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Bob Lapine's CCU Club Picture at Larry Miller's Motorsports Park

EDITORS NOTE

I would like to thank the 2006 Officers of the Corvette Club of Utah for a great year. We gained a new sponsor, lots of new members, and lots of opportunities to travel, show our cars, and socialize with each other. We hope to continue the trend for 2007. With new officers come new ideas. You will notice the Gazette looks a little different. I hope you like the changes. Thanks Linda for doing a great job with the *Vette Gazette* for the last couple of years.

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NEW MEMBERS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW MEMBERS



CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS

Consumers Digest Magazine Names 2007 Automotive Best Buys

Thirty-two vehicles and six companion models out of 253 total 2007 models received Best Buy ratings from Consumers Digest.

The Corvette was named as one of the six "Sporty Cars" best buys in addition to the Ford Mustang, Mazda6, MINI Cooper, Pontiac Solstice and Saturn Sky.

Performance characteristics evaluated comprise starting and acceleration, shifting, steering and handling, braking, ride quality and fuel economy. View the full article here: http://dailygameplan.typepad.com/dgp/2005/11/consumers_diges.html#more

2007 Special Events

C5/C6 Bash April 26 – 28

C4/ZR1 Gathering May 3 – 5

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C4/ZR1 Gathering May 3 – 5

Corvette Forum Cruise-in May 24 – 26

Mediterranean/Europe Cruise June 18 – 30

Anniversary Celebration Aug 30 - Sept 2

Pace Car Reunion September 27 – 29

Classic Corvette Extravaganza October 11-13

Z06 Fest October 25 - 27



WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL

Congratulations, Corvette Club of Utah, for our decision to once again be a part of the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC). In the last issue of the *Vette Gazette* I described the process by which our club became a non-voting participant with WSCC. Speaking with some of our club's veteran members, the WSCC president Rob Weaver, and WSCC NCM Ambassador Buzz Marston, I learned that our club was a full Voting Member club back in the 1960's and 70's. I also learned that CCU hosted the 1976 WSCC National Convention. John Kennedy was our club president at that time. In Rob Weaver's words,

"The Convention was a memorable event. We had an autocross and drag racing at the Bonneville Raceway Park, a gimmick rally, tricycle racing and a Concours car show. The site was the Hilton in Salt Lake City on West 5th South. The Convention ran from July 4th-9th . . ."

It is not uncommon to ask, "**What is the Western States Corvette Council, and why should I belong?**" Basically, the council is nothing more than a collection of clubs who have decided that they are interested in sharing common events and that there are benefits to operating as a group. The Board, and all the members are all volunteers, and the Council is a non-profit organization. Corvette club members sign up individually as a dues paying member of WSCC, and in doing so receive the quarterly journal *Redline* and . . . "Every member has the opportunity to participate in the council events, make new friends, and exchange ideas on our basic interest, the Corvette." You can read much more about the purpose and the activities of WSCC by checking out the link on our CCU web page.

With those few comments, let me now bring you all up to date on some interesting new information that I have received from the WSCC Board. I received a note from our buddy Buzz Marston a couple of weeks ago while he was in Bowling Green, KY attending the Fourth Quarter Board meeting. Buzz explained that one of the topics was the 2007 American Le Mans Series (ALMS) racing schedule. As we know, Miller Motorsports Park is scheduled to host the 5th race of the season over the weekend of May 19. In Buzz's words, CCU is "on for the dance." Our Corvette Club of Utah will be invited to again join with Chevrolet and the National Corvette Museum in hosting the **Chevy Presents Corvette Corral**. Buzz also noted that the 2007 race will be under the lights – a night race. The most recent issue of *Redline* magazine made several complementary notations toward our CCU, which included the statement that "CCU was a member of WSCC back in the 60's and 70's and they are **"the"** club in Utah." Well, certainly we knew that, oh yeah! So, that is why CCU will be invited to host the corral again. We are the Man, so to speak.

Some CCU members may have already heard that there is a **2009 National Corvette Caravan** being planned again to go back to Bowling Green. From the comments in *Redline*, Salt Lake City will be a stopping-off point for the east bound Corvette caravans. Do you remember 2003? It looks like its coming again, and CCU will be asked to take a major roll. Who is up for another awesome Road Trip? There isn't much word out yet about this caravan, but you can watch the web site at <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com> for updates.



I would like to say a few words about our **Chevrolet Corvette Racing Team**.



Those who attended the ALMS race at MMP last July, and especially our CCU members who worked the corral, will remember our congenial racing hero **Ron Fellows**. Well, Ron can add another chevron to his sleeve because he was again selected by the fans, for the third year in a row, as the

“Most Popular Driver” in ALMS. Anyone who had the opportunity to talk with Ron, one on one as I did, knows what a down to Earth, regular guy he is. And when he gets behind the wheel of that awe-inspiring C6.R racing Corvette he becomes a road animal. I know that I am not alone in looking forward to next year’s ALMS race and getting more great photo opportunities with Ron, his partner Johnny O’Connell, and the two Olli’s at the race in May.

Lastly, our Corvette Racing Team continued its tradition of achievement in 2006 when it wrapped up this 50th Anniversary in international road racing by sweeping the American Le Mans Series manufacturers, drivers and team championships. The season came to its conclusion under the lights at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in October. What an inspiring heritage we all have to cling to. Watch for much more to come.

For more details about Corvette racing, and the Western States Corvette Council, check out the web sites at:

<http://www.corvetteracing.com>

<http://www.westerncorvettes.com>

<http://www.wsccl.ws>

You can see me at any of our CCU meetings for an application to join WSCC or you can download the application directly from the WSCC web site. See you all soon, and remember to wave.

Bob Tillotson
bobt@skyplanner.com



CORVETTE CLUB OF UTAH NEWS

2007 CCU MEMBERSHIP DUES

CCU membership dues of \$40 for 2007 apply to all club members. Dues must be paid within 60 days from January 1, in order to retain Club seniority. A \$15 penalty is charged after 60 days. Please make your check payable to the Corvette Club of Utah. Checks may be mailed to Jalee Cox, 431 South Orchard Drive, American Fork, UT 84003.

NOT HEARING ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

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CLUB SHIRTS, JACKETS, AND HATS

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Shirts up to size XL	\$25.00
Shirts 2XL and larger	\$27.50
Jackets up to size XL	\$70.00
Jackets 2XL and larger	\$75.00
Hats with Club Logo (Black)	\$12.00

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST AND CRUISE TO ANTELOPE ISLAND



For those members who braved the rain, we had a great brunch at Home Town Buffet in Layton where the CCU members with November Birthdays were announced. We then headed out to Antelope Island to see Garr Ranch. After a few mystery stops, Horst found Antelope Island and arranged for an informative lecture. Our Utah State Park guide called ahead and arranged special Corvette parking so we could see the buffalo round up and inoculations. At last count, there were approximately 700 buffalo on the island. Once again, we found the paved roads that turned into dirt. But, no dust or bugs this time. At the corrals, we watched them separate the buffalo and then use a tractor to push the buffalo into a pincher gate so they could be inoculated and tested. It turned out to be a perfect day on the island. We ended the day with a quick run up to the point for ice cream and french fries overlooking the Great Salt Lake. What a view of the west side of the lake. Another great CCU outing. Thanks Horst & Gabby.



CRUISE TO THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN



Last year, Mike and Judy Corgiat invited CCU members on a very affordable 8 day Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean. Many members dropped out, but those that went were rewarded with beautiful weather, great food, and a wonderful time. The group visited Saint Martens, Barbados, and Martinique. While members were at home freezing in the 45 degree Utah weather, they were snorkeling in the warm ocean water of the Caribbean. Besides eating, napping, and more eating, we enjoyed ATV rides, glass bottom boat rides, snorkeling with turtles and colorful tropical fish, and of course, shopping. The weather was perfect the entire cruise with warm tropical sunshine and warm tropical water. The Corvette Club has discovered a new meaning for "crusin".



NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING AND ELECTIONS

CCU election of the 2007 Officers took place at the monthly membership on Nov 15, 2006. Larry Miller was kind enough to offer his facility and hospitality once again for a club meeting. New officers elected are as follows:

President	John Hawkins
Vice President	Luke Hofenagel
	Horst Hackbarth
	Paul Cox
Secretary	Char Ohlson
Treasurer	Jalee Cox
Vette Gazette	Bob Clayton
Historian	Liliane Hofenagel
Membership	Mike Barker
Special Events	Kim Riley
	Mike & Judy Corgiat
Public Relations	Parley Dudley

CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE TIMBERMINE

The CCU Christmas Party was held at the Timbermine Restaurant in Ogden on Dec 20, 2006. Because of publishing and mailing deadlines, it was too late to add pictures and info about the party in this issue. Look for the pictures in the March/April 2006 issue of the *Vette Gazette*.

January 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Years Holiday	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 CCU Officers Meeting 7:00PM	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Holiday	16	17 CCU Members Meeting 7:00PM	18	19	20 CCU Awards Banquet 6:00PM
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentines Day and CCU Officers Meeting 7:00PM	15	16	17
18	19 Presidents Holiday	20	21 CCU Members Meeting 7:00PM	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

JANUARY EVENTS

THE ANNUAL CCU AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2007

Be sure to come to the Annual CCU Awards Banquet!

PLACE:

A Classic Choice Catering
7879 South 1530 West
West Jordan, UT

TIME:

6:00 P.M.

COST:

\$20.00/Person

The CCU Annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 20th, 6 PM, at the Classic Choice Catering, 7879 South 1530 West, West Jordan. You must have your money in by January 10th. Send your check made out to CCU to Linda Butterfield at 7308 S Ramanee Drive, Midvale, UT 84047. Do not make out combined checks for dues and awards banquet. These must be separate checks.

Think back to all the "interesting" things that happened this past year and let the board know your ideas for our "too much for us" awards. Email your ideas to LINDAK@NETWORLD.COM.

Jan Bush, who did such a fantastic job with these awards last year, has volunteered to do the again. Let's come up with lots of good awards.

Information – Call Linda Butterfield @ 561-3753.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

CCU Membership Meeting – Feb 21, 2007, 7:00 PM, TBD

FUTURE EVENTS

ROUTE 66 FUN RUN MAY 2 TO 7TH



Fun Run at a Glance

The Corvette Club of Utah will be taking a new route to the annual Route 66 run next year. We will run from Salt Lake City to Primm, NV. on Wednesday, May 2nd. On Thursday, May 3rd to Santa Monica, California to the Pier "End of Route 66" to sight see and lunch then move on to Hollywood and over to Ontario. Friday, May 4th to Lake Havasu City. Saturday, May 5th to Seligman on the "Fun Run" to Kingman. Sunday, May

6th from Kingman to Oatman and Golden Shores to Prescott and on to Page. Monday, May 7th Page to Salt Lake City. More details to follow. Remember to sign up early so we can accommodate you!!

DO NOT FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT!!!! Register at <http://www.azrt66.com/> We will be picking up our packets at Seligman, Arizona.

Any additional information or questions can be directed to Bernie Warburton @ Phone: 572-2345 or 598-2278(cell); email:bernie@ironstitch.com.



AMERICAN LE MANS RACING SCHEDULE FOR 2007

Sebring	March 17	Mid-Ohio	July 22
St Petersburg	March 31	Road America	August 11
Long Beach	April 14	Mosport	August 26
Houston	April 21	Detroit	September 1
Salt Lake	May 19	Petit Le Mans	October 6
Lime Rock	July 7	Laguna Seca	October 20



Corvette Racing and Team Cadillac Personnel Receive Special Recognition Awards

Following the conclusion of the 2006 American Le Mans Series and the SCCA SPEED World Challenge Championships at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on Oct. 21-22, GM's factory road racing teams won special recognition in post-season award ceremonies.

Corvette Racing driver Ron Fellows was voted the Most Popular Driver in the ALMS, Corvette Racing's Dan Binks was honored as the GT1 Crew Chief of the Year, and Team Cadillac program manager Dave Spitzer was awarded the prestigious Jim Cook Memorial Trophy. Established in 2003, the ALMS Most Popular Driver award is determined by the fans in online voting. Fellows won the award for an unprecedented third year in a row. "It's a great honor to win this award again," said Fellows. "When you receive awards that are voted on by fans, they're hugely flattering. I want to express my sincere thanks to the fans." Click here for the complete release: www.corvetteracing.com

CORVETTE HISTORY

Submitted by Keith Fritz

THE GENERAL'S TOYBOX

SEPTEMBER 1953

A story the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* carried a very interesting headline on the "locals" page. It read, "Chevrolet to Make Plastic Cars Here."

In June of 1953, production of a new car called the Corvette began next to the GM plant on Van Slyke Road in Flint, MI. The location offered skilled labor and available production space and it was close to key departments. But it was clear from the beginning that if the car survived the first year, the little plant on Van Slyke Road was to be a temporary location.

As early as March of 1953, St Louis Plant Manager, William Mosher was told to get ready for this new car and start looking for production space. Mosher sent a team to the Flint facility and told them to observe the start up of the Corvette line. They took detailed notes and quickly developed an assembly layout.

The little plant in Flint ended production on December 24th and began in earnest in St. Louis, just four days later on the 28th and would continue until 1981 when production moved to Bowling Green, KY.



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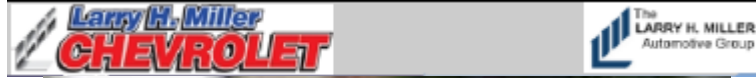
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