

Legends Ledger

**June
2025**

June Meeting

11 am Sat, June 14

BJ's Brewhouse

4901 Belt Line Rd., Dallas (Addison)

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**Legends Members' Cars parked at Fort
Davis National Park during our trip
to Big Bend National Park in May.
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2025



*CLoT Club Participation Event

- June 5-7 Bloomington Gold** World Wide Technology Raceway **Madison, IL**
In addition to Gold Standard Judging, the Gold Collection, Corvette vendors and seminars, Bloomington Gold will also offer opportunities for Corvette owners to drive their Corvettes on the racetrack as well as on-site Kart racing. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.
- *June 12 Network of Community Ministries Father's Day Show**
Very low key, show up about 10:30am. 1500 International Pkwy, Richardson (free lunch)
- June 12-14 Central Arkansas Corvette Weekend** **Hot Springs, AR**
Hotel Hot Springs (877) 623-6697, Thurs. Casino Night - Fri. Registration, Vendors, Autocross, Scenic Tour, Seminar, Parade thru Hot Springs National Park - Sat. INDOOR judged show, Silent Auction, Vendors, 50/50 Drawing. CentralArkansasCorvetteClub.org
- *June 14 Legends Meeting** 11 am **BJ's Brewhouse** **Addison, TX**
After the meeting: Tour the nearby **Haas Moto Museum** \$15, \$12 Seniors (no cash)
4301 N. Beltwood Pkwy, Dallas, Texas. Regular Hours - Thurs to Sun 10AM - 5PM. (972) 685-3051
- June 29 Vettes for Veterans** **Corvette Warehouse** **Dallas, TX**
Corvettes Only! 10am-1pm Fundraiser for Homeless Veterans, 2432 Walnut Ridge, Dallas, Cash Prizes, Free Food, Free Drinks, Free Beer, Live DJ, Give-aways, 50/50 Raffle.
- June 30 National Corvette Day**
Commemorating the first production Corvette being produced in Flint, MI June 30, 1953.
- *July 12 Legends Meeting** **Don Camillo Tuscan Grill** **Hickory Creek, TX**
- July 18 Corvette Invasion** **Bastrop, TX**
The biggest Corvette-only car show in Texas. Registration \$50 for driver and passenger. Friday night Meet & Greet with guest speakers, & entry to the Saturday car show. Hotels starting at \$95. For info: 512-373-5544 or shawn@CorvetteInvasion.com
- July 26-27 Height of Summer Indoor Corvette Show** **McAlester, OK**
www.hocc.club
- Aug 2-5 Solid Axle Convention** **Lionsgate Hotel** **Sacramento, CA**
- *Aug 9 Legends Meeting** **Prairie House Restaurant** **Lewisville, TX**



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HAAS MOTO MUSEUM TOUR

After the Meeting----->



Haas Moto Museum

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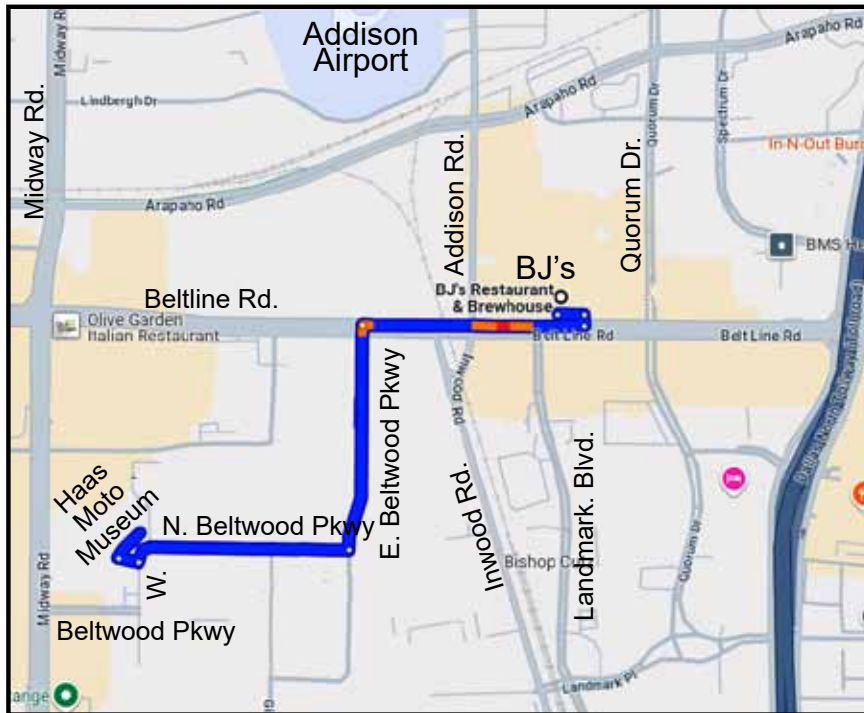
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This new facility opened in October. The expansive 20,000 sf Haas Moto Museum & Sculpture Gallery, contains a Collection of over 230 motorcycles and a premier array of metallic sculptures. It is designed in an extremely user-friendly way so as to provide our guests with a comprehensive yet straight forward exposure to the major facets of motorcycle culture arranged in chronological order from the late 19th century to present. The diversity of over 70 motorcycles in History Hall will leave you breathless, convinced that no other place in the pantheon of motorcycle museums may boast such a collection. Great art and seating areas for all.



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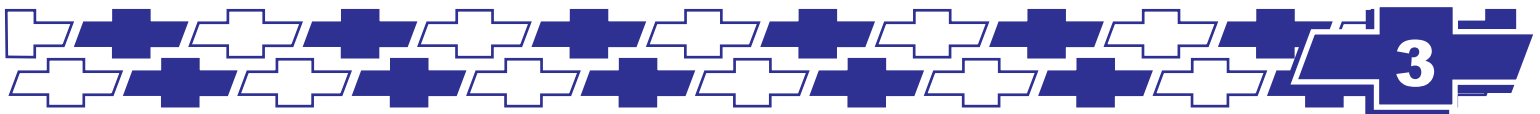
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Jeff Clevenger: ClevengerJ@charter.net or (972) 948-7218**

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**





2026 Corvette interior more advanced and driver-centric

The 2026 model year will be here sooner than we know, so GM is now ready to reveal the changes coming to Corvette. While we expected the interior refresh to be the major point of the update, there is a lot more happening with America's Favorite Sports Car.

As the spy photos have shown previously, the driver's cockpit has been re-imagined with a new three-screen layout and a new center console design that still keeps the driver in control. The new screens feature a larger 12.7" diagonal center console display, an expanded 14" diagonal driver information center, and an all-new 6.6" diagonal touchscreen auxiliary display to the left of the steering wheel.

"There's an intentional balance of physical and virtual controls," said Dusty Smith, performance driving product manager. "For example, the heads-up display controls are now virtualized, which opens space for Performance Traction Management controls to be intuitive physical buttons. The technology in the new Corvette is as strong and capable as the engine behind you."

On the center console, the biggest change is that the Driver Mode selector has been redesigned and placed in line with the Corvette gear selector. In its former place is now a cell phone charging pad. The volume button for the infotainment center is larger and features a lit base for better visibility.

As we have also seen from the spy photos, the Great Wall of Buttons is officially gone with those controls now moved under the center screen and we do have a passenger grab handle in its place. A new USB-C port has also been added below the grab handle.

The two cup holders have been redesigned and they include the rumored ambient lighting while the Corvette

crossed flags logo is displayed on the bottoms. The cup holder door is now gone, and in 2LT/2LZ and 3LT/3LZ trims, the cup holders are highlighted with real aluminum.

New Interiors and Other Updates

With the additions of the new screens come new bright colored displays that are offered across the Corvette line-up. The displays offer a different way to interface with the Corvette and there are new graphics for the speedometer, tachometer and other gauges. New animations announce the changing of driver modes, and the screens appear to offer touch-screen interfaces that can scroll up or down for additional data.

Another big change is that the E-Ray Performance App which shows live horsepower and torque has been reconfigured for all Corvettes in the 2026 line-up. Features like acceleration timers and the G-Force gauge have been relocated to the Performance App. There is also a live feed that displays tire pressures and temps, as well as a feed of temperatures for engine oil, engine coolant, and transmission fluid temperature.

The Performance Data Recorder has also been completely overhauled with the new enhanced PDR offering real time data analysis in-car and the ability to record high-definition video of every driving session. Drivers are empowered to analyze their performance and make data-driven adjustments for optimal results based on speed trace analysis, side by side video playback, and automated "speed tips" based on your driving data through the center console display.

All Corvettes are also getting a new Performance Traction Management setting called PTM Pro. In this setting, PTM Pro turns off electronic stability control and

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traction control, while leaving ABS and certain E-Ray-specific front axle controls active, minimizing vehicle intervention for drivers who want maximum control.

The 2026 Corvette's infotainment system is fully integrated into the Corvette's controls. Drivers can now use voice assistance to control everything from opening the Performance Data Recorder to navigation, adjusting cabin temperature, playing your favorite song, texting, making phone calls and more.

New Interior Colors and Other Options

In addition to the new interior redesign, the 2026 Corvette model year will also bring new colors to both the interior and exterior of the cars. Already announced at the NCM Bash, the exterior adds Roswell Green Metallic, while Blade Silver returns to the color line-up. We also are getting four new interior color schemes:

- **Sky Cool & Medium Ash Gray**/Habañero accents
- **Santorini Blue**
- **Rich Chocolate**/Jet Black & Natural Tan accents
- **Jet Black Suede**/Adrenaline Red, Santorini Blue, or

Competition Yellow accent stitch colors and seat belts

This is Chevrolet's first asymmetrical interior. The Jet Black and Adrenaline Red complement each other well as they run through the dash, center console and seats, drawing a dramatic separation between the driver and passenger areas.

One huge change for the seats is that customers can now mix and match the seating styles with a new Asymmetrical Adrenaline Red interior. Buyers can spec a racing-inspired Adrenaline Red Competition Driver's Seat and a Jet Black GT2 passenger seat.

Those who love the interior sueded micro fiber can now get it on nearly every interior surface when you select the Ultimate Suede interior package.

Electrochromic Roof Option

And finally, check out this new electrochromic roof option, which allows customers to change the tint level of their targa roof glass at the press of a button—selecting between full, medium, and low tint options.

Some Additional Highlights

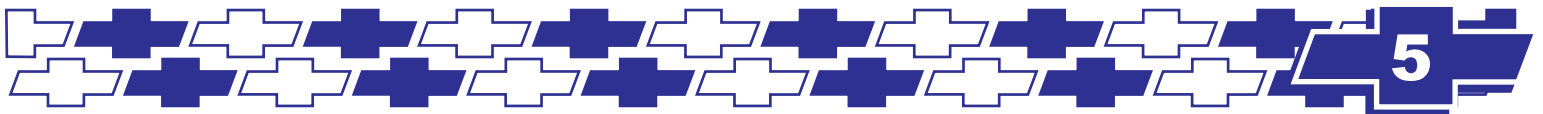
Corvette ZR1's ZTK performance package will have an all-new brake package featuring 10-piston front and 6-piston rear calipers, and carbon ceramic discs—all of which are the largest ever fitted to a production Corvette. Blue brake calipers, currently available on ZR1, will be available on E-Ray and Z06.

Body color rocker panels are now standard on E-Ray and available on Z06. A new asymmetrical exterior center stripe is available in Edge Red/Carbon Flash.

The button to activate Charge+, which enables E-Ray drivers to replenish battery life more quickly or sustain battery charge for a track session, has been relocated to the steering wheel. Located just below the Z Mode button, Charge+ now has a more prominent location for ease of use.

Chevrolet is expected to start production of the new 2026 Corvettes on Monday, August 4. The first order cycle of the 2026 model year is expected to begin on June 26.

These changes really seem to show that GM has put a lot of thought into the interior updates, but there is still more to see, as they didn't share all of the new interior colors.



Legends Big Bend Corvette Trip

by Diane Preston



Dennis Conte spent months planning our great trip to Big Bend National Park. There were 13 Corvettes, 2 street cars and 29 people participating. Most of us left together from Buc-ee's in Fort Worth. We got out of town in two groups Dennis' group left I-20 about half way to Abilene and drove to San Angelo for lunch at Twisted Root. Dan Jacob's group went via Abilene and arrived just a few minutes later.

Len & Beth Woodruff drove separately and joined us there, but had to replace a tire on their Vette and just turned around and went home. C-1 owners Jim & Kathleen Pagana and Robert & Maggie Cotner (driving SUVs) had left home a day early and made some stops before meeting us in San Angelo. Cotners brought along their friends, Rick and Elizabeth VonSlaten from Marble Falls.

We successfully made the rest of the trip southwest through landscape gradually supporting less and less vegetation and people and more mountains to our hotel in Alpine, TX. Thursday evening dinner was at the Reata restaurant with a very interesting mural depicting a scene from the movie "Giant", showing James Dean on horseback. The movie's exterior scenes were filmed in nearby Ryan and Marfa, Texas. There are still remnants of the mansion that was built there.

Friday morning Dan Jacobs found a flat tire on his Vette at the hotel. Fortunately Bob VanGuilder had a 12-volt tire inflater,

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Dinner Thursday evening on the patio in Alpine.



Al & Mary Anne Lisbona at the McDonald Observatory

Judy & Greg Bailey and Jim & Kathleen Pagana





Dennis Conte choosing souvenirs in Terlingua

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allowing Dan to go buy a new tire! First we drove to Fort Davis (named after then Secretary of War Jefferson Davis) to see the old fort, learn about its history and see some of the restored buildings. Dennis was talking to locals along the way and learned about a buffet for our lunch at nearby Black Bear Lodge in the State Park. Afterwards we stopped at a caboose which had been turned into a good old Blue Bell Ice Cream stand.

That afternoon we went up to McDonald Observatory that houses one of the largest telescopes in the world. It is a research unit of The University of Texas and is one of the world's leading centers for astronomical research, etc. The facility is located on Mount Locke in the Davis Mountains, with additional facilities on Mount Fowlkes, approximately 1.3 kilometers to the northeast.

Another side trip was to the hot springs at Balcones State Park. After returning to the hotel, part of the group drove to Marathon, TX to the Gage Hotel for dinner and karaoke at the Ghost Desert Distillery. A few people returned to the Observatory that evening for a special night time viewing program.

Saturday morning we set out for Big Bend National Park! Driving the park roads was great! They were well maintained and almost no other traffic. What more could a caravan of Corvettes want? We stopped for a look around and pictures right at the Mexican border. It looks the same on both sides of the Rio Grande. Not much in

the way of water there. We drove through a sand storm that looked harmless off in the distance, but we couldn't see the car in front of us, when it passed over our road!

We had lunch at the Cisos Basin visitor's center, lodge and restaurant nestled among the barren volcanic mountains that soar to 7325 feet. It was a really great twisty drive that was perfect for our Corvettes. Under-powered vehicles and long trailers are prohibited from driving up there!

We did a stop at Terlingua Ghost Town. There's a reason it's a Ghost Town... It just had a big souvenir shop, but it sold beer and had a toilet. Lots of little trailers for the locals to live in.

Dinner Saturday night was at an unlikely looking restaurant in Marfa, Texas, called the Water Stop. They had a great patio for our group and good food. This was

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Dan Jacobs, Bob VanGuilder, Janice & Kerry Smith, Dennis Conte and Millie Van Guilder

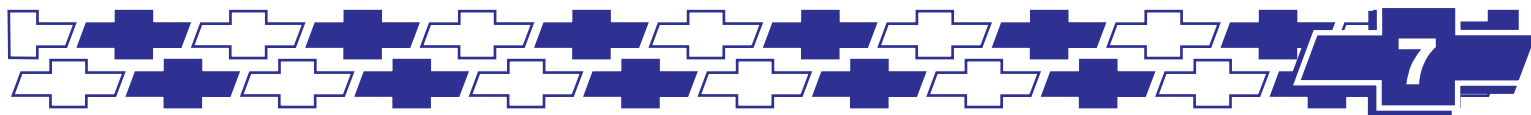


Our lunch stop at Cisos Basin



We're not broken down, just waiting for everyone to get through the entrance gate to Big Bend National Park

Mike Kmita, Kerry & Janice Smith, Bob & Millie VanGuilder, Judy & Greg Bailey and Vic Pacheco



another place Dennis found by interacting with the locals. A few people went out to take pictures in front of the fake PRADA store outside Marfa before heading back for our last night together.

Bill and I left Alpine Sunday morning about 6:30 am and took the fastest way home we could find via I-20 and got home about 2:30 pm. Just did quick gas and potty stops and drove REALLY fast. One stop was in Gordon, TX which was hit by a tornado later that night. Glad we didn't leave later and end up in the storm that came through Denton and Collin counties that night.



Robert & Maggie Cotner (center) with their guests Rick and Elizabeth VonSlaten



Our group waiting on the porch in Terlingua.

Mary Jean Entrekin modeling a hat in the Fort Davis Museum



Jeff & Debbie Clevenger had a great view at lunch in Big Bend.



Janice Smith resting on a Big Black Bear chair



Gary & Cheryl Williams, Al & Mary Anne Lisbona, Vic Pacheco, Dennis Conte and Jeff & Debbie Clevenger at the Gage Hotel



Vic Pacheco, Mary Anne & Al Lisbona, unknown cowboy and Dennis Conte at Gage Hotel



Brenda Jacobs on a big butt stool



Birthdays for June

6-6 Lenette Andrle
6-6 Ken McAlister
6-10 Caroline Franklin
6-11 Mark Peterson
6-11 Bryan Liptoi
6/12 John Heimsath
6-15 Robert Rohde
6-19 Pat Cople
6-22 Janice Smith
6-23 Rocky Rainbolt

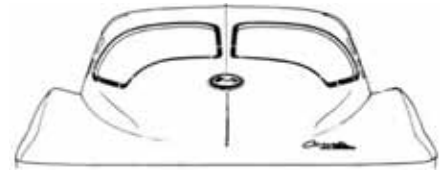
6-23 Tom Entrekin
6-24 Barb Macdonald
6-24 Kevin Shedden
6-26 Diane O'Brien
6-26 John McIlvoy
6-26 Linda Boren
6-26 Philip Schilt
6-27 Jerilyn Sebert
6-27 Roger Berry
6-29 Katie Weaver

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**CORVETTE LEGENDS OF TEXAS
GENERAL MEETING May 10, 2025
Dua Trattoria Restaurant, Frisco**

The members of Corvette Legends were called to order by Tom Hubbert at 12:07 pm. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Attendance was recorded as 45.

Guests: Judy Morley with her black 2013 C6 427

New Members: Rick Walters with his yellow 2010 C6

Lady Legends Winner: Sharon Castillo

50/50 Pot Winner: Rob Franklin (\$70)

Jeff Clevenger introduced our guest speaker, Pat Halbach from Car Guys Trailer Rental. He and his son Jeremy have been classic car nuts for a long time, so they know what's needed to move them. He gave us a brief talk on how they cater to car guys, his equipment and features, his competitive pricing, then answered questions. He also had one of his trailers waiting to be toured after the meeting. Please visit his website www.carguytrailerrental.com for more info.

Meetings: June 14-BJs Brewhouse, Addison.

July 12-Don Camillo Tuscan Grill, 1225 Turbeville Rd, Hickory Creek (another new location).

August 9-Prairie House, Lewisville.

September 13-Spring Creek BBQ, Richardson.

Please email Jeff Clevenger with any feedback on the new Dua Trattoria location. He will also welcome any other suggestions of new locations he can look into.

At Debbie Garrison's suggestion, following the June meeting we'll visit the Haas Moto Museum, 4301 N. Beltwood Pkwy. (less than 1 mi. from BJ's). It is a large, very nice motorcycle and art museum. Their website is www.haasmotomuseum.com. They are open til 5PM.

Dennis Conte reviewed the plans for the Big Bend trip from May 16-18. There are 22 cars doing this road trip.

Dan Jacobs is planning a shorter, closer road trip for August 22-23 to Weatherford, Mineral Wells, Cross



Tom Schipper arrives in his Red 2020 Coupe

Plains and DeLeon. There is a good car museum in each town and we'll stay overnight in Mineral Wells. Dan will have the details and a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

Other upcoming car shows were discussed. The Network of Community Ministries Father's Day show will be Thursday, June 12 at 1500 International Pkwy, Richardson. Just show up about 10:30, very casual, low key and there's free lunch.

The National Corvette Museum presents MiM Branson Experience from June 24-28 at The Hotel Grand Victorian in Branson, MO. Tom Hubbert has details if you're interested.

Jeff Clevenger and Dennis Conte will be planning a dinner cruise to Marty B's in Bartonville in September. Stay tuned for details.

Tom reviewed the upcoming NCRS events:
May 16-17-Oklahoma Chapter Flight Judging, Tulsa, OK
May 17-Texas Chapter Flight Judging, 2760 Golden Triangle Blvd, Ft Worth

June 7-Louisiana Chapter Flight Judging, W. Monroe, LA

July 17-19-Missouri Regional, Springfield, MO

September 7-11-National Convention, Las Vegas, NV

Tom revisited ideas and thoughts for next year's After-Holiday Party. The board has discussed and favors the idea of moving the party to spring rather than in January. Any opinions or suggestions can be emailed to any of the board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Submitted by Sharon Conde, Secretary

Photos by Jeff Clevenger



Denise Eckhart and Dan Jacobs help Judy Morley learn how to operate the convertible top on her Black 2013. A great reason to join Corvette Legends... there's always someone who can give you advice about your Vette!



Rob Franklin wins the 50/50 pot of \$70 presented by Tom Hubbert. Vic Pacheco tries to figure out why it wasn't his ticket that won.

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Debbie Clevenger, visitor Judy Morley, Brenda & Dan Jacobs, Don Sebert, our speaker Pat Halbach and Mike Kmita.



Joe & Jan Koester, Tom Schipper, Linda & Sam Deneault, Kevin Shedden and Tom Entekin.



Janice & Kerry Smith, Shane Morris, David & Hope Schall and Don Eckhart.



Sharon Conde, Dennis Conte and Tom Hubbert.

New Members

Rick Walters
Princeton, TX
2010 Yellow GS



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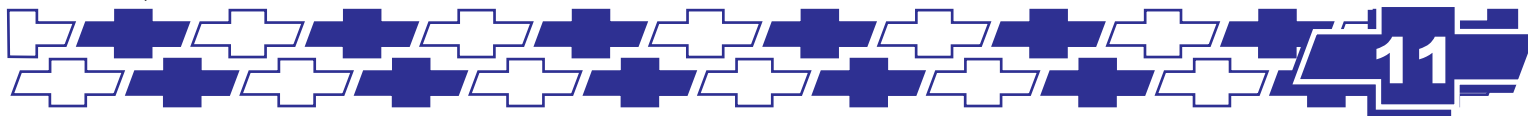
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