RENO CORVETTE CLUB

VETTES, LAKES AND STEAKS 2026

EVENT RECAP

A Weekend of Corvettes, Camaraderie, and Lasting Memories

The Reno Corvettes Club (RCC) enjoyed an outstanding weekend July 24–26, 2026, as 44 members traveling in 21 Corvettes came together for the annual Vettes, Lakes & Steaks event. The three-day adventure featured scenic drives, historic destinations, friendly competition, exceptional food, and, most importantly, the camaraderie that makes our club so special.

Our journey took us through Placerville, California's Gold Country, the Feather River Canyon, and the beautiful Lake Almanor region. Along the way, members enjoyed visits to Placerville Hardware, the historic Gold Bug Mine, and Apex at Red Hawk before gathering for the highlight of the weekend—a relaxing lakeside celebration at Lake Almanor.

Racing Excitement at Apex at Red Hawk

One of the weekend's most exciting activities was the Apex Go-Kart Racing Challenge, where 12 RCC members took to the track for some spirited competition. The racers delivered an impressive display of skill and determination, with Tom Dorsett taking first place with a fastest lap of 49.173 seconds. Lowell Vivian followed closely in second place at 49.555 seconds, while Tony Escalera secured third with a time of 50.841 seconds.

Congratulations to our top finishers! The competition brought plenty of excitement, laughter, and friendly rivalries, along with a few new bragging rights that are sure to carry over into next year's event.

Lake Almanor: Relaxation and Fellowship

Saturday's gathering at Lake Almanor provided the perfect opportunity for members to unwind and enjoy the spectacular surroundings. The beautiful weather and inviting lake made it easy to relax, catch up with friends, and share stories from the road. Lowell Vivian and Maddy Dorsett even took advantage of the warm afternoon with a refreshing swim.

Whether enjoying the lakeside views, visiting with fellow members, or simply taking a break from the weekend's activities, everyone had an opportunity to appreciate the friendship and relaxed atmosphere that make these club gatherings so memorable.

A Delicious Dinner and Outstanding Teamwork

A special thank-you goes to Rick Mathews and Ken Hansen for preparing and grilling a fantastic steak and chicken dinner that was enjoyed by everyone. Their efforts were complemented by Susan Hansen, Linda Mathews, and Janice Vivian, who contributed an impressive assortment of appetizers, homemade treats, snacks, side dishes, and all the extras that made the meal truly exceptional.

The ladies also added a festive touch to the barbecue area with Corvette-themed decorations, creating a welcoming atmosphere that reflected the pride and enthusiasm of our club. Their thoughtful attention to detail helped transform the dinner into a memorable RCC celebration, demonstrating once again that the success of our events comes from the willingness of members to contribute their time, talents, and creativity.

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What Makes the Reno Corvettes Club Special

Beyond the beautiful scenery, exciting activities, and outstanding meals, the true success of Vettes, Lakes & Steaks was the spirit of fellowship shared throughout the weekend. Members worked together, supported one another, and created opportunities to strengthen friendships both on and off the road.

Events like this remind us that the Reno Corvettes Club is about much more than the cars we drive. It is about the people, shared experiences, and lasting friendships that bring us together. The enthusiasm and participation of everyone involved helped make this one of RCC's most enjoyable events of the year.

A Heartfelt Thank-You to Our Hosts

Our sincere appreciation goes to Ken and Susan Hansen for graciously welcoming the club to their beautiful Lake Almanor home and generously providing the use of their facilities. Their hospitality, hard work, and warm, welcoming spirit played a vital role in making Vettes, Lakes & Steaks such a unique and special event.

Thank you to everyone who participated, helped with the arrangements, prepared food, decorated, raced, cruised, and contributed to the weekend's success. It is this spirit of generosity and friendship that makes the Reno Corvettes Club such a wonderful organization.

The 2026 Vettes, Lakes & Steaks weekend gave us another collection of memories to cherish—and another reason to look forward to the next time we gather for great cars, beautiful roads, and lasting friendships.

Same roads, more memories!