

PLAYGROUND CORVETTE CLUB MINUTES

4 March 2026

The meeting was called to order by Eddie Carafa, at 1900, at Pedro's, 300 Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

Eddie opened the meeting by reporting on the recent car shows.

1. **Guest speaker**

Dave Lithway, of Hammock Bay Classic Cars, spoke about his beginnings with two '65 Cobra kits in 2nd primer stage that were sold to him and working on interesting classic autos. He wanted to get them out of the garage for cruises. Four years later, he started a group. There were no membership fees, no officers, no rules, just fun. The youngest member was 16 yrs old, with an old Ford truck. He was told that if he worked on the truck, he will be welcome to join.

Now, his group participates in cruises, get-togethers, planning for a show in the fall and other venues around the Panhandle.

For anyone interested, their regular meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month.

2. **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report was presented by Peggy.

3. **Ambassador's Report**

Steve Nobel shared information about the **23-25 April Michelin Show**. He encouraged those members who plan to attend to consider volunteering at the show. Our new banner is expected be posted at that time.

The Club validated 100 points, an unbelievable amount for a club our size ... worth more than \$400.

Steve asked to be informed when a member contacts the National Corvette Museum regarding insurance because we will get additional points. He added that Museum members will also receive a 10% rebate when purchasing three or four tires. For more specific information, members are encouraged to check the website (look for the drop-down menu on the right side).

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Payne won trivia Question # 1.

No one won Question #2.

Pat Maxin won Question #3.

Congratulations to both **Karen** and **Pat**!

OLD BUSINESS

Eddie announced that the new banner is still in production. Delivery is expected by late April, hopefully in time for the Michelin Show.

Congratulations to **Karen and Steve Payne, Beth and Darrell Hymer and Jeff Fraley**, trophy winners at the Cancer Free show!

Eddie reminded the group that our “very-cool” design T-shirts are still available.

Lapel pins are \$6 each.

The purpose of the **Directors Luncheon** (on June 18 or 19) is to establish ideas for 2027. **Eddie** will get back to us regarding the specific date.

Eddie asked for members’ ideas regarding the color scheme for the Silicone wrist bands with the Club logo. Members are encouraged to email their color choices (black with white letters, white with black letters, other colors, etc.). **Fran** mentioned that he has a production contact in Korea.

Playground Corvette Club had 14 car shows last year ... the only club to have 14 car shows!

Eddie remarked that a couple from Pensacola, **Terry and Jackie**, are interested in joining our Club.

Eddie also announced that he created a handy T-tube to keep our banners from being knocked down by the wind. Interested members should ask him for details.

CLUB EVENTS

Eddie reminded the group about the upcoming **14 March 2026 Cruising for Christ Car Show**, at New Life Church in Santa Rosa Beach, FL.

Eddie also commented on last year’s Pirate Show, stating it was a great show with great food at \$150/couple.

The previous Laying of the Wreaths conflicted with the Parade in Niceville. **Eddie** suggested that someone attend their meeting in advance to learn how this clash of dates can be resolved.

Note to members: Don and Shar could not be present at the meeting due to an illness in the family. Their C5 Corvette needs work and **Eddie** asked the members to suggest companies who might be able to work on Don's car. It was noted that Paradise Auto in Navarre turned out to be the only one to resolve another member's problem in the past.

Our April 4 Club meeting will be held at Pedro's. This time, we should be able to use another room for the meeting there. Rick's Crab Trap is temporarily closed. Other venues such Chilis and AJ's (on the Bayou) were suggested. **Eddie** will send out a notice to get everyone's opinion and come to a consensus.

50:50 Drawing

Beth and Darrel had the 50:50 winning raffle ticket.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by **Eddie Carafa** and seconded by **Cathy Gunn**. The meeting was adjourned at 1950.

Presided by Eddie Carafa

Submitted by Ruth Maciejewski