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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, Nola Emery, 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. Judy Corgiat has a catalog.

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2019 Charity

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

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

Museum Donations

Telling the Story of Corvettes' Early Competitor

Did you know that it was the Ford Thunderbird that inspired General Motors to put a much needed V-8 in their sporty Corvette? With sales of the 1953 and 1954 Corvette missing the mark, something had to be done or the new American Sports Car could fold. Thanks to Don Herring, the Museum now owns a 1955 Thunderbird to help tell that important story of Corvette's early competition and how it helped save the icon.

Museum Programs

Ordering a C8? Add on R8C!

Take Delivery of your 8th Generation Corvette at the National Corvette Museum! Referred to as OPTION "R8C" and available through any Chevrolet Dealer when specified during ordering, R8C customers are welcomed with signs and a guided V.I.P. tour of the Museum where their car is displayed, followed by an orientation and presentation of their new vehicle.

The customer receives a one-year individual membership to the NCM, a unique gold decal on the inside of the driver's door jamb, and a commemorative wall plaque (with the customer's name, date of delivery and VIN) is ordered. If you are planning to share this experience with a special child or grandchild, let us know! We have treats for them, too!

Corvette Raffles

Corvette Raffles Available to ALL States!

In case you missed it, we were able to develop a new system for our Corvette raffles so that we can once again offer them to all states. The new process is via mail order, so don't wait to place your order as more time is involved and it could sell out!



2019 Shadow Gray Grand Sport Coupe Raffle Drawing 08/29/2019 Tickets \$150 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets Less than 500 Tickets SOLD!

"Build Your Own" 2020 "C8" Stingray Corvette Raffle Drawing 08/30/2019 Tickets \$250 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets Only 323 Tickets Left as of 8/1/19!

VIN 25 2020 "C8" Stingray Corvette Raffle Drawing 08/31/2019 Tickets \$25 / Unlimited Raffle

2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Stingray Convertible Raffle Drawing 09/19/2019 Tickets \$100 / Limited to 1,500 Tickets Less than 200 Tickets SOLD!

Don't wait until the last minute! Raffles are once again open to all states via a mail order ticket request form.



CORVETTE RACING AT ROAD AMERICA:

Back to the Holy Grail

DETROIT (July 30, 2019) – Across the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship schedule, no track may be as revered as Road America. That is especially true for everyone at Corvette Racing, which will attempt for another victory this weekend at "America's National Park of Speed".

Sunday's IMSA Road Race Showcase will mark Corvette Racing's 13th appearance at Road America with seven wins and a like number of pole positions since 2002. The team will look to improve – albeit slightly – on last year's doublepodium finish in the GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.

The biggest item for Corvette Racing is the return of Tommy Milner to the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R alongside Oliver Gavin. Milner suffered an injury to his left hand during an opening-lap crash at Watkins Glen, forcing him to miss the two most recent rounds at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park and Lime Rock Park as Marcel Fässler subbed in the No. 4 Corvette.

With the full-season lineup restored, Corvette Racing can press on for a second-straight, doublepodium finish and a chase for its fourth consecutive GTLM Drivers Championship. Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen, in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Corvette, stand third in GTLM points heading to Road America in their attempt for a championship three-peat.

They were third last year at Road America to their No. 4 teammates. A victory Sunday would not only help their championship cause, but it would be their first Road America win together since becoming teammates in 2012. Besides placing second in class a year ago, Gavin and Milner scored Corvette Racing's most recent Road America triumph in 2016. It was an epic finish that saw Milner go from fifth to first in the final 15 minutes and winning on the final lap.

A solid points haul Sunday would be one of many highlights for the program. Garcia and Milner are set to make their 100th career starts with Corvette Racing this weekend, a month following Magnussen's 150th career team start at Watkins Glen. But there also is another key focal point for Corvette fans to keep their eyes on during the weekend...

2020 Corvette Stingray on Display at Road America

The IMSA Road Race Showcase at Road America will have the distinction of being one of the first sites in the world to host the 2020 Corvette Stingray – the first mid-engine Corvette in Chevrolet's history. Following its highly anticipated reveal July 18, the Corvette Stingray will be on-site at the Chevrolet Motorsports Display in the Road America main paddock near Victory Circle.

The 2020 Stingray's exterior has a bold, futuristic expression with mid-engine exotic proportions, but it is still unmistakably Corvette. It's lean and muscular, with an athletic sculptural shape conveying a sense of motion and power from every angle.

2019 National Corvette Caravan

The National Caravan is off and running. We will be in Bowling Green for the 25th Museum Anniversary over the Labor Day Weekend.

We will return following the complete Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica. We will be back in Salt Lake City on the Sunday after Labor Day.

You can follow our travels on the Corvette Club of Utah Facebook page and watch for pictures on the club website. Watch this space for a report on the caravan in the November – December issue.

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Corvette has always represented iconic American design, performance, technical ingenuity and attainability. The entry 2020 Stingray continues that tradition as a nocompromise value proposition, as it will start under \$60,000. The 2020 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray goes into production at GM's Bowling Green Assembly in late 2019. Additional pricing and packaging information will be shared closer to launch.

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Murray Fun Days Parade July 4th Sandy Parade





Next Generation Corvette Reveal Report

by Bob Clayton

On July 18th, the Next Generation or C8 mid-engine Corvette was revealed to the world in Tustin, CA. On July 19th it was revealed to select Corvette Customers. I was lucky enough to get a ticket for myself and Jo through the Western States Corvette Council. You can see my pictures from the reveal event on the club website or Facebook page.

All I can say is WOW. While we were waiting for the hanger to open we were allowed to view a display of the C5R, C6R, and the current C7R Corvette race cars making way for the C8R Corvette race car. We also were able to do some shopping for C8 clothing, baggage and mementos. Once in the hanger, we viewed exhibits of Corvette Prototypes of the past provided by the Peterson Automotive Museum. We were also able to view and examine the blue C8 with the white interior from the reveal event. There were also exhibits to include a cutout of the cockpit, the frame, motor, seats, wheels, and colors available for the exterior, interior, and seat belts.

We were guided into the stage area where the Red and White C8's were still on the stage. They replayed the C8 entrance from the previous night and with the sound system it made that hanger rumble as the cars raced down the length of the hanger to the stage. We were then treated with an hour-long relaxed presentation from the Chief Corvette Engineer on what the C8 was bringing to us as owners. It's an all new car with very little from previous generations.

Some key things from his presentation. Small block V-8 will be the base engine for the Corvette. No four or 6 cylinder engines. Transmission is new electronic transmission. No manual transmissions. Zero to sixty in under 3 seconds in the base Corvette. Front lift will be introduced which allows the Corvette to raise its nose 2 inches to avoid road obstacles. It uses GPS to remember where those obstacles are and will automatically raise the nose when you come to the obstacle again. Video rear mirror which uses a camera on the roof at the back of the cockpit to eliminate blind spots. Tighter turn radius and a unique handling experience in turns since you are seated 2 feet forward from the traditional front engine Corvette and places you forward of the turning apex. Plenty of cargo space in the front and rear cargo bays. The rear bay is larger and handles the two sets of golf bags and the removed roof panel. If you have the C7 custom luggage you can fit all five pieces in the cargo bays with room for car cleaning kits and small cooler. The back cargo bay will easily handle the two roller bags. Finally, the Z51 will be the only performance option on this first option of the C8, but more options are coming.

After the presentation, they opened up the Blue C8 and we all lined up to sit in it and look at it. It is a whole new experience with toggles and switches replacing the shifter and array of switches going up the right side of the driver's compartment. Everything wraps around the driver and is well thought out. There is even a cell phone holder on the waterfall between the passenger and driver. The engine is right behind the driver and passenger with a glass window separating the cockpit and engine. There is no sump on the engine so all models will have a dry sump with an oil tank.

When we left to go to the reveal, we had already seen camouflaged C8's on I-15 in Nevada a couple of times last year. Jo hated the C8's appearance and was really did not want to go to the reveal. After we watched the streamed release presentation and saw the unwrapped C8 in person she changed her mind. When she got to sit in it, she was sold. In the corner of the hanger was a fourth C8 that was not shown in the TV presentation. It was dark bronze metallic color and Jo said that was the Corvette she wanted. We reserved our C8 upon our return and you can see it in the last three pictures on the club website. Since they have not started production yet, we don't know for sure when we will actually have it in our garage. It's estimated between Dec and Mar.

Anyone want to buy a 2014 Blade Silver Stingray Roadster?



Super Summer Sunday Series

July would find us headed north for our Sunday Series run. Eleven cars departed the Flying J Travel Center at the Willard Bay North Marina exit.

We headed north on I-15 to Honeyville before jumping onto Highway 38, cruising past Crystal Hot Springs. We merged into Highway 30 crossing over into Cache Valley. We picked up Dennis and Carol at the Highway 23/30 junction. Now with twelve cars in the group, we headed north for our first stop at Newton Lake for some group photos. Leaving Newton we continued north into Preston for restrooms, snacks and drinks.

We departed Preston and continued our journey on Highway 36 through Mink Creek. We stopped on top for more scenic views and photos of the cars before heading towards Bear Lake and Garden City.



Cody's Gastro Garage would be our lunch break. Even though Garden City was crowded with people, we were pleasantly surprised to get tables at Cody's. Cody's is a car themed restaurant with the dining tables

placed underneath cars up on lifts and motorcycles hanging from the ceilings.

South of Garden City we attempted to find an area next to the lake to get more great photos of the cars. The further south towards Rendezvous Beach the worse the crowds got. We finally gave up and continued on to Randolph and then Woodruff before returning home over Monte Cristo.

July 28th & Aug 18th

Highway 39 from Woodruff to Huntsville allowed for several opportunities at some high spirited driving. After a day of nice cruising through the country, it was fun to kick it up a notch and experience what the cars were made for.



August was a Mystery Cruise and kept things closer to home. We began the day in the Maverick Center parking lot. By 9:00 am we had eight cars ready to go. Route sheets were distributed and a brief driver's meeting would lay out the route for the day.

Our first stop was Smith's on 4100 South to get fuel, snacks and drinks and use the restrooms.

We headed south on the Mountain View Corridor to Redwood Rd. That was the first time for me on Mountain View and it gave me a completely different perspective of the Salt Lake Valley looking east. The number of homes, condos and apartments sprouting up on the west side was astounding.

On Redwood Rd we continued south to Saratoga Springs and then east to Orem before entering into Provo Canyon. We detoured onto the old Provo Canyon Road at Nunn's Park stopping at Bridal Veil Park for photos before continuing on to the Upper Falls Park and then Deer Creek Reservoir.

Before getting to Heber, we turned north to the Homestead Resort in Midway to explore the Homestead Crater. From the Homestead, we continued north through Pine Canyon to Guardsman Pass and then into Deer Valley and Park City. We got tied up with the "Tour de Utah" bike race. I didn't realize they were to be in Park City this day.

Eventually we made it through Park City and navigated our way to Jeremy Ranch. Today, Billy Blanco's was to be our choice for lunch. Just like Cody's Gastro Garage, Billy Blanco's is a car themed restaurant with tables placed underneath cars and motorcycles up on lifts. Everyone enjoyed a nice lunch while we all visited with each other.

Following lunch, we returned over Parley's Summit and down Parley's Canyon. For those of us from the north, we diverted at Mt. Dell Reservoir and returned home through East Canyon and the Morgan Valley.

Two more great Super Summer Sunday Series runs under our belt. The season is almost over as we come down to our last Sunday cruise coming up next month.



A big thank you to all of you who come and enjoy a Sunday run with me. Sunday cruises are my favorites.



Inside Idaho Road Trip

Thursday, June 27th, nine cars departed from the Flying J Travel Center at the Willard Bay North Marina exit. This would be the beginning of a road trip to explore the inner scenic byways the state of Idaho has to offer.

Our first stop was Burley, ID for drinks and snacks. After some needed leg stretching we continued west to Bliss, ID for fuel and to pick up our tenth member, Richard.

With Richard in line we continued westward across the Snake River Valley into Boise. We stopped at Lucky 13 on the east side of Boise for some much needed lunch. Lucky 13 was in close proximity to our first scenic highway; Highway 21 – Ponderosa Pine Scenic Highway. Highway 21 travels from Boise to Idaho City and then into Lowman. This would become our best high spirited road on the entire trip. From Idaho City to Lowman, it is filled with extremely tight, neverending turns as you climb up and over Mores Creek Summit before descending into Lowman. This truly could be the Dragon's Tail of Idaho. Our suspension, brakes and radiators were getting extreme workouts as we pushed our cars to their... well our limits.

We stopped in Lowman to let things cool down before continuing on.

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From Lowman we continued down ID-17 to Garden Valley and then Route 55 northward through Cascade with our final destination McCall, ID. After a long day of driving, we enjoyed a nice dinner overlooking Payette Lake before turning in for the evening.

The next morning was cool and a little damp. We met at Rotary Park on the shores of Payette Lake. As we departed McCall, the Porsche Club of America was in town participating in a road rally. As we passed by, they took a moment from their morning driver's meeting to give us a hearty, friendly wave.

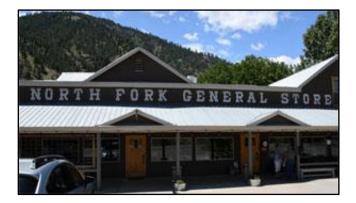
Today we were exploring Idaho's Highway 12. Much like our own Highway 12 in Southern Utah, Idaho's Highway 12 is filled with twists and turns as it follows the Clear Water and Lochsa rivers to Montana.

To get there we crossed over Time Zone Bridge. Kind of a weird idea changing into the Pacific Time Zone travelling north, but we did. We immediately gained an hour as we headed north from Riggins into Grangeville.



Along the Lochsa we stopped and enjoyed the smell of pine trees and the sounds of the river. We stopped at the historic Lochsa Ranger Station and then Lochsa Lodge for lunch before leaving Idaho; losing the hour we had gained earlier in the morning and entering Montana for our destination of Hamilton.

The next day our travels took us south back into Idaho, but not before passing the Chief Joseph Ranch and visiting the Big Hole National Battlefield. Crossing over Lost Trail Pass and descending into Salmon, ID for lunch, we stopped at North Fork so I could touch the water of my favorite Steelhead Fishing spot; the Salmon River.



After lunch at Bertram's in Salmon, we continued southwest following the Salmon River to Stanley, ID. Just north of Ellis, we were stopped by a terrible accident. Three motorcycles were involved in a head-on collision shutting down Highway 93 for close to an hour.

Finally arriving in Stanley, we made a quick visit to Red Fish Lake. We jumped out, touched the water and got some group photos.

After another very long day of driving, we made it to our final destination for the day; Hailey, ID. The group split up and went several different directions exploring various restaurants for dinner.

We departed Hailey Sunday morning. Reaching Idaho Falls, the group split into two separate groups with some returning home via I-84 while the other headed south on Highway 93 to Jackpot and then I-80, stopping at Wendover for lunch before returning home.

Lots of smiles and lots of miles in four days. It was great getting back to the interior of Idaho.



Buffalo Bill Trip

Cody, WY / Yellowstone / Beartooth Highway, July 18th-21st





Members toured Yellowstone National Park on Friday seeing sites of Tower Falls, Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithfull and Fishing Bridge.



To finish off a great vacation, members visited the *Buffalo Bill Center of the West* museum. Afterwards they were treated to dinner and a show at the Cody Cattle Company and then a night at the famous Cody Rodeo.

Club members enjoyed a "glamping" vacation at the Cody Cowboy Village in Cody, WY. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to relax in luxury cabins for three nights while exploring Buffalo Bill's old stomping grounds.



Saturday found Club members on top of the world as they travelled the Beartooth Highway from Red Lodge, MT to Cooke City, MT.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Park City Miner's Day	3	4	5	6 Peach Days	7 Peach Days
		Route 66 Return	n Home – Chicago t	o Santa Monica		
	Labor Day					
8 Route 66 Return Home	9	10	11 Patriot Day	12	13	14 Birthday Cruise Birthday Dinner
15	16	17	18 Club Meeting	19	20	21 Autumn Begins
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Super Summer Sunday Series	30					

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Popup Dinner
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Birthday Cruise Birthday Dinner
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Club Meeting	17	18	19 Halloween Party
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

Event Summary

September 2019

1 - 8		Route 66 Return Home
2	8:00 am	Miner's Day Parade
6	5:00 pm	Peach Days (Poker Run)
7	9:00 am	Peach Days (Parade & Car Show)
14	10:00 am	Birthday Cruise
14	4:00 pm	Birthday Dinner
18	7:00 pm	Club Meeting
29	9:00 am	Super Summer Sunday Series
October	2019	
5	6:00 pm	Popup Dinner Hess' House
12	9:00 am	Birthday Cruise
12	1:00 pm	Birthday Celebration
16	7:00 pm	Club Meeting
19	5:00 pm	Halloween Party

November 2019

20	7:00 pm	Club Meeting
16	12:00 pm	Birthday Lunch

December 2019

7	11:30 am	Birthday Lunch
14	6:00 pm	Christmas Party
18	7:00 pm	Club Meeting

Chicago to Santa Monica Main Street, Park City Hansen Chevrolet – Brigham City Pioneer Park / Watkins Park, Brigham City Spanish Fork, Duchesne, Heber the Corner Restaurant – 195 W Main Street Midway Larry H Miller Chevrolet – 5500 South State, Murray DeJoria Center – Marion, UT

Dave & Lilibeth's – 816 So 1850 West, Syracuse Elberta, Big Red Barn Strap Tank, Springville – 596 So 1750 West, Springville Larry H Miller Chevrolet – 5500 South State, Murray Bicentennial Park Pavilion – 530 East 8680 South, Sandy

Larry H Miller Chevrolet – 5500 South State, Murray Hug Hess, Syracuse – 2432 West 1700 South, Syracuse

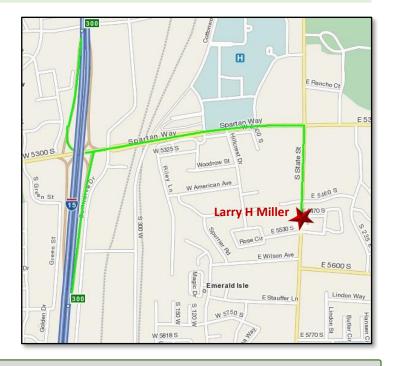
Garage Grill – 1122 East Draper Parkway, Draper Marriot Grand Hotel Larry H Miller Chevrolet – 5500 South State, Murray

September & October Club Meetings

Summer is over! Starting again in September we will have our club meetings at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5500 South State, Murray. Everyone, members and nonmembers are always welcome to attend. We will discuss activities and events followed by drawings for door prizes.

Do not park in front of the dealership. Please stay on the north side of the building so customers can still utilize customer parking.

Don't forget, October is nominations for club officers. Be thinking of not only who you feel would make a good officer, but seriously consider taking an opportunity of jumping in yourself.



Always check www.corvetteclubofutah.org for updated event information

September Birthday Celebration

Saturday, September 14th will be our Birthday Celebration at the Corner Restaurant in Midway at 4:00 pm.



We will begin the morning at 10:00 am by the Thanksgiving Point Water Tank. We will cruise Highway 6 through Spanish Fork Canyon to Castle Gate where we will head north on Highway 191 to Duchesne. From Duchesne we will continue to Highway 35 travelling through Hannah and Tabiona on our way to Midway for dinner.

Hopefully the autumn colors will be starting and we will have ample opportunities for some great photos and videos.

North members can meet at the Harmon's parking lot in Farmington at 9:00 am departing at 9:15 am.

For those not wishing to go on the cruise, you can meet us directly at the Corner Restaurant at 4:00 pm; 195 W Main Street, Midway.



Halloween Party

It's back! Mark your calendars and plan to come in costume. We will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner.

There will be some great photo opportunities to catch your fellow "CCUers" looking their best.

Sunday Run – Season Finale

Sunday, September 29th will be the season finale for the Super Summer Sunday Series. We will meet at the Walmart Parking lot, 2705 E Parley's Way at 9:15 am departing at 9:30 am.



The plan is for a nice Sunday Brunch at the State Road Tavern and Restaurant on the property of the beautiful DeJoria Center in Marion, UT.

After brunch we will travel the Mirror Lake highway looking for autumn colors. May even try a little dice game along the way, so bring your dollars!

October Birthday Celebration



October 12th, we will again be meeting at the Thanksgiving Point Water Tank at 9:00 am departing by 9:15 am.

This month will find us cruising down the west shore of Utah Lake to the small town of Elberta. In Elberta is an old Sinclair building where we can hopefully get some nice photos of the cars.

Afterwards, we will cruise over to the Big Red Barn and then to the Strap Tank Brewery for a Birthday Lunch.

For those not wishing to join us on the cruise, you can meet us directly at the Strap Tank Brewery at 1:00 pm; 596 S 1750 W, Springville.

North members can meet at the Harmon's parking lot in Farmington at 8:00 am departing at 8:15 am.

Please bring soup or chili to share. If that's not your specialty, please bring rolls, chips and dip, or a dessert.

We will have our Halloween Party on Saturday, October 19th at 6:00 pm. It will be held at the Bicentennial Park Pavilion, 530 East 8680 South, Sandy.

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