



ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

It's hard to believe that the summer is half over! But don't despair, there are many important and meaningful activities ahead including our banquet, mid-week and weekend runs, Meet and Greet and our CAR SHOW!

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

If you can, visit Kirk Ohlendorf's recent find. (See below)

TimePortal Auto "Chevrolet Corvette Evolution (1953-present)" [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/stcroixvalleycorvettes)

The next club meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:45pm**

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SCVCA Meeting Minutes - July 21, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Secretary, Deby Meyers, Membership chairperson, Steve Willard and Editor, Linda Longlet. Alan led the 40+ members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. The club welcomed visitors Bud and Carrie Heim from Hastings who own a 2024 red Corvette and also a 2026 Z06 in rip tide blue. Also visiting was Mike Gibbons from Woodbury. He says he doesn't own a Corvette "yet". The June minutes were approved unanimously and adopted.

It was noted by Alan that Deby Meyers has volunteered to take over as our secretary position, effective immediately. Many thanks were given to Kirk Ohlendorf for his position as Club Secretary. He extended his time to allow Deby the opportunity to take over as of 7/21/26. Alan reminded that 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.

A Meet & Greet was hosted by Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson on June 21st at Danny's Kitchen and Bar in Stillwater. Great food and a great time with many members participating. Thanks to Linda and Gary!! 📍



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

Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:

Tim reported that the club's healthy budget is on track as approved. This is up-to-date as of the end of June.

Membership Report:

We currently have 76 paid members in the club. Dues are \$30 for the first year and \$20 thereafter.

Old Business:

🏁 June's Meet & Greet was held Thursday, June 25th at Danny's Kitchen & Bar at 5:00. Hosts were Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson. Thank-you once again, Linda and Gary!

🏁 The Keystone Manor visit on June 24th was another huge success with 15 cars attending. Thanks to Kelly Hendricks for organizing this yearly event. It is really appreciated by the residents!

🏁 The first annual Amira Lake Elmo car show was a fabulous success for everyone on July 17th. Fifteen club cars were in attendance with several others owned by the residents of Amira.

🏁 Our club picnic started off with a run by Steve and Kris Hallis, headed to Beldenville at the home of Sue and Gaylen Langer.

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.

➡ 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.** Contact Tim if you would like to volunteer and haven't signed up yet. Members are also encouraged to solicit more donations from area businesses and restaurants to use as raffle prizes. Emphasize that proceeds go to charities and the amount is matched by the club. Flyers for the event have been made available for members to distribute.

Another successful outing was the visit to the Keystone Place at LaValle Fields in Hugel, MN. Organized again by Kelly Hendricks, this event was attended by 15 cars! The residents are so excited to see these vehicles, bringing back fond memories. Thanks to Kelly and all who attended!!



The committee is all ready to go! The cost is set at \$15 at the door for guests. For this they will receive a newly designed T-shirt. Marie and Kris as well as Ken and Steve W will manage the sandwich boards and sell raffle tickets for the club.

- ➡ Meet & Greet will be on July 22 at 4:00 at Tattersall in River Falls, WI. Hosted by Dick and Linda Longlet
- ➡ Meet & Greet on August 26 at 4:00 hosted by Jim and Patrice Stegbauer.
- ➡ The date for Vino in the Valley is September 12th. Sue Langer noted that we can arrive an hour ahead of their normal operating hours to avoid the crowds. They will provide a buffet as last year. Car run prior to the dinner buffet.
- ➡ Samaritan Tire in Minnetonka has provided a date for us, September 26th from 12-2pm. We need to have at least 10 people attending. There was discussion of going to Fletcher's for dinner.
- ➡ 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. More to follow.
- ➡ The **Member Appreciation Dinner** is scheduled for August 22nd in Ham Lake, organized by Marie Mikel and Donna Hendricks. **RSVP is a MUST for this event.** The cost is \$15 per person payable to Tim Johnson at any time. There will be a run prior to the dinner leaving from Kowalski's in White Bear.

2026 Events Outside of SCVCA were reviewed:

- ❑ Vettes for Vets will be August 9th from 8:30 to 1:30 in Savage, MN. Pre-registration is required. Please donate socks for the veterans as this is the most requested item.
- ❑ Twin Cities Performance (an educational run)
- ❑ **Check the calendar for many more activities.** Sue Langer moved to adjourn, seconded by Tim Johnson. Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Amira Lake Elmo Car Show

On July 17, independent senior living Amira, hosted a fabulous car show for 15+ Corvettes from the club and an additional 5 cars shown by the Amira residents.

Amira sprung for live music, root beer floats and a pizza food truck. Some of our members even participated in a line dance demonstration.

Despite the sizzling temperature, it was all in all, a wonderful time! Thanks to all who participated. And to the Amira staff!



Got a story that starts with a steering wheel and ends with a grin?

I'm all ears.

I want to hear your best car stories!

Whether it's a legendary road trip, a close call that turned into a great punchline, or a moment behind the wheel you'll never forget, I want to hear it.

Just tell me you've got a story and I'll get in touch with you to hear it!

Text me at 651-503-5762 or email
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The most recent Meet & Greet was Wednesday, July 22 at the Tattersall Distillery and Winery in River Falls, WI hosted by Dick and Linda Longlet. Drinks and conversation were enjoyed on the outdoor patio and then the party moved inside to the dining room. We had excellent food and service!! ⬇️



Our annual club picnic on June 20 hosted Sue and Gaylen Langer is always a huge success! Starting off with a run led by Steve and Kris Hallis and ending up in Beldenville, WI. Check out the photos below, representing the excellent party garage as well as the food, provided by the club and members. Thanks again for a great time, Sue and Gaylen! ⬇️



FOR SALE 1958 CORVETTE

Appraised at \$105,000 Asking \$75,000

Owners Richard (Dick) and Barbara Emeott long time members of the Corvette Club have passed and the family is selling their 58 Vet.

62,244 miles Engine 283ci V8 230 hp 4 bbl.

Transmission 2speed Powerglide Rear Axle factory standard 3.36.1 Dual Exhaust

New Stock White wall tires.

In 1999 it had a On Frame Restoration. 99% Original Included is a Tandem Axle Car Hauler Trailer

INTERESTED INQUIRIES CALL JIM PALECEK

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You may recognize our Member Spotlight person from the Legends event at last year's Recognition dinner, where he and others were featured. Wayne Langness has been a member of SCVCA since the beginning when he owned a 1959 C1 red Corvette. Wayne grew up in the town of Withrow, MN in a large family of 15 kids. His dad was known to bring home projects to work on and that's where Wayne obtained his mechanical skills. Later he attended and graduated from Stillwater High School and joined the US Army from 1960-66 where he was trained as a medic. While in high school, he was a member of the National Guard. In the army, Wayne had a chance to fly to Alaska in 1964 and learned mountain and glacier climbing. His main occupation in life was owning his own construction company. Wayne had been married to Sue since 1967 and after so many years together and three children, she unfortunately passed away in 2025.

Wayne learned about the car club from Bob Jones, back when people would get together in Eagan. He remembers when the club also met in the Stillwater VFW. He has seen the club grow over the years, having many more activities and members. In 1990-91, Wayne was the secretary/treasurer.

Wayne has owned multiple vehicles including Corvettes. They gave three cars away to their kids at Christmastime in 2020. Josh now owns the '63 Corvette.



Tim owns the '59 and Angie owns the '58 Impala. When Tim was five years old, Wayne purchased the '59, and the family used to take it to Corvette events with the family of four all stuffed inside! Sue also owned a 1974 for about 10 years. Truly a devoted car family!!

Wayne's brothers, Bruce and Jerry were also a big part of SCVCA and sadly, both have passed. Tim Langness is currently as active member of SCVCA and enjoys showing his '59 Corvette. Wayne used to enjoy setting up runs for the club and he remembers driving past an Amish farm, and a little boy waved to the entourage, maybe wishing for a fast car!

Wayne is still involved in buying and selling at flea markets every other weekend. Lately, he has a new lady friend in his life, Mary, a mutual family friend from the past. They are busy enjoying life and even taking a trip to Norway recently.

Additionally, Wayne is kept busy with his five grandkids and one great-grandchild!

Wayne's advice for those interested in getting into cars, "Don't drink or smoke, and buy the best car you can!"



If you meet up with Wayne at one of our events, be sure to thank him for all his contributions to SCVCA over 50+ years!

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

2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES

August

August 12 Mid-week run, Bucknuckles Bar, Greg Juetten

***August 15 SCVCA annual car show** at Cornerstone Chevrolet
Stillwater, Tim J. (volunteers needed, flyers and raffle
donations)

August 18 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

***August 22 Recognition Dinner**, run before (Donna and Marie, Hendricks
house)

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)

We need volunteers to head mid-week, summer and fall runs (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

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

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