



*April 8 Legends Club Meeting Prairie House Restaurant Lewisville, TX Program by: Detail Garage, Prosper, a retail outlet for Chemical Guys car products.

April 13-15 Mecum Auction **Selling the Horton Collection** Houston, TX **April 21-23 Corvette Kickoff Classic** Lawton, OK **Apache Casino Hotel**

*April 22 **Neas Collection Tour** See page 8 Tulsa, OK

April 27-29 Pate Swap Meet Texas Motor Speedway Ft. Worth, TX April 29 Car/Bike Show Firewheel Bible Fellowship Rowlett, TX

\$25 Registration 10am-2pm, 2402 Castle Dr, Rowlett, TX, Details on page 5

*May 13 Legends Club Meeting Spring Creek BBQ Richardson, TX

May 13 Cruisin' for a Cause Car Show McKinney, TX

8 am-2 pm Stonebridge United Methodist Church, 1800 S. Stonebridge Dr., See pg 7

May 19-20 Lone Star Corvette Classic **TMS Marriott** Ft. Worth, TX Friday & Saturday. Details at: LoneStarCorvetteClub.com

June 15 Senior Center Display 1500 International Pkwy #300 Richardson, TX

10:30 am to 12:00 pm Every Thursday seniors 60+ in the area meet for various activities, free lunch and entertainment. Please drive your Corvette or other cool car to Network on June 15th for the seniors to view! Linda Stone: networkvolunteer2@gmail.com

Aug 10-12 Summer's Last Blast Weekend SummersLastBlast.com Vernon, TX Aug 25-26 Summer's End Corvette Show Pinnacle Hills Mall Rogers, AR

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Oct 28 Sulphur Springs Corvette Show Sulphur Springs, TX

*Nov 3-5 Legends Fredricksburg Trip Hangar Hotel Fredericksburg, TX Details on page 9



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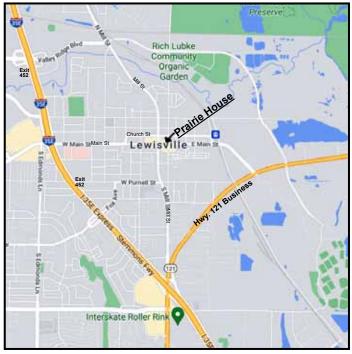


April Meeting

11 am Saturday, April 8 Prairie House Restaurant

119 E Main St,(East of Mill St.) **Lewisville, TX**Parking Lot in the Back

Program: Detail Garage (see detail on the right)



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I'm pleased to be invited to your event on April 8, 2023. I will be doing a 15-20 min. presentation on interior care for Corvettes - specifically Alcantara: how to clean it and how to protect it.

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Coordinated by Denise Iverson http://www.vettelegends.com Send submissions to: Communications@VetteLegends.com

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

Membership Information:

Coordinated by Dennis Conte (see above) \$40 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 Chevrolet's C4 Corvette has skyrocketed in value recently, as people come to realize how important this car is, and how it could crush a Ferrari.

The Chevrolet Corvette has gone through multiple generations over the years. But one generation that, for the last couple of decades, hasn't quite had the same recognition is the Corvette C4. The C4 is typical of the 1980s and 1990s with sleek styling, pop up

headlights and even more coolness. It reinvented the wheel for the Corvette, but it has only ever felt like it was actually respected and not loved. Now though, prices have shot up with the C4 going from around \$5,000 at one point to up to \$30,000.

That is one hell of a leap, for a car that's often been under appreciated. But there are very good reasons as to why that's changed. These range from recognition of its status as a modern Corvette blueprint, to the big progress that Chevrolet made engine wise with the C4.

The C4 Corvette Engine Saw Major Advancements From Chevrolet

When the C4 was first introduced, the Corvette passed through a bit of a rough patch. Nothing was particularly wrong with the C2 and C3, but the manufacturer had to take things to the next level after the long-run for the C3. One way in which it did that was with the return to big, high-performance and brutal engines. The debut model in 1984 featured the iconic "Cross-fire injection" V8 with 205 hp. While every model of the C4 from 1984 to 1996 featured a 5.7-liter V8 under the hood. The LT4 boasted 300 hp.

Chevrolet took it one step further, with the mighty ZR-1 featuring 405 hp from its V8 engine. Perhaps the biggest step for Chevrolet was the introduction of the L98 engine in 1985, that featured the tuned-point fuel injection. This was more typical of the Pontiac Firebirds and Chevrolet Camaros of the time. This meant that Chevrolet could wave goodbye to the L83 V8 engine that for some time had proven so controversial. But there was so much more to the C4 Corvette than simply a big, brutal V8 engine. Because Chevrolet set the standard for American sports cars with its new C4.

The C4 Is Now Recognized As The Blueprint For The Modern Day Corvette

Something that is easy to forget is that the underrated C4 actually set the blueprint for the Corvettes that we know and love of today. In fact, enthusiasts actually refer to the C4 Corvette as the first of the "Corvettes of Now." Chevrolet came out with a striking, sleek design. They were able, though, to retain iconic features such as the fender flares of previous



generations. Changing the overall shape not only boosted the looks, but it also boosted the cabin space. Molding plastics made the C4's body tougher as well.

It's little wonder that it is often called the first modern Corvette as well. The styling was much more in line with the likes of the Porsche 944 and Ferrari 308, plus the very latest editions of the Lotus Esprit. The C4 looked much more like a fully-fledged supercar than it did a sports car, like today's C8 Z06 does. Thanks to its chassis designed and completed fully in-house by Chevrolet. They were able to create a car that handled better than earlier Corvettes. Lightweight suspension and a new electronic engine-management system contributed to that improved driving feel.

Manual Transmission Ensured The C4 Corvette Was Still A True Driver's Car

The C4 Corvette was actually offered with an automatic transmission. But a few years after its introduction, Chevrolet realized there was still a market for stick-shift Corvettes. So in came a six-speed manual Corvette from 1989. While the automatic was often more reliable, the manual ensured the C4 could still be a true driver's car. Add into the equation the rather cool electronic dashboard, and driving the C4 is a lot of fun.

Dashboards like the C4 were quite revolutionary at the time. So it was something else that allowed the C4 Corvette to stand out. It was a massive improvement over the C3, giving the C4 a modern and very technical feel inside the cabin. We can now appreciate how cool those graphics are too.

The C4's Ferrari-Killing Performance Helps To Drive Up Its Value Today

With a top speed of 179 mph, the C4 Corvette was faster than the 144 mph Porsche 944 and the 157 mph Ferrari 308. A top speed of 179 mph, recorded in the 1996 version, truly gave the C4 Corvette Ferrari killing performance. In fact, that level of speed is still hugely respectable in 2023. Some sports cars can't quite get to that level. In some ways, the C4 Corvette was a little ahead of its time, yet it's remarkable that it was never hugely appreciated. Judging by its rising value, that is changing, and fast.





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Car & Bike Show Hosted by IRON SABER MC

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04-08 Jeffrey Clevenger
04-15 Tom Bradford
04-16 Darlene Tidwell
04-21 Harriet Sebert
04-21 Nadine Tichy
04-22 Dave Sanford
04-22 Erika Cherry
04-23 Shelly Ludtka







We started out with 11 Corvettes. Our leader, Dennis and his friend George in his Blue '61, Rick Maybury's 2008 Red Z06, Tom & Mary Jean Entrekin's Red 2006, Keith May in his 2007 Silver Z06, Bob & Millie Van Guilder's White 2014, their friends Mike & Linda Bowers in their Silver C6 Convertible, Lynne & Phil Schilt's 2008 Atomic Orange Convertible, Carole & John Arakelian's 2008 Indy Pace Car Convertible, John Heimsath & Suzanne Roberts in his 2008 Yellow Convertible, Bill & Diane Preston in their Crystal Red 2007, followed by Tom Hubbert in his Red 1962.

We met in McKinney and drove thru Bonham and Paris, TX, then thru Hugo and Antlers, OK before reaching our lunch stop at Pam's Hateful Hussy Restaurant in Talihina, OK. The food and service were GREAT! And the menu prices were even GREATER! They haven't found out about inflation in Talihina yet...

A few cars headed back to Texas after lunch and the rest of us followed Dennis up the Winding Stair Mountains along scenic Hwy. 1 to the Queen Wilhemina Lodge near Mena, AR. We

stopped at several look out points to enjoy the views and take great pictures.

A few more cars ventured off Hwy 1 to Mena or Broken Bow along the way back to Texas. I think we were down to five Vettes by the time we got back to the Metroplex.

You missed a wonderful trip... Next trip will be to Fredericksburg, TX November 3-5! Be there!!



Keith May visits with Tom Entrekin

Mary Jean & Tom Entrekin and Carole Arakelian at the Hateful Hussy after lunch

the rebuilt Queen Wilhamena Lodge

Tom Hubbert's Red 1962 at



Bob & Millie VanGuilder and Mike & Linda Bowers



Bill Preston's 2007 Crystal Red Coupe

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Rick Maybury, Keith May, John Heimsath and Suzanne Roberts



Dennis Conte's Jewel Blue/White 1961 ready to lead the group up the mountain



Tom Hubbert, Mike & Linda Bowers, Lynne & Phil Schilt and Bob VanGuilder



Saturday, May 13, 2023 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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Dennis Conte giving the group instructions about the Talimena Drive cruise.



Lynn & Phil Schilt and Tom Entrekin



Tom & Mary Jean Entrekin and Carole & John Arakelian

Saturday, April 22nd

Tour John Neas' Corvette Collection

Meet at the IHOP at Hwy. 380 & US 75, McKinney, TX Leave for Tulsa at 8 am. Let Diane Preston know, if you're going with us (405) 615-3856.

Solid Axle Corvette Club Red River Chapter member, John Neas is a Corvette collector in Tulsa. He has invited us to tour his collection of fantastic cars. We will meet Corvette owners from Oklahoma for lunch at Schlotzsky's, 2343 E. 71st St., Tulsa, OK, at 12:30 pm, Saturday, April 22. Then we will go to Neas' collection nearby at 2136 East 69th St. S, Tulsa, OK, where the tour begins at 1:30 pm. If you want to stay overnight, we'll be at the DoubleTree, 6110 S Yale Ave, Tulsa, SW corner of South 61st St and S. Yale Ave., Tulsa (918) 495-1000

Among his many cars, John Neas has four racers that are noteworthy for their place in the annals of Corvette road racing. One is the 1956 Sebring Corvette that he bought in 1994. Ed Cole, general manager of Chevrolet, turned to sports car racing in an effort to improve sagging sales by promoting the Corvette's performance capabilities. This car, the ninth built, was purchased by Chevrolet engineering on Feb. 1, 1956, and modified for the 12 Hours of Sebring in Florida. It received a larger fuel tank, heavy duty springs, Halibrand magnesium wheels, Bendix finned brake drums with cerametallic linings, special intakes scoops for the rear brakes, a plexiglass windscreen and a cover over the passenger seat.

John thinks this is the only 1956 factory production car in the race. The other Corvettes had 1955 frames with prototype or production bodies. After Sebring, Chevrolet used the car as a test vehicle. It was raced in 1956 at Road America near Elkhart Lake, WI, and at Cumberland, MD. The car also set a record in the Haven Hill Climb near Detroit.

Neas owns one of six 1956 Corvette SR-1s built to satisfy Sebring's race requirements as a production car. Only two are known to exist today. Neas' car is Aztec Copper. It was equipped with eleven special racing options such as heavy duty suspension, cerametallic brakes, Duntov camshaft, Halibrand magnesium wheels and Firestone Super Sport 170 tires. This car won 25 consecutive drag races in 1957 and was driven to a speed record of 126.93 miles per hour at El Mirage Dry Lake in California by Bruce Geisler.

There is also a 1957 Corvette equipped with RPO684 (racing brakes and suspension). It was the national runner-up in B Production category of the Sports Car Club of America.

Neas' fourth racer is a metallic blue 1956 SR-2 with a finned head-rest, originally owned by Bob McLean, head of experimental styling and responsible for the first Corvette, the 1959 Stingray and several special show cars. With GM Styling Shop Order 90179, it was configured with an extended nose, louvered hood, special dash with Stewart Warner rally gauges, special headlight rims, SR-2 seats and 1958-style tail-lights.

We will also see many Duntov Corvettes, a Heavy Duty Brake 58, a



This car was the first 1957 to be equipped with racing brakes and suspension. It was runner-up to the national champion in the B Production class of the Sports Car Club of America.



It is thought that this is the only 1956 factory Corvette at the 12 Hours of Sebring. It was campaigned by Max Goldman.



This is one of two existing 1956 SR-1 Corvettes. It was built with racing components to satisfy production requirements for the 12 Hours of Sebring.



This 1956 SR-2 is unusual because it has an extended nose, headrest with fin and louvers in the hood.

90 ZR1 and a 69 Corvette that John bought new plus several other non-Corvettes that are of interest. Such as a 1962 Biscayne 409, 4 speed that he drag raced in 62 & 63, the 1966 NHRA Top Street Eliminator, five Historic Top Fuel Dragsters and more.

Fredericksburg. TX Legends Weekend Trip

Below is the information for members interested in making reservations at the Hangar Hotel on November 3rd and 4th, 2023 in Fredericksburg, TX.

Fellow member Jeff Clevenger is planning out the trip route down to Fredericksburg and way point rest stops. Jeff and I will also be reviewing some potential club activities while we are in Fredericksburg. I have 20 rooms blocked for our Corvette Legends of Texas Club under Confirmation #G491.

Members are requested to call the front desk to reserve under our Corvette Legends of Texas confirmation number #G491. Discounted room group rates per night are \$189 plus 13% tourism/bed tax with one King bed per room, no smoking or pets.

Hangar Hotel,155 Airport Rd, Fredericksburg, TX 78624

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Officers' Club: Friday & Saturday 5pm-11pm

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Friday, Saturday, and Sunday 8am-2pm

Corvette Legends of Texas group #G491

Arrival Date: Friday, Nov 3 2023 – Check-in 3PM

Departure Date: Sunday, Nov 5 2023 - Check-out 11AM

Guest Room - 2 adults-1 King bed

More updates to come as details of the trip are finalized. Any questions, please notify **Bill Foote at 716-427-9611 when you have made hotel reservations.**



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CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS GENERAL MEETING March 11, 2023, Matt's Rancho Martinez Restaurant, Allen

The Members of Corvette Legends were called to order by President, Sam Deneault, at 12:20 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance: 45.

Lady Legends Winner: Millie VanGuilder 50/50 Pot Winner: (\$61) Gary Williams

Our meeting was held at a new location, Matt's Rancho Martinez in Allen where we enjoyed a beef and chicken fajita bar. Everyone enjoyed it and by a show of hands most were okay with coming back again. Unfortunately, our guest speaker, Adren Savitch, needed to cancel due to another conflict.

Diane reported 11 cars/drivers had a good tour of the Talimena Drive with lunch at Pam's Hateful Hussy Café. Another tour with the Solid Axle Club is planned to see the John Neas collection in Tulsa. That will be Saturday April 22, more details are in the April newsletter on page 8.

Rob Stewart told everyone of the closing of the Horton Classic Car Museum. The cars have been moved and will not be waiting for the next Dallas Mecum Auction. They will be auctioned in Houston April 13-15. Anyone interested in going to Houston contact Rob.

Autorama was successful. Tom Hubbert thanked the six members who displayed their cars and those who helped with the setup and breakdown of the display. We gained a couple of new members from the show. Our current membership is 131 members with 198 cars.

April 8 meeting will be at Prairie House in Lewisville. Guest Speaker will be from Detail Garage in Prosper. Additional info for Detail Garage is in the newsletter on page 3.

The meeting for May will be on May 13 at Spring Creek BBQ in RICHARDSON (not McKinney).

There is some planning for a couple of dinner cruises in the works. One is to the Derby Restaurant with a visit to their car storage facility at Royal and Hwy 183. Another idea is a trip to the Rock Yard in Trenton. Stay tuned for more details...

Bill Foote talked about continuing plans for the Fredricksburg trip in November. Some members have already made reservations at the Hanger Hotel for the trip. He is planning to visit soon on his own to check out the route and way stops. He mentioned the possibility of doing the Twisted Sisters route. Bill and Jeff Clevenger continue planning. Bill will be creating a list of those making the trip so all can be updated via email.

The Pate Swap Meet will be at Texas Motor Speedway from April 27-29.

The NCRS National Convention will be July 23-27, 2023 in French Lick, IN.

The By-Law changes were voted on and approved at the last meeting. A final review for minor typos is being done and the new By-Laws, including a cover page and index will be posted to our website soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



Gary Williams, Dan Jacobs, Len Woodruff, Tom Schipper, Mac Rogers and Jerry Echols look over Gary & Cheryl Williams' Black Rose 2018 convertible.



Jerry Echols, Bill Preston, Brad Sammis and Jeff Clevenger looking over Brad's 1966 Blue Convertible.

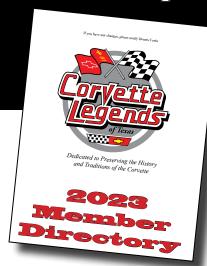


Rare member sighting... Rob Stewart with his Black Rose 2018.



Rare member sighting... Greg Hurlburt in his White/Silver 1959.

Legends Dues Increased to \$40 per year



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