

A TOUCH OF GLASS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING

July 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by our President, Rick Richardson. Rick led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rick asked if we had any new members or guest. Glenn Broome introduced himself and his wife Jamie. They have a 2026 E-ray.

Corvette Trivia:

1. Were any 1954 Corvettes equipped with a manual transmission? Yes or **No**. Mike Maiorana had the answer.
2. What year was the first Corvette to feature reflectors on the rear fenders? **1958**, 1963, or 1969. Congratulations to Jack Whitis.
3. New bumper caps for front and rear were introduced in 1980 that had “molded in” spoilers. **True** or false. Thanks to Diana Rinehart, the ladies got one tonight.

Treasurer's Report: Rick read the end of May financial report. Larry Rinehart made the motion to accept the financial report as reported. Bob Vehmeier seconded the motion. All members were in agreement.

Minutes: Rick announced the minutes have been posted on the website and have been emailed to all of the members who have provided email addresses. Jack Whitis made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Jim seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes as written and posted.

NCM Update: Larry Rinehart spoke briefly about the NCM Collection Center and accepting donation of cars and memorabilia. The Corvette plant is still taking reservations on line for plant tours, \$50.00 per person.

Member Update Coordinator: The month of May, Honor Flight card was sent to Ken Mathias. Get Well cards were sent to John McMahon, and Butch Nielsen (surgery). A Good Luck card sent to Peg and Chuck Kepler (moving to Pennsylvania). Get Well cards in June were sent to Dennis Carroll (Village Vettes) a former member of our club, he had triple bypass surgery and card sent to Susan Ricci. In July a Sympathy card sent to Mike Smith, his mother passed away. Happy Birthday to those who will celebrate a birthday the last part of July, the month of August and the beginning of September. Received a phone message that Ray Nault is in the hospital. Happy Anniversary to those in July, August and September.

Facebook: Roseanna appreciates those who have contributed photos for the website and she expressed her thanks.

Old Business:

Future Events – Rides, Dinner etc. – Terry and Kay have decided to take the summer off. If someone has a place they would like to drive and dine to, please contact Barbara Tootle.

Cornerstone Hospice – Carol Iapoloa, representing Cornerstone Hospice, came to thank the club for this year's donation and for the past 14 years of donations. She gave a brief explanation of the home health services they provide.

Coke Zero 400 – Daytona International Speedway – August 29, 2026. Contact Jake Roell, (386) 200-9696, \$68.00 per person, inform him you are a member of our club.

New Business:

Vettes vs. Tail of the Dragon – Tim Hill gave a brief report on the thrill ride in the Smoky Mountains and the next ride is planned for September 10th. thru the 13th. There are 200 Corvettes slots with 25 slots available.

Past Event Reports:

Highway 441 Monthly Cruise In- June – No show July – No show. No summer shows.

Bee's RV Resort-June- 13 Cars - Door prizes won by Chuck C., Barbara, Butch & Rick R. July- Cancelled.

Leesburg Cruise- In June - 1 Car – July - No summer shows.

Eustis Cruise In – May– 4 Cars – Barbara won \$50.00 June – 8 cars

Gator Harley- May – 4 cars – Chuck Cook won \$20.00

Drive and Dine- Waterfront Grill – 1 car

Vietnam Travelling Wall – 3 cars

Ongoing Monthly Events:

Bee's RV Resort Car Show- 1st. Saturday of the month – 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Arrive early

Highway 441 Monthly Cruise-In- 1st Wednesday of the month-5:00 to 7:30 p.m. **SUMMER OFF**

Leesburg Cruise-In- 2nd. Saturday of the month 3:00 to 6:30 p.m. **SUMMER OFF**

Clermont Steak & Shake Car Show – 3rd. Sunday of the month – 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. **SUMMER OFF**

Eustis Cruise-In – 4th Saturday of the month-2:00 to 5:00 p.m. (suggest you arrive between 11:30/12:00 in order to park together)

Gator Harley Davidson- 5th Saturday of the month 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upcoming Activities:

Honor Flight Escort Mission #72 – September 30, 2026 – Doug Brown will be on this flight

15th Annual Villages Toys for Tots – George Nahas- October 3, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

24th Annual Palm Coast Car Show – October 11, 2026 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rick has applications.

MCCC All Corvette Show – November 14, 2026 Registration form available.

2026 Christmas Party – Pennbrooke Fairways Grand Hall- December 4, 2026. \$41.00 per person.

2027 Annual Club Picnic – April 23, 2027 – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Hickory Point Park

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. at Vann Gannaway.

General Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at the Tavares Community Church Activity Center in Tavares at 7:00 p.m.

Open Discussion

Ron spoke about an overnight trip to Paddle Tails Lodge in Crystal River. He will provide more information at a later date.

He also presented the members with some information about a Ft. Myers radio station collecting Christmas cards for military personnel.

Jack Whitis has 2 splitters for 2020 +. He plans to attend the Lemans next year, mid June 2027, if anyone is interested contact Jack.

Larry Rinehart asked about the September Anniversary dinner. Rick stated information will be provided soon.

50/50 Drawing – And the winner is..... Our very own club president...Rick Richardson

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn at 8:03 by Mike and seconded by Cindy. All members in favor.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Charlene Minger
Club Secretary