



ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

Welcome back to the club newsletter for January 2026! The Board has met to discuss the budget for many fun and interesting activities this season. Be sure to mark your calendars right away so you can participate! As a member you have access to our meetings, car shows, travel events, social opportunities and vehicle news.

Next Meeting:

The next club meeting will be a Board meeting on February 17, available to all members through Google Meet. The next in-person meeting is March 17 at Cornerstone Chevrolet at 6:45pm.

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Facebook Group: St. Croix
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Please pay your dues for 2026.
Bring a check to a meeting or
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SCVCA Board Meeting Summary - January 27, 2026

In attendance at the on-line meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Membership Chair Jody Klitzke, Acting Secretary Kirk Ohlendorf, Editor Linda Longlet, and Activities Director Marie Mikel. Also present was member, Dick Longlet. The purpose of the meeting was to develop a budget for 2026, to be voted on by the membership at the March in-person meeting. Another goal was to review the year's upcoming calendar and solidify as many dates as possible.

Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:

Tim indicated that he was able to use the budget template developed last year to draft the 2026 budget to be voted on at the March 17th meeting. Of note was the fact that we were within \$50.00 of the projected budget for 2025 despite being rained out at the annual car show in August of 2025. This was accomplished by the membership stepping up and purchasing raffle tickets among other income. No anticipated expenses from the Editor.

The first Meet & Greet of 2026 was organized by Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson. A great group of 22 met at the Gasthaus Bavarian Hunter in Stillwater replete with a full German menu! A cozy place in the middle of winter. The owner suggested we come back with the Corvettes in the spring as they have live music!

Thank-you Linda and Gary! ↓



Categories of upcoming expenses include 1) General - includes office supplies, website hosting, and memorials, 2) Donations to charity which, based on the past, is about \$1300. Tim suggested that the Board think about our year end balance, which in 2025 was \$9500. As always, our income items are weather-dependent, which could result in a deficit of \$2000-\$3000.

Alan noted that he purchased a replacement battery at NAPA using our club discount card, resulting in a savings of \$63 (\$194 vs. \$131).

Membership Report:

Jody reported that we have received \$1128.00 in dues for 2026 so far. Twenty members have not paid their dues and therefor haven't received their membership cards in the mail. The total membership is 78. Expenses for membership include mailing envelopes, stamps and lamination of the cards. Jody breaks down this income from year to year. If you haven't paid your dues, please write a check to:

Tim Johnson, 4017 Osgood Ct. Stillwater, MN 55082 and payable to SCVCA. Dues are \$20.

Upcoming Events:

- ➡ The GMCCA Show anticipates no expenses although a potential of \$1250 is anticipated. This is weather dependent.
- ➡ SCVCA Car Show will be held on August 15, 2026 at Cornerstone Chevrolet. Tim Johnson indicated he will be tracking 1) expenses including trophy relabeling, 2) income from gate receipts, 3) dealer sponsorship - funds for T-shirts.
- ➡ The club picnic is planned for June or July pending approval by the Langers. The expense of \$300 is anticipated. Marie will follow up with them.
- ➡ Appreciation Dinner expenses will be approximately the same as 2025. Marie reported that they anticipate 66 members at \$20 each to total \$1350. Historically we have averaged 62 attendees.

The next Board meeting will be again on-line on February 17th at 6:30pm. The Board encourages everyone to check the calendar for events such as club meetings, Meet & Greets, weekend and weekday runs, special trips and suggested activities.

Car News !

Mary Lacer contributed this interesting information about the first Corvette! ↓



For decades, it was one of the great mysteries in automotive history: Where is the very first Corvette ever built? The 1953 Corvette carrying SERIAL 001—the car that launched America's most iconic sports-car lineage—was long believed to be tucked away in a private collection, hidden from public view, its exact whereabouts a closely guarded secret.

Now, in a stunning development, the original Corvette 001 has been found.

According to sources close to the discovery, the car was located in long-term storage, preserved far more carefully than most cars of its era. While details remain tightly controlled, what's known is this: the vehicle is authentic, verified through its Flint, Michigan build records, early fiberglass body characteristics, and the unmistakable hand-stamped serial identifiers unique to the first run of 300 '53 Corvettes.



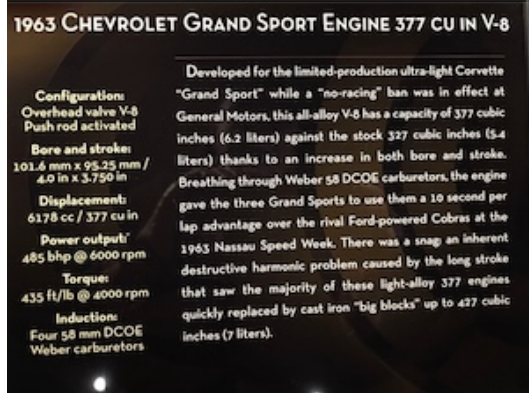
The next Meet & Greet is being planned for February 25th. Watch for information coming through the Blast! Be sure to attend! 🍺



This space is reserved for members to advertise any item they may have for sale. Contact Linda Longlet with a written ad and pictures!

Dan McEwen spotted this in a museum down in Naples, Florida. It had a most unique engine and also a tubular frame. The plan was to make 150 of these, but only five were made. This was the first use of the name "Grand Sport." ↓

First Grand Sport



MARK YOUR 2026 SCVCA CALENDAR

(always watch for fixed dates in newsletters and email notices)

2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES

February

February 17 will be a Goggle Meet (like Zoom) virtual meeting with the board but no face-to-face meeting. Board will be building the budget for the year and discussing 2026 activities.

February 25 Meet & Greet at St. Croix National Golf in Somerset

March

March 17 face-to-face meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

March 18 Meet & Greet at Ray J's in Woodbury

April

April 21 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

May

May 19 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

May 30 Spring Run

June

June 7 GMCCA show at MN fairgrounds (volunteers needed)

June 8-13 run to Mackinaw Island, MI Dave and Marie Mikel

July

July 21 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

August

August 15 annual car show at Cornerstone Chevrolet (volunteers needed)

August 18 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

August 22 recognition dinner

September

September 15 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

October

October 20 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet

November

November 17 meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet (last meeting of the year)

We need volunteers to head midweek, summer and fall runs. We will repeat the visit to the Hugo nursing home, Vino in the Valley and our annual picnic (dates to be determined).

There are plans in the works for several educational field trips.

SUGGESTED SOLO OR SMALL GROUP ROAD TRIPS

Door County, rendezvous with the La Crosse Corvette club, Bowling Green, Route 66 (2026 is the 100th anniversary of the Mother Road), Black Hills, Flint Hills (tall grass prairie, north to south in KS), Naniboujou Lodge in Grand Marais.

EVENTS OUTSIDE SCVCA

Corvette Adventures, Dells, Wi June 4-6, 2026

Black Hills Corvette Classic July 15-18, 2026