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Club News

Latest Information

Check the Website for the most current information regarding activities, news, and events at:

<http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org>

Wear Your CCU Name Badge

We have lots of new members in the club, and not so new members who are still getting to know people. The only way they will be able to remember your name is if you wear your CCU name badge. We strongly encourage wearing of name badges to activities and meetings. Please wear your badge!

Events

Please contact the Special Events Chair, Kori Jensen, regarding upcoming events.

Please contact the Secretary, Karen DeSmet, regarding event attendance and meeting minutes.

Membership

If you change your contact information, please send an email to ccu.membership@corvetteclubofutah.org.

Treasurer

Contact Diane Williams regarding membership renewals and payments for upcoming events. See Diane at our monthly member meetings for club financial break downs by quarter. The club's financial information is available if you are interested.

Embroidered shirts

Available through Creative Graphics. Contact Andrea Bitton at 801-266-7273 or andrea@cgprinting.com. Or visit their website at www.cgprinting.com. Nola Emery has a catalog.

Facebook

Join us on-line at www.facebook.com/CorvetteClubOfUtah.

2020 Charity

The charity voted for this year is the Utah Food Bank.

From the President

Hello Corvette Family,

I am grateful for the opportunity I have had this year to serve as President. Thanks to all the officers for your participation and help through this difficult time. You have all done an outstanding job. We have made a great team. We have strived to navigate through this year to keep everyone safe. I'd like to thank the membership for your patience and support; it has been very much appreciated during the pandemic. We have many new members who have joined this year which is exciting. We have done our best to make drives and outings as safe as possible. We have had a few overnight trips and some enjoyable drives these past few months! Officers have met regularly on zoom and we are hoping for a much better 2021 for all. Stay safe, stay healthy.

Regards

Scott

On the cover:

September and October Birthday Celebration Cruises

New Members

Paul and Pam Brotzman

Black 2006

Robert and Teryle Caswell

Blue 2008 Coupe

Kevin and Alyson Dunham

Red 2004 Coupe

Matt and Lix McCune

Black 1999 FRC and Black 1990 Coupe

Member's Birthdays

November

2 Teryle Caswell
3 John Emery
7 Kathy Rohlfing
8 Wendy Christensen
8 Judy Corgiat
12 Douglas Fisher
13 Natasha Johnson
14 Beverly Wilson
15 Ruben Trujillo
16 Connie Anderson
17 Barbara Tobler
20 Michael Smith
26 Mindy DeCarolis
29 Cyndi Schmidt
29 Tammy Henry

December

6 Pam Brotzman
10 Robert Strong
11 PaulRea Smith
12 Jerry DeGraw
13 Sandra DeGraw
14 Bob Larson
15 Linda Elmer
18 Bob Richardson
19 Ray Bryant
19 Diana Cooley
19 Alan Rohlfing
21 Terri Warburton
24 Robert Thomson
26 Susan Trujillo
26 Darlene Odenwalder
27 Kevin Wille
30 Floyd Chase
30 Gail Wayman
31 Dustin Sutton
31 Shawnee Plant
31 Jo Roeseler



The following news comes from the NCM ENEWS, the weekly email newsletter of the national corvette museum. We encourage CCU Members to consider subscribing. Go to the NCM Website for more news and the details. www.corvettemuseum.org

SAM Arrow Modified Corvette on Display at Museum



Arrow Electronics modified a Corvette to empower quadriplegic, former IndyCar Series race driver Sam Schmidt to drive again... using only the motion of his head. Sam will return to racing for the first time since 2000 - this time at the NCM Motorsports Park this weekend. Arrow has developed several Corvettes, both for quadriplegic and paraplegic racers and you can see one on display at the National Corvette Museum in our Skydome.

Corvette Raffles

While next week's raffle for a 2021 Silver Mist Corvette is nearly sold out, tickets are still available for our 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette raffle, drawing on Thursday, November 5!

Tickets on this raffle are \$150 each and the raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets.

As of Thursday, October 8 we still have 899 tickets remaining!

Don't wait to place your order!



Contact your NCM Ambassador for Membership Information and information on how to buy raffle tickets for the museum drawings.

NCM Ambassador, Bob Clayton.

Corvette Awarded 2020 Car Of The Year By Popular Mechanics

Throughout the year, the team at Popular Mechanics got behind the wheels of numerous vehicles – from sports cars to sedans to SUVs, driving them on a variety of roads, streets and highways. Using both their own data, and cross-referencing it with experiences and data from other expert sources including Car & Drive, and reliability scores from J.D. Power, Edmunds and Consumer Reports, the team created their list of the best cars and car developments of 2020. Topping the list as ‘Car of the Year’ is the Chevrolet Corvette Stingray.



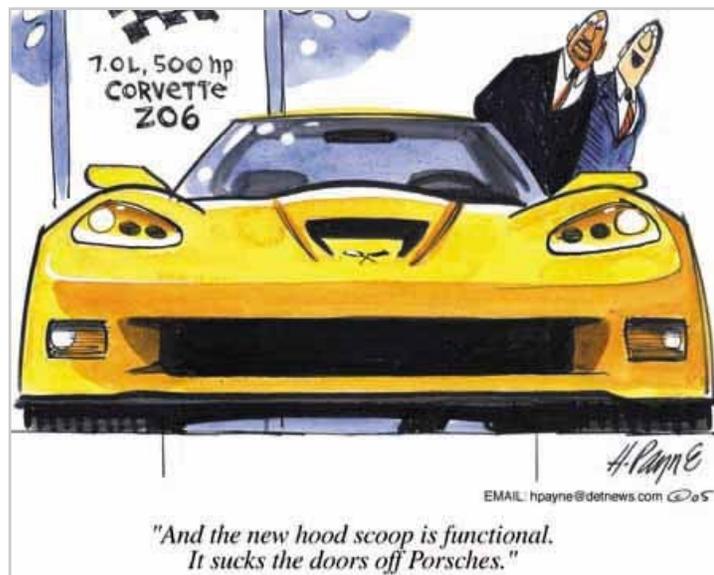
Museum Exhibits

Fully Vetted Talks CERV I, the Ugly Duckling and the 2-Rotor Corvette



A NEW Episode of Fully Vetted is now available for listeners to enjoy! In this episode hosts Derek E. Moore and Bob Bubnis discuss the evolution of the Mid-Engine Corvette. This episode highlights CERV I, The Ugly Duckling and the 2-Rotor Corvette, all of which are currently on display at the National Corvette Museum.

Be sure to subscribe on your preferred listening platform and leave a review!





CORVETTE RACING AT MID-OHIO:

Garcia, Taylor Pace 1-2 Finish for Corvette C8.R



LEXINGTON, Ohio (Sept. 27, 2020)

Corvette Racing went wire-to-wire Sunday to claim a GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory at the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor won for the fourth time this year in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.

The result extended their lead in the GTLM Drivers Championship and Chevrolet's advantage in the class Manufacturers standings. Corvette Racing won at Mid-Ohio for the ninth time, and Sunday's victory was the fifth in the first year of the mid-engine C8.R.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed second in the No. 4 Mobil 1/Sirius XM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R to remain second in GTLM points. It was the 63rd 1-2 finish for Corvette Racing and third of the year.

Corvette Racing led the entire two hours and 40 minutes – 110 laps in all. Taylor began from pole but Gavin got the jump early and led the first 17 laps before going slightly wide at the end of the back straight. That allowed Taylor to move back in front, and the No. 3 Corvette led the rest of the way.

Three full-course cautions kept bringing Garcia and Taylor back to the field. The first flew at the 36-

minute mark, and both cars stopped for fuel and tires at 43 minutes running. Taylor took fuel and fresh Michelin tires, while Milner got in the No. 4 Corvette, which also got a full service.

The No. 3 Corvette stopped again under the race's second full-course caution with about an hour to go with Garcia taking over for Taylor. Milner stopped again for fuel, tires and a final adjustment to try and match the pace of the sister Corvette. The move worked as the No. 4 C8.R remained almost glued to the back of the leading Corvette while holding off the pair of BMWs in third and fourth.

Milner got as close a half-second and at one point held the fastest GTLM lap of the race before Garcia responded and reset fastest time four laps later. With no team orders, the two Corvettes continued to race each other hard but fair with Garcia winning by 1.472 seconds.

Unlike the previous seven IMSA events, Corvette Racing has not tested the new-generation Corvette at Mid-Ohio. As a result, the team and its drivers relied on data analysis and correlations from sessions at Chevrolet's Driver-in-the-Loop (DiL) simulator to arrive at its baseline setup ahead of the weekend.

A test at the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval – site of the team's next GTLM race on Oct. 10 – also proved beneficial to the Mid-Ohio success.

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September Birthday Celebration/Cruise

Sept 19th

After much anticipation and months of planning for a beautiful fall drive, the weather had a different plan for us. Morning showers didn't stop many members from coming out to enjoy a drive up to Bear Lake. Bob C. brought his beautiful new C8 for all to see!



Sardine and Logan Canyons did not disappoint, showing us all fabulous fall beauty.



We had a wonderful social distancing picnic at the edge of Bear Lake, where members enjoyed each others' company and Kelly Vining was the member whose name was drawn for this month's Birthday prize.



We continued through Monte Cristo where the wind had blown most of the leaves from the trees and some seemed to be laying down on one ridge from the wind storm. We met up with a cattle drive as well. Someone suggested to moovve s l o w l y.



The weather broke, and the sun came out so we could all visit at the last stop in Huntsville to say our good-byes.

Overall, it was a wonderful celebration! Unfortunately we don't have any planned events due to covid-19 at this time so please watch the website and your email for any updates





October Birthday Celebration/Cruise

Oct 10th

What a bizarre year: Covid-19, social distancing, quarantine, lockdowns, protests, “Cancel Culture”, elections..... ARGH!!!! It just doesn't stop. It has led to a year of minimal or no activities for everyone. Despite world issues, organizers of CCU decided to slip in one last hurrah birthday cruise to end the year on a good note. On a beautiful autumn morning, thirty cars would appear at Smith's in Salt Lake to venture to Wellington, UT for a birthday lunch at the Cowboy Kitchen.



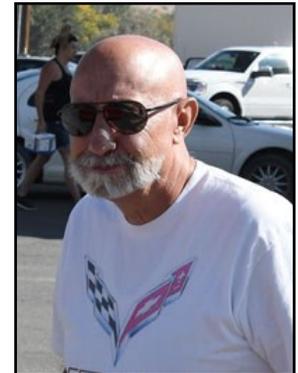
The route for the day would take us through Provo Canyon to Heber for our first rest stop. After dealing with a hoard of people and traffic in Provo Canyon, we sat and watched them pass us by as we sat in line trying to get through the traffic light to get to the gas station. Why did the Corvette Cross the road? To get to the potty break on the other side. After our stop we again sat in line, this time on the other side of the intersection as five to six cars would make it

through the light to take Highway 40 to Duchesne.

The drive through Daniels Canyon was absolutely gorgeous. The brilliant sun shining in the deep blue sky ignited the red, yellow and golden shimmering leaves throughout the canyon.

Highway 40 took us by Strawberry and Soldier Creek reservoirs where fisherman and boats dotted the shores and reservoir while hunters scattered the hillside. Passing through Fruitland and by Starvation Reservoir, we made it to rest stop number two in Duchesne.

We met up with Dave and Janene Avery, who made the trip from East Carbon. Dave and Janene arranged for the Cowboy Kitchen to host our October Birthday celebration. Thanks Dave and Janene!



To get from Duchesne to Wellington, we travelled Highway 191 through Indian Canyon to Castle Gate just north of Helper. We were pretty much the only cars travelling on that highway this particular day.

Once in Wellington we created a small car show at the local church just down the street from the Cowboy Kitchen. Some members went for lunch at the restaurant while others enjoyed lunches they had packed and brought along at the park.



After lunch, we said our goodbyes to Dave and Janene. Whoever was left headed back north over Soldier Summit stopping in Helper to visit the restored Conoco Gas Station, The Harley Davidson Museum and Big John the Coal miner.



Great cars, great roads, great weather, great friends and great attitudes made for one last incredible road trip to end the year. Thank you everyone!

Bylaws Committee

Your Bylaws Committee has been busy at work refreshing the bylaws and putting some of the tribal knowledge into the bylaws. The committee has finished updating the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. The Club Officers have approved them and have submitted them to you, the membership, for your approval. They are posted on the Club Webpage for your review. Both the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws will require membership approval and they are on the Club Ballots for your vote in November.

For more information contact Bob Clayton (801) 399-2557 or robert.clayton@comcast.net.

Event Summary

November 2020

18	Club Meeting	Canceled	TBD
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December 2020

16	Club Meeting	Canceled	TBD
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January 2020

15	7:00 pm	CCU Club Meeting	TBD
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February 2020

19	7:00 pm	CCU Club Meeting	TBD
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Mar 2020

18	7:00 pm	CCU Club Meeting	TBD
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April 2020

15	7:00 pm	CCU Club Meeting	TBD
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November & December Club Meetings

Due to the continued Covid-19 Pandemic the November and December Club Meetings have been cancelled.

You should all have received your ballots for the November elections in your home mailbox with instructions to vote and return by mail . Ballots must be received in the Club P.O. Box no later that November 17, 2020.

We are all hoping for a better year in 2021.

Always check www.corvetteclubofutah.org for updated event information

Corvette (Kor' vet, noun, but more accurately a verb, or state of mind)

I remember the first time I saw one. It looked like a mirage. It was sleek and curved and looked too good to be real. I immediately said to my very young self "I am going to have one of these someday". Someday. A very distant dream. Someday. Life goes on, and many dreams are forgotten, or killed by reality, but not this one. Someday. It is a hope and a plan faintly thought out. Someday.

A state of mind. The years go by, but the dream persists. Marriage, education, jobs, kids come and grow up, leave. The dream persists. Bills get paid, I get older, the faint plan grows more vivid, one day the wife says "you ought to fulfill your dream and get one." "We can't afford it" I say, but the dream grows stronger even as I say that. I am still a prisoner in that state of mind (Corvette-a small maneuverable warship, a state of mind). It won't let me be.

A Chevrolet dealership. A not unusual place to most people. A dream still alive where others have died a wasting. I see it before I get out of the Nissan. It is there, red, curved, a living, breathing thing. Made of plastic and machined steel, pistons, only two seats, wide tires, crossed flags on the side. A vivid dream come to life. I touch it and get chills, I feel like a young boy again. Someday. Do I have the courage to do it? Can I pull the trigger? Do I have the right?



Do I have the right stuff to own something like that? Am I worthy to be its master? To go places its brothers and sisters have gone. To winding roads, to tracks, to long straightaways where triple digits lure you to go where you have only been in planes and dreams. To defy the laws of physics, of men. Someday. Corvette! It is such an exciting word. It is such a word that I am afraid to use it. It might disappear. The dream may not be real. It may be only a mirage, fleeting in its existence, only in my mind.

I can't believe it, it is mine. It belongs to me now, it is mine. The dream did not fade to nothingness. It is not a mirage. I sit in it. How could all these specially formed pieces and parts fitted so carefully together, into such a beautiful, clean, sculpture be mine? A Corvette is too beautiful a thing to own, like the moon or the sun. No one person should be able to own it. It needs to be free, like a fast warship, powerful, unafraid. Corvette. Someday. Today.

So what if it had a previous owner. So what if I worked my heart out for 30 years to be able to afford it. So what if I value it more than the person who gave it up. So what if I am content to just sit in it without turning on the engine. Feeling the cockpit seat fit tight around me, the smooth leather, looking at the speedometer that goes to 200 and wondering, dreaming. Someday. The things we will see, the things we will do! Route 66, Highway 1, Laguna Seca, RMR, Bowling Green where you were born.



I sit in the cockpit and fondle the key, knowing that I can turn this beautiful piece of sculpture into a roaring, living thing with a twist of the key. Do I dare? Am I worthy? One way to find out. 50 years of dreaming. Someday. Today. Ignition. Dreams can come true.

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Corvette Club of Utah Officers for the Year 2021

Official Election Ballot

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PROPOSAL 1

It is proposed that the 2020 Officers and Charity be carried over as the club officers and charity for 2021.

_____Approve _____Disapprove

PROPOSAL 2

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