



# ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## Newsletter

***“Volunteerism is the fuel that runs our club.” Alan Lacer***

Please check over this newsletter carefully to see the jam-packed fun the club has in store for you this year! Some new items have been added to the calendar, making for many learning and social opportunities.

**Member Spotlight** has returned for the season! Be sure to check out the latest profile of our valued members. Consider being interviewed yourself!!!

We always welcome new contributors as you add so much to the club's value! 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 on **Tuesday, May 19 at 6:45pm** at Cornerstone Chevrolet.

## 2026 board of Directors

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## SCVCA Board Meeting Summary - April 21, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Acting Secretary Kirk Ohlendorf, and Editor, Linda Longlet. Absent board member Jody Klitzke will be returning next month,

Alan led the 34 members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. March minutes were approved unanimously.

Two handouts were provided: The SCVCA Calendar of Events, and the flyer for the 44th Annual GMCCA car show and swap meet, set for May 31st at the MN State Fairgrounds, Machinery Hill. A signup sheet for volunteer opportunities was circulated.

Visitors included Pearce Reeseburg who is considering joining the club. He owns a 1976 white Corvette. Also visiting were Keith and Judy Leary, former members and snowbirds who own '67 and '99 Corvettes. Brent Meyer and Kayla Ryan introduced their bundle of joy, Noah, a real cutie who deserves his own membership badge! (See photos)

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Facebook Group: St. Croix  
Valley Corvette Association

The most recent Meet & Greet was held on April 23rd at Cabin 61 Restaurant in White Bear Lake. This fun event pictured below was hosted by Deb and Mike Meyers. Thank-you Deb and Mike!



### **Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:**

Tim presented the 2026 budget which was unanimously approved. The only expenditure was for minimal office supplies. We are currently well into the black as a club.

### **Membership Report:**

We currently have 64 paid member. Those wishing to get current with 2026 dues can contact Tim Johnson.

March's Meet & Greet at Ray J's in Woodbury was well attended, with 27 members enjoying good food and fellowship. April's Meet & Greet will be held Wednesday, April 22nd at Cabin 61 in White Bear Lake starting at 4:30pm.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Each line item was reviewed and updates noted.

Members were encouraged to contact Linda Longlet with any changes for inclusion in next month's newsletter and/or Marie Mikel for email notifications.

- ➡ The Andersen Window Plant tour on May 12th from 9:00-10:00am will require advance signup. Contact Tim Langness.
- ➡ The GMCCA Show is planned for May 31st from 8:00am to 2:00pm at the MN State Fairgrounds-Machinery Hill. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around for members to accept their preferred two hour shifts.
- ➡ Kelly Hendricks promoted the Keystone Manor retirement home visit on June 17th from 5:00-7:00pm. He indicated that there is always plenty of food and drink. It's our third year for this event.
- ➡ Our annual club picnic is once again graciously hosted by Gaylen and Sue Langer at their home in Beldenville. There will be an organized run ahead of the picnic. This event is rain or shine. More info to follow.
- ➡ Dick Longlet shared updated information on the "drive in" at Amira in Lake Elmo, now confirmed for July 17th from 3:30 to 6:00pm.
- ➡ A return trip to Cross Lake is planned for July 24th, a fairly long trip. The plan is to arrive at 11:30am. Lodging in the area is available for those interested.

Meet Noah John Meyer! Our newest club member was the first baby of the year born on January 1, 2026! Proud parent are members Kayla Ryan and Brent Meyer. You may remember this couple from our Member Spotlight in a previous newsletter! Welcome Noah! We hope to see you out and about this summer! P.S. Mom and Dad gave permission for this posting.



Please pick up some flyers from Tim Johnson to help advertise our club car show in August!

- ➡ Tim Johnson is our lead contact for the SCVCA car show at Cornerstone Chevrolet on August 15th. Hours are from 9:00 to 1:00pm. Tim will provide a sign-up sheet at our next meeting - volunteers needed!
- ➡ The tentative date for Vino in the Valley is September 12th. We are checking to see if we can arrive an hour ahead of their normal operating hours to avoid the crowds. More info to follow.
- ➡ We have two educational field trips in the planning phase. These include Wagamon Brothers in Minneapolis ("hands-on" observation of expert engine builders) and Samaritan Tire in Minnetonka (everything related to tires - where rubber meets the road...).

#### 2026 Events Outside of SCVCA:

- ❏ Back to the 50's event is running from June 19th-21st at the Minnesota Fairgrounds. More info to follow.
- ❏ July 11th is the All Makes and Models car show at Cornerstone Chevrolet.
- ❏ Vettes for Vets will be August 9th from 8:30 to 1:30 in Savage, MN. Pre-registration is required. Check website for this event!
- ❏ Dick Longlet added that monthly Whips and Waffles car shows held at 3M are planned for summer Sundays.

Members were encouraged to send car photos and info to Dave Mikel and Jim Stegbauer for posting on the club website and Facebook page.

Discounts are still available at O'Reilly and NAPA. Clothing/hat logo applications are available at Heritage Embroidery in Stillwater.

Dick Longlet moved to adjourn, seconded by Kelly Hendricks. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

## Member Spotlight



Our latest anticipated Member Spotlight are your friends Kelly and Donna Hendricks! Kelly has been a long time club member, first a member in 2008, following an introduction by Gary Edwards who is a great friend. Kelly and Donna also became interested when they were invited by Steve and Kris Hallis to join them on a trip to Corvette Fun Fest 2008 in Effingham, IL.

Kelly grew up in St. Paul, MN and has always been interested in cars. He previously owned a TransAm and a Firebird and has since owned six Corvettes. His first one was a 1990 red Corvette. Pictured to the left is a 2000 C5 torch red Corvette with red interior. Kelly has never held a club office but is instrumental in organizing many events for the club and constantly volunteering. Of course, he and Donna host the famous Appreciation Dinner in their fabulous garage and backyard in Ham Lake, MN.

Donna and Kelly have been married for 33 years and Kelly has a son, Kelly, Jr. who is single and works in HVAC and a daughter, Jennifer, who works at the Maplewood Police Department. She is married and has two boys, living in the Twin Cities area.

Kelly has owned his Tile Business for 25 year, prior to that he worked in graphic arts. He retired in 2024. Donna is Senior Project Manager at Marvin Windows and Doors.

Donna and Kelly's most treasured memories of the club revolve around at the Corvette trips they shared with club members. They visited the Black Hills a few times, explored Sioux Falls, SD, traveled to Door County, participated in Corvette Adventures and journeyed to Bowling Green and Nashville. They also went to Winona, where Donna grew up, so she thoroughly enjoyed giving tours to everyone of Lanesboro and Winona.

Beyond the club activities, Donna and Kelly enjoy taking care of their yard, hosting friends at their home, organizing fish fries, barbecues, bonfires, four-wheeling trips, and going to concerts. Both love music and dancing and Kelly is an avid fisherman.

It should be mentioned that Kelly has played baseball, yes, hardball, with Gary Edwards for 25 years and was good enough to play in highly competitive leagues. For now, they look forward to taking more road trips, and vacation to a beach somewhere warm during the cold MN winters. On previous trips to Mexico, they have brought with them American baseball equipment to donate to youth baseball leagues who absolutely appreciate it. For example, their local leagues in Mexico rely on bottle caps to keep track of balls and strikes.

Kelly and Donna are pleased with the changes in the club over the years in that the club has begun hosting more events. This way, members were able to get to know each other better and develop deeper and lasting friendships over the years.

Kelly and Donna, we appreciate you!



# **MARK YOUR 2026 SCVCA CALENDAR**

**(always watch for confirmed dates in newsletters and email notices)**

## **2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

### **May**

May 12 Andersen Window Plant in Bayport - Tim Langness  
May 19 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater  
May 21 Meet & Greet, Phoenix in Baldwin (Linda and Gary)  
May 30 Spring Run, Jody and Phil Klitzke  
May 31 GMCCA show at MN fairgrounds (volunteers needed)

### **June**

June 8-13 Run to Mackinaw Island, MI Dave and Marie Mikel (ten cars so far)  
June 16 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater  
June 17 Keystone Manor Senior Center 5pm-7pm  
June 20 Annual Picnic Sue and Gaylen Langer  
June Midweek Run greg Juetten (date to be announced)

### **July**

July 17 Amira Lake Elmo community visit 3:30-6:00  
July 21 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater  
July 24 Road trip to Crosslake, MN (Jay Boreen visit, Dick Longlet)

### **August**

August 15 SCVCA annual car show at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater (volunteers needed)  
August 18 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater  
August 22 Recognition Dinner

### **September**

September 15 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

### **October**

October 20 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

### **November**

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

**We need volunteers to head mid-week, summer and fall runs. We will repeat the run to Vino in the Valley (Sue Langer) and our annual picnic (Sue and Gaylen Langer, dates to be determined). There are plans in the works for several educational field trips: Wagamon Brothers in Minneapolis, Samaritan Tire in Minnetonka**

### **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), 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.**

## **EVENTS OUTSIDE SCVCA**

Caffeine and Octane April 11, May 9, June 13, etc., Chanhassen

National Corvette Museum April 23-25 Michelin Bash

Corvette Adventures Dells, WI June 4-6, 2026

Bloomington Gold Corvette Show June 11-13

Kiss's Car Show June 13

\*June 19-21 Back To The 50's, MN Fairgrounds

\*July 11 Northstar Camaro Club All Makes and Models at  
Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

Pan-O-Prog Car Show (all vehicles) July 11, Lakeville

Black Hills Corvette Classic July 15-18, 2026

River City Days Car Show, August 1, Red Wing, MN

Polo Classic, Maple Plain, MN August 2

Vettes for Vets Aug. 9, 8:30-1:30, Savage, MN

Jeff Bezler Corvette Show August 20

Classic & Custom Car Show, Sept. 27 River City Corvettes,  
LaCross/Onalaska