



ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

A big thank-you to everyone who volunteered to work at the GMCCA this Sunday and our club car show on August 17th! Volunteerism is the heart of the club!

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.

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, June 16 at 6:45pm** at Cornerstone Chevrolet.

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SCVCA Board Meeting Summary - May 19, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Secretary Kirk Ohlendorf, Membership chairperson, Jody Klitzke and Editor, Linda Longlet. Alan led the members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. April minutes were approved unanimously. New members were introduced including Eric Galler, Dan Kemper and Shannon O'Hare and Harvey and Jane Carlson. Welcome to all!

Three handouts were provided: The SCVCA Calendar of Events, and a sign-up sheet for the 44th Annual GMCCA car show and swap meet, set for May 31st at the MN State Fairgrounds, Machinery Hill. It was noted that attendees/volunteers should arrive early, using the main gate off of Larpentier. (Snelling exit off HWY 94) Also sign-up sheet for volunteers at the SCVCA Car Show was distributed to everyone.

Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:

Tim reported that this continues to be a slower time for the club. Since the last meeting, there has been \$442 in expenses. The budget is on track as approved.

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The most recent Meet & Greet was held on May 21 at the Phoenix Restaurant in Baldwin. This fun event pictured below was hosted by Linda Rivard and Gary Sorensen. Thanks to Linda and Gary! **The next Meet & Greet is scheduled for June 25th at Danny's Kitchen and Bar in Stillwater.**



Membership Report:

We currently have 65 paid members with 8 members still owing payment. Dues are \$30 for the first year and \$20 there after. Members are reminded to sign in as they enter the meeting to keep track of attendance.

Old Business:

❑ April's Meet & Greet at Cabin 61 was well attended, with members enjoying good food and fellowship.

❑ May's Meet & Greet will be held Thursday, May 21st at The Phoenix in Baldwin at 5:00. Hosts are Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson.

❑ The Andersen Window Tour has been temporarily postponed.

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 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.
- ➡ Dave and Marie Mikel have coordinated a trip to Mackinaw Island starting on June 8th. Nine cars have signed up so far. If you would like to join the group, do so now, so that reservations can be made.
- ➡ 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 fun event!
- ➡ Our annual club picnic is once again graciously hosted by Gaylen and Sue Langer at their home in Beldenville on June 20th. There will be an organized run ahead of the picnic. This event is rain or shine. Plan to bring a side dish and BYOB.
- ➡ 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.

**Please join us for our Club
Picnic! 🌭🍺**

**Gaylen and Sue Langer's
N6385 750th Street,
Beldenville, WI 54003**

**Saturday, June 20
12:00 noon**

**Please RSVP to Sue
at 715-307-2718**

June 20th Car Run

**There will be a caravan to
the picnic and if you'd like
to join in, we will meet
Steve and Kris Hallis at
the Park and Ride, near
the Bungalow on I94 and
County Road 95
(northeast corner) at
10:30 am. Depart at
10:45 am.**

**Please RSVP to Steve at
651-387-7966 if you are
planning to join the caravan.**

➡ 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.** A sign-up sheet was provided at the meeting. Members are also encouraged to solicit donations from area businesses and restaurants to use as raffle prizes. Emphasize that proceeds go to charities such as Food Shelf and Toys for Tots and not for club activities. Flyers for the event have been made available for members to distribute.

➡ 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.

2026 Events Outside of SCVCA were reviewed:

❑ 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. Please donate socks for the veterans as this is the most requested item.

❑ **Check the calendar for many more activities.**

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

Calling all storytellers — I want to hear your best car story.

If you've got a memorable moment, a wild ride, or a tale that still makes you laugh, I want to hear it.

Just tell me you've got a story, and I'll reach out to hear the whole thing. It's that simple!

Text me at 651-503-5762 or email
Marie.mikel@comcast.net.

Member Spotlight



Our Member Spotlight for this month is Jody and Phil Klitzke. Jody is the current Membership Chairperson for club, so you may recognize her! Jody was born in Philadelphia but mostly grew up in Flint, Michigan where her father worked for General Motors. Her father's influence is credited for making her a "motorhead" from five years on. She was a girl with a minibike and then graduated to motorcycles. She is self-described tomboy growing up as the first girl of 8 kids. She started driving at 12 years old and learned to tear apart engines and change her own oil. Her mother was very ill while Jody grew up, so she had lots of responsibilities in the family.

Jody has an Associate's Degree from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor's Degree in IT from Metropolitan State. She is a software engineer, now retired.

Four years ago, Jody learned of SCVCA through Kelly and Donna, and decided to join. They purchased a '23 white convertible that she loves driving! At 16 years old she owned a '64 Chevelle super sport in candy apple red, and at one time, owned a 5-speed Dodge truck.

Jody has two children and two grandchildren, ages 16 and 11. Children are Kelley, 40 and Derek, 35. All of her family reside in Florida, where she and Phil also have a home.



Phil grew up in Menomonie, WI in an interesting family. His father was a Psychology professor at Stout University and took the family to Tanzania as part of a program to teach teachers how to teach during the Africa's transition to English colony schools. Phil lived there with the family for two years as a young child. Phil has three children, Bethany, Joanna and Caleb, all living in Minnesota.

Jody and Phil love the club social experiences, especially the runs and the trips, most recently to Wisconsin Dells with the club. They met each other at work and have been married since 2013 with a unique wedding at the Mall of America.

They love their new home in White Bear Lake along with Lucy, a red golden doodle! They still enjoy their other hobbies such as triathlons, country music and traveling. A fabulous trip to Greece is in store for September, and hopefully to DC and the East Coast.



Phil is the little blond guy on the right! 🌍



MARK YOUR 2026 SCVCA CALENDAR

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

2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES

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 13 20th Samaritan Tire Car Show

June 16 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

June 17 Keystone Manor Senior Center 5pm-7pm

June 20 Annual Picnic Sue and Gaylen Langer

June 25 Meet & Greet Danny's Kitchen and Bar

July

July 1 Midweek Run Greg Juetten

July 17 Amira Lake Elmo community visit 3:30-6:00

July 21 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

July 22 Meet & Greet at Tattersall in River Falls

July 24 Road trip to Crosslake, MN (Jay Boreen visit, Dick Longlet)

August

August 12 Mid-week run to Buckknuckles

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

August 18 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

August 22 Member Appreciation Dinner

September

September 12 Vino in the Valley

September 15 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

October

October 20 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

November

November 17 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

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

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