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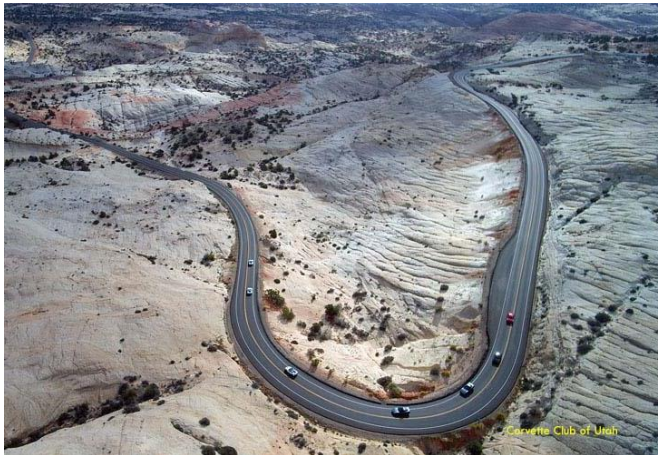
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2018 Escalante Autumn Color Cruise



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From Your Editor

This is my last edition of the Vette Gazette. I have enjoyed preparing it. One of my favorite things has been reviewing the photos of our activities and seeing the fun times we have had together. Thank you for your support and your encouraging words. I have enjoyed working with the other officers. I look forward to spending more time with my grandchildren. But I also am excited for the next year with the Corvette Club.

Annamarie Forbes



Don Bonnema packs apples for the students at John C. Fremont Elementary School with other members of the Corvette Club of Utah.

From the President

Dear Members,

It is very hard to believe that 2018 is almost in our rear-view mirror. It has been a great year. We have had some very fun trips starting with our winter Yellowstone trip. We had our annual Route 66 trip along with several cruises with birthday events. We had the grand summer tour series hosted by Kelly. We had the trip to Seattle and Vancouver and the Laguna Seca trip. There were the Lehman Caves trip and Escalante.

We had some fun summer dinners with our meetings. The August dinner meeting had the best attendance that I have ever seen. We will do more of those in the coming year.

We had several successful car shows and parades. We have been busy Corvette owners! I hate to have to tuck our cars under their covers with the trickle chargers on.

We have also helped to provide much needed food at John C Fremont Elementary School. If you have not had a chance to go to one of the food distributions, please take that opportunity to go. You will be very glad that you went and helped. To see the joy in the eyes of the kids and parents when they receive the much-needed food will warm your heart.

As we shift gears into winter and look forward to the holiday season, I wish to thank those that I have had the opportunity to work with this year. I have seen the countless hours that have been given to make our club into what it is. Our officers worked very hard to provide fun events. I hope that each of you will take a moment to thank our officers for their hard work. It is not easy to try and make everyone happy.

Lastly, I want to wish each of you a very Happy Holiday season. May we each find joy and happiness as we spend time with our friends and families.

Thanks for a great year,

John Forbes



Corvette Club of Utah News

Appreciation for the 2018 Officers

We'd like to thank the following for their commitment to the club and dedicated service as 2018 officers:

John Forbes, President

Judy Corgiat, Janice Shepherd, Bruce Gildea – Vice-Presidents

Karen DeSmet – Special Events Coordinator

Membership Chair – John Emery

Nola Emery – Secretary

Diane Williams – Treasurer

Annamarie Forbes – Gazette Editor

Historian – Steve DeSmet

Webmaster – Kelly Vining

NCM Ambassador and Public Relations Chair – Bob Clayton

And a big “Thank You” to our members for their support and for making 2018 such a fantastic year!

We look forward to a great set of officers in 2019 – many of the current officers will continue to serve in the next year. We are grateful for their service.

And, as always -

To change your mailing address for the *Vette Gazette*, send an e-mail to ccu.membership@corvetteclubofutah.org.

Join us on-line at www.corvetteclubofutah.org or like us on Facebook at [https:// www.facebook.com/CorvetteClubOfUtah](https://www.facebook.com/CorvetteClubOfUtah).

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UTAH FOOD BANK

Dear Corvette Club of Utah,

Thank you so much for helping us recruiting volunteers to make our Mobile School Pantry (MSP) run smoothly. Here is the information needed. Please be aware the time listed on the Date list attached to this email is the distribution time, but volunteers are needed 30 minutes before and 30 minutes after to help set up before and clean up.

I have you scheduled with 6/10 volunteers at each distribution.

Please arrive on time. Upon arrival, please meet our UFB Mobile Pantry Coordinator at the school parking lot. He or She will direct you from there.

Here is some additional info:

- Keep safety in mind and ensure that those in your group are as well
- As part of safety rules, Closed-toe shoes are required
- Volunteer work tends to be somewhat physical in nature, typically requiring one to be on their feet for long periods of time and have the ability to do some light to moderate lifting
- Volunteer need to be at least 16 years' old
- To maintain a healthy environment, if individuals in your group are feeling ill please encourage them to stay home and volunteer in another opportunity.
- Distribution will take place outside or inside depending of the weather condition

Thank you for all you do and we look forward for one more year of success!

Zeny Uribe-Cardenas
Agency Relations/Mobile Pantry Coordinator

Sponsor, Corvette Club of Utah

J.C. Freemont Elementary School Mobile Pantry

2018-2019 School Year

4249 Atherton Dr. Taylorsville, UT 84123

Distribution is from 1:30pm to 2:30pm or till supplies are out
3rd full week of each month on Friday, see dates below:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>
November	9th Make Up Day for the 23rd
December	21
January	25
February	22
March	8th Make Up Day for the 22nd
April	19
May	17th Make Up Day for the 24th
June	Out for summer
July	Out for summer
August	Out for summer

Dates may be subject to change and deliveries may be canceled in cases of extreme
circumstances.

BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER

?	Scott Bell
1	Sherry Liguori
3	John Emery
4	Debby Taylor
4	Anne Crawford
7	Kathy Rohlfing
8	Wendy Christensen
8	Judy Corgiat
12	Janice Shepherd
12	Douglas Fisher
14	Richard Statham
14	Beverly Wilson
15	Ruben Trujillo
15	Don Blackburn
16	Connie Anderson
21	Ernie Carlson
21	Stephanie Thomas
26	Bill Bernard
29	Michelle Davis

DECEMBER

6	Robert Thomson
10	Robert Strong
11	Jackie Trayner
11	Larry Ricketts
11	Paul Rea Smith
12	Kit Kosakowski
12	Dee Oldroyd
14	Bob Larson
14	Nancy Jensen
15	Linda Elmer
18	Bob Richardson
19	Alan Rohlfing
19	Ray Bryant
19	Diana Cooley
20	Bill Cook
21	Terri Warburton
24	Kurt Thomas
26	Darlene Odenwalder
26	Susan Trujillo
30	Floyd Chase
31	Shawnee Plant
31	Jo Roeseler
31	Karen McCombs





The following news comes from the NCM enews, the weekly email newsletter of the national corvette museum. Subscribe to NCM E-News on the NCM Website for more news and the details. Corvette News

Museum Events

Registration Open for 2019 Museum in Motion: London, England; Paris and Le Mans, France Tour

The National Corvette Museum will once again be taking a group of Corvette Racing enthusiasts over the big pond for the 24 Hours of Le Mans race. The Museum in Motion trip begins on Friday, June 7 in London, England with visits to the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, Portobello Market, London Eye, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court Palace and more. Then, on Tuesday, June 11 the group will travel by Eurostar Train to Paris and experience sights like Les Invalides, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame Cathedral, Moulin Rouge, Versailles, Champs Elyses, Arc de Triomphe and more. On Friday, June 14 - the group will depart for the Le Circuit

de la Sarthe for the parade and on Saturday for the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The trip concludes Tuesday, June 18 and has time built in to do some exploring on your own, in addition to the jam packed itinerary.

Automotive News

Corvette One of 12 Contenders for Best Drivers' Car

In case you missed it, Motor Trend did an in-depth review of 12 different cars, choosing one as the "Best Drivers' Car." According to the review of the ZR-1 Corvette, the driver "loves the mighty engine and the hand-of-God stability through fast corners from the ZTK package's high wing." But that wasn't enough to earn the Corvette bragging rights. Ultimately the Lamborghini Huracan Performante took top honors for 2018. But hey -

it was a contender! Do you agree with their pick?

Corvette Raffle

2019 Long Beach Red Corvette Winner Drawn

Congratulations to Darrell Barlow of Sims, AR - winner of today's raffle drawing for a 2019 Long Beach Red Corvette Coupe with ticket #511. We sold all 1,500 available tickets.

Your next chance to win a Corvette is Thursday, October 25 at 2pm CT when we raffle off a **2019 Shadow Gray Z06 Corvette Coupe!** The car features a Jet Black leather interior, Z06 Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Red-Painted Calipers, one-piece transparent, tinted, removable roof panel, Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe and much more.

Tickets are \$250 each, and the raffle is limited to 1,000 tickets.

NCM Motorsports Park News

Corvette Race Car Up For Auction

What if we told you this Corvette was built by students? By bidding on this race-ready Chevrolet this Fall at Mecum Auctions, you're not just buying a car... you're donating to STEM education and the future generation's passion for American muscle cars!

The car, donated by the National Corvette Museum to the On-Track educational program and from the collection of Ivan and Mary Schrodt, features Holley

performance EFI, Wilwood brakes, hydraulic hydroboost brake system, Texas Speed and performance camshaft, ECS Paxton supercharger, Frostbite radiator, TCI competition transmission and more.

2019 National Corvette Caravan

The 6th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 28-31, 2019. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary.

Don Herzer, Publications Director for the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC) who served as Captain of the NorCal section of the 2014 Caravan, has been asked to be our Captain for 2019.

He has elected to give our section a nickname – Pacific Central Corvette Caravan – which is easily further shortened to Pacific Central and PCCC.

You can help promote the Caravan by decorating your car with a window sticker, flag(s), and/or a rear window "Follow Me To Bowling Green" decal – all available from Don. Contact Don for pricing/availability.

If you would like to volunteer to help him in this venture, he would welcome that. He will also be looking for sponsors to help defray some of the costs.

You may reach him at:

Don Herzer

Pacific Central Captain

corvdon@wscppubs.net

209-586-3079

What can you expect from the 2019 National Corvette Caravan:

Register now!!!! Register for the caravan at the National Corvette Museum (NCM) website. If you are not a member of NCM, you will have to join NCM as part of the registration process. You are a member of the “**Pacific Central**” caravan.

Go to the Corvette Caravan Facebook page and join the group. This is how you will receive information regarding the caravan from NCM and our Captain.

Sign-up for a Corvette Factory Tour for Thursday or Friday of the week that we will be at the NCM. This is one of the highlights during the caravan. These go fast so sign-up early. The NCM website has a link to the factory tour reservations page. The factory is expected to start taking reservations in the spring of 2019.

Signup on the CCU Website now!!!

Bob Clayton will be the CCU Co-Captain for the Pacific Central Caravan. Go to the CCU Webpage and signup for the caravan so that he knows you will be attending the caravan. He will be distributing the caravan credentials and route books to the participants. He will lead CCU to and from the NCM.

The plan for hotels at Bowling Green did not work out for the Pacific Central Caravan. There are no hotels available at Bowling Green for the Pacific Central Caravan. You are on your own to book a room in Bowling Green. Check the NCM website (www.corvettecaravan.com) or Hotel Planner

(www.hotelplanner.com) for current status of hotels in Bowling Green.

Since the caravan will be hitting the road relatively early at 7:00AM from Abel Chevrolet in Rio Vista, CA on Aug. 22, Don would like to get a feel if he should set up some rooms in the Rio Vista area the night before. If enough people are interested, they could even have a pre-launch dinner/party/reception. Bob Clayton is traveling to California to attend the pre-launch festivities in Rio Vista and anyone that would like to join him are more than welcome. Just send him an email so he can forward travel information on the California portion of the caravan.

The Corvette Club of Utah will officially join the caravan on Saturday, August 24th. CCU will

depart from the Smith's, 665 W 5300 S, at 9:00 AM and join members traveling from California at the Moab Diner in Moab, UT.

Pacific Central Caravan Itinerary

Day 1 - Thurs. Aug, 22nd Launch – 7:00AM at Abel Chevrolet in Rio Vista and on the road by 9:30am. Special Lunch in Carson City. Visit to Fallon NAS; Optional dinner at Officer's Club. Overnight at Comfort Inn, 1830 W. Williams Ave., Fallon, NV 89406. (775) 423-5554. Corvette Caravan rate is \$85.00.

Day 2 - Friday, Aug. 23rd Cross Nevada on "Nation's Loneliest Highway". Optional fun activities. Overnight at Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Richfield, 20 West 1400 North, Richfield, UT 84701 (435) 896-8552. Corvette Caravan rate is \$115.

Day 3 - Saturday, Aug. 24th Cross Utah into Colorado. Optional visits to Moab/Arches National Park. Overnight at Comfort Suites Summit County, 276 Dillon Ridge Rd., Dillon, CO 80435 (970) 513-0300. Corvette Caravan rate is \$159. CCU departs SLC and join the caravan at the Moab Diner in Moab, UT.

Day 4 - Sunday, Aug. 25th Activities in CO. Drive through Rocky Mountain National Park. Optional visits to Coors / Railway Museum. Overnight at Comfort Inn & Suites, 2255 9th Street, Limon, CO 80828 (719) 775-2752. Corvette Caravan rate is \$130.

Day 5 - Monday, Aug. 26th Out of CO into MO. Optional museum visits. Overnight at 816 Hotel –

Westport, 801 Westport rd., Kansas City, MO 64111. (816) 931-1000. Corvette Caravan Rate is \$109 for King Bed, \$119 for Double Queen, and \$129 for Theme King Rooms.

Day 6 - Tuesday, Aug. 27th Cross MO Link up with So. CA group in Cape Girardeau, MO. Special dinner/activities. Overnight at Candlewood Suites, 485 S Mt Auburn Rd, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. (573) 334-6868. Corvette Caravan rate is \$125.

Day 7 - Wednesday, Aug. 28th Into Bowling Green, KY. Stage with Southern California Caravan for a Southwest Caravan group parade entrance to NCM.

At the Museum

Reserve your room now !!!!

Thursday, Aug 29th thru Saturday Aug 31st - While at the NCM, we will be staying in Bowling Green. At the present time, all hotels that are accepting reservations are sold out. Check the NCM Website for available rooms as they become available. The primary hotels we are using are the Best Western, Comfort Suites, and Microtel. Prices are changing daily.

Best Western, 1940 Mel Browning St, Bowling Green, KY 42104 (270) 782-6933

Comfort Suites, 1211 Kenilwood Way, Bowling Green, KY 42104 (270) 632-0455 (Brand new and onsite reservation system may not be operating until Nov 2018)
Microtel Inn Bowling Green, 1980 Mel Browning St (270) 745-9922

Wednesday, Aug 28th – Visit NCM and welcome the other caravans as they arrive.

Thursday, Aug 29th – All day at the NCM and hopefully a factory tour. Concert and fireworks to close the day out.

Friday, Aug 30th – Backup day for the factory tour. Abbreviated Bourbon Trail road tour in Louisville Area. We may move to hotels in the Louisville Area if the Bowling Green hotels don't extend our stay.

Saturday, Aug 31st – Backup day for the Bourbon Trail tour. Visit local sights of interest such as Mammoth Caves National Park.

There will be events and activities sponsored by NCM during our stay including laps on the NCM Motorsports Track. Feel free to participate in those activities as you desire or visit local sites that you are interested in during our stay.

The Corvette Club of Utah Return Route

The return route will be Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica.

Sunday, Sep 1st – Joliet, IL. Head for Chicago and Overnight in Joliet, IL. Drive the start of Route 66 on Adams St from Michigan St and the Art Institute of Chicago.

Best Western Plus North Joliet, 3231 Norman Avenue, Joliet, IL (815) 439-4200. AAA/AARP rate is \$107.09.

Monday, Sep 2nd - St Louis, MO. Drive the Illinois portion of Route 66 and visit the arch. Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1848 Bowles Ave,

Fenton, MO (636) 349-4444.

AAA/AARP rate is \$102.52.

Tuesday, Sep 3rd - Springfield, MO. Drive the Missouri portion of Route 66 and take in a show in Branson, Mo. Best Western Route 66 Rail Haven, 203 S Glenstone Ave, Springfield, MO (417) 866-1963.

AAA/AARP rate is \$94.49.

Wednesday, Sep 4th - Clinton, OK. Drive the Kansas and Oklahoma portion of Route 66. Hampton Inn, 2000 Lexington Ave, Clinton, OK 73601 (580) 323-4267. AAA/AARP rate is \$113.

Thursday, Sep 5th - Albuquerque, NM. Drive the Texas and New Mexico portion of Route 66. Stop at the Big Texan and Cadillac Ranch in Amarillo, TX.

Best Western Plus Rio Grande Inn, 1015 Rio Grande Blvd, Albuquerque, NM (505) 843-9500. AAA/AARP rate is \$116.09.

Friday, Sep 6th - Kingman, AZ. Drive the Arizona portion of Route 66. Stop at Williams and Seligman. A Wayfarer's Inn and Suites, 2815 E Andy Devine Ave, Kingman, AZ (928) 753-6271. AAA/AARP rate is \$107.99.

Saturday, Sep 7th - Santa Monica, CA. Drive California Route 66 through Barstow and then stay overnight on Route 66 in Rancho Cucamonga, Ca. Best Western Plus Heritage Inn Rancho Cucamonga/Ontario, 8179 Spruce Ave (909) 466-1111. AAA/AARP rate is \$116.10.

Sunday, Sep 8th - Mesquite, NV. Overnight stop on the way back to Salt Lake City. CasaBlanca Hotel

and Casino, 950 W Mesquite Blvd
(702) 346-7529
(Note: Only accepting reservations
through Mar 2019)

CCU NCM Ambassador News

The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in South Central Kentucky and is open daily, 8am to 5pm Central Time.

To find out more about the National Corvette Museum and/or join as a member, contact your CCU NCM Ambassador, Bob Clayton.



CORVETTE RACING AT ROAD ATLANTA: GTLM Title for Garcia, Magnussen

Gavin, Milner, Fässler second in Petit Le Mans on drama-filled day

BRASELTON, Ga. (Oct. 13, 2018) – Corvette Racing’s Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen won their second straight IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT Le Mans (GTLM) Driver title Saturday, and in true Corvette Racing fashion it was a team effort.

Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fässler placed second in class at Road Atlanta’s 10-hour Petit Le Mans in the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R to close Corvette Racing’s 20th season of competition in IMSA. Garcia, Magnussen and Fässler co-drove the No. 3 Corvette to an eighth-place finish – a result good enough to secure the GTLM Driver and Team championships.

It is the 12th Driver Championship for Corvette Racing and 13th Team title in the program’s 20-year history.

“Congratulations to Antonio, Jan and the No. 3 Corvette C7.R team on clinching the GTLM Driver Championship. This team never gave up all season to deliver our 12th Driver title for Corvette Racing over 20 seasons of competition,” said Mark Reuss, GM Executive Vice President and President Global Product Group and Cadillac. “And congratulations to Corvette Racing and Pratt & Miller on their 13th Team Championship. They prepared a race car that delivered consistent performance and that great combination of power, durability and efficiency.”

Both Corvettes showed race-winning pace throughout the day and into the night as both cars led multiple times in the 10 hours. But pitwork ultimately proved to play a huge role.

The No. 4 pit crew got Milner out ahead of the No. 3 Corvette's lone remaining championship contender on his final pit stop with 48 minutes to go. That was only half the story, however.

The No. 3 Corvette crew needed just five-and-a-half minutes to repair its C7.R after a crash with Garcia at the wheel following a pit stop with less than three hours to go. Among other items, the crew replaced the Corvette's nose, front fender and engine floor in lightning quick speed to keep the No. 3 C7.R in the race and in the championship hunt.

At that point, the focus turned to the No. 4 Corvette. Gavin, Milner and Fässler – who drove both Corvette entries in the race – fought and clawed their way to a position where Milner could pressure the sister car's championship challenger late. The team's effort proved even more important as the No. 4 Corvette went from fifth to third in the final GTLM Driver and Team standings.

Although Corvette Racing's IMSA season is complete, there is one more race left in 2018. Corvette Racing will contest the FIA World Endurance Championship's Six Hours of Shanghai on Nov. 16-18.

ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SIRIUS XM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – GTLM DRIVER

CHAMPION: “It was definitely a tough race. From Lap 1, I went in the lead and every time I was in the

car I was going for it instead of holding position. It probably went from one of my best races of my career to the most embarrassing moment of my career. But that means Team Chevy and Corvette Racing did all the prep work before this race and allowed us to come back from that. Thank you to the 4 car for keeping the pressure up on the 67 car, which had to go for the win for the (championship) result. That's part of this championship – the 4 car keeping the pressure up at the end. I'm very happy. It will take me a little bit to forget that mistake, but I'm very happy for the whole team.”

JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 MOBIL 1/SIRIUS XM CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – GTLM DRIVER

CHAMPION: “The way it turned out, the way the 4 car went in there and really put pressure on changed things around. Fantastic. Such a massive team effort to make this happen. I'm so proud to be a part of this. We had a good car and were going to be right there in the mix and the pit exit stuff happened and put everything on its head. It looked like we were out of it, trying to figure out how to still make it happen. I think what really did it was the 4 car got sent super aggressively and changed the balance of things. Obviously the 4 car went for the win but they knew why they were doing it. It turned things in our favor.”

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NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8		10 Birthday Brunch Vettes for Veterans
11	12	13	14 Officers Meeting	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Members Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

DECEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Birthday Breakfast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 Christmas Dinner
9	10	11	12 Officers Meeting	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 Members Meeting	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November 2018 Events

November Birthday Brunch – Saturday, November 10th

Join us 11:30 AM at the Garage Grill, 1122 East Draper Parkway, Draper, located in the shopping complex on south side of 13th East and 123rd South. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in November. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

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

CCU Membership Meeting & Officer's Elections – Wednesday, November 21st

Join us 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5500 S. State Street, Murray, UT. Everyone is welcome to attend. Election ballots will be collected and counted at the start of the meeting followed by discussions relating to future events and activities. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

*Check the Corvette Club of Utah Website for the latest information.

December 2018 Events

December Birthday Breakfast – Saturday, December 1st

Join us 9:00 AM at the Golden Corral, 1624 N. Heritage, Layton, exit 332. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in December. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

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

Annual CCU Christmas Dinner & Desert Star Play – Saturday, December 8th

This year's Christmas Dinner we will be dining at The Desert Star with an option to attend the evening performance, "How the Grouch Stole Christmas". The Desert Star is located at 4861 S. State Street, SLC. Please join us for the Holiday Grand Buffet which includes prime rib, roast Pork loin, chicken marsala, and baked ziti with Italian meatballs as our main course selections. This is an all-inclusive meal including sparkling punch and dessert.

Full bar available. The social time starts at 4:30 PM with the buffet opening at 4:45 PM. Dinner will be over at 6:00 PM; “How the Grouch Stole Christmas” will start at 6:00 pm for those that purchased tickets to the play. The Club has reserved 52 tickets for the after-dinner show and these will be available on a first come first serve basis. We can increase the number of available tickets if we get the interest, but the closer we get to the event the less likely extra seats will be available. Cost for the dinner is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Cost for the show is \$29 per ticket.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS NOVEMBER 30TH. You can register at any Club meeting or function prior to the cut- off date. You may pay in person at any Club function or you may send your payment to:

Corvette Club of Utah
Attn: Christmas Party
PO Box 1134
Sandy, UT 84091

*Note: Please write separate checks for payment of the Christmas Dinner, Awards Banquet, and Dues.

For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

CCU Membership Meeting – Wednesday, December 20th

Join us 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5500 S. State Street, Murray, UT. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be discussions relating to future events and activities followed by drawings for door prizes. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

*Check the Corvette Club of Utah Website for the latest information.

Event Summary

November 2018

- 10 CCU Birthday Brunch – Garage Grill, Draper
- 10 Vettes for Veterans, Carlsbad, CA *
- 14 CCU Officer’s Meeting – Ken Garff Honda, 64 East 900 South, SLC,
6:00 PM
- 21 CCU Membership Meeting and Officer’s Elections – Larry H. Miller
Chevrolet, Murray, UT

December 2018

- 1 CCU Birthday Breakfast – Golden Corral, Layton
- 8 Christmas Dinner – Desert Star, SLC
- 12 CCU Officer’s Meeting – Ken Garff Honda, 64 East 900 South, SLC,
6:00 PM
- 19 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

January 2019

- 12-20 CCU Caribbean Cruises on the Carnival Horizon
- 26 Awards Dinner - Oakridge Country Club, Farmington

August/September 2019

- 28-8 2019 National Corvette Caravan and 25th NCM Anniversary

***Not CCU Event, for information only.** For local car shows, cruises, and events, please see these websites: www.jchacket.com, www.utahcarczar.com, www.hotrodtime.com.

Future Club Events

CCU Caribbean Cruise

Saturday, January 12th – Sunday, January 20th 2019

CCU is restarting the fall ship cruises. The next cruise will be Jan 12th - 20th 2019 on the Carnival Horizon. This cruise was already planned and the fall

cruises will actually start in Nov 2019. This is a good way to get out of the cold and snow. Current prices with port fees and taxes are:
\$901.75 per person for an inside cabin (only three [3] cabins left)
\$1209.40 per person for an ocean view
\$1639.40 a person for a balcony
Your booking includes a \$100 on board credit per cabin.

Itinerary includes

Sat - Depart Miami, FL

Sun - Fun Day at Sea

Mon - Grand Turk

Tue - La Romana, Dominican Republic

Wed - Curacao

Thu - Aruba

Fri - Fun Day at Sea

Sat - Fun Day at Sea

Sun - Arrive Miami, FL

Twelve rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn Express Miami Springs. Nine king beds and three with doubles. Each room is \$139 plus a 13% tax.

Also includes

Airport transfers

Breakfast - *There are restaurants within walking distance. IHOP is right next door.*

Cruise port shuttle is \$10 per person. It will pick us up at 10:30 am.

Call Trisha Molina at 305-887-2153 ext 110

The group is held under name of "Beth Rice Group" (I know original)

You will hold a room with your name and credit card.

Cutoff date is Dec 11, 2018. Please let Beth know if / when you book.

Contact Beth Rice, our Cruise & Vacation Consultant at 801-414-9190 to reserve your cabin.

Awards Dinner – Saturday, January 26th, 2019

The Corvette Club of Utah will hold their annual Awards Banquet at Oakridge Country Club located at 1492 West Shepard Lane in Farmington. The Awards Banquet is held to recognize members that have been in the club for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years or more. Also the Club Member of Year will be announced. Finally, those funny events that occur on our Club Trips will be presented. The social begins at 6:00 PM; dinner will be served at 7:00 PM.
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CCU Members at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

By Bob Tillotson

The morning of Wednesday September 5 saw nine Corvettes from CCU head west to join hundreds of Corvette racing enthusiasts at the Corvette Corral and the 12th race of the WeatherTech Sports Car Championship series in Monterey/Salinas, California. After a night's stay in Sparks, NV we left for our lodging in Salinas via South Lake Tahoe taking advantage of some secondary highways through California wine country. We left our hotel early on Friday for the raceway, about a 20 min. drive on Calif. Hwy 68. We were directed to the corral parking area, took our places with the other participants and moseyed to the corral tent. After checking it out folks began to explore the raceway. Time trials and qualifying were going on that day and we could smell the fuel fumes and hot rubber floating across the track but it was the sound, that sound, of high performance race machines punching it down the straightaways and holding on to the edge of traction on the curves that raises the neck hair and sends chills down your body.

After a few hours checking out the auto manufacturers exhibits like the production Ford GT (at a cool price of \$455,000.00), the all carbon fiber Acura NSX and Porsche exhibits it was time to leave for the afternoon's cruise to Carmel and the Pebble Beach 17-Mile Drive. We enjoyed stops by the sea side watching the sea birds and listening to the barking of the Seals while they play and feed among the rocks and surf.

We made a stop at the Lodge at Pebble Beach. It's easy to be bowled over by the beauty of the lawns and the sea not to mention the elegance of the lodge itself. Then, after the cruise it was off to Monterey for a reservation at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. It was an awesome day. Thanks Scott and Kathi Stanford and Bob Clayton for these activities.

On Saturday the 8th we left early again because that was Parade Lap registration day and only 100 passes are distributed. After registration we settled in at the tables in the corral tent to enjoy presentations and talks from important figures in Corvette racing. Presentations included an autograph session by our race team, Michelin Tire technicians, and Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan. All of us from CCU had gotten our

parade pass and at 11:00 a.m. we fired up the Vettes and lined up for the experience of a lifetime. With an official track pace car leading the pack, single file, we left the corral, lined up just past turn 5 and headed up the Rahal Straight hill toward the one and only Corkscrew turns. Ask anyone who's done it, the rush is amazing. Try taking the corkscrew at speed if you dare.

We got three complete laps on the Laguna Seca track then it was back to the corral parking. We had a few hours still open to watch the three different classes of cars practice and qualify including our Corvette team C7.Rs. That late morning was the first actual race, the Lamborghini Trofeo race; all cars were Lamborghinis. It was amazing to see these exotics, all performance matched, compete for the trophy and bragging rights. There was a nasty crash at the top of the Corkscrew during this race and the race was red flagged until the debris was cleared.

After a fine day at the track we headed back to our hotel to clean up for dinner at the famous Sardine Factory in Monterey. An unforgettable presentation and glorious food was enjoyed by all. Thanks go to Myrna and Brent Williams for setting up this reservation.

The big race was on Sunday. This was to be the next-to-last WeatherTech Championship race and our Corvette team was neck-n-neck with the Ford GT team. The race was set for that afternoon at 2:05 p.m. and would end at 4:45. So, there were a few hours to enjoy more sights and sounds around the track, visit the many sales vendors who were selling everything from race clothing and very cool T-shirts to die cast car models, posters and all sorts of memorabilia. Who could come home without a few cool new Corvette T-shirts? Later, back at the corral we were treated to more technical presentations from the Chevrolet Corvette Engineering team including Kai Spande, Mike Bailey and the Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter. There was a special appearance of former team driver and sponsor of Spring Mountain Performance Racing School Mr. Ron Fellows himself. Of course, Ron gave autographs too. Hats, shirts and some folks brought in the rocker covers from their cars to be signed by the team as well as Ron Fellows. Where else could you do this? The Corvette Corral experience is something to remember. Just prior to the beginning of the race we all attended the Open Grid Fan Walk. This is where all the attending

race fans can walk among the competing cars, meet the other race teams, take pictures, get autographs and actually touch these amazing high performance race machines including our Corvette C7.R cars and meet the pit crew teams.

As 2:00 p.m. grew near our CCU enthusiasts took to the stands across from the Corvette team pit area along the front straight at the Laguna Seca raceway. From this vantage point all of the race team pits can be seen and we could watch the pit crews work their magic, that magic being so critical to a well performing team. With cameras in hand and ear plugs in place, the sound is unbelievable, the pace car left the track and the race field headed to the green flag and suddenly all hell broke loose. Before the green flag dropped one prototype caught the rear corner of another and carnage ensued. The race start was delayed for 30 minutes but after the delay the big race was on. There are three different classes of cars that compete in the WeatherTech series. There are the Prototypes, they are the fastest, there are the GTLM in which our Corvette C7.Rs compete and there is the GTD class. The three classes all racing at the same time makes for some really interesting driving situations and contributes to the complexity of this Le Mans series. During the 2 hour 45 minutes race there was ample time to walk the track, watch the race machines corner, pass and pursue their rivals on this challenging raceway. We also had time to walk up the famous hill and park ourselves at the Corkscrew to watch the drivers negotiate the complex series of twists and turns down the hill.

At the end of the race and with the usual attrition rate including the failure of both Ford GTs to finish, our No. 3 C7.R driven by Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen placed 3rd in class while our No. 4 Corvette C7.R driven by Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed 5th in class. With the Fords dropping out and the consistent reliability of the Corvettes we were in good position to still win another championship. We now know that our team took the Driver and the Team Championships. And CCU was there to help.



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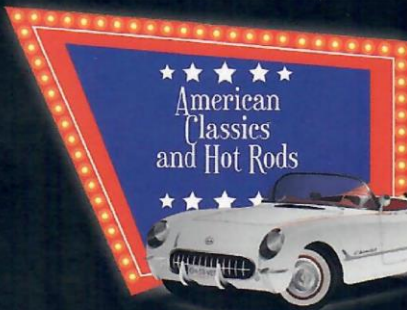
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