

**PLAYGROUND CORVETTE CLUB MINUTES**  
**6 May 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Carafa, at 18:45, at Pedro's, 315 Mary Esther Blvd., Mary Esther FL.

Eddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peggy Misleh.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Steve Noble noted that the **NCM Bash** was a major success, with 1,400 visitors in attendance. He thanked all members who volunteered at the Bash, including Karen and Steve Payne who received fans and carrying bags for their effort.

Eddie added that all attending members of the **NCM Bash** had an unbelievable time; that our new banner was a showstopper; and that the Bash included discussions with plant workers who built the engines and engineers who emphasized that they were not just building engines ... that they were building "dreams."

Eddie pointed out that this show offered no shade and had limited parking spaces because the rain prevented installation of a ramp to drive unto the grass.

The Lions Club was excited to receive four guest passes from our Club.

Our new banner will be displayed at the Alan Turner Showroom. Steve presented Alan with a \$65 certificate for membership and thanked him for their support, confirming their upcoming \$3,500 contribution. Our Club plans for a **Show and Shine** there, without judging, but we will have trinkets and gifts for the customers. Eddie suggested that the members get their cars serviced there and to be sure to tell them who we are when doing so.

Jeff Fraley displayed an updated image of the **Club Challenge Coin**, which states, "Established in 1969" and added that, on this same side, members can have their names engraved. He noted that it will take several weeks for the coins to be produced and that the prices were quoted as follows:

50 coins	\$8 each coin plus tax
100 coins	\$6 each coin plus tax
652 coins	\$6 each including tax

The Club agreed to purchase 100 coins.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Eddie introduced **Evelyn Edwards, our newest Club member**. Evelyn drives a manual Z06.

**Eddie** noted that our **last Saturday's brunch** was awesome and that members should look forward to upcoming plans for yet another brunch in September 2026.

**Eddie** reminded the members of the Board about the **Board of Directors Luncheon, scheduled for June 19, 2026, at 11:30 AM, at the Thai Bangkok**, 217 Miracle Strip, Ft. Walton Beach FL. It is located across the Olive Garden on Rt. 98. Spouses are welcome to join. Board members should bring an open mind, fresh ideas, and positive suggestions to help the club move forward in 2027.

**Eddie** announced that he spoke with a movie broker who indicated that **our cars could be included in one of their advertisements**. They will pay \$400/car and **Eddie** will meet with them for additional information. He also treated the members to a musical clip touting the **Playground Corvette Club as Number One**. Contact **Eddie** if you want to add your car to one of their ads.

The Club plans a **Corvette Day breakfast on June 30**, at one of the First Watch restaurants. It was suggested that perhaps we should consider doing so during the week because of the long waiting lines to get into restaurants during the summer months.

**Eddie** will pursue inviting **the Governor of Florida** to one of our future meetings.

**Steve Payne** briefly commented about an ongoing **Tech Talk rumor about the C9-2030**.

**Terry Durham** plans to present a **10-minute power PowerPoint presentation about the C1 Corvette** at a future Club meeting.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- The cost of the **PCC black-with-red-letters silicone waistbands** will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Six free National Corvette Museum passes** are still available to give away. Steve Nobel requested 2.
- **Club Tee-Shirts** are also available. They are great shirts with a cool design. (Men's \$28.00 and Women's \$30.00). Contact **Mark Gunn**. However, it should be noted that we will save one for Alan Turner.
- **Tire Banners** for car show displays cost \$55 with stand. Please reach out to **Mark Gunn**.
- **Currently only 6 lapel pins remain**, but new ones are on the way.
- During this summer, a **\$10 raffle will be held for last year's club shirt**. The color choice is up to the winner. The print shop will emboss it for that individual.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

(Information subject to change. Please check your web page under “Calendar and Events” to stay updated.)

<b>May 23, 2026</b>	<b>Hendricks Driven for Vet’s Talladega Speedway Track Time</b>	\$135 for five laps around the track. Your money will go to a good cause. (If anyone is participating in the Talladega drive, stay in your “limit”!)
<b>June 30, 2026</b>	<b>National Corvette Day</b>	(Breakfast?)
<b>July 24-25, 2026</b>	<b>Hot Rod National Car Show</b>	Destin-Rigdon Center 1958 Lewis Turner Rd. Ft. Walton Beach Fl.
<b>October 25, 2026</b>	<b>Vettes at the Shore Biloxi MS. Coliseum Biloxi MS</b>	
<b>October 31, 2026</b>	<b>Ribs and Ride Brewton Al Car Show</b>	
<b>November 2026</b>	<b>Hammock Bay Car Show</b>	(Checking on date)
<b>December 18 and 19, 2026</b>	<b>Wreaths Across America</b>	
<b>December 2026</b>	<b>Parades -Christmas Parade Niceville</b>	
<b>January 30, 2027</b>	<b>Cancer Freeze Car Show Florala AL</b>	
<b>89 2026 After Labor Day <b>TBD</b></b>	<b>Dinner at the Pirates of the Voyage</b>	
<b>2026 <b>TBD</b></b>	<b>Ride to World War II Museum New Orleans</b>	
<b>2027 <b>TBD</b></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run 2027</b>	From North Carolina to Tennessee
<b>2027 <b>TBD</b></b>	<b>The Tail of the Dragon Drive</b>	

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**The next Playground meeting is scheduled for June 3.**

**NOTE:** the July 1 club meeting is rescheduled to July 8, 2026, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday falling on a Wednesday this year.

**Scott Eisenhauer** had the 50:50 winning raffle ticket.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:50.

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*Presided by Eddie Carafa*

*Submitted by Ruth Maciejeski*