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

From The President

Well, we made it through the hot months, had a lot of club events, and hopefully enjoyed the summer. The car shows and club events have been many, varied in size and attendance. I think my favorite so far has been the 50th year anniversary party at Ardell Brown's home. We had over 50 Corvettes in attendance, great food, and plenty of people attending, including the Color Country Club from southern Utah.

While discussing these events, I want to take a minute and thank my officers for all of the hard work they have put into making these events possible and successful. The effort these men and women put into making the food possible and handling the logistics is non-stop. I appreciate their tireless work and good spirits.

By the time you read this, a group of us will have been on the the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY to attend the celebratory events there. Hopefully, we had a good trip and everyone who was not able to go was able to enjoy looking at the pictures and video on our Facebook page and YouTube channel. Also, don't forget that we have the Peach Days Parade and Car Show on Saturday, September 6th. It's also not too early to begin thinking about what kind of costume you're going to wear for the Halloween party this year.

I hope all of you have had a great summer and are looking forward to a beautiful fall! Many of you are getting out to the events we have scheduled. We also have lots of new members that have joined in the last few months, so come out and meet them and see what they're driving. I look forward to seeing you at the events! Drive safely!

Ron Probert, President

2014 Corvette Club of Utah Officers

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Please contact the Special Events Chair, Judy Corgiat, regarding upcoming events. Contact the Treasurer, Shirlynn Gildea regarding renewals and payments for upcoming events. Please contact the Secretary, Char Ohlson, regarding event attendance and meeting minutes.

Birthdays

September Birthdays

2014

3 Denis Dye
4 Deaun Dye
5 Gabriele Hackbarth
8 Mike Kosakowski
10 Audrey Frailey
13 Bert Hunsaker
13 Joanne Munson
13 Brent Williams
14 Bruce Bailey
14 Steve DeSmet
15 Diana Rice
17 Shauna Gibby
18 La Rue Linderman
19 Kori Jensen
20 Steve Kalm
20 Nancy Moench
27 Vicky Honey
27 Jim McCarthy
28 Bernie Poelzl
29 Vaughn Williams
30 Vern Harrington
30 Robert Liston

October Birthdays 2014

1 Liz Hunsaker
2 Ardell Brown
4 Cabrini Riddle
5 Mary Beth Schmidt
6 Bob Anderson
6 Dale Bess
7 Curtis Gaylor
7 John Riddle
7 Claudia Ruseler
8 Penny Cook
14 Joel France
14 Kevin Merrick
15 Connie Derrick
17 Greg Hand
17 Darrell Moench
20 Barb Stach
21 Colleen Aird
21 Carol Salzetti
22 Jim Cummings
23 Gibb Marsh
24 Robert Clayton
25 Horst Hackbarth
25 Robert Jensen
25 Nancy Parker
27 Katy McKean
28 Ned Anderson
28 Shirlynn Gildea
28 Dennis Salzetti
28 Gin Strong
29 Jim Larsen
29 Lloyd Laycock
31 Jalee Cox

Event Summary

September 2014

- 1-3 National Corvette Caravan 2014 – Bowling Green, KY
- 5-6 Peach Days Poker Run and Car Show – Brigham City, UT
- 6 Wendover's 5th Annual Wings & Wheels Car Show – Wendover, UT
- 13 CCU Birthday Breakfast - Anna's Restaurant, Murray, UT
- 10 CCU Officers Meeting – Bob Clayton
- 17 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

October 2014

- 4 Hackett's Surprise Cruise Event
- 4 CCU Birthday Lunch – Blue Bird Café, Logan, UT
- 8 CCU Officers Meeting – Char Ohlson
- 15 CCU Membership Meeting/Officer Nominations – Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT
- 18 CCU Halloween Party – Sandy Bicentennial Pavilion, Sandy, UT

November 2014

- 12 CCU Officers Meeting – Mike Corgiat
- 19 CCU Membership Meeting/Officer Elections – Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Midvale, UT

December 2014

- 10 CCU New/Old Officers Meeting – Shirlynn Gildea
- 17 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Midvale, UT

Getting to Know the Members Arne and Carol Coles

Arne; Raised in Salt Lake City and lived on the Avenues. Attended East High School and received a B.S. degree from the University of Utah, and a Master's degree in Business from BYU. Worked as an accounting manager, and retired 2 years ago.
Carol; Raised in Magna and attended Cyprus High School. Graduated from BYU in Nursing, and has worked for LDS Hospital as the Clinical Audit Coordinator (RN) for 25 yrs. Retired 2 years ago.

We have been married for 45 years and have 5 children and 16 grand- children. We lived on the Avenues in Salt Lake City for over 30 years. We currently live in Kaysville, Utah

We have owned at least one corvette since 1970, when we bought our first, which was a 1962. We also enjoy gardening and traveling.

Rob and Andrea Hughes

I have always been interested in cars especially sports cars. This goes back to when I was young and my father had a white 64 Corvette for a short period of time. As a child we would go to Streeter Chevrolet and sit in the Corvettes.

Later I had a ride in a Jaguar XKE and I was hooked. First sports car I owned was 1974 Triumph TR6 purchased new that I still have then an 86 Trans AM Jaguar XJ6 and a the Corvette.

My wife Andrea and I like car shows and think cars are a work of art. We look forward to getting together with the Corvette Club and share our enthusiasm with the others enjoying their Corvettes

Frank and Vicki Knapp

Hi,

Our names are Frank and Vicki Knapp. We live in Lehi, UT, have 4 grown children and 14 grandchildren. We own a black 2007 Corvette coupe and enjoy it greatly.

Frank grew up in Arizona and moved to California in the late 60's. A former helicopter mechanic in the Army, he graduated from California State University at Long Beach and worked for more than 30 years in the aerospace business. He describes his career as being a consultant on government contract accounting matters. Although he retired in 2006 when we moved to Utah, he has been working full time for Northrop Grumman (a major defense firm) in California for the past four years.

Frank has been interested in performance cars essentially all his life. The most notable of his many hot rod/drag racing involvements was a corvette bodied fuel funny car named the invader. It was very competitive when built in 1970 but success was short-lived. At a big meet in Rockford, IL, it added to the then popular perception the Corvette bodied funny cars were jinxed when it burned to the ground after running one of the best times of the event.

In addition to enjoying our Corvette, Frank is also building a '27 T Roadster. A hot rod with no fenders, it features a Chevy engine/transmission, disc brakes, and coil-over shock suspension he designed himself. He plans to have it finished within a year.

Vicki is a California girl with a zest for life and love for family, friends, and worthy causes. In addition to children and grandchildren, her main interest is sewing.

We are looking forward to getting to know you and enjoy common interests together. One of our objectives is to participate in the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, Ky in August 2014.

Robert Allen

My twin brother and I got out of the US Army at Fort Lewis, Washington after driving from Fort Wainwright, Alaska. We drove my twin brothers 1966 Corvette Sting Ray to Seattle and when we drove by a Corvette Center I had my brother drive in. They had another 1966 Corvette Sting Ray Fast Back and the manager made sure I drove it off the lot that day. We drove them to Spokane, Wash to see mom that helping her sister with their sick father. A gal that lived next door to mom invited us to go to a Corvette rally and party that night and we had a real good time. After driving the two Blue Corvettes to Salt Lake we started having fun every time we were out in them. We both went back to work the following Monday at the Salt Lake Veterans Hospital. Then after that I went to work with the State Of Utah, Department Of Transportation where I stayed and did retire Aug 1, 1997. I traveled the state completing traffic studies to qualify Utah for monies from the Highway Bill. Twin brother passed away in Dec 1990 and that ended the good twin times. We did join the Corvette club of Salt Lake but never joined the Corvette Club of Utah until now as I have bought a 2011 Corvette Grand Sport to get around in. This has helped me remember all the stories I have with my twin brother and Corvettes I want to take my girl friend on some of the trips that the Corvette Club has. Was elected to the Executive Board of Directors for Deersprings Ranch last September and it has kept me busy.

This last January I was quitting the Farmers only and this gal emailed me and I emailed her to give her my regular email address and she started emailing me. A while back I asked her if she wanted to get married and she said yes. It will be a while before we do it. She lives in the Seattle area with her mom and two daughters. She did fly to St George early this month and spent a week with me. She helped one of her daughters start a Beauty Salon and it is up and running now. She also helped her X husband with a couple of Auto repair shops.

Pete and Maggie Mills

I've had a lot of muscle cars, especially when I was younger, but this is my first vette. It only had 52,000 original miles on it when I purchased it. Not bad for an '87. I've put a lot of resources into it and have enjoyed bringing her back to a good place and making her mine. I just love it. Driving my vette is like a relaxing therapy session. The man I purchased it from bought the girl when it was one year old. He is an interesting guy, but that's another story.

Patrick and Angela Reed

Angela and I are looking forward to joining the Utah Corvette Club. We purchased our first Corvette a 2007 Black Coup on May 29th.

This came after many discussions about getting a motorcycle, as I used to be an avid rider prior to marrying Angela 3 years ago.

Starting in April of this year I would continually share with her that she would look good on the back of a Harley or a Gold Wing and we could enjoy Utah's wonderful roadways together.

Well after all the attempts she was firm that she did not want to ride on the back of a motorcycle, so she offered up "why not get a Vette".

That was all it took for me to get on the internet and start looking as I always admired Corvettes but never seriously looked a buying one; just needed the support and good nudge.

Many years ago in the early 70's, I had a few muscle cars from a Plymouth 440 GTX to a CUDA 340 6-pk, so I knew the thrill of power.

I even tried a few convertible Miata's over the years (compared to a Corvette, laughable) to give me the riding experience between motorcycles purchases.

But nothing to date has as much fun as our Corvette.

I continually surf the Corvette web sites to get members ideas on add-ons and experience of owning a Corvette, and now it time to hear about these things in person from members of this club.

Again we look forward to meeting members at one of your functions.

Ron and Anita Dowden

We have lived in South Jordan for the past fourteen years. My wife, Anita and I have two wonderful girls. Our oldest lives in Las Vegas with her husband, where they are attending school and doing well! Our younger daughter is attending Utah State University, where she is having fun and studying hard. So now, my wife and I have finally arrived at the "empty nester" chapter of our life, aside from Dobson our dog.

The company I work for is Security National Financial Corp., located in Murray, UT. I have been with SFNC for the last twenty years and love what I do! Like a Corvette, it has been a good ride. Our main businesses are life insurance (Security National Life Insurance Co), retail mortgages (Security National Mortgage Co) and cemetery and mortuaries (Memorial Estates Inc).

In my younger years I owned a 1972 Rally Orange Corvette, and was also a member of the club back in the 80's. I sold the car to get married and raise a family. My dream

was to always own another Corvette. Now that the family is nearly raised I have made that dream a reality with my sweetheart, Anita, of 28 short years, and I am very happy to be part of the Corvette Club of Utah again.

I now own a 2000 coupe, Dark Bowling Green, a beautiful car. I have joined the club simply because I love Corvettes, and I want to enjoy them and learn all about them from all of you!

Paul and Christy Floor

My name is Paul Floor. I was a mechanic for 20 years (still do all my own mechanical work) and in 1992 started my career in Real Estate. In 2002, I also established a Mortgage Company to better serve my clients. I have since concentrated all my efforts into my mortgage career and currently work for a small lender.

My wife, Christy, is more of an animal loving person than a car enthusiast but she developed a passion for Corvettes that started in her grade school days. She works as an Animal Behaviorist and Dog Trainer. We have both lived in the Salt Lake Valley our entire lives.

When I was an owner of a service station, I had several customers that owned various models ranging from C2's to C4's so I often worked on them but never got a chance to own one until now.

Last year, I stumbled on ad ad for a C6 that needed a little TLC. Make that quite a bit of TLC and it was a joy to work on and make her shine again. My wife fell in love and we both now agree that we can't live without a convertible Corvette.

It has been suggested to us several times that we join the Corvette Club of Utah. First by a very nice gentlemen and his wife at the South Jordan City Festival car show but we do not remember their names. Next, we talked to a very friendly gentlemen at the AutoRama car show named Bob Larson? (we cannot read his last name written on the card enclosed). Then, this spring, I was stopped by Keith Fritz and he also suggested we join.

We would really like to take part in the Corvette Caravan Escort next weekend so we are really hoping for an expedited approval of our membership.

Gordon and Sue Day

Gordon: I was born and raised in Draper, my great-great grandfather (and his 3 wives) was the second family in Draper, sent out by Brigham Young to establish the township. I graduated from Jordan High and attended the U of U College of Pharmacy. Upon graduation, I left for Alaska, working out of Nome in the arctic. I helped establish a pharmaceutical distribution system for 16 Eskimo villages scattered around the Bearing

Sea, some on islands only 3 miles from Russia. Left there for the 4-corners area to work with the Navajo people establishing a similar clinic/pharmacy systems. I had my own airplane that I used to visit these sites in both Alaska and Utah and flew sometimes every day to the clinic sites. I met Physician Assistants during my travels and thought it represented the future of medicine so went back to the U of U to be trained as a PA and now work in Draper, 3 blocks from my old home site, practicing Dermatology. I've come full circle. I have owned a Mustang Cobra and I restored a 1979 Triumph Spitfire which I still have. The Spitfire won 2nd place in the Concourse Delegation at the U of U in foreign imports the year I restored it. Body off, the whole deal. No horsepower so it won't be worth much. I started looking for the right Corvette for 4 years and bought a 2009 Atomic Orange coupe with both tops. It had 11,000 miles on the speedo. I plan on driving it till the wheels fall off or I become a danger to humanity behind the wheel of 400+ horsepower.

Sue: I was born in Buffalo, New York. I am a twin and come from a family of 2 boys and myself. I graduated from Bennett High School and went onto nursing school where I received my Diploma. I worked after graduation just enough to be able to travel every three months primarily to Europe. In 1975, I decided to move out West to explore new opportunities. I had wanted to live in Colorado but could not find fulltime employment in Boulder where I wanted to live so I came to Salt Lake City where I already had an offer of fulltime employment with the University of Utah . I worked there for five years and in that time I went back to school and ended up with two bachelor's degrees and a Master's degree. I left the University in 1980 and started at LDS Hospital in the Emergency Department. During this time I met Gordon and we were married in 1986. During this time, I went on to become the educator in the emergency department and was given the opportunity to develop the trauma program. When Intermountain Healthcare decided to build Intermountain Medical Center in Murray- we moved our Level 1 Trauma Center program from LDS Hospital to that facility. I have been the Program Manager for a total of 24 years with plans to retire January 2015. I love to travel, golf and socialize. Gordon and I have one son who is 26 years old and a daughter who is 24.

New Members

Arne and Carol Coles – Kaysville, UT
Z06Vette
1962 Black Roadster and 1995 Red Coupe

Ron and Anita Dowden - South Jordan, UT
2000 Green Coupe

Paul and Christy Floor - South Jordan, UT
2007 Black Roadster

Rob and Andrea Hughes – Bluffdale, UT
2001 Red Coupe

Frank and Vicki Knap – Lehi, UT
2007 Black Coupe

Robert Allen and Kerry Mayer – Kanab, UT
2011 Blue Grand Sport Coupe

Pete and Maggie Mills – Spanish Fork, UT
1987 Red Coupe

Patrick and Angela Reed – Ogden, UT
2007 Black Coupe



2014 NCM 20th Anniversary Celebration August 27 - 30, 2014

Celebrating 20 years of growth and changes, the 20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum August 27-30, 2014, was celebrated with the arrival of the National Corvette Caravans with participants from around the globe. As with past Labor Days this celebration is a member-driven event, which unites friends, family and enthusiasts for a look back on the Museum's history and future!

A Funny Thing Happened . . .

We have all had this happen to us while cruising in our Corvette on America's highways. A car comes up alongside you at a seemingly slow pace and when you glance over you see a thumbs-up, a huge smile or a "Love your car", while the kids in the back seat have their noses pressed against the window, and that amazed and covetous stare in their eyes. It's an ego boost for sure. Well, I had a new one happen to me recently that should be one for the book.

It was a comfortably warm clear morning a few



weeks ago and I was 'cruising' home to Roy on 1900 W., the Main Street highway, after having resolved some business with city officials at Clearfield City. All was well and I was driving not even the 45 MPH limit when I could swear that I heard that well known whistle, that cat-call, the 'flirtatious wert whirl' that us guys sometimes give the chicks. Huh!, I thought. I turned to my left to see a sporty little silver car with this amazing dark haired young beauty looking my way and grinnin' ear to ear. That proverbial feather could have knocked me over. Then came the thumbs-up. I wasn't quite sure how to respond so I went with the standard default reply, a friendly wave, nod of the head and "Thanks." She grinned again, nodded back and as the side window went back up, she passed. I could say that it made my day, it did. Now I was grinnin' ear to ear all the way home to park my blue baby on its garage rug.

So now tell me, is it cool to drive a Vette or what?

Bob T.



Corvette Racing Fast Facts

Corvette Racing is America's premier production sports car racing team. Since 1999, Corvette Racing has won 94 races worldwide. Among its tallies are **87 in North America** – 82 in the American Le Mans Series, one in GRAND-AM and four in the new TUDOR United SportsCar Championship. The trophy case is crowded as well with 10 ALMS manufacturers' and team championships, and nine driver's titles. Its greatest successes though have occurred on the international scene. Corvette Racing has enjoyed international success in the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the world's biggest sports car race, with seven class victories since 2001.

Team: Corvette Racing

Race Cars: Corvette C7.R (Corvette 7th generation, Racing) **Drivers:**

No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R: Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia

No. 4 Compuware Corvette C7.R: Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner Team Personnel:

Director of Racing – Chevrolet: Mark Kent Program Manager: Doug Fehan

Team Manager: Gary Pratt

Technical Director: Doug Louth Engineering Manager: Chuck Houghton Crew Chief, No. 3: Dan Binks

Crew Chief, No. 4: Brian Hoyer

Associate Sponsors/Technical Partners: Mobil 1, Michelin, SiriusXM Satellite Radio, UAW-GM, BBS

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.



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 if you wear your CCU name badge. To encourage you, only members wearing name tags will get raffle tickets for the Membership Meeting door prizes. Come on, dig out those badges.

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.

Club Member Significant Family Events

If you know of another member who is ill, having surgery or has had a death in the family, please let the CCU Secretary or another officer know, so a card can be mailed from the club.

September 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day National Corvette Caravan	2 National Corvette Caravan	3 National Corvette Caravan	4	5 Peach Days Poker Run	6 Peach Days Parade and Car Show Wendover Wings and Wheels
7	8	9	10 CCU Officer's Meeting	11	12	13 CCU Birthday Breakfast
14	15	16	17 CCU Membership Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2014 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 CCU Birthday Lunch
5	6	7	8 CCU Officers Meeting	9	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day	14	15 CCU Membership Meeting and Officer Nominations	16	17	18 CCU Halloween Party
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



CCU Golden Spike Cruise

On Saturday, June 21st, a few adventurous members, with pioneer spirit, got together for a tour of the Golden Spike Historical Site west of Tremonton. We had a lovely tour and were part of the re-enactment of the joining of the east and west coasts in May of 1869. Some of our members even had speaking parts. After the re-enactment, we stopped by the ATK Missile Site nearby. We then toured Brigham City and had lunch at the Maddox Restaurant. Good weather, good friends, and good food. How could you ask for more?

Corvette Club Clothing

Keep an eye on the CCU website. In the very near future, there will be a link to club, shirts, jackets, hats, and other mementos. From the comfort of your home, you will be able to view, select, and buy club items using your computer, notebook, or smart phone. Items ordered this way will be shipped directly to your home. For more information, contact Michelle Davis.



5th Annual Tooele All Corvette Car Show

On Thursday July 3rd, we ventured out to Tooele for the 5th Annual Tooele All Corvette Car Show. This is a nice evening car show under the trees. There was music and food available. Most of us went through a rain storm to get there but all the Corvette's cleaned up very nicely. This is one of the few car shows that you are guaranteed to leave with a trophy.

Sandy City Parade

On Friday, July 4th, CCU participated in the Sandy City 4th of July parade. The club provided Corvette Roadsters for the Parade Dignitaries and several other Corvettes as a parade entry. Sandy City was very happy with the turnout from the club and donated \$400 towards the club charity. They have already asked about us returning next year. Thanks to all the members who participated on this very busy holiday evening.



Corvette Club of Utah 50th Anniversary – July 12th

On Saturday, July 12th, we held the 50th Anniversary Party for the Corvette Club of Utah. We had current, former, and Color Country members attend. Participants received a memento from the club for their participation. We had a good showing with the final count of 50 Corvettes, which included two C-7's, in attendance. It was good to see members that we have not seen for several years come out. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs were served with a special 50th Anniversary Cake as desert. Ardell was kind enough to open up his collection of cars for all to see. Our thanks to Ardell and Donna for opening up their property and car collection for the 50th Anniversary Celebration.



2014 Marks 50 Years for CCU – A History

We are Corvette Owners! We are Corvette Enthusiasts! What is it that inspires our passion for the Corvette marque? What makes an Enthusiast?

This year, 2014, is a special landmark year for our Corvette Club of Utah. Fifty years ago a small group of Corvette devotees met together with an idea to form a new car club.

It was a group of no more than half dozen charter members who would go on to form that association. For that club to go on for fifty plus years was not even on the minds of those charter members. The questions then on their minds were, how to get the word out to potential members, where to hold meetings, how much to ask for annual dues, what kind of activities will members want in order to enjoy this relatively new American sports car? Our Corvette club logo and patch was created with copyright at this time.



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A few names are prominent among those original members; among those are John Kennedy and Sergei Liston, Jim and Vignette Rousey, Paul Cummings, Jan Burch, Donald Plaque, Dale Larsen and Scott Madsen. John Kennedy in particular stands out among the charter members. John was the club's first president who, up until his death in September, 2011 remained the only active charter member of the Corvette Club of Utah. He became an Honorary Member. Many who I have spoken with have said that without John's input the club would not have lasted past ten years. For a long time club meetings were held at John's upholstery shop, House of Customs, in Bountiful and it was through John's efforts that the club overcame some serious financial difficulties a couple of decades ago. As many of those early members were, John was a Corvette enthusiast to the core and there is now a dedicatory bench in his honor at the National Corvette Museum. See a picture of the bench on page 22 of the

July/August *Vette Gazette*. Slowly all of the many elements of our Corvette club came together. Meeting nights were set for the third Wednesday of each month. Those earliest meetings were held at the General Motors Training Center on south Foothill Blvd. These were the days when coolers of beer were provided to the members at the meetings which made for a real laid-back and fun gathering of gear heads. And for us early members, who could forget those after-meeting cruises down Foothill Blvd. for socials at the Cardinal Lounge at 4th South and Main next to Streater Chevrolet? Later, our club acquired dealership sponsors of such fine names as Young Chevrolet, Gus



Paulos Chevrolet and Larry H. Miller Chevrolet. In those early years the club held Auto Cross events at Dirk's Field parking lot on 13th south in SLC and at the JC Penny's in Centerville. There were a series of highly successful car shows including the well-remembered Corvette Classic in Park City, the Big Sky Corvette Meet in Montana and the famous Spaghetti Dinners with fellow car clubs, a financially beneficial idea

encouraged by John Kennedy. Our club's Corvettes were even featured in a TV commercial for AC Spark Plugs which was filmed on the Utah Salt Flats in 1967. In 1984, then CCU club sponsor Gus Paulos Chevrolet hosted an unveiling of the brand new 1984 C4 Corvette beside the pool at the Salt Lake Airport Hilton Hotel. The club members were aghast at the new look of the Corvette. The new aerodynamic design and the digital instrumentation were new and unique. These were the days when you **always** gave a wave to another Corvette.

Our Corvette club was for many years a full voting member club of the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC). Through the WSCC we hosted and participated in the Auto Cross events mentioned above, Corvette car shows and we interacted with other Corvette clubs throughout the western states. In 1976 our club even hosted the 11th Annual WSCC Convention. These three day events are held every year still and we have a select few CCU members who have re-joined WSCC. Through their membership they receive information related to all things Corvette and subscribe to the Quarterly *Redline* magazine. A caravan of our members attended the convention in Las Vegas, Nevada in May 2010. It was three days of food, car shows, drag racing at the 'Vegas raceway, more food, raffles, games and socializing with Corvette enthusiasts from around the western states.

Like the Corvette automobile itself, our club is still going strong and we now have, on average, a larger membership than at any time in the past. Now we enjoy our beautiful Fibreglas babies on lengthy road trips to all parts of the U.S. Every year the club participates in many car shows, parades and charity events and we support our prominent Utah charity, the Utah Food Bank.

We all enjoy this strong association because of those early visionaries who had an intense appreciation for the Corvette sports car. There are so many names of members



who have, and continue to contribute to those accomplishments. Foremost we must acknowledge our many Board Officers who have unselfishly served throughout the years including those officers serving today. These members use their precious time and many skills for the betterment of our association. The membership thanks these individuals. And to those contributing members, not officers, of whom there are too many to name we say thanks.

The Corvette Club of Utah members are proud of our association and our accomplishments both individually and as a club. It may seem strange to consider the next 50 years but some of us here today may actually live to see it. Congratulations Corvette Club of Utah and, *Remember the Wave !*

Bob T.

July CCU Membership Meeting

On July 16th, The CCU Membership Meeting was held at the Roy Municipal Park in Roy UT. This was a Dessert Pot Luck. There was lots of yummy goodies to be shared with all the members. There was also an Emerald Green C-7 making a guest appearance for another treat. Mary Beth Schmidt conducted the meeting since Ron was out of town. Past and future events were reviewed including the upcoming caravan. Members were asked to sign up for upcoming events so we can buy the right amount of food. The weather was much better this month than last month so it was very pleasant evening for the meeting.

A complete copy of the meeting minutes can be requested from the club secretary.

July Birthday Breakfast

On Saturday, July 19th, we held our Birthday Breakfast at Storm Mountain Park in Sandy. Breakfast was cooked by the officers. The names of members with birthdays in July were read. After breakfast, we couldn't find enough members interested in doing a cruise so we cruised as a club to Alta View Hospital to show our support for a member hospitalized there and going through some tough times. We had a good showing for the breakfast.



Corvette and Mustang Club BBQ

On Saturday, July 26th, we hosted the annual Corvette and Mustang Club BBQ at Parley's Creek Pavilion in Sugarhouse park in Salt Lake City, UT. We had a great time looking at each others cars and sitting under the shade talking to each other. After lunch, we held a raffle for door prizes and it appears the Mustang Club cleaned up the prizes. We suggested that next year we go on a cruise followed by a hosted lunch at a restaurant or park. Great weather, great cars, great weather, and a great time.

CCU 50th Anniversary Commemorative Medal

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At the Corvette Club and Mustang BBQ, there was some interest expressed in obtaining a commemorative medal like the Mustang Club had to recognize our 50th Anniversary. We have done the legwork, had a medal designed, and will be seeking your approval on how and if we want to purchase it. After it is approved by the membership, pricing and purchase information will be made available on the CCU webpage. There is a minimum purchase requirement of 50 to have these medals made. This will be brought up and voted on at the September Membership Meeting.

August Birthday Breakfast

On Saturday, Aug 9th we met at Ruth's Diner in Emigration Canyon for the August Birthday Breakfast. It was a beautiful morning, we ate outdoors, the food and service were good. We had a good showing the names of members born in August were read. Following Breakfast, we headed up the canyon ahead of the Tour of Utah and went over Big Mountain down into East Canyon. We then went over to Evanston, and took the Mirror Lake highway through the Uintah's and stopped at the Gateway Grill in Kamas for an early dinner. It was a very nice day for drive, good food, and good company. A great Corvette day.

August Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, Aug 20th, we held the August Membership Meeting at Storm Mountain Park in Sandy, UT. It was ice cream night. New members were introduced and future events were covered. A 50th Anniversary medal was introduced. Voting on it will take place at the next membership meeting. A side meeting on the Corvette Caravan was held after the membership meeting and caravan packets were passed out to participants. A full copy of the meeting minutes can be obtained from the club secretary.

September Events

Wendover's Fifth Annual Wings & Wheels - Sept 6th

Saturday, Sept 6th - 8:30 AM at the Wendover Airport in Wendover, UT. Get the best of two worlds, cars and airplanes. Come show your Corvette and then go look at the airplanes while everybody is looking at your car. If you don't like early mornings, consider staying overnight on Friday at one of the casino's. For those that want to go down and back, 6:30 AM departure from the Pilot / Flying J Truck Stop across from McDonalds in LakePoint.

Check the Corvette Club WebSite for the latest information.

Peach Days – Sept 5th and 6th

T-shirts and dash plaques will be given to the first **100** participants who enter “**show quality**” judged vehicles. Under Construction Class will not be judged. Cars that do not meet show quality standards may be rejected. All cars must be able to be moved into and out of the park without a trailer. No “FOR SALE” signs. This event is intended for vehicle enthusiasts. Dealers are not invited. The show is free, no registration fee required for the Car Show. Fun Run hands are \$5 each and include a barbeque/burger

at the last stop. Awards for “Fun-Run” participants with the best hands will be provided at the awards ceremony to be held Saturday (must be present). J. C. Hackett (Oldies productions) will be on hand to provide music and entertainment for the show on Saturday.

Friday, Sept 5: Fun Run (*Poker Run*)

Registration: 6:00-7:00 p.m.28

Saturday, Sept 6: Parade and Car Show

Car Show: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. (Vehicles must register and pick up window placard at Registration prior to entering the park.)

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

CCU Membership Meeting – Sep 17th

Wednesday, Sept 17^h – 7:00 PM at Larry H Miller Chevrolet, 5500 South State, Murray UT. Be sure to wear your name tags. For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-253-3957.

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

Sept Birthday Breakfast – Sept 13th

Saturday, Sept 13th – 9:00 AM, at Anna’s Restaurant, 4700 South 900 East, Murray, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in September. For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-253-3957.

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

October Events

Oct Birthday Breakfast – Oct 4th

Saturday, Oct 4th – 11:30 AM, at Blue Bird Café, Logan, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in October. At 9:45 AM, we will depart from Smith’s parking lot on 5400 S. just west of I-15. At 11:00 AM, we will meet members from the North at the Flying J at Exit 357 by Willard Bay State Park. At 11:30 AM we will eat lunch at the historic, 100 year old Blue Bird Café in downtown Logan. Following lunch, we will continue up to Bear Lake and then back over the pass to Preston, ID. The

leaves should be full of color at that time. From Preston, we will return home to Salt Lake City. For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-253-3957.

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

CCU Membership Meeting and Officer Nominations – Oct 15th

Wednesday, Oct 15th – 6:00 PM at Larry H Miller Chevrolet, 5500 South State, Murray, UT. It is time to nominate new officers and a club charity for the club elections in November. A list of eligible members will be posted on the CCU Website before the meeting. Always check with the member you will be nominating to make sure they want to run for office. Be sure to wear your name tags. For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-253-3957.

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

CCU Halloween Party and 4th Annual Chili and Soup Cook-off – Oct 18th

Saturday Oct 18th - 6:00 PM Sandy Bicentennial Pavilion, 530 East 8680 South, Sandy, UT. CCU will again be having a Chili and Soup cook-off this year at the Sandy Bicentennial Pavilion. Bring a pot of your favorite Chili and/or Soup and join the fun. This event is for members and guests only.

For those of you that plan to attend, but prefer not to make chili or soup, the cost will be \$5.00. This fee will be donated to the Utah Food Bank. Look for the donation bottle at the party.

For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-253-3957.

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