



ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

As summer comes to a close and the school buses start to roll, we can look back on an exciting year for SCVCA. We have been joined by many new members including our resident mascot Noah, who faithfully attends as many meetings as possible with parents, Kayla and Brent.

The next club meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 15 at 6:45pm** at Cornerstone Chevrolet.



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SCVCA Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Acting Secretary, Kirk Ohlendorf, Membership chairperson, Steve Willard and Editor, Linda Longlet. Alan led the 35 members present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The club welcomed new members Bud and Carrie Heim from Hastings who own a 2024 red Corvette and also a 2026 Z06 in rip tide blue. The July minutes were approved unanimously and adopted.

Alan reminded our members of club benefits such as discounts at O'Reilly's and NAPA auto stores. Heritage Embroidery is a Stillwater company where you can find our logo and have it embroidered on apparel.

Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:

Tim reported that the club's healthy budget is on track as approved. Recent income included the receipt of GMCCA car show proceeds, along with membership dues and Appreciation dinner reservations. Tim announced that he is accepting 2027 dues now.

Another trip was made to Cross Lake, MN to visit Jay Boreen, a long time member who needs assisted living. The community welcomed the club with food, drinks and even a fire truck! This event was organized by Dick Longlet. Thank-you, Dick! Jay appreciates your efforts. 



Membership Report by Steve Willard:

We currently have 81 paid members in the club along with two lifetime members and two members with dues outstanding. Dues are \$30 for the first year and \$20 thereafter. Additional name tags are available for \$10. Memberships are counted as "family memberships." Members were encouraged to check the group Facebook page for announcements and photos, managed by Jim Stegbauer. Dave Mikel manages the club's website, having the lower case password: scvcamember

VP Jim Stegbauer augmented the membership report with an update on the FaceBook page for the club. In the past 28 days there have been 13,651 views and 1400 engagements. This last number is up 132%. Followers are also up a whopping 822% mostly coming from other car clubs in the area.

Old Business:

🚩 On July 24, 8 cars headed to Cross Lake to visit Jay Boreen, a disabled club member. Jay's son had Jay's two corvettes there and the assisted living community hosted a resident and family recognition party serving hot dogs and hamburgers.

🚩 Vettes for Vets had over 261 cars on August 9 this year representing 10 different car clubs. A donation was made to the veterans' home for recreation activities. The home provides housing and food for destitute veterans.

🚩 A mid-week run was organized and led by Greg Juetten on August 12. 15 cars drove out for lunch at the unique Bucknuckles Bar & Grill in Alma, WI. Always a great time! (Pictures will be posted next month.)

🚩 SCVCA Annual Car Show was held on Saturday, August 15. There were 80-90 guests and 65 cars at Cornerstone Chevrolet in Stillwater. 25 volunteers assisted leaders Tim Johnson and Steve Willard with this event. Over \$2000 in raffle prizes were awarded, making \$1600 in revenue for charities in December. The club will match this amount. Extra T-shirts will be ordered for those volunteers who didn't receive theirs at the show. Next year more T-shirts will need to be ordered. Cornerstone donated \$2174.00 towards these T-shirts this year.

A sketchy day was on hand, but the annual SCVCA Car Show at Cornerstone Chevrolet in Stillwater turned into a big success for the club. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the set-up, raffle sales, advertising and organization. Special thanks to Tim Johnson for leading this effort!!



Upcoming Events:

- ➡ Member Appreciation Dinner will be held on Saturday, August 22 at the home of Kelly and Donna Hendricks. Please pay \$15 per person if you have not done so. A run, starting at Kowalski's parking lot in White Bear Lake, will leave at 12:45pm. Leader is Greg Juetten.
- ➡ Vino in the Valley is September 12th. Car run prior to the dinner buffet. This event is organized by Sue and Gaylen Langer, also leading the run. Meet at 11:00 at Fleet Farm in Hudson, WI.
- ➡ Samaritan Tire in Minnetonka is hosting an educational event on September 26th from 12-2pm. We need to have at least 10 people attending.
- ➡ At the September 15th meeting, members are encouraged to bring and report on their car care products that may be of interest to the group. Kelly Hendricks suggested this activity.
- ➡ The River City Corvettes all makes and models car show is September 27 in LaCrosse.
- ➡ A fall run will be led by Steve and Kris Hallis on Sunday, October 4. Meet at 10:15 at the Bungalow.



2026 Events Outside of SCVCA were reviewed:.

- 🏁 Twin Cities Performance (an educational run)
- 🏁 Classic & Custom Car Show September 27, River City Corvettes, LaCrosse/Onalaska

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.



Member Appreciation Dinner

On August 22, our annual Member Appreciation Dinner was held at the home of Donna and Kelly Hendricks. It was the best and worst of times because this will be the last year hosted in Ham Lake and MC'd by Marie Mikel. These past seven years have been so memorable and so important in boosting our friendships, shared experiences, and the overall spirit of the club. We can't thank you enough, Donna and Marie. ❤️



A final.....



Dear SCVCA Members,
Thanks so much for the incredibly thoughtful gift card and even more importantly, for your kind words and recognition. We were truly touched!
The Membership Recognition Event has always been especially meaningful to us because it's a chance to celebrate and recognize the wonderful people who make our club so special. We've loved bringing everyone together each year to recognize the friendships, memories, adventures and accomplishments we share.
Thank you again for your thoughtfulness, your support and for making the St. Croix Valley Corvette Association such a great club to be a part of.
With heartfelt appreciation,
Marie & Donna





This month's spotlight is highlighting one of our newer member/couples, **Ken and Heather Hayes!** Despite only joining in 2024, Ken has been active in helping out with toy shopping for our charity and hosting a club Meet & Greet. He also volunteered to wear a sandwich board at the latest SCVCA car show! He even is interested in serving on the board in the future.

Heather considers herself a "passenger princess" and loves to attend all of the social events. You will be sure to see her at the meetings and many of our outings.

Ken grew up in St. Paul and now resides in North Minneapolis. He always has been interested in cars and learned how to fix and work on cars and all things mechanical from an early age. Early on, he was convinced by a friend to leave auto mechanics behind and instead, attend nursing school. Ken is now an RN and most recently had been working in the oncology department at St. John's hospital.

Ken also loves constructing things and currently is building a garage on his property. He owns a small engine business and fixes items like snowblowers and lawn mowers. Working with his hands comes naturally to Ken and he refers to himself as a "farmer" as he also likes to care for his lawn!

Ken and Heather now own a 2001 manual transmission corvette, a C5, purchased after being inspired by a former patient.



This patient's philosophy was "someday, I will do..." but Ken prefers to try to live in the now as much as possible. He continues to perform a lot of his own work on his car.

Ken and Heather have three children, Hayden, 24, attends to U of M where she is majoring in educational psychology. Their two boys, Konner and Trey, are 19 and 20, both diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum. They are living at home and with parents' help, have goals of living and working independently.

Heather grew up in Winona and Brooklyn Park and previously worked in retail. She is considered a home health parental aide and this a full time job!

Ken and Heather would love to travel to the Black Hills and do not want to put off life into "someday, someday."

His advice to someone interested in cars, especially corvettes, is to do your research. This is the information age of websites for the consumer, but buyer beware, always.

Be sure to say hello to Ken and Heather when you see them at events and to continue to welcome them to the club. 😎



MARK YOUR 2026 SCVCA CALENDAR
(always watch for confirmed dates in newsletters and email notices)

2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES

August 26 4pm Meet and Greet, Sal's Grill (Jim and Patrice Stegbauer)

September

September 12 Vino in the Valley, 2PM, run before, Sue Langer

September 15 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

September 26 Samaritan Tire, Minnetonka, noon to 2pm

October

October 4 Fall Run, Steve and Kris Hallis

October 20 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

November

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

No meetings in December, January, and February

We need volunteers to head mid-week, summer and fall runs for this year and next (contact Marie Mikel).

SUGGESTED SOLO OR SMALL GROUP ROAD TRIPS

Door County, rendezvous with the La Crosse Corvette club, Bowling Green (National Corvette Museum and Corvette factory tours, Museum expansion opens in Fall '26), 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, Leinie Lodge Chippeway Falls, WI, Bayfield, WI (car ferry to Madeline Island).

EVENTS OUTSIDE SCVCA

Classic & Custom Car Show, Sept. 27 River City
Corvettes, LaCrosseOnalaska