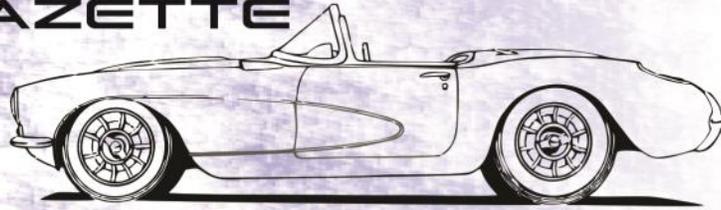




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Club News

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, Billie Ramey, regarding upcoming events.

Membership

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

Treasurer

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

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Member's Birthdays



Corvette Club of Utah

January		February	
1	Carlos Scheidecker	2	Pete Schwager
2	Jason Peterson	2	Tom Lowder
	Melissa West	5	Brian Romer
4	Brandon Ethington	7	Kathi Stanford
4	Lori West	11	Kirk Allen
6	Carol Hooper		Mike McFadden
7	Alta Laurence		Roy Ramey
9	Matt McCune	13	Sheldon Voigt
10	Robert Tillotson		Raquelle Castonguay
13	Scott Green	14	Beverly McNeece
	David Ohlson	16	Alfred Rickard
	Bethany Whipple	17	Sue Rickard
15	Paul Brotzman	20	Judy Fowler
15	Maurie Gardner	21	Emil Stach
17	Laura Huff	24	Jill Jaynes
18	Sue Oldroyd	28	Diane Williams
19	Renee Harward		
25	Paul Cox		
27	Gary Roeseler		
27	Linda Laycock		
28	Korrie Katz		
29	Karl Tobler		
30	Rob Leishman		
30	Judy Larson		
31	Elaine Scheidecker		
31	Cindy Valencia		



Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

Presidents Message

Well, here it is, 2024. How time flies when you're having fun. Boy did we have fun last year! Hopefully everyone had a great holiday season and are ready for some more fun and new adventures.

This is the Club's 60th Anniversary and my hopes are that we can make it a banner year for events, trips and get togethers. Fortunately, we have a lot of enthusiastic people in the club and they are always coming up with new ideas. I would ask those members that haven't yet planned a day cruise or an overnight/s trip to consider it. Cyndi and I did our first last year and it turned out to be a blast. It's work but the reward is well worth it. There are a couple of significant trips already in the works. Bernie's Route 66 is a perennial favorite and this year will also be the Caravan back to Bowling Green, this occurs once every 5 years, and Karl Tobler is spearheading this one.

Billie, Larry and Debbie are hard at work setting up the meetings, pre-meeting socials and other events and activities. These will be posted on the website as they are finalized.

We can also do trips during the colder months; we might not be able to take the Vettes but it's always fun to get together with our Corvette Club family. There have been winter trips to Yellowstone, Lava Hot Springs and other places where the weather is just a little warmer.

As was mentioned earlier, it looks like LHM Chevrolet will once again sponsor our club. Quindon Currence, the Corvette Sales Guy, will let us know of any new Vettes for sale and give our members the first opportunity to purchase before they list them with the general public. They continue to offer discounts on service and parts to the members as well.

The Fisher House will once again be our charity and we're already looking at dates to hold our 2nd Annual Car Show. We had a good turnout last year and we should be able to get well over 100 cars if we spread the word. We were able to raise in excess of \$5,000 for them last year and it's my goal to exceed that this year.

As always, if anyone should have any questions, concerns or suggestions please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the other officers or chairs.

Wishing everyone a prosperous 2024!



January 2024

- 17 CCU Club Meeting, Larry Miller Chevrolet, Murray 6:00 P:M
- 20 Birthday Social, Tucci's Restaurant, 515 South 700 East, SLC, 12:00 PM
- 27 Awards Dinner, Timbermine Steakhouse, 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden, 6:00 PM

February 2024

- 10 Birthday Luncheon, Sizzler, 1171 North 400 West, Layton, 11:00 AM
- 14 Valentines Day
- 21 CCU Club Meeting, Larry Miller Chevrolet, Murray, 6:00 PM

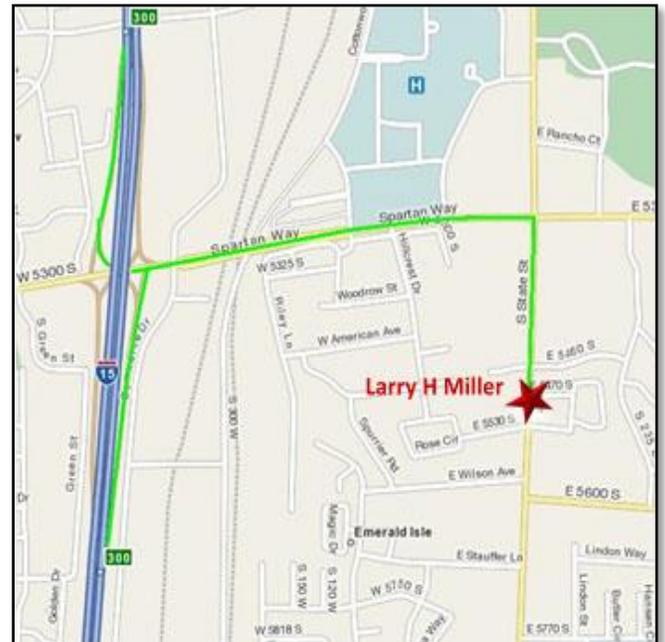
Club Meetings

January/February Club Meetings

The monthly meeting of the Corvette Club of Utah will be held at Larry Miller Chevrolet. In order to have the best Corvette Club possible, we encourage everyone's participation. We will be discussing upcoming events and having door prizes.

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. Please see map below. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We're Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Save

8/25—9/2 2024 National Corvette Caravan, Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY
See the CCU website for all the details.

Always check www.corvetteclubofutah.org for updated event information

Celebrating The Early Roots Of Corvette At ‘The Glen’

By corvettemuseum | September 14, 2023

The village hosted the inaugural Watkins Glen Grand Prix, the first major road race held in the United States after World War II. Daring men raced their machines around a 6.6-mile course, which combined the village streets and county roads winding through the woods south of Seneca Lake.

The Watkins Glen Grand Prix became an annual event, and in 1951 Harley J. Earl attended the race. Known today as the “Father of the Corvette,” Earl was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame’s first class in 1998. As the head of General Motors Styling, he came to Watkins Glen to display his GM dream car, the Le Sabre. But what made the biggest impression on Earl was the thousands of fans cheering for all the European makes. He later credited this visit to “The Glen” as the inspiration for designing the Corvette, “America’s Sports Car.”

This September, the National Corvette Museum returned to these fabled streets for the Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend. This event celebrates the early days of racing through the village. Corvette was the featured marque for this year’s festival, taking part in a special “Showcase of Speed” display of Corvette race cars.

Piloted by Brian Baker, National Corvette Museum Director of Education and Community Outreach, the Museum’s Mobil 1 Corvette Stingray paced some of the most famous Corvette race cars in history. Baker led a rare opportunity to run several laps of the original street circuit in front of 20,000 cheering fans, retracing those early racing lines that made “The Glen” iconic.

Following the pace laps, Baker presented a session, “70 years of the Corvette in popular culture” on Saturday evening. The presentation included stories, themes, music, and advertisements from the Museum’s latest exhibit, “An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette.” Hosted by the International Motor Racing Research Center, other discussion topics included the Solid-Axle Corvettes by noted author Alan Blay, who drove his 1953 C1 #76 From Merrick NY for the weekend.

The National Corvette Museum was honored to represent our members and the Corvette community at this historic gathering. Harley Earl’s visit in 1951, and the birth of Corvette 70 years ago, are forever tied to the colorful history of auto racing in Watkins Glen.





7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024.

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 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. 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! The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in South Central Kentucky and is open daily, 8am to 5pm Central Time. Stay up to day with the Museum by subscribing to emails at corvette@nvm.org or [corvette use-um.org/subscribe](https://www.nvm.org/subscribe).

The High Plains 2024 caravan route – Northern Utah, Wyoming & Nebraska

This will be our 3rd time leading a group of corvettes out of Wyoming to Bowling Green. Lynn was the captain in 2014 and Kevin was the captain in 2019. Over the years we have learned how to make this trip more enjoyable. This caravan includes northern Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska.

August 25th I will be guiding my group from Salt Lake Utah to Cheyenne Wyoming which will be 588 miles. 8 hours 45 min. This route will be US 80 all the way. There is non-ethanol fuel in several places along the route. Looking to stop for lunch in Rock Spring WY. At the same time my Co-Captain, Larry Storo Jr will guide a group from Sheridan to Cheyenne which is 324 miles along I 25 about 5 hours 30 min.

August 26th Cheyenne to Lincoln Nebraska. We will be joining up with the Pacific Northwest group in Cheyenne. Once again US 80 will be the route 447 miles. Tyrrell Chevrolet in Cheyenne will provide Breakfast before leaving Cheyenne in the morning. A stop for lunch is scheduled in North Platte. The city of North Platte NE. and several business owners are going to put together a lunch venue for us.

August 27th Lincoln to Colombia Missouri 320 miles. Early Morning stop at The Museum of American Speed. Avoiding Kansas City, Hwy 77 to Hwy 2, East to I 29 South to St. Joseph. East on Hwy 36 to Macon and South on Hwy 63 to Colombia.

August 28th Colombia to Bowling Green. 400 miles. The final leg. There will be a lot of corvettes along this section. Please watch out for the other guys and be careful.

We can return to Salt Lake as a group (route and details have yet to be determined). Or you can return on your own. **Please note that the Corvette Club of Utah will be joining with The High Plains 2024 caravan to Bowling Green. Karl Tobler will be our caravan captain. Itinerary and lodging information coming soon.**

November Birthdays at Mimi's

The Corvette Club of Utah met on November 4th at Mimi's Restaurant in Murray to celebrate those members who have birthdays during the month. Thirty-six members and guests attended this event. Some of the members drove their "grocery getters" (aka non-Corvettes), as only 18 Corvettes were in the parking lot and a few of the members came alone.

Although several members will be celebrating their birthdays this month, Doug Fisher won the birthday drawing. This is the third year in a row that his name has been drawn. He is one of the luckiest members in the club. Perhaps a trip to Wendover or Vegas is in the cards for him!



November Birthday Social

December Birthdays at Joy Luck

This month's birthday social was held on December 9th at the Joy Luck Restaurant in Sandy. Forty four members and guests attended this event.

Even though it was a typical winter day, with temperatures in the mid 30's, it was sunny and the roads were clear of snow. Six members drove their Corvettes, while the rest of them drove their "grocery getters."

The Joy Luck Restaurant is known for their family-style contemporary Chinese cuisine. They served a nice variety of traditional Chinese dishes. There was something for everyone.



December Birthday Social

David Junod won the birthday drawing. No matter what the occasion is, it is always fun to get together with our Corvette family.



2023 CCU Christmas Party

The Corvette Club of Utah held their Christmas party on December 2 at the Organ Loft in Salt Lake City. The Organ Loft is known for their nostalgic “Mighty Wurlitzer Theatre Pipe Organ”, as well as their delicious meals.

While we ate, Lawrence, the owner, played a wide variety of patriotic songs, as well as delightful blend from Loony Toons. He also played traditional and religious Christmas songs. His hands flew effortlessly across the keys and pulling knobs, while his left foot glided along the various pedals.



Although the inclement weather posed a problem for some, eighty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful meal of chicken cordon bleu and roast beef, as well as several types of desserts. After the meal, Joe Shern recited a new version of “Twas the Night Before Christmas,” where a Corvette owner took Santa for a ride he would never forget.

Robert Strong, a Corvette Club member, told of pleasant memories of when he worked at the Organ Loft as a young adult, waxing the floors, painting, and installing enough cable to encompass the Earth several times.



Established in 1946, the Organ Loft started out in a chicken coop and has experienced many changes before becoming the family owned and operated business it is today.

After Robert told of his connection with the Organ Loft the Laurel and Hardy silent movie “Big Business,” where the comedic duo tried unsuccessfully to sell Christmas trees was shown. Lawrence played the organ while the movie was shown. It was truly a step back in time and made for a delightful evening.

’Twas the Night Before Christmas (Corvette Style)

’Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage,
There wasn’t a trace of a Honda, Tesla, or Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I’d mess with my Corvette for a bit.
I popped the release and lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said, “looks pretty good.”
Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by my workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!
We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said “don’t suppose that you’d trade for my sleigh?”
“No way Santa,” I said with a grin,
“But if you’ve got the time we could go for a spin!”
His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow,
Turned into a smile and he said “Sure! Let’s go!!”
So as not to disturb all the neighbors’ retreat,
We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,
Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,
I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.
With tires a’ screaming and side pipes aglow,
We headed on out to where the hot rodders go.
And Santa’s grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift up as I banged through the gears.
Then he yelled “can’t recall when I’ve felt so alive!”
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.
Ol Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!
The Corvette exploded with the side pipes sound!
And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!
Power shift into second, again into third!
I sat there just watching, at a loss for a word,
Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
“Merry Christmas to all,
it’s one hell of a good night!!!”



CCU Representing at the Veterans Day Parade

On November 11, the Corvette Club of Utah participated in the annual Layton City Veteran's Day Parade. The club brought 26 cars. A prospective new member and his wife also brought their vintage Corvette.

In all, over forty members and guests attended this special event to pay honor to the men and women who proudly served our country in the military.

The club treated it's members with donuts prior to the start of the parade. Several of the club members brought their young family members with them. For many of the youngsters, it was their first time riding in a Corvette. Along the parade route, many drivers revved up their engines at the request of the parade goers.

After the parade, the club went to Chris's Cafe in Clearfield for lunch. Chris, the owner, has been an avid fan of our club and has allowed us to have many of our functions at his restaurant. He proudly displays an old banner from the club, showing us, and the public, how much he loves this club.



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