number of years in order to surprise

her husband, Hill, with this brand new 40th Anniversary coupe (VIN #14768) on his 50th birthday. Since then other Corvettes have passed through their life, but the couple could never sell their prized "Ruby". On August 3, 2011 the Clarks donated Ruby to the National Corvette Museum. At the donation ceremony Hill said "To have our "Ruby" on display for others to enjoy and learn of our unique story is totally fitting. We could never sell her and with this donation we will be able to visit her whenever we so choose."

It was on display in the Skydome sitting on a Stinger lift above a black 1962 convertible when the floor opened up. Ruby rolled off the lift backwards and flipped upside down shattering its rear window and damaging most of its body panels. It came to rest next to the "Blue Devil" ZR1 Corvette. Because of its location it was the second sinkhole car to be retrieved. It was raised by placing straps onto all four wheels and lifting it out of the hole. According to Bob Hellmann, Facilities and Displays Manager at the museum, "Ruby's undercarriage and frame appear to be undamaged and everything else looked to be in good condition and repairable."

2009 1,500,000th Corvette-On May 28, 2009 a new Corvette convertible rolled off the Bowling Green Kentucky Assembly line. This Arctic White with red interior 'Vette was the 1.5 millionth example of this iconic American sports car and it was fully loaded with every option. In addition, it was equipped with the Z51 Performance Package; larger cross-drilled brake rotors, performance tuned tires, stabilizer bars, springs, and shocks. It rolled on forged chrome Aluminum wheels and had DVD Navigation, Dual Mode Performance Exhaust and its 6.2 L LS3 engine packed 436 hp (with the exhaust) that was coupled to a six-speed automatic transmission. This Corvette carried VIN1G1YY36W295114471 and was purchased by the National Corvette Museum Foundation to preserve its place in history.

This Corvette has served as a showpiece at the National Corvette Museum and usually could be found parked in a prominent location near the 1 millionth 1992 Convertible inside the museum's Spire exhibit hall. That is until it tumbled into a 60 ft. void on February 12th and was buried under tons of dirt and rocks. On April 3, 2014



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after extensive digging by the Scott, Murphy, & Daniel Construction crew, they located the Corvette. Its nose was exposed enough so the crew could wrap straps around its frame and control arms. The Corvette was slowly removed from the void. Damage was extensive and repairing it would prove very costly.

1984 PPG Indy Pace Car-In 1994 this PPG Indy Pace Car was displayed when the National Corvette Museum opened its doors on September 2, 1994. It was donated by PPG to the museum in early August of 1994 and became one of the NCM's permanent exhibits. This was one of a fleet of specially constructed PPG Pace Cars that were developed by different manufacturers to showcase their products. The pace cars were rotated so a different one would pace each race during the racing season. Chevrolet and PPG jointly designed this Corvette coupe and it included many unique features that were not found on a production Corvette.

It was equipped with coil-over suspension for better handling. Power was bumped from 205 to 450 hp by Katech engineering and long-tube headers with outside side exhausts were covered by custom bodywork. All of the body panes aside from the doors and roof panels were removed and replaced with custom bodywork made by Diversified Glass Products. This unique Corvette held a place of honor among the various pace cars that were on exhibit at the museum until it fell into the void. Damage was extensive and the custom body panels would prove to be expensive and difficult to replace.

1991 ZR-1 Prototype Spyder-On January 12, 1991, Don Runkle, GM's Chief of Advanced Engineering and the American Sunroof Company (ASC), unveiled this unique ZR-1 prototype Spyder. Mechanically, it started life as a '90 ZR1 coupe before being converted by ASC in late 1990. It carries a unique EX (experiential) VIN # (000DRZEX386640962). The DR in the VIN stands for Don Runkle. It featured unique hood and front quarter panel vents to aid engine cooling. It also featured custom billet wheels that were highly polished. The windshield was chopped to half its normal height and the seats were bolted directly to the floor pan to lower them by several inches. A small custom top was stowed behind the seats



that could be raised in case the driver was caught in an unexpected rain storm. The center high mounted safety light was located in the fuel filler door and popped up when the brakes were applied.

This Corvette was built to gauge the public's reaction to a ZR1 convertible and remained on the show circuit for several years (a ZR1 convertible was never offered). It was sent to the Bowling Green Assembly Plant in 1993 to be refurbished. It was painted Sapphire Black and the Day-Glo yellow interior was replaced with Torch Red leather. The plant workers autographed the underneath hood of the car, so their work would become part of this unique car's history. GM loaned this Corvette to the National Corvette Museum in 2006. It dropped into the void at the NCM and was unfortunately found near the bottom of the pile of other Corvettes. The Scott, Murphy & Daniel Construction crew located it and carefully uncovered what remained of this special Corvette. It was raised from the bottom of the sinkhole on April 1, 2014 and now rests in the NCM exhibit hall.

2001 Mallett Hammer Corvette-Kevin and Linda Atlmintoller donated their 2001 Mallett Corvette (Mallett serial #009) to the National Corvette Museum on December 2, 2013. The couple gave the car up to help the NCM grow. In addition they felt that the Mallett would be a good training vehicle for the new Motorsports Park. They are both lifetime members of the Museum and have participated in many R8C Museum Deliveries. AntiVenom installed an AV436 ci engine into the Mallett in June of 2008. It produced 700 hp at the flywheel and has been clocked at 10.6 e.t. at 128 mph in the quarter-mile. It had a total of 16,000 miles on its clock when donated it to the museum.

This car was featured on the cover of GM High Tech magazine as well as several other places. It was the very last car to be found and as such it was located at the very bottom of the sinkhole. It took a long time to uncover it and what was left of the Corvette was raised with a chain wrapped around its rear crash bumper. The Corvette was so badly damaged that it now rests on a specially constructed wooden dolly with wheels. It's a sad end to a very cool car, but remains on display at the National Corvette Museum.



Contact Bill Tichy for info: BTichy@gte.net or 214-770-6679

The Palo Duro Canyon trip is four weeks away and 40+ members are ready to hit the road and have some long-anticipated fun. The plan is to arrive in Amarillo early afternoon with the first stop being the Big Texan Steak Ranch & Brewery and it's famous free 72 oz steak dinner (if eaten within an hour). After lunch and hotel check-in participants will be taking advantage of a variety of local attractions like the RV Museum, Bill's Backyard Classics, a restored section of the Mother Road/Route 66, American Quarter Horse Museum etc.

Saturday morning will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a drive to the Los Cedros Ranch in Claude, TX, where we will enjoy a Cowgirls & Cowboys Chuck Wagon Breakfast and be entertained by a western historian, horsemanship & cattleman demonstration.

Following breakfast we'll cruise to Canyon TX where many members purchased tickets for the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, the state's largest historical museum. Other members may head directly to the Palo Duro Zip Line outside the Park or into the State Park for a variety of adventures including the Visitor's Cen-

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After our adventurous day the group will gather at the Park's Pioneer Amphitheatre VIP Parking Area and proceed to the Box Office for a Back Stage Tour and a Chuck Wagon BBQ dinner. Legends members will head to the theater about 7:45 p.m. because the Texas Musical begins spectacularly with a rider waving the Texas flag on the top of the canyon wall.

The original trip plan was for the return to the Dallas area Sunday morning but there is sufficient interest in spending Sunday in Lubbock and visiting the Buddy Holly Museum as well as a couple of other local attractions. This option continues to be researched and additional details will be forthcoming.

Another thing for trip participants to consider is that both at breakfast and while in the park proper attire and sun and insect protection is highly recommended. Leather soled shoes or tennis shoes, (no flip flops) are preferred as are long pants and shirts with sleeves.

Updated Trip Planning Info will be provided prior to our July 8th departure.

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Car Show Move-In	7:30 am - 9:30 am	Gates 2 & 6 - Look for signs		
Vendor Fair	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	TMS Concourse		
Judging	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	TMS Concourse		
Show-N-Shine Voting	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	TMS Concourse - Return ballots at Gate 4		

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LSX crate engines are based on the design of the Gen IV small-block, which is an aluminum block, six-bolt main bearing caps, and comes in both 6.2-liter (376 cubic inch) and 7.4-liter (454 cubic inch) displacements. The LT1, which is a 6.2-liters producing 460 horsepower, however, add a supercharger and you are looking at an LT4 engine and 650hp.

LSX engines in Corvettes were replaced with the Gen X LTX engines starting in the 2020 C8. The LT2 produces 490hp and 495hp with an optional exhaust.



INDY 500 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 PACE CAR AND DRIVER REVEALED!

The track-ready 2023 C8 Corvette Z06 will be leading the field at the biggest race of them all. It will be the third time in a row that the newest variant of the Corvette will serve as pace car for the Indy 500 on May 29th. This will also be the Corvette's nineteenth time in the role.

The pace car will be a White Pearl Metallic Tri-coat 70th Anniversary Edition coupe Z06 with added Indy 500 badging. The Z06 will be equipped with the Z07 Performance Package that includes the carbon fiber high wing, aerodynamic ground effects, Edge Red brake calipers, and carbon ceramic brakes for additional stopping power. The interior will have 70th Anniversary logos on the seats, steering wheel, and sill plates. To top it off, the top of the car will have the 70th Anniversary graphic.

Driving the Pace Car is former IndyCar Series driver and team owner, Sarah Fisher, who still holds the record as the fastest woman in Indianapolis 500 history. Fisher has nine starts in the Indy 500 between 2000 and 2010 which is also a record for female drivers.

GM ADDING HYBRID CORVETTE IN 2023 ALL-ELECTRIC VERSION SOON AFTER!

GM President Mark Reuss told CNBC that an "electrified" version of Chevrolet's ultimate sports car will be launched in 2023 with a fully electric Corvette arriving soon after. The first version will be an all-wheel-drive hybrid.

"This is in addition to all the great performance that Chevrolet and Corvette have been known for, for many, many years with our internal combustion engine, so it's in addition to that," said Reuss, who did not disclose an exact date for the EV debut.

The all-electric Corvette will use GM's proprietary Ultium battery platform. The project began about mid-2020 when the automaker reassigned some of the engineers responsible for the mid-engine Corvette to deliver higher performance to future EVs.

Corvette has been defined by raw power and a

roaring exhaust. The addition of front-mounted electric motor(s) should keep this great sound and add all-wheel-drive performance. We may lose the Frunk though.







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