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BIRTHDAYS

January 2009

1/1 Dennis Gines
1/2 Fred Drake
1/5 Marjean McKay
1/6 Carol Hooper
1/7 Alta Laurence
1/9 Don Bonnema
1/10 Robert Tillotson
1/11 Tom Schmidt
1/12 Donna Brown
1/12 Kathy Collings
1/13 Dave Ohlson
1/13 Ron Olivarez
1/15 Ann Marsh
1/15 Rudy Thompson
1/17 Sara Greenwood
1/18 Jay Elliott
1/19 Terry Troxel
1/20 Gary Odenwalder
1/23 Stacia Carlson
1/24 Ken Rice
1/24 Sharyn Shappart
1/25 Paul Cox
1/27 Linda Laycock
1/29 JoAnn Vigil
1/30 Merry Barker
1/30 Judy Larson
1/30 Cordela Sommers
1/30 Linda Ward

February 2009

2/2 Pete Schwager
2/3 Berrie Strachan
2/4 Brent Plant
2/4 Susan Thomson
2/5 Parley Dudley
2/7 Michael Fisher
2/7 John Sorensen
2/7 Kathi Stanford

2/8 Toya-Lyn Flanagan
2/8 Andre Morrow
2/10 Don Marsh
2/11 Kirk Allen
2/11 Mike McFadden
2/13 David Taylor
2/13 Sheldon Voigt
2/15 Jim Elliott
2/20 Lilibeth Hess
2/21 Marilee Curtis
2/21 Jim Laraway
2/22 Dennis Nelson
2/22 Georgiana Nelson
2/22 Billie Powell
2/23 John Hawkins
2/26 Bob Lapine
2/27 Betty Pedersen
2/28 Amber Gaylor
2/28 David White
2/28 Diane Williams

2009 EVENT SUMMARY

JANUARY 2009

- 14 Officers Meeting/Cox
- 16-19 Motor Trend – 2009 Utah International Auto Expo – Sandy, UT
- 17 Birthday Breakfast (South)/Golden Corral, West Jordan, UT
- 21 Membership Meeting/Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT
- 24 Awards Banquet/Joseph Smith Memorial Building

FEBRUARY 2009

- 1 Super Bowl Party/Garcia's, Layton, UT
- 11 Officers Meeting/Tillotson
- 18 Membership Meeting/ Roy Library, Roy, UT
- 22 Birthday Dinner & Hardware Ranch Tour/TBD

MARCH 2009

- 11 Officers Meeting/TBD
- 18 Membership Meeting/Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT
- 21 Birthday Dinner (South)/TBD
- 27-29 35th Annual Parts Plus AutoRama – South Town Expo, Sandy, UT

APRIL 2009

- 8 Officers Meeting/
- 15 Membership Meeting/
- 19 Birthday Breakfast (North) and Cruise

MAY 2009

- 1-4 Seligman-Topock Historic Route 66 Fun Run – Kingman, AZ
- 13 Officers Meeting/
- 15-16 Utah Valley Cruise In & Car Show/Thanksgiving Point – Lehi, UT
- 15-17 American Le Mans Series – Millers Motor Sports Park, Tooele, UT
- 16-24 California Cruise (9 Day) – Santa Barbara, Ca
- 20 Membership Meeting/
- 30 Hugs for Life Car Show
- 31 Birthday Breakfast (South) and Cruise

JUNE 2009

- 5 Historic 25th Street Car & Motorcycle Show – Ogden, UT
- 7 Mountain West Street News Picnic – Sandridge Park, Roy, UT
- 10 Officers Meeting/
- 12-13 Coats for Kids, Bountiful, UT
- 13 Birthday Dinner (North) and Cruise
- 17 Membership Meeting/Sandridge Park, Roy, UT
- 19-21 Cruise-In 2009/Rainbow Hotel & Casino – Wendover, NV
- 22-28 Montana Ghost Town/Little Bighorn Cruise

JULY 2009

- 2-4 Cache Valley Cruise In – Logan, UT
- 4 West Jordan City Car Show
- 8 Officers Meeting/
- 11 Coalville Super, Cruise – Coalville, UT
- 11 Shakespearean Festival Cruise – Cedar City, UT
- 15 Membership Meeting/
- 19 Birthday Breakfast (South) and Cruise

AUGUST 2009

- 1 Evanston Car Cruise, Evanston, WY
- 8 Stars of the Past Car Show/Layton Commons Park – Layton, UT
- 8-9 Lehman Caves Cruise – Great Basin National Park, UT
- 12 Officers Meeting/
- 14-15 Great Salt Lake Truck and Car Show/Thanksgiving Point – Lehi, UT
- 15 Kruiser's for Kids Shriner's Hospital Charity Car Show- Midvale, UT
- 19 Membership Meeting/
- 21-22 Concourse Delegation/Thanksgiving Point – Lehi, UT
- 22 Birthday Breakfast (North) and Cruise
- 30-31 2009 National Corvette Caravan/Bowling Green, KY

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1-5 2009 National Corvette Caravan/Bowling Green, KY
- 4-5 Peach Days Car Show and Poker Run– Brigham City, UT
- 9 Officers Meeting/
- 16 Membership Meeting/
- 19 Cruisin for a Cure/Ardell Brown's – Draper, UT
- 19 Wings and Wheels Car Show/Wendover Air Field, Wendover, UT
- 20 Birthday Dinner (South) and Cruise
- 28 Hawaii Cruise/Carnival Cruise Lines - Hawaii

OCTOBER 2009

- 1-10 Hawaii Cruise/Carnival Cruise Lines - Hawaii
- 14 Officers Meeting/
- 21 Membership Meeting/Officer Nominations
- 25 Birthday Dinner (North) and Cruise

NOVEMBER 2009

- 11 Officers Meeting/
- 14 Birthday Breakfast (South)
- 18 Membership Meeting/Officer Elections

DECEMBER 2009

- 9 New/Old Officers Meeting/
- 12 Birthday Dinner (North)
- 16 Membership Meeting/Officer Elections
- 19 Christmas Party

Always Check the CCU Website for the Most Current Information

NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Colleen Aird – West Jordan, UT
1992 Green Coupe
Recruited by: Ken Rice

Mark and Linda Ward – Sandy, UT
1986 Red Coupe
Recruited by: Darrell Moench

GETTING TO KNOW THE MEMBERS

MARK AND LINDA WARD

Mark was born in Ogden Utah. He was the sixth of seven children. He has five brothers and a sister. He graduated from Bonneville High School. He has been in the food industry since graduation. He has owned two Arctic Circle Restaurants until four and a half years ago when he sold and bought Subway. He owns two Subway's one on the corner of North Temple and 300 West and one on 3636 South and 2100 West. He is looking for a new location for a third store.

Linda was born in Farmington New Mexico. She is the second of four children. She graduated from Farmington High School. She has been working in the restaurant business with Mark until a few months ago and now she stays home and takes care of home and family. Between them they have 11 children and are expecting their 13th grandchild in Nov.

They heard about the Corvette Club through Darrell Moench. He told them about the car they purchased. It is a 1986 Red Corvette.

ROSS KLAFTA

Hi everyone my name is Ross Klafta and I live in Salt Lake City. I'm a prospect for the Utah Corvette Club of Utah. I was a little apprehensive about joining because I thought there was some sort of initiation rite like kissing a goat's behind, that would have been too easy. When I talked to Mike he told me he needed a bio to compete the application process I told him I was under the protection witness program but he told me he did not care he still needed the bio so others members would know more about me before I just show up. The last time I wrote something like this I was in high school. My teacher sent my parents a sympathy card. I will try and not make this sound like a profile for E-Harmony.com.

I live in Taylorville and I am single. I have been told I look like George Clooney's third cousin. I moved to Utah about 16 years ago, not for the 3.2 beer but for the 5.6 wives. I enjoy all sorts of outdoor activities including snow skiing, camping, boating, fishing and riding my Harley. BUT I always wanted a Corvette. I tried to buy one when I was a young Marine but without a credit history I needed a co-signer on the loan, so I went to mom and dad. They said NO they thought I would hurt myself in a car like a Corvette. Apparently with them it was OK for me to throw hand grenades, shoot automatic weapons and parachute out of perfectly good airplanes and helicopters but not to drive a fast Corvette. Many years later my friend and neighbor Garth Sawyers (who by the way recruited me to the club) let me drive his Vette and I was sold I made my mind up to get one and I finally did. It's a 2008 Silver Coupe. After driving the Corvette I wonder why anyone would want to drive anything else. All of my home improvement projects are being put on the "back burner" until my garage is turned in to a Corvette shrine. I hope to meet you all real soon and start enjoying the events the club has put together for 2009.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

The Corvette Club of Utah is a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum. For more information or membership information go to <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/> . Our NCM Ambassador is Parley Dudley.

WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL

The Corvette Club of Utah is a non-voting member of the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC). For more information, membership information, or to read the WSCC Redline Magazine go to <http://www.wscs.ws/> . Our WSCC representative is Bob Tillotson.

CORVETTE RACING

The Corvette Club of Utah fully supports the American Le Mans Racing Series (ALMS) and the ALMS Race at Miller Motorsports Park. For more details about Corvette racing check out the web sites at:

<http://www.corvetteracing.com>

<http://www.millermotorsportspark.com/index.cfm>

MOUNTAIN WEST STREET NEWS (MWSN)

The Mountain West Street News (MWSN) is a local publication that promotes and advertises area events for car clubs and enthusiasts. CCU is part of this publication. Our CCU correspondent for MWSN is Bob Tillotson. You can join MWSN and receive it's bi-monthly publication by attending the MWSN Picnic each summer. MWSN, P.O. Box 172, Roy, UT 84067 or call (801) 773-8438.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NATIONAL CARAVAN – 2009

There is a National Corvette Caravan from all points in the United States to Bowling Green, KY beginning August 29 2009. The caravan will be leaving Salt Lake City on August 31, 2009. The Corvette Club of Utah will be a part of the NorCal Caravan which is headed by Steve Cleveland and includes northern California, Nevada and Utah. For details and registration go to www.corvettecaravan.com .



CORVETTE CLUB OF UTAH NEWS

WEAR YOUR CCU NAME BADGE

We have lots of new members in the club. The only way they will be able to remember your name is you wear your CCU name badge. To encourage you, only members wearing naming tags will get raffle tickets for the Membership Meeting door prizes. Come on, dig out those badges.

SALES PRESENTATIONS

Sales presentations at any of our membership meetings from any business or organization other than our sponsor must be approved at the Officer's Meeting the month prior. Please, no exceptions.

EVENT POINTS

From Article XI, Section 1 of the ByLaws – Points will be awarded to the members for their participation and the winner will be determined by the highest score for each calendar year. We as officers have defined participation as attending the meeting and/or event, not just showing up, getting on the roll, and then leaving. Participation in the birthday dinner or cruise gets a the point.

OBLIGATION OF CLUB MONIES

From Article IV Section 4 of the ByLaws - No obligation, debt or other liability will be incurred without the specific approval of the President. An amount exceeding \$200 must be approved by 2/3rd majority vote of the officers. An amount exceeding \$500 will be voted on at a normal club meeting. Proposals for donations of money at club meetings must be made to and approved by the officers before presenting motions for vote at a normal club Meeting.

NOT HEARING ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS

We try to keep you informed with the Gazette, the CCU Website, and e-mail reminders. If you want to receive e-mail updates on events, changes to the schedule (and that does happen), you need to let us know your current e-mail address. If you change your e-mail address, you need to tell us or you won't get CCU e-mail. Please e-mail your most current e-mail address to Kim Riley at vetnwild@comcast.net.

CLUB SHIRTS, JACKETS, AND HATS

If you would like to purchase Club shirts, jackets and hats, contact Horst at 450-5231, e-mail: vette_fun4two@yahoo.com. Items must be prepaid.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

The October birthday dinner was at the Golden Corral in South Jordan on Oct 26th. The names of members with birthdays in October were read and recognized. It was nice enough for a cruise, but we didn't. Birthday Dinner's are an excuse for members of the club to get together, eat, and socialize. You don't have to have a birthday to come. Come and join us for these events each month.



EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE – NOV 9TH – 16TH

Cruising did not end when we put the Corvette's away in October. It's time to take advantage of the great fares and fun with Carnival Cruise Lines. This year, the CCU cruise was to the Eastern Caribbean. Leaving out of Miami, we skirted the hurricane in Cuba and visited Puerto Rico, St Thomas, and St Marten. The weather was beautiful, the water warm, and everyone had a great time.

The events included horseback riding, bus tours, snorkeling, underwater scooters, and just plain lying around on the beach. Most of us were sunburned when we got back. Next year is Hawaii so come join the fun.

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

The 2009 Officer Elections and Membership Meeting was held on November 19th at Larry Miller Chevrolet. We thank our sponsor providing us a place to meet in the winter months.

We had a great turn out for the elections with 185 ballots counted. The new officers for 2009 are:

Paul Cox – President

Bob Anderson – Vice President

Horst Hackbarth – Vice President

Lloyd Laycock – Vice President

Char Ohlson – Secretary

Jalee Cox – Treasurer

Mike Barker – Membership

Liliane Hoefnagel – Historian

Kim Riley – Special Events

Bob Tillotson – NCM Ambassador and Public Relations

Dave Ohlson – Webmaster

Bob Clayton – Gazette

Congratulations to the new officers and thank-you to the outgoing officers for a great year.

During the meeting Don Bonnema reported on the redo of a second room at the Ronald McDonald House. Participants in the renovation included Don Rosenkrantz, Ken Bauman, Bruce Gildea, Dave and Char Ohlson.

The club also collected canned goods during the meeting and they were delivered to the local food bank. Thank-you for your donations.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

The November birthday breakfast was held at the Jim's Restaurant in Salt Lake City on November 22nd. The names of members with birthdays in November were read and recognized. We had a great crowd, the service was good, and the food came out fast. Once again, the weather was nice enough for a cruise, but we didn't. Come and join us for these events each month.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY DINNER

The December Birthday Dinner was held on Dec 7th at Rib City in Sandy. The weather was nice enough for a cruise, but only dinner was held. Members with birthdays in December were recognized. If you are suffering from Cabin Fever, come join us for the birthday recognition meals.



CCU CHRISTMAS PARTY

The CCU Annual Christmas Party was held on Dec 13th at the Lion House in Salt Lake City. It was a busy and cold winter night. A lot of us took Trax in from Sandy to avoid the parking congestion in downtown SLC. However, the train was standing room only going down and they actually kicked us off the train on the way back. Those that drove got the better deal.

The party itself was great. The food was good, the rolls were better, and the deserts were great. Because of the size our club, we were actually in two rooms. We occupied the entire 2nd floor. The entertainment was the choir from East High School. The highlight was when they had John Hawkins, our President, come forward so the women could sing Santa Baby to him. It's the first time I've seen John blush. Everyone that attended received a gift card from the club.

Despite the construction, the Temple Square lights were beautiful. With it being so cold, I'm not sure very many went to look at them.



January 2009

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

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Super Bowl Party 3:30PM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 CCU Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	12	13	14 Valentines Day
15	16 Presidents Day	17	18 CCU Membership Meeting 7:00 PM	19	20	21
22 Birthday Dinner and Hardware Ranch	23	24	25	26	27	28



DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The December Membership Meeting was held on December 17th at Larry Miller's Chevrolet Dealership. The Larry Miller Chevrolet Dealership has agreed to be our sponsor for another year despite the current hard economic times. We thank them for their generosity and their willingness to let us use their training room for our club meetings during the winter months. Please support them by visiting them for your vehicle needs and servicing.

POP-UP SOCIAL

If you have been checking the CCU web page on a regular basis, you have noticed pop-up socials being held at different eating establishments in both the North and South. These socials are no points, no pressure, chances to get together and socialize as a club. If the weather is good, bring the Corvette. If you don't have access to the internet, try visiting your local library. They have computers that you can use to access the internet and check the CCU web page. If that will not work for you, let one of the officers know and we will make arrangements to send you a notice by phone call or postcard.

JANUARY EVENTS

MOTOR TREND - 2009 UTAH INTERNATIONAL AUTO EXPO – JAN 16TH

Friday, January 16th – The Motor Trend – 2009 Utah International Auto Expo starts in the South Towne Exposition Center in Sandy, UT. The show will run from January 16th to 19th, 10:00 am to 10:00 pm. The

Corvette Club of Utah has been invited to participate. If you are looking for something to do on those cold winter days, come on out and look at the neat cars.

BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST – JAN 17TH

Saturday, January 17th – 9:30 AM at Golden Corral, 8850 South Redwood Road, West Jordan. Come help us celebrate birthdays of members in January. North members meet and depart from the Layton Hills Mall flagpole at 8:30 AM. For more information contact Kim Riley, 255-2662 or vetnwild@comcast.net.

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

JANUARY 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – JAN 21ST

Wednesday, January 21st – 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5650 S State Street, Murray. We have asked them not to provide food for the meeting. Be sure to wear your name badges to be eligible for the door prizes. North members meet and depart from the Layton Hills Mall flagpole at 6:00 PM. For more information contact Kim Riley, 255-2662 or vetnwild@comcast.net.

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CCU AWARDS BANQUET – JAN 24TH

Saturday, January 24th – 6:30PM The Corvette Club of Utah will hold their Annual Awards Banquet in the Joseph Smith Building, 15 East South Temple, Wasatch Room on the 10th Floor. Social starting at 6:30pm and dinner will be served at 7pm

Menu for Buffet Dinner....Mixed green salad, assorted fruit tray, roast beef with au jus and grilled halibut with bay shrimp and Mediterranean sauce, vegetables, new red potatoes, rolls, raspberry lemonade, and dessert. Validated parking under the building. A video of CCU 2008 will be shown and "Too Much for Us Awards" will be presented along with the Member of The Year Award. The cost for dinner will be \$25.00 person. You can pay at the next four club meetings or mail your check payable to CCU to Kim Riley, 9351 South 3140 West, West Jordan, Utah 84088. Deadline to make reservations will be January 19th. NO EXCEPTIONS! Also, please do not combine the payment for the Awards Banquet for your 2009 club dues or the Christmas Party. They all need to be separate checks.

NOTE: The Joseph Smith Memorial Building is a smoke-free facility. In addition, kindly be aware that no alcoholic beverages or coffee are allowed on the premises. (Yes, I know this will not set well with some of you....we will plan our banquet somewhere else next year, but hopefully we can all manage for this one dinner).

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

SUPER BOWL PARTY – FEB 1ST

Sunday, February 1st – A SUPER BOWL PARTY will be held on February 1st 2009 at GARCIA'S in Layton. We have a room reserved and a buffet that includes Burrito's, Taco's, and Enchiladas along with all the fixing's. The price is 12.99 plus tax and gratuity. Dessert is extra.

Come anytime after 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. but due to limited space you will need to sign up. You can do so by going to the web site and e-mailing your name or you can sign up at the next 2 meetings. Whether your team is playing or not come join the fun with all your friends

The address is 1075 Hill Field Road Layton, Utah

Phone for all who are lost and need directions is 801-546-6390.

SEE YA THERE

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

FEBRUARY 2009 MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FEB 18TH

Wednesday, February 18th – 7:00 PM at the Roy Library, 1950 W 4800 S, Roy, UT. Be sure to wear your name badges to be eligible for the door prizes. For more information contact Kim Riley, 255-2662 or vetnwild@comcast.net.

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

BIRTHDAY DINNER AND HARDWARE RANCH TOUR – FEB 22ND

Sunday, February 22nd – 4:00 PM at TBD. Come see the Elk at Hardware Ranch followed by dinner. For more information contact Dave Ohlson at 801-947-1654.

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

FUTURE EVENTS

WSSC VIVA LAS VEGAS CORVETTE CONVENTION - MAY 7TH-11TH

Hot Nevada Vettes is proud to host the 2009 Western States Corvette Council (WSSC) Viva Las Vegas Corvette Convention in fabulous Las Vegas, Nevada May 7th-11th. This is the Corvette Convention you do not want to miss! An action packed weekend is planned for Corvette enthusiasts from all over the Western states. The event is highlighted with a all Corvette track day at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway and a all Corvette car show under the canopy at the world famous Fremont Street Experience. Whether you enjoy corvette drag racing, poker rallyes, corvette autocross or just socializing with fellow Corvette owners you find something to do at the convention. Be sure and check out our event schedule above along with the other links so you get a since of the fun waiting for you in Las Vegas. You'll see that there will be something for everyone! You don't have to be a member of WSSC to attend the convention.

WSSC Convention Website

<http://www.corvetteconvention.com>

WSSC Convention Flyer

<http://www.corvetteconvention.com/images/coventionimages/WSSC2009flyer.pdf>

WSSC 2009 Convention Registration

<http://www.corvetteconvention.com/images/Conv2009REGFINAL.pdf>

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MONTANA GHOST TOWN/LITTLE BIGHORN CRUISE – JUN 22ND – 28TH

For those of you that missed the Beartooth Highway cruise last fall, here is your chance to do it. Destinations include Dear Lodge, Montana where you will visit the Old Prison Menu. Then it's off to the old mining towns of Virginia City and Nevada City. Then you will visit Little Bighorn and watch the Col Custard last stand reenactment. Then you will return over the Beartooth Highway to West Yellowstone. You will be returning through Yellowstone National Park and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. For more information contact Bob Anderson at 801-268-9808.

NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN - AUG. 30TH - SEPT 5TH



Get Your Hotel Reservations Now - Nine months from now our club caravan will be on the road to the 15th Anniversary Celebration of the

National Corvette Museum. I know that many of you have registered, <http://nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>, for the event and most of those have made their hotel lodging reservations. We have been in contact with the hotels along the way and in Bowling Green and as of December 1, we only have 11 rooms left in our club block of 40. No more are available. We have heard that every hotel in the surrounding area is booked for that week in September, so do not wait any longer to arrange for your lodging.

Go to our CCU web site or your latest issue of the Vette Gazette. The hotel information is under and caravan link on the web home page. Be sure to say that you are with the Corvette Club of Utah group reservation. I'll have more information for you in the months ahead so watch this column and our web page for regular updates. If you have questions or problems call me at 801-773-8106, or e-mail me at bobt@skyplanner.com.

Now let the Lake Pipes roar!

Bob T.

NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN – AUG 30TH TO SEPT 5TH

Sunday August 30, 2009, the Corvette caravans from California and the surrounding north western states will converge on Utah for their second night's stop along the way. We hope to bring all of the club caravans together at the Miller Motorsports Park raceway that afternoon. We hope to include dinner and a parade lap for the participants. Sunday's night stay will be in Salt Lake City, Utah. The host hotel is the Airport Hilton. We have booked 175 rooms at a rate of \$75.00 + tax for the night. ONLY if you are registered with the Corvette Museum for the Caravan will you be given this rate. All other will be charged the normal room rate of over \$120.00/night. Each individual or couple must make their own reservations by calling 1-800-999-3736 on or before 6/31/2009. You must identify yourself as members of the Corvette Caravan 2009.

Monday August 31, 2009, all of the club caravans, including the Corvette Club of Utah caravan, will leave the Salt Lake City area in the morning. The departure point for our club and the visiting Corvette clubs will be from the Airport Hilton West parking lot at 7:00am. Our destination for the first day of travel will be Denver, CO. Our lodging for that night will be the same hotel used in the 2003 Bowling Green caravan, the Crystal Inn Hotel in Aurora, CO. Crystal Inn Hotel and Suites, 3300 N. Ouray Street, Aurora, CO, (303) 340-3800. The reservation block is under the name, Corvette Club of Utah. Sonia Vanderworth is our Sales Coordinator.

Tuesday September 1, 2009, The CCU caravan's second day's travel will take us approx. 470 miles east on I-70 to our hotel in Junction City, KS. We have a 40 room block reservation at the Courtyard Marriott, 310 Hammons Drive, Junction City, KS 66441. The room rate is \$89.00, and includes an indoor pool and hot tub, courtyard café and market. We have asked for a single King Size bed in the room, but you can request a change to that if you like when you book your reservation. The block is under Corvette Club of Utah and the number to call is 785-210-1500. Our sales assistant was Penny McDonald.

Wednesday September 2, 2009, Our third day out will take us approx. 455 miles to The Hampton Inn, 221 Potomac Blvd., Mt. Vernon, IL. The room rate is \$85.00 and this one includes a full breakfast, pool and hot tub. The reservation block is again in the name of Corvette Club of Utah. Call 618-244-2323 for reservations, ask for Phyllis.

Thursday thru Saturday, September 3 – 5, 2009, Microtel Inn and Suites, 1980 Mel Browning Rd., Bowling Green, KY 42104, (270) 745-9922. The reservation block is under Corvette Club of Utah. Our reservation coordinator is Preetesh Patel.

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN 2009 RETURN TRIPS

Our Caravan Captains are responsible only for the trip to the museum. . If you are planning a trip home and would like to share the trip with other members then send me your itinerary and I'll place it in the Gazette. Please contact the return trip planner if you would like to join them.

Bob & Jo Clayton, (801) 399-2557, robert.clayton@comcast.net

Sunday & Monday, Sept 6-7, 2009, Holiday Inn Express, 4000 Market St, Hannibal, Mo (573) 406-0300 – Nauvoo, IL

Tuesday Sept 8th, Holiday Inn Express, 1970 W Hwy 76, Branson, MO (417) 336-1100 – Branson sites and shows

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Friday Sept 11th, Holiday Inn Express, 433 West Mount Rushmore Rd, Custer, SD (888) 465-4329 – Wall's Drug, Mount Rushmore

Saturday Sept 12th, – Handcart Visitor Center and Home

Guy and Joyce Hall, (801) 728-0532

We plan to travel from Bowling Green to Graceland in Memphis, the distance is 275 miles on the 6th and stay at the Heartbreak Hotel. They have several tour packages to choose from, their site address is <http://www.elvis.com/>, or phone # is 1-877-777-0606, they are not taking reservations until November 2008*. We plan to do the 2 day 1 night Graceland VIP entourage package, the web site has all the details. Then after the tour on the 7th, depending on the time, we'll either stay one more night or head toward Oklahoma City,

then to Albuquerque, then home up through southern Utah. I have to be back for work on Friday the 11th. I know that is more miles per day than most of the club members like to drive, so we'll probably have to split up after Graceland. We would love to have any of the other club members join us for the Graceland tour. It should be awesome. If there's any other info you need please contact me.

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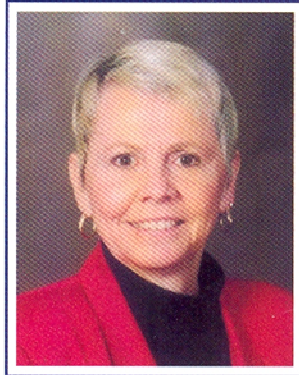
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