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Front Cover Photo Credit

Some of our Corvettes at the Elko, Nevada Balloon Festival, September 2016. See more photos on our website, corvetteclubofutah.org.

From the Editor

This is my first edition of the “Vette Gazette”. My husband, John, and I joined the club in May 2015, a couple of months after we bought our first corvette, a yellow 2003 C5. We were warmly welcomed into the club, and have enjoyed several fun trips, and those people and names we thought we’d never get to know, we now count as good friends. We have laughed and cried with our fellow members (mostly laughed), and enjoy getting to know more and more of you with each activity and food stop. We both felt it was time for us to step-up and serve in the organization.

With that said, I can guarantee I may get some things wrong, misspell names, and overcompensate for my nervousness by using words from the dictionary with more than five syllables. Your conversation with your spouse or CCU friends may go like this:

Friend 1: The gazette arrived today.

Friend 2: Oh boy. What’s that Forbes woman done now? Is she still writing it like it’s a Jane Austin novel?

Friend 1: Not exactly.

Friend 2: Well...?

Friend 1: Remember that Dan Brown book you just finished? You know, the one that has several storylines going at the same time, and every few pages the story randomly jumps to another part of the plot? Friend 2: Yes, what about it?

Friend 1: Well, that’s what we’ve got this month.

Friend 2: Oh, bless us all...

With a nod to my future mistakes and blunders, I can also guarantee that I am excited for this opportunity. Liz Wiseman, management consultant, and president of The Wiseman Group, said that we do our best work when we are in a new position and underqualified for the task. Well, I’ve got that in spades. I want this newsletter to be a way for us to get to know each other better, have a little laugh, and continue to stay informed of past and upcoming events. I am enthusiastic and grateful to be your editor, and even though there may be mistakes, I can promise that I’ll give my best to our gazette.

Annamarie Forbes

Vette Gazette Submission Information

To submit information for publication in the March/April 2017 issue of the *Vette Gazette*, please submit your information to Annamarie Forbes, Gazette Editor, no later than February 17th. Email address: ccu.vettegazette@corvetteclubofutah.org

From The President

I'm looking forward to a short winter and warm weather so we can those Corvettes out on the roads again. We had our First Officer Meeting and have some new and returning officers who are excited for a great 2017. Car shows and events are already being planned and we will have a fun year. We are always looking for new ideas for trips or other events. If you have an idea for something we haven't done before, or something we have done in the past that you liked and would like to do again, please contact our Events Chair Karen Desmet with your suggestions. Hopefully, members will be willing to plan a trip or event. Contact Karen to get your event on the calendar. Also, if you have an idea for a restaurant for the monthly Birthday Breakfast or Lunch. Or, a place to hold next year's Christmas or Award Banquet please let us know.

I am looking forward to a fun 2017.

Kim Riley, President

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Corvette Club of Utah News Stay

Connected!

Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information regarding activities, new, and events. 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.

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.

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

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Birthdays

January Birthdays 2017

February Birthdays 2017

George Reynolds	3	Pete Schwager	2
Carol Hooper	6	Brent Plant	4
Alta Laurence	7	Susan Thomson	4
Don Bonnema	9	Laura Beckstead	5
Dianna Crane	10	Kathi Stanford	7
Bob Tillotson	10	Don Marsh	10
Shalana Robbins	11	Kirk Allen	11
Donna Brown	12	Lesa Hales	11
Kathy Collings	12	Mike McFadden	11
Katie Allred	13	Connie Statham	11
Dave Ohlson	13	Casey Poelzl	12
Maurie Gardner	15	Sheldon Voigt	13
Ann Marsh	15	Sabra Richins	15
James Crane	19	Emil Stach	21
Sue Day	20	Dennis Nelson	22
Gary Odenwalder	20	Georgiana Nelson	22
Stacie Carlson	23	John Hawkins	25
Ken Rice	24	Virginia Montanez	26
Paul Cox	25	Paul Floor	28
Linda Laycock	27	Diane Williams	28
Gary Roeseler	27		
Jerry Ropelato	28		
Stu Jones	29		
Merry Barker	30		
Judy Larson	30		
Cordelia Sommers	30		
Cindy Valencia	31		

Getting to Know the Members

New Members



COMPRESSING CORVETTE FUN

November 8, 2016

If you live in Southern California, it is quite a haul to drive cross country to Bowling Green, Kentucky for a visit to the National Corvette Museum. That's why for Dick and Linda Bottis of Fountain Valley, CA, it typically only happens every five years for the National Corvette Caravan. Except this year, when they made two trips to Bowling Green.

"When I saw the Z06 I decided it would be my next car," said Dick. "Jack Matukas [former Museum board chair] joined our club [Corvettes of So. Cal.] and had done the Engine Build and Buyer's Tour programs. I've never built an engine but always dreamed of doing it."

With the debut of the new PD5 option, which compresses an Engine Build and Buyer's Tour into a period of a few days, Dick was able to enjoy two experiences with his Corvette on one visit to Bowling Green. "I built the engine on Tuesday, and started it up on Wednesday."

Next on their list was to take R8C delivery of their Corvette at the Museum. The couple had participated in a R8C delivery in 2008 and were looking forward to

doing it again. And even better, this time they were able to combine the delivery with participation in the Vets 'n Vettes event. "Every time I would get my America's Sports Car magazine I would read about it. Living across the country I couldn't justify driving from California just to attend, but it worked out to pick up my car days before so we could stay and participate."

It's only appropriate that the Bottis's participated in Vets 'n Vettes as Dick joined the U.S. Army in 1965 at the age of 17 (right after graduating from high school) and retired in 1985 after having been enlisted for the first 15 years, and retiring as a CW2 Warrant Officer.

The icing on the cake was that Linda and Dick celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary on November 3.

"We had a great time, met new friends at the Vets 'n Vettes show and we did enjoy the evening meal at the VFW," said Dick. "As for our anniversary... every anniversary is nice when you spend it with your best friend. Linda and I were both very impressed with how the community of Bowling Green honors Veterans."

Learn more about our delivery programs here, and mark your calendars for next year's Vets 'n Vettes event November 2-4, 2017!

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MIM 'National Parks Tour' September 17th – 23rd

The NCM's Museum in Motion heads west for a spectacular National Parks Tour. Headed up with the assistance of the Lone Star Texas Corvette Club – we will begin in beautiful Arizona and end in Moab, Utah. Along the way – we will visit the beautiful National Parks of: Grand Canyon National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park, Zion National Park, Archers National Park, as well as Canyon Lands National Park.

Please mark your calendar and hope you can join us on this very scenic MIM of our great National Parks.

Planning is underway and registration will open Jan 2017

This event will have a very limited number of openings so you want to make sure you are signed onto NCM eNews to get the latest information on event registration and updates.

CCU NCM Ambassador News

To find out more about the National Corvette Museum, events, the Corvette Store, Corvette raffles, or to become a member of the museum, go to the museum web page at corvettemuseum.org or contact your NCM Ambassador, Bob Clayton.



C7.R Racing Team 2016 Race Schedule and Results

Date	Venue	Car	Start	Finish
Jan 30-31	Rolex 24 at Daytona	#3	8th	2nd
		#4	6th	1st
March 19	Twelve Hours of Sebring	#3	5th	9th
		#4	6th	1st
April 16	Long Beach Grand Prix Circuit	#3	5th	9th
		#4	4th	2nd
April 30 – May 1	Laguna Seca	#3	6th	4th
		#4	4th	7th
June 18-19	24 Hours of Le Mans	#63	14th	7th
		#64	13th	DNF
July 3	Watkins Glen International	#3	8th	7th
		#4	6th	4th
Jul 10	Canadian Tire Motorsports Park at Bowmanville	#3	1st	3rd
		#4	6th	2nd
July 23	Lime Rock Park	#3	6th	2nd
		#4	3rd	1st
Aug 7	Road America	#3	6th	6th
		#4	1st	1st
Aug 28	VIR	#3	1st	1st
		#4	2nd	4th
Sep 18	COTA	#3	1st	3rd
		#4	6th	5th
Oct 1	Road Atlanta	#3	2bd	4th
		#4	7th	3rd

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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, 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!

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 email 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.

December Activities



Desert Star Playhouse, Nutcracker: Men in Tights - November 25th

Friday, November 25th, 19 of us gathered for the 8:30 showing of Desert Star's "Nutcracker, Men in Tights". Before the show began, a man came onstage carrying a script. He explained that due to a holiday mix-up, they were short an actor. He would play the part, but would need to carry a script during the play because he didn't know the lines well. He said, "You can leave now and get a refund, or, you can stay and watch a trainwreck." We stayed. The situation created a lot of improv. We didn't see men wearing tights, but we did see a bearded man wearing a tu-tu and white socks. Their production of the Nutcracker was the funniest and most enjoyable one I've seen. JaLee Cox said, "This play was the best one I've seen!" And Char Ohlson added, "Let's do it again!"

Attending were Paul and JaLee Cox, Char and Dave Ohlson, Linda and Lloyd Lancok, Josie Stanford, Kelly Vining, John and Nola Emery, Janice Sheppard, Bob Rodriguez, Fred and Brandon Allen, Karen and Steve DeSmet, Pete Schwager, and John and Annamarie Forbes. A big shout out of thanks to John Forbes for his time organizing the event and coordinating with Desert Star to make this happen!

December Birthday Breakfast

Breakfast was at CJ's in Midvale this month. About 40 of us attended. Unfortunately, I didn't overhear any good gossip, so there's not much to write. Next time I'll sit by the Coxes or the Ohlsons to see if I can catch anything worth sharing...



Christmas Party

The annual Corvette Christmas Party was held December 10th, on a very rainy, cold Saturday night; but all was calm and bright inside the Cottonwood Country Club. Approximately 50 of us braved the weather and traffic, and enjoyed a delicious threecourse meal of green salad with rolls, salmon or prime rib, and cheesecake or key lime pie for dessert. The entertainment was provided by the talented Hillcrest High School Vocal Ensemble, who performed many Christmas numbers, traditional and modern. Some were sung without accompaniment, while other songs included drums, piano, violin, tambourines, and, in one number, a young man who made procussion sounds himself. A couple of numbers were in French. Each song also had its own choreography – how they changed places with each other during the songs. Their music gave me goosebumps. But I could tell that I wasn't the only one moved by the music. Several couples held hands, and I don't think I was the only one wiping my eyes. Sally reminisced about singing with her high school choir, and how much fun it was. She remarked, "That was the best (choir program) I've seen ever!" I watched Alex Johnson tap his foot to the music, and asked how he enjoyed the night. "I enjoyed the dinner, especially the choir. It brought the spirit of Christmas." And Louise Johnson added, "Great company, great food, and great entertainment!"



December Membership Meeting

Notes from the December 21st Membership Meeting at Larry H Miller Chevrolet in Murray, UT, Dave Ohlson conducting:

- 2017 calendars are still available.

- 2017 membership dues are now due (\$45), please pay Shirlynn Gildea.
- If you are planning to attend the Awards Banquet on January 21st, the fee is \$25 for the first 2 tickets, \$35 for each additional ticket you purchase.
- Larry Ricketts was emailed an idea for a Corvette cruise to Idaho or Wyoming to see the eclipse of the sun this summer. He wanted to forward it to Karen DeSmet, and it got lost in cyberspace. Whoever sent him the email, would you please resend it to Karen, our 2017 special events coordinator:
ccu.events@corvetteclubofutah.org
- Karen DeSmet would like to thank the person who submitted a list of day trips and cruise ideas to Nola. She doesn't know who it was, but found the list to be very helpful – so THANK YOU!
 - Karen will work with Kelly Vining to put a list of ideas for trips on the website so that people can review and add input as to which trips they would like to see planned.
 - Tony Rice is planning three road trips this spring. If you are interested and would like more information, his contact number is 801-793-0414. Trips are:
 - ✦ Hurricane Car Show – Easter weekend. Sponsored by the Rotary Club in Southern Utah. Proceeds go to programs for 3rd World children.
 - ✦ NHRA car races, Las Vegas. March 30, April 1 & 2. Possibly Wednesday to Monday trip.
 - ✦ Wendover Car Show – Father's Day weekend. Friday morning to Sunday morning.
- Bob Strong suggested a Saturday tour of UDOT Traffic Operations Center. We discussed combining it with a Saturday Birthday Breakfast.
- Dave thanked the 2016 officers, and wished the best to the new 2017 officers, which was met with a round of applause. The meeting was then dismissed.

We have been asked by Miller Chevrolet that we **not** park in front of the dealership while we are attending the meeting. We are asked to park on the north side of the dealership. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 CCU Officer's Meeting	12	13	14 CCU Birthday Breakfast, The Egg & I
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17	18 CCU Membership Meeting	19	20	21 CCU Awards Banquet
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8 CCU Officer's Meeting	9	10	11 CCU Birthday Breakfast, Marie Calendars
12	13	14	15 CCU Membership Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

UPCOMING EVENTS

January Events

January Birthday Breakfast - January 14th

Saturday, Jan. 14th - 9:00 AM at The Egg and I, 1194 Draper Parkway, Draper, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in January. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. For more information contact Karen DeSmet. Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information.

CCU January Membership Meeting – January 18th

Wednesday, Jan. 18th – 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5500 S. State Street, Murray, UT. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be discussions relating to future events and activities followed by drawings for door prizes. Be sure to wear your name tags. For more information contact Karen DeSmet. Check the Corvette Club of Utah Website for the latest information.

Awards Banquet - January 21st

Saturday, Jan 21st - 6:00 PM at Oakridge Country Club, 1492 Shepard Ln, Farmington, UT. The annual awards banquet will be held to recognize members that have been in the club for 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 years or more. Also the Club Member of Year will be announced. Finally, those funny events that occur on our Club Trips will also be presented.

Social starting at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. Menu will be your selection of either 8 oz Filet Au Poivre Choice Angus Beef Charbroiled with house steak seasoning, creamy peppercorn demi glaze, served with Mashed Red Potatoes and Fresh Vegetables or seared wild Alaskan halibut, house citrus seasoning, and cured lemon butter served with wild rice pilaf and fresh vegetables. Both entrees are priced at \$25.00 per person. Price for additional guests beyond the 2 meals per membership will be \$35.00. You can sign up at a club meeting or on the CCU webpage.

DEADLINE TO FOR REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS JANUARY 18TH. WE MUST HAVE YOUR PAYMENT IN BY THAT DATE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

We will be collecting payment at our CCU Club meetings in December and January. Please make your check out to Corvette Club of Utah (CCU) and write "Awards Dinner" and your entree choices on your check. Please write separate checks for each payment for the Awards Banquet and Dues. You may also pay via PayPal on the CCU Webpage.

You may also send your payment to:

Corvette Club of Utah

Attn: Awards Banquet

P O Box 1134

Sandy, Utah 84091

For more information contact Larry Ricketts.
Check the Corvette Club of Utah Website for the latest information.

February Events

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February Birthday Breakfast – February 14th Saturday, Feb.

14th – 9:00 AM at Marie Calendar's, 1109 East 3900 South, SLC, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in February. Everyone is invited to attend and wish them a happy birthday. For more information contact Karen DeSmet. Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the information.

Motor-Con Carvention

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 24-26th - Motor-Con Carvention - Salt Lake County Equestrian Center, West Jordan, UT. For more information contact Karen DeSmet. Check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the information.

Future Events

NHRA – 2017 DENSO Spark Plugs NHRA Nationals

Friday, March 31st – Sunday, April 2nd: NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series. Catch all of the nitro action as the top names in the Mello Yello Drag Racing Series return to The Strip for a weekend of NHRA racing. For more information and to sign-up contact Tony Rice at 801-793-0414 or tonyrice73@gmail.com.

Hurricane Valley Rotary Easter Car Show

Saturday, April 15th: The Hurricane Valley Rotary Easter Car Show is held each year on the Saturday before Easter at the Hurricane Community Center located on 100 W State Street in beautiful Hurricane, UT. For more information contact Tony Rice at 801-7930414 or tonyrice73@gmail.com.

Historic Route 66

Wednesday, May 3rd – Monday, May 8th: Join Bernie and Terri Warburton as they travel along the scenic back roads of Route 66 to Kingman where we'll pick up our registration packets and then join hundreds of vehicles and entrants when we participate in the annual Fun Run from Seligman to Topock. More information in the next issue.

Wendover Cruise In

Friday, June 16th – Saturday, June 17th: Burnout Contest, Poker Run, trophies and more. What a way to spend Father's Day weekend! For more information contact Tony Rice at 801-793-0414 or tonyrice73@gmail.com.

Boise VetteFest

Wednesday, July 19th – Saturday, July 22nd: Fun and excitement for everyone, not to mention a whole lot of Vettes! Events include Fuel Economy run, autocross, drag racing, Show and Shine, and more. More information in the next issue.

Tuacahn Amphitheatre

Monday, August 21st– Thursday, August 24th: If you haven't experienced the Tuacahn Amphitheatre yet, you've been missing out. It is located 5 to 10 minutes from downtown St. George, Utah dramatically situated in a red rock canyon creating a natural amphitheater. Every seat at Tuacahn has a great view. This trip we'll enjoy Shrek the Musical, Disney's Newsies, and Mama Mia! More information in the next issue.

August 2019

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

Thanks to everyone for suggesting great ideas for club events. Please join us for these future events and keep the ideas coming. Don't forget without you I couldn't do my job! - Karen

BEYOND THE CARS GET TO KNOW YOUR NEW OFFICERS

(Below is additional information on some of the new officers for 2017. I would like to include this segment in each edition, so that we get to know one another better)

Kim Riley, President

I joined the Corvette Club of Utah in 1999. This is my 3rd Corvette and my 18th year in the club. I was club President in 2002 and 2003 and have held many positions since becoming a member of the Corvette Club of Utah. I am single and have three children and 10 grand-children. One of my grandsons just returned from a LDS mission in New York City and will be attending Brigham Young University starting in January. Two of my grandsons have graduated from the University of Utah and one is a Senior this year at the U of U. He is the third baseman for the baseball team. He will go pro this spring. His Twin Brother was drafted as a pitcher for the Atlanta Braves last year. I keep busy watching my grandchild play baseball, football, soccer, and basketball games. I am retired from the US Department of Labor with 33 years of service. I was the Senior Labor Market Economist for the State of Utah to keep stats on the increase and decrease in the economy and number of people working for the State of Utah.

Judy Corgiat - Vice President

Hi, my name is Judy Corgiat. Most of you know me, but for those that don't, I have been in the club for 14 years. I've been an officer for two, going on three years. I have been the Events Chair and Vice President. I never thought I would ever drive a Vette, but Mike got me hooked. I love the club and the people.

Nona Ellis – Vice President

I have been married to Lee for 58 years this year. We had two daughters, but when the second daughter was 30 years old, she died of breast cancer. We have four grandchildren and now four great-grandchildren. We have had four Corvettes and still have two of them. We've been in the club almost 30 years. I have been an officer in different jobs many times through the years. I love the club and the people in it.

John Forbes – Vice President

I have loved cars since I was a little boy. My uncle had a car and trailer dealership in Cedar City when I was young, and I loved to wander the lot as a kid and look at all the cars. I've worked in the automotive industry my entire career. My first job was a janitor in a car dealership as a teenager, and I worked for several years after high school in a parts store. I currently work at Ken Garff Honda, where I've been for over 20 years, first in their parts department, and later as the service manager, which is where I met my wife, Annamarie. It was a dream of mine to own a corvette. We bought our first one in 2015, and joined the club about the same time. We have enjoyed getting to know people in the club and traveling to fun places. We have two children and four grandchildren, who we love to spend time with and spoil.

Bob Clayton, NCM Ambassador and Public Relations Chair

I have been a member of the Corvette Club of Utah (CCU), Western States Corvette Council (WSCC), and National Corvette Museum (NCM) for a little over 10 years. My wife, Jo, and I purchased our first Corvette in 2005, a Magnetic Red Z-51 C-6 Coupe. After our first trip to the museum with the 2009 NCM Corvette Caravan, we purchased a 2010 Cyber Gray Grand Sport C-6 Roadster. After the second trip to the museum with the 2014 NCM Corvette Caravan, we purchased our current 2014 Blade Silver Stingray C-7 Roadster.

Jo and I have four children and came back to Utah after I retired from the Air Force in 1995. I retired from the Boeing Company this year and I'm enjoying the retired lifestyle. I have been the Vette Gazette editor for the last ten years and like to plan and go on long and short (weekend) Corvette Club road trips.

As your NCM Ambassador, I encourage you to join the NCM and participate in the NCM events and Corvette raffles. Your membership comes with the Sports Car Magazine, discounts to the NCM store, and viewing on the NCM exhibits. If you are near Kentucky, stop and see the museum and take a tour of the Corvette Factory which is just across the road from the NCM. Consider joining thousands of other Corvette owners for the 2019 Corvette Caravan back to Bowling Green to celebrate the museum and the Corvette.

WSCC is another organization you may want to consider joining. It consists of both member and associate Corvette Clubs located in the Western United States. Our club is an associate member club. WSCC promotes events organized by the different member clubs, Corvette Corral's during Corvette Racing, and publishes a Redline Magazine.

Another part of my job is to promote public relations for the club. Several years ago, the club choose to do this through social media. CCU has a Facebook page which we use to publicize future and current club events. Search for and like the CCU Facebook page to get notifications of updates. We have people from around the world who monitor our activities. If I'm attending the event, I update the club status or post photographs on Facebook of the event. If I'm not on an event and you want to get the word out about a club event, just email me the information and photographs.

Karen DeSmet, Special Events Coordinator

I am a native Californian who was born in San Jose and grew up in the southern foothills of Altadena. I graduated from Pasadena High School in 1968, and received my Bachelor of Arts degree, majoring in Interior Design. I worked as a commercial interior designer and project manager. Steve and I were high school sweethearts and have been married for 38 years. We moved to Utah in 1986 with our son and daughter.

I am passionate about God, family, and living life to its fullest. I love traveling, camping, fishing, gardening and reading (especially if it's a good mystery). I have 3

grandchildren, 2 boys and a girl, who I spoil as much as I can. I am an avid child advocate, and spent the last 4 years fundraising for foster children.

Steve and I joined CCU in January of 2012. We own a 2003 50th Anniversary Corvette coupe, red of course, and a 2015 Laguna Blue Convertible, which we picked up at the factory. We've enjoyed the cruises, activities and new friends, and are planning for many more adventures with the club. I am looking forward to being the new events Coordinator, and with your help, hope to plan some great activities for this year.

Happy New Year!

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