

PLAYGROUND CORVETTE CLUB MINUTES

July 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Carafa, at 7:00 PM, at Pedro's, 315 Mary Esther Blvd., Mary Esther FL.

Eddie opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed our newest member, Joe Riley.

WELCOME, JOE. WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE YOU JOIN OUR CLUB!

Eddie also introduced guests, Mike and Tammy.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Peggy Misleh.

OLD BUSINESS

Steve Nobel announced that **volunteering opportunities at the National Corvette Museum's 32nd Anniversary** are still available and to check with him regarding hotel accommodations across the street from the facility. Six free passes are also available. Allen Turner plans to attend the Club ride to NCM on October 5, 2026.

Steve then spoke about the **National Corvette Museum's "Fund A Field Trip Program!"** for underprivileged children, shared the children's thank-you cards with PCC members and asked for another donation from the Club that will go toward these children. An additional \$610 was collected from the members during the meeting. Eddie added that the Club donates funds to eight different worthy community organizations yearly.

Eddie emphasized the importance for members to purchase the PCC silicone wristbands at a cost of \$99.99 to help advertise our organization. The bands will be ordered around August this summer or shortly thereafter.

Open Items:

- **New plaques** are \$6 each (see additional information on the website).
- **Challenge Coins** will be available in July. Every member will receive one **Challenge Coin** and more will be available for purchase.
- **Lapel pins** are currently in production.
- **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**.
- **Tire Banners** for car show displays will cost \$52. The stand costs an additional \$15. Bay Area Awards will ship the new banners within two weeks. Please reach out to **Mark Gunn**.

Eddie briefly remarked on the great time everyone had during our Club’s visit to the USS Alabama as well as our recent June breakfast get-together.

Steve announced the answer to the trivia question, “When did production begin in 1953?” It was June 28, 1953.

NEW BUSINESS

Eddie reminded the members of the Board about the **Board of Directors Luncheon, scheduled for July 17, 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.

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. The T-shirt’s value is \$65, and with the Club logo, a total of \$78. The raffle will run for 3 months, beginning July 2026 through September 2026. Remaining proceeds will be donated back to PCC.

Steve Nobel will investigate a possible visit to the National Aviation Museum for breakfast, a private tour, and group photo.

Eddie reminded the members to continue to contribute to the Club-member-approved **Vendor List** if they have a positive vendor experience. Anyone with new recommendations should reach out to **Gus Piccinini**.

Eddie noted that the Club had 12 events to date this year and hopes that our group will schedule at least 30 next year.

Eddie plans to invite **Governor DeSantis** to one of our meetings.

Terry Durham gave another interesting **Power Point presentation (#2), covering the Corvette’s Special Edition 35th Anniversary**. Thereafter, he added a “homework” assignment for the members: ***What is Corvette America?***

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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| July 24-25, 2026 | Hot Rod Nationals Car Show | Rigdon Center 1958 Lewis Turner Rd. Ft. Walton Beach Book online for times. Let them know you are with PCC and receive a 50% discount. |
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| AUGUST 2026 | Stuff the Bus 2026 School Supply Drive for Escambia & Santa Rosa Counties | PCC will donate \$500 to this event. We will wrap our Corvettes around the building, and Channel 3 News will come out to film this. |
| August 27-29, 2026 | Corvettes at Carlisle, Pennsylvania | NEW |
| September 19, 2026 | Show and Shine, followed with Brunch | 8:00-11:00 at Pedro's, 315 Mary Esther Blvd., Mary Esther FL. Raffle for tires. |
| October 3-8, 2026 | Andrea Bateman, NCM Director of Membership | Scheduled to be in town. PCC hopes she will attend our October 7 Club meeting. |
| October 10, 2026 | Celebration of the Corvette Car Show | Preston Hood |
| October 17, 2026 | Wheels and Wings Car Show | Air Force Armament Museum. Meet at Turkey Creek, Niceville, 7:30 AM. |
| October 25, 2026 | Vettes at the Shore | Coliseum in Biloxi MS. 144 Corvettes only! Make reservation now or you'll be stuck outside and no one will see you. Raffle for tires |
| October 31, 2026 | Ribs and Ride Car Show | Brewton AL |
| November 7, 2026 | Hammock Bay Classic Car Show | Relocated to the Bistro at the Horsepower Pavilion, (right off Rt. 20) West Freeport FL. |
| December 18 and 19, 2026 | Wreaths Across America | Suggestion: Purchase 1 wreath, at \$17 each. |
| December 9, 2026 | Niceville Christmas Parade | |
| January 30, 2027 | Cancer Freeze Car Show Floral AL | Paxton Agricultural Center 21872 US Hwy 331 N Paxton FL |
| 2026 After Labor Day TBD | Dinner at the Pirates of the Voyage | |
| 2026 TBD | Ride to World War II Museum New Orleans | |
| 2027 TBD | 2nd Annual Poker Run 2026 | |
| 2027 TBD | The Tail of the Dragon Drive | Road Trip From North Carolina to Tennessee |

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Payne had the winning 50-50 raffle ticket.

The next Club meeting will be held on August 5.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:00.

Presided by Eddie Carafa

Submitted by Ruth Maciejewski