

PLAYGROUND CORVETTE CLUB MINUTES

3 December 2025

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Carafa at 1845 at Pedro's Tacos & Tequila Bar (315 Mary Esther Blvd).

1. Welcome All! Welcome to Trisha Quinn and son, Tim. Good to see Terry and Jacqui again – glad you're feeling better. And welcome to Teri and Dan Schenke from Wreaths Across America (Twin Cities WAA Chairman).
2. Treasurer's Report presented by Peggy.
3. Ambassador Report: (see full report on website/email)
 - a. Steve shared info about a program the NCM puts on for underprivileged children to spend time at the NCM learning about different STEM programs as it relates to Corvettes, Technology, Car production, etc. Cost for a child to attend is \$500. Steve suggested we sponsor a child. Dan & Teri Schenke, Mark & Cathie Gunn, Steve & Karen Payne, Eddie & Peggy and Steve & Cindy Noble all donated and the goal was reached.
 - b. Hand in hand with the program just discussed, is a Matchbox Car program. Steve is working with the NCM to possibly partner with Mattel to procure Matchbox or Hot Wheels Cars for the children in the program.
 - c. NCM club banner – NCM accepts "digits" beginning Jan 6. Club voted to keep the same design on the banner for 2026. Motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Steve reviewed the points system. He also encouraged all who are not members of the NCM to join. Senior discount for those who qualify.
 - e. Lifetime membership of the NCM includes an advertisement in the American Sportsman Car Magazine. Ruth volunteered to create the ad.
 - f. Michelin Bash at the NCM will be April 23-25.
 - g. Trivia: Karen had the correct answer for "was the Corvette continuously produced since 1953?" Answer: Yes, although no production cars were sold in 1983.
 - h. Trivia: Bob had the correct answer for "what year was the Corvette only available in an automatic transmission?" Answer: 1953 and 1954.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Vote for offices for 2026. Since all offices are unopposed, Steve made a motion to accept the Board as posted. 2nd by Cathie. Passed unanimously.
Congratulations to the 2026 PCC Board of Directors:
 - a. President: Eddie Carafa
 - b. Vice President: Jeff Fraley
 - c. Treasurer: Peggy Misleh
 - d. Secretary: Ruth Maciejewski
 - e. Events Coordinator: Mark Gunn
 - f. NCM Ambassador: Steve Noble
 - g. Officer at Large: Scott Eisenhauer
 - h. NCCC Representative: Pat Maxin

2. Check presentation to Wreaths Across America:
PCC presented a check to Teri and Dan Schenke for \$2075.00. Teri and Dan thanked the Club for their generosity and look forward to staging the wreaths and laying the wreaths next week. Teri promised good weather!
3. New meeting location. Ricks Crab Trap, 178 Eglin Parkway. Motion made by Steve to hold the February meeting at Ricks, 2nd by Bob. Passed unanimously. There is parking in front, on the side and in the rear of the building. We will meet at Ricks on February 4, 2026. Social at 1800, meeting at 1900.
4. Purchase a bike for Destin parade. Motion made by Mark to purchase a bike, 2nd by Cathie. Passed unanimously. Steve P said he would purchase the bike and deliver it to Destin.
5. Vote for Member of the year by secret ballot.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Great showing for Veterans Day Parade. And a beautiful day for a parade. Enjoyed lunch at Crab Shack on 98 afterwards.
2. PCC Poker Run Winners were:
1st place – Steve Payne
2nd place – Mark Gunn
3rd place – Fran Hendricks
Worst Hand – Scott Eisenhower.
Pat wanted to give a shout out to Allen Turner Chevrolet for making our team feel very comfortable for the Poker Run.
3. To see photos from recent club events, cruise on over to our website: <https://www.playgroundcorvetteclub.com>
4. If your car photo is not on the PCC website/or if you want to submit an updated photo, please forward a JPEG of your car to Bob Bates. rhbates1951@gmail.com
5. Club shirts are available at Impact Custom Clothing (850-244-4606; 206 Stokes Ave NW, Unit 1B, FWB). Impact Custom Clothing has The Playground Corvette Club logo. Impact Custom Clothing turns around orders in approx. 1-2 weeks. Daisy Day Brands (corner of Eglin and South) also has our club logo.
6. Jackie has Corvette logos that she will customize and embroider, you provide the garment. \$20/logo.
7. Mark worked with a local business to create PCC t-shirts. Men's shirt (blue) \$25; Women's shirt (pink) \$30. Contact Mark to place your order.
8. Anyone interested in a "Tire Banner" to display at car shows, please reach out to Mark. The banner is \$40 and PVC stand is \$15. We need 5 orders to secure this price._

CLUB EVENTS: (see website for updates)

12 December 2025: Staging the wreaths at Sunset Cemetery. Live Oak Ave, Valparaiso. Meet at the cemetery at 0915. Following the staging, lunch at the FWB Golf Course for those interested/available.

13 December 2025: Wreaths Across America. Meet at Turkey Creek Park (340 John Sims Parkway West, Niceville) at 0730. We will drive to Sunset Cemetery.

14 December 2025: Drive to see Christmas Lights. Meet at JC Penney parking lot (Santa Rosa Mall) at 1700. We will drive to North Gate see xmas lights, then drive to Coastal Kitchen (Island Beach Resort 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Okaloosa Island) for dinner.

18 Jan 2026: Induction Dinner at Marina Café (404 Harbor Blvd, Destin). Meet no later than 1645. Doors open at 1700. RSVP to Karen if you are attending.

4 February 2026: Club meeting at Ricks Crab Trap, 178 Eglin Parkway. Social hour 1800, meeting 1900.

Recap of 2025

Thanks for an incredible year!

Induction dinner, BOD meeting x2, Car Shows x10, Sea Turtle Conservation Center private tour, Cruise and lunch to Uncle Ernie's, National Corvette Day breakfast, NCM Michelin Bash, Quilt of Valor presentations, Poker Run, Laying of the Wreaths with Wreaths Across America, attended Special Operations Warrior Foundation Night of Honor, Veterans Day Parade...to name a few.

Donations to charities: Special Operations Warrior Foundation, SOCKS, Stuff the Bus, Wreaths Across America, Sea Turtle Conservation Center, NWFMOA, bike for the Destin Parade.

50:50 Drawing

1. 50:50: \$30, Dan had the winning ticket and donated the \$ back to the club.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Karen. 2nd by Peggy. Adjourned at 2005.
Presided by Eddie Carafa. Submitted by Karen Payne