



ST. CROIX VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

This season is turning out to be one of the most active and interesting yet! Our upcoming picnic will be on Saturday, and we have scheduled extra week-day runs and unique restaurant experiences to enjoy as the months go on. All we need is great weather! 🕶️☀️

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!

Next Meeting:

The next club meeting will be on **Tuesday, July 21 at 6:45pm** at Cornerstone Chevrolet.

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SCVCA Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2026

In attendance at the meeting were President Alan Lacer, Vice-President Jim Stegbauer, Treasurer Tim Johnson, Secretary Kirk Ohlendorf, Membership chairperson, Steve Willard and Editor, Linda Longlet. Alan led the 32 members present in the Pledge of Allegiance. May minutes were approved unanimously. No new members or guests were in attendance. It was noted by Alan that Steve Willard has volunteered to take over as our membership director effective immediately. Please see Steve as needed to pay annual dues for year 2026 (\$20) and to purchase ball caps and/or name tags.

Members were reminded that our membership cards, presentable at O'Reilly's and NAPA provide nice discounts for the club. Alan showed off his newly embroidered apparel from Heritage Embroidery, a Stillwater company where you can find our logo.

Treasurer's Report by Tim Johnson:

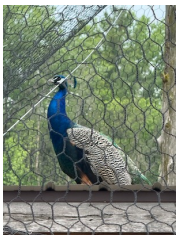
Tim reported that this continues to be a slower time for the club. The club's healthy budget is on track as approved.

Mackinac Island

If you are planning to take a trip with the SCVCA folks, you can't do better than one organized by Dave and Marie Mikel! On June 8th, our group set out for Mackinac Island, Michigan and other fabulous stops over 6 days.

The pictures we all collected were spectacular and too many to print here, so be sure to connect with our Facebook group page to see the highlights.

Our typical lunch spot is at Doc's Landing in Bonduel, where you will see the strangest collection of exotic animals and art work, crafted by the owner. Some are below. The group continued on to Menomonee, enjoying the outdoor fire pit for the evening right on Lake Michigan. 🔥🌊



Membership Report:

We currently have 69 members with a few having dues outstanding. Dues are \$30 for the first year and \$20 there after. Members were reminded to check the group Facebook page for announcements and photos, managed by Jim Stegbauer. The club's website has the lower case password: scvcamember

Old Business:

🏁 May's Meet & Greet was held Thursday, May 21st at The Phoenix in Baldwin at 5:00. Hosts were Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson. Over 20 people attended!

🏁 The spring run was organized by Greg Juetten and held on May 30th. The group headed to

🏁 Kelly Hendrick reported on the GMCCA event held on May 31st at the Minnesota Fairgrounds. It is our moneymaker for the club, reaping \$1300 during last year's event. There is ongoing discussion regarding the future of this event. Stay tuned!

🏁 See adjoining article for the report on the trip to Mackinaw Island by 14 club members.

🏁 The Keystone Manor visit is postponed to June 24th due to weather concerns. Please RSVP to Kelly Hendricks.

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.

➡ Our annual club picnic is once again graciously hosted by Gaylen and Sue Langer at their home in Beldenville on June 20th. This event is rain or shine. Plan to bring a side dish and BYOB. A car run is being organized by Steve and Kris Hallis, meeting at the Bungalow at 10:30. Picnic will start at 12:00.

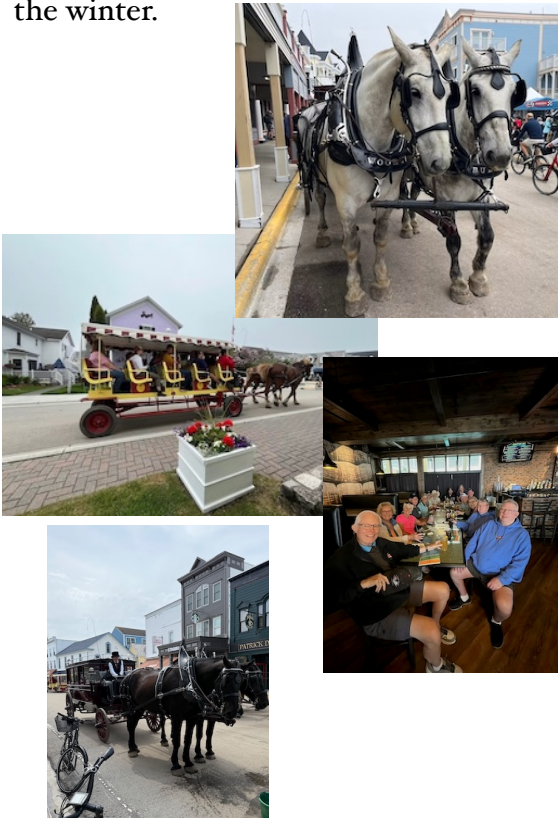
➡ An addition to the calendar is a mid-week run led by Greg Juetten on July 1st. Details to follow.

➡ Dick Longlet shared updated information on the "drive in" at Amira Lake Elmo, now confirmed for July 17th from 3:30 to 6:00pm.

Once on Mackinac Island, we discovered that they were celebrating The Annual Lilac Festival, so the island was awash with beautiful color and scents from the many species of lilac.



Most importantly, we all know that no cars are allowed on the island with the exception of some emergency vehicles and snow mobiles. Most of the horses are moved off island for the winter.



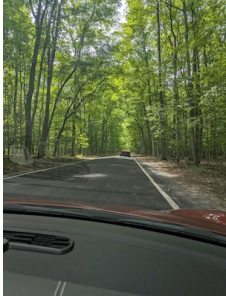
After our visit to the island, we were able to drive through the Tunnel of Trees, visit the Shipwreck Museum showing relics from the Edmund Fitzgerald and walk to see and hear the spectacular Tahquamenon Falls.

- ➡ 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 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 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.
- ➡ Samaritan Tire in Minnetonka has provided a date for us, September 26th from 12-2pm.
- ➡ Kelly shared a suggestion for either the October or November meeting to bring in the various products we each use on our cars, creating an opportunity to share the best products and procedures.
- ➡ There was a request for a visit to a high performance shop.
- ➡ The Appreciation Dinner is scheduled for August 22nd in Ham Lake, organized by Marie Mikel and Donna Hendricks. There will be a run prior to the dinner leaving from Kowalski's in White Bear.

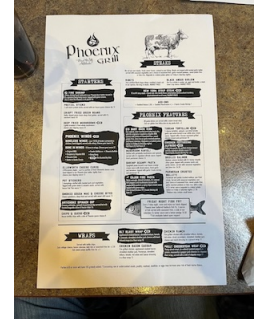
2026 Events Outside of SCVCA were reviewed:

- ❑ 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 Sue Langer. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Despite the bugs, rain, fog, and car issues, it was a wonderful trip for everyone! Highly Recommend! ★★★★★



The latest **Meet & Greet** for the club was held on May 21st at the Phoenix in Baldwin, WI. The event was hosted by Linda Rivard and Gary Sorenson and well attended. A great meeting place for all! Thank-you Linda and Gary!



Spring Run, May 30th

Many thanks to Greg Juetten for stepping up and organizing our spring run, despite car troubles! We had a great turnout with cars in attendance. Our group took winding roads to a great spot, Wilkins Bar and Resort in Luck, WI. Thank-you Greg and Ann!



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 are the familiar faces of **Steve and Kris Hallis**. These two are very active club members and have taken leadership roles in multiple areas. They always bring a sense of fun and knowledge to any event.

Steve grew up in Woodbury and attended St. Paul Park High School.

In 1972, Steve was drafted and then enlisted in the Army. He served 11 months in Vietnam as a helicopter mechanic. In 2023, Steve and Kris returned on vacation to Vietnam and it turned out to be a good experience. Thank you for your service, Steve. 🇺🇸

Kris' Grandpa's
Truck ➡



After the Army Steve went to school for two years and then became part owner of a diesel repair shop. Then he started investing in his own company, and then eventually owned a fleet of 6-10 trucks. Steve spent five years on the road, putting on 150,000 miles per year. He established a driving crew between 6-12 people.

Steve always loved anything mechanical. At 16 years old, he purchased a '69 Chevelle and 23 years ago bought a '96 coupe, black on black. He was inspired by a friend who owned a Corvette and currently owns a '63 split window with 13,000 miles on it. Additionally, Steve and Kris have a 2024 red C8 with a retractable hard top convertible.



Steve and Kris were introduced to the club by Bob Wall in 2003 and they became members. He spent one year as club president and continue to host many Meet & Greets and club car runs. He encourages folks to get involved by volunteering.

Steve and Kris have been married since 1987 and have one daughter, Erin born in 1989. This interesting young woman spent some years flipping homes in the area and now works in maintenance at the University of Minnesota and speaks Mandarin. Kris grew up on a farm in western MN and attended business school until 3M came to the school recruiting. She started her 40+ years there, mostly working in International Operations in a variety of administrative positions. She ended up supervising staff at Tartan Park. Kris says she enjoyed her work there immensely!

Steve and Kris spend 5 1/2 month in Arizona every year and have an active social life there and in MN. They love to motorcycle and even traveled to Africa to ride with a group in 2018.



The most enjoyable part of SCVCA for this couple remains the special trips, the social events, including Door County and Mackinac Island this year. SCVCA is so fortunate to know this fun and adventuresome couple. Watch this space for their upcoming motorcycle trip to Oregon this fall. Thanks for all you do!

MARK YOUR 2026 SCVCA CALENDAR

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

2026 SCVCA PLANNED ACTIVITIES

June 24 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 Mid-week run surprise location 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 along with flyers and raffle donations)

August 18 Meeting at Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater

August 22 Member Appreciation Dinner car run before event

September

September 12 Vino in the Valley car run before event

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. (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

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

June 21 (Father's Day). Red Wing Car Show

***July 11 Northstar Camaro Club All Makes and Models at**

Cornerstone Chevrolet Stillwater. They would like the support.

Street Machine Nationals, July 17-19 St. Paul

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, LaCrosse/Onalaska