

# Windy City Corvettes News



# Spring 2026





WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.

# My Two Cents Lawrence A. Pagliaro



We have a very full schedule of events and activities on the schedule for 2026. Be sure to check out the Events page on our new website. The club has multiple events, activities and meetings each month, year round.

The first Wednesday is our monthly Meet Up at our American Legion Post. If it is too cold the gathering is in the bar and if the Corvettes are out, then in the parking lot. A nice addition late last year was the addition of the Pony Express restaurant. Their food is excellent. The Thomas E. Hartung, American Legion Post 1977, New Lenox, IL works so well for us as it provides an excellent meeting room plus the food and beverage options. Please continue to support the Post.

We have five Corvette Car show events on the schedule in April, May, two in August, and September. Plus, four Autocross events scheduled in April, June, September and October. Then add in the 4th of July parade plus the monthly social Drive and Dines. A huge Thank You to all of our Board, Committee Leaders and Event Chairpeople for hosting these events. They make our Corvette ownership a special experience.

Last year we celebrated our 35th anniversary with a Caravan, a cruise on the Illinois River followed by a dinner among the cars at Ace's Garage in Minooka, IL. That was a special day that comes once ever 5 years. While we can fit these special Club Sponsored events in every five years, we will try to add something special around our August 15th club Anniversary Date. If you have ideas please

let the club Board and Committee leaders know your suggestions. We are always looking for new and interesting places to visit.

Note; the Village of Burr Ridge has asked that the annual Car show move back into August to ensure warmer weather. Ok, maybe hot weather. But we agreed that attendance could improve when compared to potential weather related challenges that October can raise. We've had some warm October events and then we've had some where the jackets did not come off. We have a very special relationship with the Burr Ridge Board of Trustees I think all of our members recognize this so we encourage you to patronize the businesses in the village and in the Village Center. New venues have been added and for most of us, it is a short distance into the heart of Burr Ridge.

Another event that the Board is discussing is to bring back is the annual Christmas party dinner which has been held at various restaurants in past years. It is the time of the year to dress up and enjoy each others company when the Corvettes are in storage for the winter. Again, if you have location suggestions please let us know your thoughts.

We will continue to fill in our events calendar as the year progresses but as I write this in late January, you can see we do have full calendar of events and 2026 is definitely going to be another Good One!

## 2026 Special Event License Plates



We had a very successful year with our 2025 Special Event license plate pro-

gram. We met our goals to keep the program viable as plates are sold based on our cost. The club does not profit from these plates and this is how we price all items for members. The 2026 edition is available for sale now. More to come.....



# 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 8/31/2026 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 6/17/2026 THROUGH 8/15/2026. 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 8/8/2026
- ANY QUESTIONS CALL (708) 567-2513

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### 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 8/31/2026 AND DRIVER LICENSE TO:

**WINDY CITY CORVETTES LICENSE PLATES**

**P.O. BOX 353**

**ORLAND PARK, ILLINOIS 60462-0353**

## Charity Clips

It is brutal out there today. Below zero and snowy. It's a great time to reflect on what our small committee accomplished in 2025.

We had another great year in 2025. Windy City Corvettes continues to flourish and do great things. This only happens because of the wonderful people who belong to this club. Here are some highlights.

- We did several split the pots at our events throughout the year to help in small ways for ISBA and A Silver Lining Foundation (ASLF).
- Several of us attended the annual Glitz and Glamour Fashion Show fundraiser for ASLF.
- Many of you helped with putting together raffle baskets that we used at the M&M Car Show which benefited A Silver Lining Foundation.
- The Burr Ridge Car Show brought in extra funds for ISBA and Windy City.
- Member John Callan partnered with his local Lions Club, and they donated to ISBA and ASLF. Many of our members donated glasses to this Lions Club.
- The Burns' and Kocandas' again financially sponsored the ISBA picnic.
- A few of us attended the American Legion's Chili Cook-Off. This was in support of the Manteno Veteran's Home.
- The Charity Committee along with Rich Krol, hosted an all car/bike show at the Manteno Veteran's Home. We raised more money for that show than anything we have done in a few years.
- Our big donation went to ISBA at our December General Meeting with a check for \$4,000.

We are already planning for 2026. We will sponsor another car show at the Manteno Veteran's Home on August 1, 2026.

A big "THANK YOU" to all of you who helped throughout the year. We are a small committee who belongs to a club of wonderful people.

It's cold and snowy! Rest up, spring is coming – we have a lot coming in 2026!!!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Windy City Corvettes, inc**

**Charity Committee**