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From the Editor

My mother taught me to write thank you notes. While I believe in the principle, I've slipped in the practice of it. But not this time. Not today. John organized a pop-up social in July for his uncle who loves cars and was celebrating his 99th birthday. We hoped that we'd see a couple of cars there besides ours. We were overwhelmed by the support of our members, who drove miles to celebrate with a man they didn't know.



Those of you who met Uncle Richard may remember his sparkling blue eyes and firm handshake. We remember your greetings to him and the conversations, and your ways of making him feel special. The next day at his family birthday dinner, his daughter told us that he couldn't stop talking about his adventure with the Corvettes. And we couldn't stop talking about our members and their kindness. We are proud to be part of a group of people who are good and kind and help each other and others. I see kindness at our meetings and other activities as you greet and speak with each other, and as new members are welcomed into the club.

Thank you for all you do for John and me and for each other.

Regarding club activities, we've got two great trips coming up – San Diego in September, and Albuquerque, New Mexico, in October for the balloon festival. And if anyone would like to organize a pop-up social, they are a lot of fun! Fall is a great time for some impromptu drives and activities!

Annamarie Forbes



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Corvette Club of Utah News

Awards for January's Awards Banquet

It's time to remember and compile the award-worthy events from our trips and adventures this year! There is a place to do this on our webpage. Look for the box with this title: "Did something funny happen during a CCU event", and click on the "full story" link. A form will pop up with all the things that you need to complete.

You can also submit your awards in writing to Kelly Vining at ccu.webmaster@corvetteclubofutah.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

Elections and 2018 Officers

If you are interested in running for an officer position for the 2018 year, now is the time to decide! Nominations will take place at the October member meeting, and voting will happen at the November meeting. Members are eligible to run for a position, if he/she has earned a minimum of 12 points (see Nola for how many points you have) and if he/she has been a member for six months or more and have 50% of his/her member and event points. This is a labor of love and of time. Officers are expected to attend meetings and as many events as possible.

How to set up a Pop-Up Social

Pop-Up Socials are fun ways to get people together for spur-of-the-moment and/or localized activities. And they are rather simple to organize. Once you've decided on an event, the next step is to get the word out. Send your information to Nola Emery, at ccu.secretary@corvetteclubofutah.org. She will send out an email to all club members, letting them know of the activity. If there is some time before the event, also let Kelly Vining know, and he can also put the information on the webpage (ccu.webmaster@corvetteclubofutah.org). Let creativity and curiosity be your guide! Been wanting to try a new restaurant? Heard about a fun drive? Always wanted to check out A, B, or C? Do it with Corvette friends!

Check the Website for Current Information

Important! I can't stress this enough - check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information regarding activities, new, and events at <http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/>. Since the gazette goes to the printer weeks before you receive it, and due to the natural course of changes to activities, please see the website for the most current information.

Other information

To e-mail a CCU Officer, go to <http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/> and click on 2017 Officers for a list of the officers. Click on the blue underlined title of the officer to send an e-mail to that officer.

Please contact the Special Events Chair, Karen DeSmet, regarding upcoming events. Contact the Treasurer, Shirlynn Gildea regarding renewals and payments for upcoming events. Please contact the Secretary, Nola Emery, regarding event attendance and meeting minutes.

The club's financial information is available if you are interested. See Shirlynn Gildea at our monthly member meetings. She has our finances broken down by quarter, and is happy to relate that information to anyone interested.

Embroidered shirts are available through Creative Graphics. Contact Andrea Bitton at 801-266-7273 or andrea@cgprinting.com. Or visit their website at www.cgprinting.com. Judy Corgiat has a catalog.

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).

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!

New Members

Scott and Debbie Bell - 2008 Velocity Yellow Coupe

Our family is very excited to be a part of the Corvette Club! We purchased our first Corvette last Fall, and are enjoying driving, detailing, and having fun in it. Debbie and I have two daughters, Makayla (11) and Madison (8), who love the Corvette as much as we do.

Scott is an Air Force Colonel, and has been an engineer and program manager in the Air Force for 24 years. Debbie is a stay at home Mom and teacher, and will be home schooling our daughters this year as part of a charter school distance program. We currently live in Pleasant View, Utah, but have lived in Ohio, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Virginia, Alabama, and Colorado. We love outdoor activities, music, classic cars, and our two dogs Marco and Tank.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Corvette Club events!

Scott, Debbie, Makayla, and Madison

Dennis and Debbie Duce – 2002 Yellow Z06 Coupe

I have been a life-long Corvette lover...I just purchased my first Corvette. Aside from my love of Corvettes I am a roofing salesman specializing in high end roofing and ice dam solutions. I also do custom woven copper art. I love remodeling my home and working in my garden. I am a father of 5 kids and married to a woman wonderful enough to let me own my dream car!

Jordan Priestley – 2017 Silver GS Coupe

More information to come

Michelle and Billy Day – 2009 Yellow Coupe and 1997 Red Coupe

More information to come

Douglas and Cynthia Perry – 2006 Black Roadster

My wife and I have been happily married for 33 years. We have five children between us, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, which are, unfortunately scattered everywhere. The company I work for transferred us to Utah from California about two years ago. We are currently on our fifth corvette and have really enjoyed them all as well as the people. We are past members of Wild West Corvettes, and Founding members of Victor Valley Vettes. We love going on runs, but are not too crazy about car shows, although we will attend for a good cause. Excited to have some more fun with my "toy car" and meet new people.

September/October Birthdays

September

01 Debbie Bell
01 Wendel Burt
05 Gabriele Hackbarth
05 Reed Price
07 Kimberlee Reynolds
08 Mike Kosakowski
09 Nola Emery
10 Audrey Frailey
13 Bert Hunsaker
13 Joanne Munson
13 Phil Rocco
13 Brent Williams
14 Bruce Bailey
14 Steve DeSmet
14 Daniel Robbins
15 Diana Rice
15 Terri Ballard
16 Gail Draper
18 LaRue Linderman
19 Kori Jensen
20 Nancy Moench
24 Steve Ballard
24 Kelly Vining
27 Jim McCarthy
27 Vickie Honey
28 Bernie Poelzl
29 Vaughn Williams
30 Vern Harrington
30 Robert Liston

October

01 Liz Hunsaker
02 Ardell Brown
05 Mario Valencia
06 Robert Anderson
06 Dale Bess
07 Curtis Gaylor
07 Claudia Ruseler
08 Penny Cook
14 Joel France
14 Kevin Merrick
15 Connie Derrick
17 Darrell Moench
20 Barb Stach
21 Carol Salzetti
24 Bob Clayton
25 Horst Hackbarth
25 Richard Duarte
25 Robert Jensen
28 Ned Anderson
28 Shirlynn Gildea
28 Dennis Salzetti
28 Gin Strong
29 Kerry Burt
29 Jim Larsen
29 Lloyd Laycock
31 Jalee Cox



Mountain West Street News (MWSN)

Corvette Production Stats Released by GM

In its latest quarterly issue of *America's Sports Car* magazine the National Corvette Museum published the General Motors, Chevrolet Motor Division final statistics on Corvette production for 2017. They report that there was a total of 32,782 2017 model Corvettes built. 34.3 % were Stingray Coupes, 30.2% Grand Sport Coupes, 18.9% Z06 Coupes, 7% Stingray Convertibles, 6.2% Grand Sport Convertibles and 3.3% Z06 Convertibles.

The 8 speed paddle shift automatic out produced the production of manual 7 speed transmissions coming in at 77%. The 1LT options package took the lead over other packages for Stingrays and Grand Sports and the 3LZ package dominated the Z06 production.

What would you think was the most popular color? It was Arctic White at 18%. Next came Watkins Glen Gray at 17.7%, Black 16%, Torch Red 14%, Admiral Blue 9%, Blade Silver 6%, Long Beach Red 6%, Corvette Racing Yellow at 4%, Black Rose 4% and Sterling Blue 2%. The magazine also pointed out that if you add the two reds together 'red' would be the most prominent color with 20%.

To see more information on this and other options see the NCM web site and click on the 'Learn' menu.

Bob T.



Why does a chicken coop have two doors?
Because with four, it would be a chicken sedan.

Speaking of Corvette History Trivia



If you are like me, questions about Corvette history sometimes come to mind. One question I had was about the material that our corvettes are made of, specifically 'fiberglass'. I knew that the early Corvettes were made of fiberglass and I also knew that our

Corvettes of today are not. Today, they are made of a complex recipe of modern plastic composites, aka, sheet-molded compound (SMC). So, I wondered, when did this transition take place? When was the last Corvette made of the real (fiberglass) stuff?

The question wasn't too hard to answer thanks to Google. I found an article, originally published in August 2011 by Barry Kluczyk that satisfied my curiosity. The article is like 12 pages long and it's loaded with facts on Corvette construction materials and methods (see the link below). So, anyway, rather than me trying to explain this rather convoluted subject I'd like to take a paragraph or two right from the actual article, I quote:

"Starting with the C3 generation in 1968, body parts were manufactured with a press-mold process, whereby the fiberglass material and resin were shaped in a die-like tool that produced smoother parts more quickly. It was a significant jump in forming technology and laid the groundwork for a change in the body panels' material in 1973. That year, the composition changed from conventional fiberglass to sheet-molded compound (SMC), which was composed of fiberglass, resin, and a catalyst formed under high heat and pressure. The ratio of resin to fiberglass was reduced with SMC, while the fiberglass itself was a bit coarser. The new material helped produce panels that were even smoother right out of the mold, meaning they required less surface finishing prior to painting. It also helped create a better final paint finish."

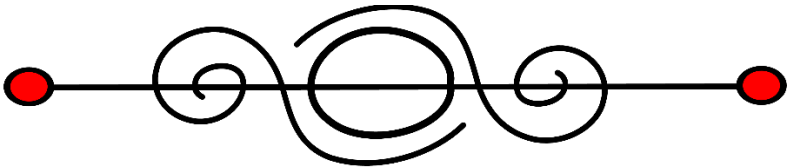
I also learned that with continued improvement of the chemical composition of SMC Chevrolet was able to produce stronger body panels

with greater strength and less weight which was an advantage given the lower horsepower engines in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

To see the entire article and learn more see the site:

<http://www.superchevy.com/how-to/vemp-1108-corvette-body-materials/>

Bob T.



Fun Facts about Corvettes

The name “Corvette” comes from a small naval warship. Corvette ships helped win World War II by escorting merchant ships to Europe and protecting them from German U Boats.

A Corvette helped the Rebel Alliance defeat the evil empire in Star Wars. Watch the latest Star Wars movie, Rogue One, near the end.

This article was submitted by Craig and Karla McManama





EXPERIENCES PUT YOU IN THE FAST LANE

Now is the perfect time to plan a trip to the NCM Motorsports Park, just minutes away from the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Ky., as driving a brand new Corvette and karting have both been added to the



MSP's intriguing list of offerings. Have you ever dreamed of driving America's Sports Car? How about on a race track? At the NCM

Motorsports Park, those who have always wanted to get behind the wheel of a Corvette can do so with our Corvette Experience and Corvette Touring options.

Choose from one of our manual or automatic Corvette Z51s to drive on the track.

The **Corvette Experience** consists of three 20-minute on-track sessions alternating with three classroom sessions. Drivers will be behind the wheel of a 2017 Corvette Stingray Z51 for laps around the 3.15 mile road course, built for speed. Participants will receive lunch and a VIP guided tour of the National Corvette Museum as part of their package. Complimentary shuttle transportation is available to and from the Museum for the tours. The Corvette Experience is open to the public and available for private events.

Upcoming opportunities are August 19, 20, 30, September 4, October 21, 22, November 3, 12, December 1, 15. The cost of the Experience is \$599 and those wishing to participate are encouraged to call (270) 777-4509 to schedule. Advanced reservations are required and space is very limited.



With **Corvette Touring**, you have the chance to drive your choice of automatic or manual Z51 Corvette on the track with a pace car for four laps. The cost of Corvette Touring is \$199 and calling ahead to schedule recommended.

On top of the Corvette Experience and Corvette Touring, the National Corvette Museum is now offering **rides in Corvettes**. For \$20, you can take a three-mile, 10-15 minute ride in your choice of Corvette – 1966 Rally Red Convertible 327, 1979 Corvette Red Coupe and a 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible. Rides can be booked at the Museum's Admissions counter and are available weekdays, Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Admissions counter and are available weekdays, Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. Admissions counter and are available weekdays,

Additionally, the brand new **NCM Kartplex** is now open at the NCM Motorsports Park. For \$20 per person, you can arrive and drive for a fun race against your friends on the track in an eight-minute session.

Karting is closed on Mondays, but is open Tuesday-Saturday, 1 PM-7 PM and Sundays from 1 PM-6 PM. However, hours are subject to change due to inclement weather and private events. Please check the

karting **calendar** before visiting.



About the NCM Motorsports Park: The NCM Motorsports Park is a safe and challenging environment where drivers of all ages, interests and skill levels can

become more proficient behind the wheel. With over 1.5 miles of frontage on Interstate 65 and located across from the National Corvette Museum and the General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant, the NCM Motorsports Park is one of the most centrally located and easily accessible driving facilities in the country.

2019 National Corvette Caravan

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. Leading the charge will be Jeffrey Duda of Hainesport, NJ, a Lifetime Member of the Museum and previous co-captain of the New Jersey 2014 and 2009 Caravans.

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. An event such as this requires years of planning and coordinating. All help is appreciated! If you would like to volunteer to be a Caravan Captain, please email Jeff at nationalchairman2019@verizon.net

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 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. This is much less cumbersome than listing the whole three states. Also, if it is shortened to NorCal (as done in 2014), then N. Nevada and Utah feel left out.

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 via:

Don Herzer
Pacific Central Captain
corvdon@wsccpubs.net
209-586-3079

What can you expect from the 2019 National Corvette Caravan:

Registration for the caravan will occur on-line 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. We will send out a notice when it's time to register.

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 on the Thursday or Friday that you 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.

About a year out, the Captain will release a list of hotels that the caravan will be stopping at. These will be in Cheyenne, WY, Lincoln, NC, and Columbia, MO. At the same time, CCU will release a list the name of the motel the club will be staying in at Bowling Green and a list of hotels for the journey home. Make your reservations early.

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

CCU NCM Ambassador News

If you are visiting the National Corvette Museum, contact me for free admission tickets. I have 10 tickets available on first come first served basis.

Those that bought raffle tickets from me for the 2017 Red Coupe, your raffle tickets have been sent to NCM and the drawing is Sept 2nd. Look for the phone call from NCM.

To find out more about the National Corvette Museum contact your NCM Ambassador, Bob Clayton.



Corvette Racing at Road America

DETROIT (Aug. 1, 2017) – Of all the tracks at which Corvette Racing has competed – 25 around the world – none may be as universally praised as Road America. It is where endurance racing’s premier production-based team heads this weekend in hopes of building its points lead in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship’s GT Le Mans (GTLM) title race. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen lead the Driver’s Championship and Chevrolet heads the Manufacturer’s standings with four races left.

The 4.048-mile, 14-turn circuit in the picturesque Kettle Moraine along Wisconsin’s coast of Lake Michigan is a place where both Corvette Racing and Chevrolet have a deep history. Chevy leadership oftentimes used the track to test and reveal a number of high-performance production cars in the 1960s. The relationship between the track and brand is solidified by the landmark Corvette Bridge that competitors pass under each lap.

Corvette Racing has achieved a number of successes at Road America since its first race there in 2002... which ended in victory. There have been seven total at the track but perhaps none were as dramatic as last year’s run to victory for Tommy Milner and Oliver Gavin. The pairing in

the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R went from fifth to first with 15 minutes remaining to earn their fourth victory of the season en route to the GTLM Driver's, Manufacturer's and Team Championship.

This year, it's teammates Garcia and Magnussen who lead in points heading into the eighth race of the season. The pairing has won twice so far in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R and holds a slim seven-point lead with a maximum of 36 points available in Sunday's race.

They won races earlier this year at Sebring and Circuit of The Americas in addition to a third-place class finish at Watkins Glen. Garcia and Magnussen were second in class at Road America in 2013. Corvette Racing's group of four drivers has won seven times at Road America, led by Gavin with four victories and four pole positions.

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Diagnostic Problem: Oil Odor From The Engine With No Leaks

We'd been smelling oil at times while driving our Corvette. However, there were no drips, and the engine had been checked for leaks, with none found. Finally, we took our car to a dealer who was able to diagnose and solve the problem. The cause was the lube used on the rear main seal, not an oil leak. This problem is known to affect 2008-2013 Corvettes.

The recommendation for a proper diagnosis is as follows:

1. If an oil odor is detected, check for an external oil leak.
2. Check to be sure the engine oil level is not over full (Dry sump system be sure to follow Si procedure for checking the oil).
3. If no oil leaks were found and the engine oil level is not over full, replace the rear main seal.

This information was helpful to us, and I wanted to pass it along.

John Forbes

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Willard Car and Truck Show
3	4 Park City Miner's Day Parade	5	6 CCU Officer's Meeting	7	8 Elko Car Show	9 Brigham City Peach Days Car Show Elko Show
10 Elko Show	11	12 San Diego	13 San Diego	14 San Diego	15 San Diego	16 San Diego
17 San Diego	18	19	20 CCU Member Meeting	21	22	23 Birthday Breakfast Oasis Café SLC
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 CCU Officer's Meeting	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 New Mexico Balloon Trip	12 New Mexico	13 New Mexico	14 New Mexico Birthday Breakfast Mimi's
15 New Mexico	16 New Mexico	17	18 CCU Members Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

September Events

Park City Miner's Day Parade – Monday, September 4th

The Park City Rotary Club is hosting the 120th annual Miner's Day Event, which honors the city's mining heritage. CCU has been asked to join them in the parade once again. We are limited to 16 cars. We will meet in the Smith's parking lot at 655 W 5300 S in Salt Lake City at 8:30 AM and leave for Park City at 8:45 AM. For more information contact Judy Corgiat at 801-718-7167.

Peach Days Brigham City – Saturday, September 9th

Peach Days was started in 1904 "as a day off from harvest and a time to celebrate an abundance of the best peaches in Utah." The celebration starts Wednesday, September 6th and ends Saturday, September 9th. Saturday is packed full of food and fun activities. CCU will be participating in the free car show hosted by the Bonneville Rods and Custom Car Club. The main car entrance will be off **Forest Street** heading east toward historic downtown Brigham City. Take the Forest Street Exit off I-15 and head east toward the mountains. Cars can register or pick up their pre-registered placards at the **Autoliv** parking lot just off Forest Street - then continue heading east on Forest until you reach Pioneer Park / Watkins Park for the show. For advanced registration go online to www.bonnevillscarclub.org. **We will meet in the Smith's parking lot at 655 W 5300, SLC at 8:00 AM and leave as a group at 8:15 AM.** Please join us! *Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

San Diego Trip –Tuesday, September 12th–Sunday, September 17th Tuesday, September 12th

Meet at Thanksgiving Point at 3:00 pm for a 3:15 pm departure. We will travel down I-15 to Mesquite Nevada. We will stay at the Casablanca Casino. Dinner will be at any of the many buffets.

Wednesday, September 13th

Breakfast in Mesquite, then depart at 9:00am for Las Vegas. We will stop at Count's Kustoms for a tour. We will leave Las Vegas and head to San Diego. We will stay at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (619-297-1101). Rooms are \$120.00 including breakfast. Parking will be \$5.00 per night. Dinner will be in Old Town San Diego. The hotel provides a shuttle so we don't have to worry about parking in Old Town.

Thursday September 14th

This will be a fun day in San Diego. We can go as a group to one of many options including SeaWorld, SD Zoo, Wild Animal Park, or

Coronado Island. There is a hop on hop off bus that goes to all of the major attractions. This is a great way to see the City. Dinner will be at the Corvette Diner.

Friday September 15th

This will be another fun day in San Diego. We can go as a group to one of many options including SeaWorld, SD Zoo, Wild Animal Park, or Coronado Island. There is a hop on hop off bus that goes to all of the major attractions. This is a great way to see the City. Dinner will be at Rockin' Baja Lobster in the Gaslamp District. It will be fun to cruise the main road through the Gaslamp District in our Corvettes. This is one of our favorite restaurants.

Saturday September 14th

We will have breakfast then depart San Diego. We will travel up Palomar Mountain. It is a very beautiful twisty drive. We will stop for lunch at Mother's Kitchen. We will come down the other side of the loop then head to Las Vegas. Dinner will be at Lucille's in Green Valley.

Sunday September 17th

After breakfast we will head home. For more information, contact John Forbes at 801-721-0750 or jforbesut@yahoo.com.

CCU Birthday Breakfast - Saturday, September 23rd

Join us 9:00 AM at The Oasis Café, 151 South 500 East, Salt Lake City. We will be seated on the open, but covered, terrace. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in September. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. *Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

October Events

Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta - Wed, October 11th–Mon, October 16th

Over 500 balloons take flight during the mass ascension of this annual fall event during the first two weeks in October. The event began with 13 balloons in 1972 and today is the largest hot air ballooning event in the world. Join Steve and Karen DeSmet as they enjoy early morning and evening balloon events, as well as touring thru some of New Mexico's most scenic byways and historic towns. The clear, brilliant-blue skies, red rock masses, and undulating desert sands of George O'Keefe's vivid canvases capture the essence of New Mexico. No wonder New Mexico is nicknamed the "Land of Enchantment." For more information contact Karen DeSmet at 801-910-2923 or krdesmet@gmail.com.

Wednesday, October 11th

Meet at Thanksgiving Point exit 284 by the water tower in the parking lot. The drivers' meeting will be at 8:45 AM, departing at 9:00 AM for lunch in Moab at approximately 12:30 PM. Continue on to Durango, CO via HWY 6 where we will spend the night at the Hampton Inn and Suites, 3777 Main Ave, Durango, CO. Hot breakfast is available. Rooms are reserved under the Corvette Club of Utah. Group rate for Standard King or Double Queen is \$139 + tax. For reservations call 970-247-2600. Reservations must be made by July 31st. Our block is released on August 1st.

Thursday, October 12th

This morning we travel to Pagosa Springs and then onto the Taos Pueblo. The Taos Pueblo is one of 19 pueblos in the state, and stands out as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. People have lived in Taos Pueblo's multi-storied adobe structures for more than 1,000 years. Here we will enjoy a guided tour and have lunch in Taos vicinity. Fees apply. After lunch we will follow the High Road to Santa Fe, traveling along back routes and taking in the colonial countryside of New Mexico's beginnings. From Santa Fe we'll travel to Albuquerque, where we will spend the next 3 nights at the Best Western Airport InnSuites. Rooms are reserved under the Corvette Club of Utah. Group rate for standard King (Double Queen, if available) is \$154 + tax. For reservations call 505-242-7022. Reservations must be made by July 31st. Our block is released on August 1st.

Friday, October, 13th

After Breakfast we head toward Santa Fe via the Turquoise Trail. The Scenic and Historic Area of the Turquoise Trail encompasses 15,000 square miles in the heart of central New Mexico, linking Albuquerque and Santa Fe. Enjoy a breathtaking view from atop Sandia Crest, then drive back into history through the mining towns of Golden, Madrid, and Cerrillos, now coming alive with art, crafts, theater, music, museums and restaurants. There's a great photo op at Maggie's Diner in Madrid from the movie Wild Hogs. Arrive in Santa Fe in time to see the city and have an early dinner before returning to Albuquerque to catch the Special Shapes Glowdeo and Laser Light Show. Evening Session admission tickets needed to enter the Balloon Fiesta Field. Note: Unless otherwise determined by our group, we will only see the balloon morning ascensions on Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday, October 14th

Today is an early day! We will be on the road by 5:00 AM or we will miss the morning ascension. Krispy Cremes and coffee will be available there. Also, our hotel may be opening breakfast earlier than 6:30 AM or make breakfast bags to go. TBD. This is an Albuquerque day. Options for our visit include Historic downtown, tram ride to Sandia Peak, or one of the many museums. Dinner before going back to the park for the evening session and the Night Magic Glow presented by Canon beginning at 6:00

PM. Morning and Evening Session admission tickets needed to enter the Balloon Fiesta Field.

Sunday, October 15th

We say good bye to Albuquerque today and start our way home after the early morning ascension. Morning Session admission tickets needed to enter the Balloon Fiesta Field. We'll travel along the Jemez Scenic NM Byway to Farmington, NM and from Farmington to Mesa Verde National Park, CO. Bring your passes! After touring thru the park we'll arrive in Cortez at the Holiday Inn Express, 2121 East Main St., Cortez, CO. Hot breakfast is available. Rooms are reserved under the Corvette Club of Utah. Group rate for all standard rooms (kings, queens, double queens, etc) is \$100 + tax. For reservations call 970-565-6000. Reservations must be made by July 31st. Our block is released on August 1st.

Monday, October 16th

Leave for home via US-191 and US-6W. Lunch TBD.

Note: We have reserved 2 - 15 passenger vans to transport us to and from the Balloon Fiesta Field and into town as recommended by the hotel and visitor bureau. This protects our cars from damage in town or on the field. The cost for 3 days is \$474.03 + gas per van and will be divided accordingly. We will release the reserve on the vans on August 1st. Additional costs for the event will include the entrance fee for morning and night sessions approximately \$10.00 per session, Taos Pueblo, and park entrance fees

CCU Birthday Breakfast - Saturday, October 21st

Join us 9:00 AM at Mimi's Cafe, 5223 S. State St., Murray. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in October. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. *Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.



2017 Overview

September 2017

- 2 Willard Car and Truck Show
- 4 Miner's Day Parade, Park City
- 6 CCU Officer's Meeting
- 9 Peach Days Car Show, Brigham City
- 8-10 Rides & Rods Classic Car Show, Elko
- 12-17 San Diego Trip
- 20 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray
- 23 CCU Birthday Breakfast – Oasis Café, SLC

October 2017

- 4 CCU Officer's Meeting – TBD
- 11-16 Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta, NM
- 14 CCU Birthday Breakfast – Mimi's Café, Murray
- 18 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray

November 2017

- 8 CCU Officer's Meeting – TBD
- 11 CCU Birthday Breakfast – Village Inn, Roy
- 15 CCU Membership Meeting & Officer's Elections – Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

December 2017

- 9 CCU Birthday Breakfast – TBD
- 13 CCU Officer's Meeting – TBD
- 14 CCU Christmas Party – Timbermine Steakhouse, Ogden
- 20 CCU Membership Meeting – Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

January 2018

- 20 CCU Awards Dinner - TBD

August 2019

- 28-31 2019 National Corvette Caravan and 25th NCM Anniversary



Past Events

2017 Shakespeare Trip (Cedar City, Utah)



On July 6th, members going on the Shakespeare trip all linked up and headed down to Cedar City. There were a total of 9 cars in this caravan. In route we did the standard stops in Scipio for a restroom break and to check out the petting zoo. Then it was on down to Beaver for lunch and the mandatory stop at the cheese factory. From here it was an easy drive to Cedar City and check in for the hotel. This evening was a group dinner over at Sizzler and then those that were head over to the Shakespeare plays departed to see “As You Like It”.

Day 2, was a trip out to Bryce Canyon and a fun Corvette drive. First stop was an opportunity to check out Cedar Breaks. Here the rangers here had telescopes setup to look at the sun. This was a great opportunity for each of the club members to see real time sun spots and solar flares. From here it was another photo stop and then through Panquitch and onto Bryce Canyon. At the entrance to Bryce Canyon, we did a lunch stop and an opportunity to check out the gift shop. Then it was into Bryce Canyon and an opportunity to view all of the great sights this park has to offer. After this it was back to the hotel for a quick rest and then all members went out to a steak house for a great dinner. We also had another car join us, so we were up to ten Corvettes on this trip.

Then after this, those that wanted headed off to see Shakespeare in Love headed out.

On day three we decided to head south and checkout Kolob Canyon. This little park is right off of I-15, but is skipped by most people. Here we saw some great sights, and yes more car pictures. After Kolob Canyon, some of the group went back to Cedar City while the others continued on to St. George for some shopping and lunch. Then after lunch, we headed back to Cedar City. On this day, there was a car show in Cedar City right next to the hotel. So we arranged the cars in the hotel parking lot so that if those at the car show wanted to see our cars, they could. Always fun to show off the Corvettes. Then again, some of the members went to the evening's play of Romeo and Juliet.

Day 4 was about heading home. Some of the group left early, but the main group convoyed, making our way north. At the final rest stop, we said our goodbyes and everyone headed out toward home.

It was a great trip, some fun Corvette times. The best part is the time to hang out with the other members of the club and just time together.



July Birthday Dinner and Drive

Who would have thought that being pulled over and arrested would be so much fun! Those who drove with us in July got to imagine what that would be like!



John and Annamarie Forbes' brother-in-law, Troy Denney, who is a lieutenant in the Utah Highway Patrol, joined us on our drive in Ogden and Weber Canyons in a vintage 1992 patrol car. We had a lot of fun posing for the camera! At one point a sheriff pulled in behind our parked cars to see if back up was needed! Then we drove to the Gray Cliff Lodge where a fantastic dinner was ready for us.





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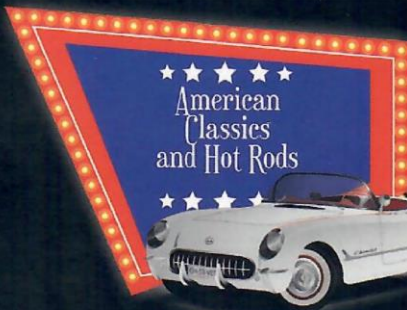
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