

December 2024

LEGENDS LEDGER



December Meeting

11 am Saturday, December 14

Prairie House Restaurant

119 E Main St. (East of Mill St.)

Lewisville, TX Details on page 3

Upcoming Events 2024



***Dec 7 Lewisville Christmas Parade** Lewisville, TX
 Staging and parade route may be different than in past years, due to construction. Staging begins at 11:30 am **USUALLY** 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 1 pm.** Bring proof of car insurance. Go to lunch together after parade about 2:00 pm at Main Street Cafe, 208 E. Main, Lewisville. Contact Diane Preston 405-615-3856 for possible changes. Parade is sponsored by Huffines Auto Dealerships Lewisville, our club sponsor.

***Dec 14 Legends Club Meeting**
 Prairie House Restaurant Lewisville, TX
Election of officers-Ballots included in this newsletter must be turned in at the meeting or mailed to arrive at the club PO Box by December 13. **After-Holiday Party payments due by Dec. 20.**

Dec 14 Plano Holiday Parade Plano, TX
 Info at: RotaryParadesOfPlano.com
Staging 11am-1pm. Parade 2pm. Parade starts at 19th & M Streets, Plano. Contact Steve Parry 214-215-4142 or Steve@goldentickets.com to participate.

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***Jan 11 After-Holiday Party-Casino Night**
 See page 5 The Colony, TX
 Reservations must be paid for by **December 20!**

***Feb 14-16 Autorama**
 Market Hall, 2200 Stemmons Fwy. Dallas, TX
Sign up NOW to put Your Corvette in the Club's Display!
 We will set up on Wed., Feb 12. You move your car in on Thurs. Feb. 13. Show Fri.-Sun. 14-16. Move out Sunday evening. Legends plans to display **SIX** Corvettes again this year. Call Tom, if you can put yours in the show. Contact Tom **ASAP**, so our club gets a good spot in Market Hall. **Contact Tom Hubbert, 972-897-3045 or email thubbert@verizon.net.**
The registration process has changed for 2025.
 Each entrant must enter their car online at Autorama.com and pay the entry fee of \$52.50. The Club will reimburse the members. Tom sent out a notice by email to the six cars already signed up. We would still like to get a C1 and a C3 to enter. We currently have 3 C2s, a C8, a C6, and a C7.



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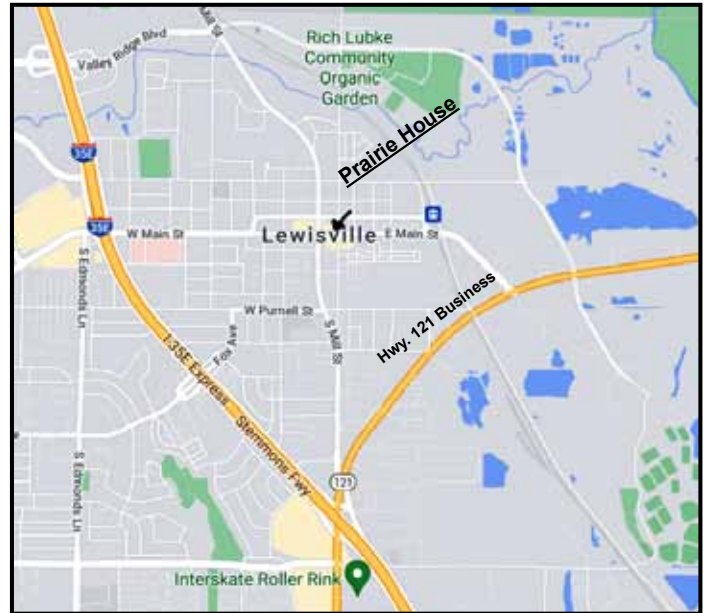
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Club Web Site:

Coordinated by Denise Eckhart <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



WHAT YEAR AM I,

by John Spencer

Answers on page 10



- 1 I have two exposed headlights mounted forward on the fenders.
- 2 I am Black with a Silver cove/scoop accent on my side.
- 3 I have roll-up windows and a removable hardtop.
- 4 My tail lights are inset in chrome housings in the rear fenders.
- 5 I am powered by a Fuel Injected 283 cu in V-8 engine.
- 6 Inside I have a Wonderbar radio and a 4-speed transmission.

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Reservations Due by December Meeting

After-Holiday Party

Saturday, January 11, 2025

5:30 pm--Dinner 6:30 pm

Payment and RSVP due by Saturday, December 20, 2024

Pay at the Dec. Meeting or mail to: Legends, PO Box 260316, Plano, TX 75026-0316

Contact Sharon for info: 972-658-2526 or cockermom57@gmail.com

Golf Clubs at the Tribute 1000 Lebanon Rd., The Colony, TX

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5:30 PM--Social Hour & Cash Bar

6:30 PM--Served Dinner--

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- * Chicken Piccata or Beef Striploin Mignonette
- * Chive Whipped Potatoes & Vegetable Medley
- * Dinner Rolls and Butter
- * Strawberry Cheesecake or German Chocolate Cake

7:30-9:30 PM---Short Meeting,

Member of the Year Presentation

Casino Night!!!



Directions: Exit Hwy. 121 at Main St. (FM 423) in The Colony. Go North 4.8 mi. Turn West on Lebanon Rd. (traffic light) Go West 3.2 mi. to Tribute Golf Club.



Birthdays for December

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 12-01 Kerry Smith | 12-14 Ron Cople |
| 12-02 Dan Jacobs | 12-15 Hope Schall |
| 12-02 Sherry Williams | 12-17 Beth Woodruff |
| 12-04 Judy Bailey | 12-17 Carol Heimsath |
| 12-04 Lee Brumit | 12-19 Don Schaded |
| 12-04 Linda Dobbs | 12-20 John Arakelian |
| 12-06 Jean McCall | 12-26 Craig Conde |
| 12-09 Debra Sealock | 12-30 Jennifer Morris |
| 12-10 Don Eckhart | 12-31 John Spencer |
| | 12-31 Mel Ehlers |

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We would like to recommend the fellow who recently detailed our 2011 Vette. His name is Andres Morales. He is originally from Columbia and speaks English. He did a superb job, detailing both inside and outside of the car for \$180. His phone number is 682-375-7992. We would recommend him to any member who would like help keeping their Vette looking good!

Thanks, Pat & Ron Cople



A beautiful November day to gather in the parking lot, visit, and enjoy the great Corvettes before the meeting.

**CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS
GENERAL MEETING- November 9, 2024
Outback Steakhouse Restaurant, Plano**

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by President Sam Deneault at 12:25 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was recorded as 57.

Guests: Butch McLeod with an Arctic White C7

New Members: Dean & Sharon Castillo, Sonic Gray C8

Lady Legends Winner: Mary Jean Entrekin

50/50 Pot Winner: Jeff Clevenger (\$75)

Next Meetings: Dec. 12-Prarie House, Lewisville.

Jan. 11-6:30 pm After-Holiday Party, Tribute Golf Club, The Colony.

Sam asked for a moment of silence to remember Keith May, who passed away Sept. 23. May he rest in peace.

Diane Preston reminded everyone of the open invitation to members to attend the annual Solid Axle Corvette Club meeting on Saturday, November 16 at 1 pm. It will be at the Careington Auto Museum in Frisco and will be an opportunity to see the Careington auto collection.

Larry Dyer gave us a brief recap of the caravan trip to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. He said the caravan was different this year and a bit disorganized. After the museum event, the plan was to continue on to see the Henry Ford museum in Michigan and stop at the Indianapolis 500 museum. However, before the group left for that, they found that the Indy museum was closed for renovations. So only Greg and Judy Bailey continued on to Michigan. They all still had a good time with friends, in spite of the issues they encountered.

Sharon Conde announced the plans for the After-Holiday Party. It will be held at The Tribute Golf Club in The Colony on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:30 with a short meeting, Member of the Year presentation and Casino Night from 7:30-9:30. Member price is \$50 per person.

Dinner choices will be Chicken Piccata or Beef Strip-loin Mignonette, Tribute House Salad, grilled seasonal vegetable medley, chive whipped potatoes and dinner



Thanks to Club Treasurer Kevin Shedden and Dan Jacobs who purchase all the prizes every month and run the raffle.



Mack Rogers, Cindy & Vince Dumas and Mary Jean & Tom Entrekin.



Skyler and Scott Ray with Stefanie and Brad Sammis.



Bill Preston, John & Carol Heimsath, Sharon & Dean Castillo and John Cantleberry

MEETING--continued on page 7





John McIlvoy and Shane Morris are probably talking about their Fuel-Injected Solid Axle Corvettes.



Shane Morris with his Black Fuel-Injected 1960 which is parked next to the Cyber Gray C8 owned by our new members Sharon & Dean Castillo.



Jeff Clevenger, Don Sebert and Butch McLeod



John Totter, Shane Morris and Greg Singleton.

rolls and butter. Dessert will be strawberry cheesecake or German chocolate cake. Casino night will feature blackjack, craps and roulette. Chips will be given to each person at the beginning of the night. First, second and third prizes will be awarded at the end.

A sign-up sheet was passed for each person to sign up and indicate their choice of entrée. It will be passed again at the December meeting. Payment is due at Dec. meeting or no later than 12/20 in the club post office box (if mailed). Sharon also thanked Debbie Garrison and Cathy Hubbert for their help in planning this event.

Tom Hubbert and Diane Preston reviewed the upcoming holiday parades club members are invited to participate in. Steve Parry is the contact for Vettes 4 Vets car show in conjunction with the Plano Flags of Honor annual event. It's Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 am til 2 pm, 2801 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano. Flyers were on the tables.

The Lewisville Christmas Parade will be held Dec. 7. Staging will begin about 11:30 am along Cowan between Parnell and Main. There is construction in the area so you may have to adjust a bit. Usually our group meets at Elm & Edna streets east of Medical Center, Lewisville. Decorate your car and wear Christmas apparel (no dressing as Santa). Parade starts at 1 pm. A passenger in the car can toss candy along the parade route. Bring proof of insurance. The group will go to lunch together after the parade about 2 pm at Main Street Café, 208 E. Main, Lewisville. The parade is sponsored by Huffines Auto Dealerships, Lewisville, our club sponsor.

The Plano Holiday Parade sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Plano will be Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2 pm. Contact: rotaryparadesofplano.com or Steve Parry at 214-215-4142 for details.

Tom Hubbert had a sign up sheet for Autorama to be held Feb. 14-16. Setup day is Feb. 12, move in day is Feb. 13. The club will have 6 spots, 3 spots for C1, C2 and C3 cars, the remaining 3 for any generation. Tom needs to send in all applications together with 3 pictures of your car by mid-December. The club pays the entry fee for showing your car. Please contact Tom or Dan Jacobs if you're interested in displaying your car. It's a fun weekend to show or just attend and look at the cars.

Club officer nominations were made by Len Woodruff and Kevin Shedden:

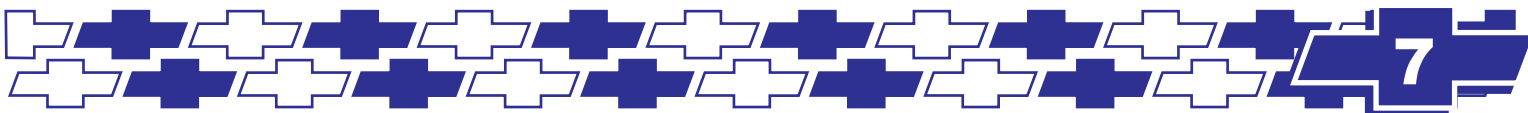
Tom Hubbert was nominated for President.

Jeff Clevenger was nominated for VP – Operations.

Dan Jacobs was nominated for VP – Special Events. No other nominations were made. Ballots will be included in the December newsletter which will be sent out a bit early. Voting will be done at the December meeting. Extra ballots will be available if you forget to bring your newsletter ballot.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary



Four States Museum Fall Classic Auto Show



by Diane Preston

The Four States Auto Museum and the Perot Theater, held a special two-day Fall Classic Auto Show with guest appearances of acclaimed TV Tonight Show host, admired stand-up comedian, avid automobile restorer, builder, collector, and philanthropist... **Jay Leno!**

The show was held in conjunction with Jay Leno's charity performance at the Perot Theater on October 26, 2024. The car show was held Friday and Saturday, October 25-26. Bill and I drove to Texarkana, Arkansas on Thursday in our 1957 Black and White, Rochester Fuel-Injected, carefully-updated Corvette. We spent Friday and Saturday telling all the visitors about the car and trying to explain how to vote for Best of Show and Class winners digitally by using their phones to scan the QR code... Some people could do it, some couldn't. Bill now sounds like a cell phone pro.

Car lover, Jay Leno presented the awards on Saturday afternoon. His comments, while presenting the awards, were just as funny as his Tonight Show monologs. We were thrilled to win the Best of Show Award, which consisted of a beautiful crystal trophy, a bucket full of Jay Leno's Car Care Products and two tickets to his performance Saturday night at the Perot Theater!

There was also a random drawing among the car entries for the BIG PRIZE, air fare and hotel to Los Angeles



to see Jay Leno's own car collection. We didn't win that.

Legends members Judy and Gregg Bailey drove to Texarkana on Saturday afternoon and got there in time to come out to the car show and see the awards. They gave us a ride to the Perot Theater that night in their SUV, so we didn't have to take our Corvette downtown.

Their seats at the theater were a few rows from ours and their hotel was right next to ours. But the most important thing was that they had room in their SUV to bring our prizes back home. Otherwise, I probably would have had to carry them on my lap. In past shows Ken Dobbs usually brought home our trophies in his trailer.

After we got back home, we found out that Mike and Debbie Garrison had been at the Perot Theater to attend Jay Leno's performance, too. They even ran into Leno at their hotel, where he was also staying. See the proof above.



C8 Corvette E-Ray Takes Off-Road Excursion At Tail Of The Dragon



All-wheel grip and refined suspension tuning are all well and good, but even with a stacked deck, some drivers can't help but push the limit. And sometimes, they push just a little too far. Unfortunately, that seems to be the case for the C8 Corvette E-Ray featured in this photo, which was recently spotted at the famous Tail of the Dragon.

For those readers who may be unaware, the Tail of the Dragon is an 11-mile stretch of two-lane along U.S. Route 129 that carves through the Great Smoky Mountains with 318 tight, twisting turns. The route is known for providing an engaging and rather exhilarating driving experience, and regularly draws car enthusiasts and motorcyclists from around the world. With limited straights, steep drop-offs, and flowing corners, The Dragon is a fantastic place for a little spirited driving in just the right vehicle.

In that respect, the C8 Corvette E-Ray should be right

on the money. However, in a photo recently posted to social media, the E-Ray is seen in a rather precarious position. In the photo, we see a blue C8 Corvette E-Ray partially submerged in foliage just off the side of the road, suggesting that it was driven by someone who may have underestimated one of the Tail's notorious curves. The trees are a mix of green, orange, and red, while dry bits of vegetation are seen on the blacktop, possibly indicating that the E-Ray driver hit a slippery spot before pitching the Vette off-course.

While the E-Ray's performance capabilities are indeed substantial, it will still misstep if improperly handled. The E-Ray is the first production Vette ever made with a hybrid powertrain and all-wheel-drive, combining the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine (the same powerplant that motivates the C8 Stingray) with a front-mounted electric motor. The combination delivers a maximum of 655 horsepower, sending the C8 E-ray from 0 to 60 mph in just 2.5 seconds.

Not that the Tail of the Dragon would allow much when it comes to straight-line speed – the road is all about apexes, and despite the Corvette E-Ray's advanced tech and performance-oriented goodies, it looks as though the road has claimed yet another victim. Be careful out there.

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Answer: I am a 1957 Corvette.

What detail defined the 57? Detail # 5 & 6.

1. The two exposed headlights and inset tail lights define the 56 & 57 Corvettes.
2. One of their most distinguishing features, the side scoop or cove, although slightly altered, was carried through 1962.
3. The 56 and 57 Corvettes are probably two of the hardest years to distinguish between. A base 56 and a base 57 are virtually identical.
4. The iconic Bullet Taillights of the 53-55 Corvette changed in 56 and replaced with a recessed taillight in the rounded fender of the 56 & 57. A taillight lens covered the taillight in 58.
5. Although the 283 cu. in. engine was introduced in 1957, the carbureted version is difficult to distinguish from its 1956 - 265 cu. in. version. The Fuel Injected version, however, is easily recognized. Under the hood the F.I. doghouse is unmistakable. Outside Fuel Injection scripts are located on the nose and trunk and in the side cove areas.
6. The Wonderbar signal-seeking radio was available from 56 on but the 4-speed transmission was not available until 1957.

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Vice President of Special Events Dan Jacobs

Secretary Sharon Conde

Treasurer Kevin Shedden

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