

Windy City Corvettes News



Spring 2025





WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.

My Two Cents Lawrence A. Pagliaro



This starts our 35th year as a club. Whoever would have thought on that Wednesday evening, 8/8/1990, in Perry and Dawn Scarsellato's family room, that we were starting what would be a 35 year journey. With 8 original members, we have had close to 900 join us as we enter our 35th year. It is mindboggling and proves we have been on the right path.

It actually started on July 18th at a Bill Kay Chevrolet Corvette show (then known as Liberty Chevrolet) planning meeting. The dealer staff, Larry Stortz and George Wronowski, invited us for drinks at a long-closed Bar (most things start in a bar) named Rosie O'Grady's. "Rosie's" was located close to the dealership on Ogden Ave. We came to the conclusion that what brought us together was the direction that we were setting for the Corvette show, our close relationship with Liberty Chevrolet and each other. We felt we had more in common on those points than we had with the direction being taken by our current club, Golden Glass Corvette Club. And that is how it started.

The eight Charter Windy City Corvettes members were:

- Tony Petraski (President)
- Dave Heinemann (Governor)
- Treasurer (Susan Pagliaro)
- Secretary (Dawn Scarsellato)
- Publicity (Joan Heinemann)
- Membership (Judy Petraski)
- Quartermaster (Larry Pagliaro)

After calling the NCCC region membership director during the 8/8/1990 meeting and finding out what was required to start a new NCCC club, we

all pitched in money to get things moving.

The club was incorporated on 8/15/1990, our now recognized birthdate.

The first Board meeting was held on Wednesday (yes, a Wednesday) 9/12/1990 and our very first General meeting was held at Orland Bowl the following Tuesday, 9/18/1990. We did pick up a couple of new members in late August.

Our first event, an NCCC Halloween Rallye, was hosted by Perry and Dawn Scarsellato, that started in Orland Park. The new Windy City Corvettes, inc. ended our first year of the NCCC Midwest Region Competition championship in 15th place.

Fun facts:

Our first mailing address was 9222 W. 159th St, Suite 349, Orland Park, IL 60462.

Our first option for club colors were Blue and Orange. But that did not last as the Quartermaster convinced the Officers that Blue and Orange may be hard to match and that Black and Silver would be the best colors for long-term consistency. That original Quartermaster still holds firm on Black and Silver. :-)

Skyline Corvette Club was considered for our club name.

The club grew steadily starting the next Spring due to the balance of NCCC events offered, a fun social environment that brought members together and a very successful Charity program. **Who knows** what the next 35 years will bring?

2025 Special Event License Plates



Starting early in the new year we will begin taking orders for the 2025 edition of our clubs Illinois Special Event

license plates. Plan early so that you are able to obtain the plate number that you want. It is recommended that you act early when the ordering process begins to avoid disappointment. See the form below to place your order.



WINDY CITY CORVETTES LICENSE PLATES



- FOR ALL PLATES SOLD, ALL BUYERS MUST SEND WINDY CITY CORVETTES A LEGIBLE COPY OF THEIR CURRENT REGISTRATION VALID THROUGH 8/31/2025 AND DRIVER'S LICENSE. IF ANY INFORMATION IS MISSING, PLATES WILL NOT BE MAILED.
- ALL PLATES WILL BE MAILED FROM THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE TO THE ADDRESS ON THE REGISTRATION UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE.
- **IN ILLINOIS, THE PLATES MAY BE DISPLAYED ON YOUR VEHICLE FROM 6/17/2025 THROUGH 8/15/2025. FOR ALL OTHER STATES, PLATES ARE NOT STREET LEGAL. BUT YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO SEND THE COPIES OF YOUR CURRENT REGISTRATION AND DRIVERS LICENSE.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!

- ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 8/8/2025
- ANY QUESTIONS CALL (708) 567-2513

LICENSE PLATE ORDER FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE # () _____ REQUESTED PLATE # _____

NUMBER OF SETS _____ X \$45.00 _____ (PAYABLE TO WINDY CITY CORVETTES)

MAIL CHECK ALONG WITH COPY OF CURRENT REGISTRATION VALID THROUGH 8/31/2025 AND DRIVER LICENSE TO:

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P.O. BOX 353

ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60462-0353

Charity Clips

2024 was a good year for the Charity Committee. Even with the laws in Illinois, we were able to donate and help many causes.

- Our big donation went to ISBA at our December General Meeting with a check for \$4,000.
- We did several split the pots at our events throughout the year to help in small ways for ISBA and A Silver Lining Foundation.
- Many of you put together and/or donated items for raffle baskets that we used at the Anderson Car Show which helped A Silver Lining Foundation.
- The Burr Ridge Car Show brought in additional funds for ISBA and Windy City.
- Member John Callan partnered with his local Lions Club, and they donated to ISBA and A Silver Lining Foundation.
- The Burns' and Kocandas' attended the "Go Baby Go" fundraiser for ISBA at the Autobahn.
- The Burns' and Kocandas' sponsored the ISBA annual picnic.
- The Kocandas' helped and worked an ISBA Bowl-A-Thon in December.
- During the year we helped our Veterans who live at the Manteno facility monthly. This was done with the help of all of you with your generous donations.
- Mother Nature was not kind to many parts of our country this year. The terrible hurricanes that ravished North Carolina sent many people who were not affected in the "what can I do" mode. We partnered with our American Legion, The Thomas E Hartung Post 1977 and jumped into action. So many of you donated the items that were requested and the Post sent 3 truckloads of necessary items their way.
- Several of us attended the fashion show fundraiser for A Silver Lining Foundation. We will do that again this year.
- I also know that many of you individually supported ISBA, A Silver Lining Foundation and our Veterans on your own. We thank you for that!

The Charity Committee is small, but we are Mighty. This only happens because of your generosity and help. THANK YOU!

For 2025, we will be sponsoring a car show at the Manteno Veteran's Facility on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

It's cold and snowy, so rest up. We have a lot coming in 2025!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Charity Committee