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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.

Please contact the Secretary, Joe Shern, regarding event attendance and meeting minutes.

Membership

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

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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.

Facebook

Join us on-line at www.facebook.com/CorvetteClubOfUtah.

2022 Charity

The charity voted for this year is the Fisher House.

From the President

Greetings Friends!

We're in the thick of the schedule now! Car shows and parades galore! Make sure you're checking your coolant and airflow for the radiator; these parades can be a killer on heat. We had a great time at the Bountiful Coats for Kids car show recently. The weather did not cookus, the band was blasting, and we had fun telling people about Billie's C-7 and letting kids have pictures with it. Even though we don't generally get a trophy with a newer Corvette, it's still fun to see other people's cars and talk about them. The kids especially can be so enthusiastic!

There's a couple more fun trips we have coming up. Joe is taking a trip up over the highroad in Colorado and the Ledkins are leading one into Oregon. Check 'em out on the website and sign up if you can.

Don't forget the meetings in the summer include a picnic in a park. We had the BurgerBus there at the meeting in Roy and even had a special Corvette cake. The weather was very cooperative, not too hot, temps just like we were inside, but a better atmosphere. I suppose our luck will run out one of these days, but so far, so good.

If you're taking your vet on your own exotic vacation, remember to get some pictures of it in fun places and maybe yours could end up in next year's calendar.

So friends, stay cool, stay safe and I'll see you at the next show or parade.

Roy Ramey

President, Corvette Club of Utah

Member's Birthdays

July	August
5 Tony Rice	2 RaNae Bennett
7 imRiley	4 Dennis DeBoer
7 Jay Fenton	6 Annamarie Forbes
7 Jerry Draper	10 Roger Lee
9 Mike Barker	11 John Howell
9 Terry Hammond	11 Dale Hooper
11 Alex Johnson	11 Robert Duarte
11 Pauline Rushton	11 Lane Wilson
12 Mark McCrady	12 Alyson Dunham
14 Susan Callaway	16 Shauna Rohbock
15 Elizabeth McCune	16 David Avery
16 Julie McFadden	16 Stephen Jaynes
19 Rob Allred	20 Darla Hansen
20 Douglas Spencer	22 Wayne Huff
20 Eilene Welty	26 Sherrie Pribble
20 Richard Cundey	27 Elaine Bess
21 Beverly Chase	29 Michelle Brooks
21 Janene Avery	30 Brent Munson
24 Steven O'Neal	
25 Charles Monsen	
24 Beth Rice	
26 Paula Baker	
26 Ryan Tiler	
27 Richard Jefferis	
28 George Rushton	
28 Judy Taylor	
29 David Hoover	
30 Bruce Laurence	

Event Summary

July 2022

- 4– Larry H. Miller July 4th BBQ, LHM Chevrolet, Murray, UT
- 4– Murray Fun Days Parade, Fashion Place Mall, Murray, UT
- 4– Sandy July 4th Parade, Southtown Mall, Sandy, UT
- 9– Birthday Lunch & Cruise, Taggarts, Morgan, UT
- 20- 6:00pm Corvette Club of Utah Meeting, Falcon Park, Sandy, UT
- 30-Aug 2– Weld County Fair & Car Show, Greeley Colorado
- 30– Stags Car Club Car Show, Plain City Park, Plain City, UT

August 2022

- 13– Birthday Breakfast & Cruise, Golden Corral, Layton, UT
- 17- 6:00pm Corvette Club of Utah Meeting, Murray Park, Pavillion #4, Murray, UT
- 20– Crossaction Computer Specialists Car Show, Riverdale Road, Ogden, UT
- 24-28– Waterfalls, Hood River Fruit Loop, Columbia River Gorge, Oregon, and Idaho

July/August Club Meetings

July Meeting:

Join us at the Falcon Park Pavilion, 9200 South 1700 East, Sandy. 6:00 pm for social and setup, 6:30 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for the meeting portion.

This will be a catered event. Cost per person will be \$5.00 for members. Dinner will be catered by Pat's BBQ



August Meeting:

Join us at Murray Park, Pavilion #4, Enter at 406 East Vine Street, Murray. 6:00 pm for social and setup, 6:30 pm for dinner and 7:00 pm for the meeting portion.

We have Burgers on Wheels coming to serve dinner. The cost will be \$5.00 per member for your dinner.



Always check www.corvetteclubofutah.org for updated event information

May Birthday Celebration

May 14, 2022 was a beautiful day for the Corvette Club to meet at HugHes in Syracuse and celebrate the members who had birthdays in May. Thirty seven members attended. Donald Dingbaum won the birthday drawing and Lee Ellis won a Corvette hat.

The restaurant's parking lot was filled with 22 Corvettes. This drew a lot of attention from cars driving by. Many of them pulled into the parking lot to get a better look at our cars. To our surprise, a non-member drove his Corvette through the parking. He was quickly greeted by one of the club's members and was invited to join the club. This proved that there are always opportunities to invite new members to join our club.



After lunch, twelve Corvettes went to Antelope Island State Park for a poker run cruise. Starting at HugHes, and continuing at each stop, a poker card was drawn. We stopped at the Visitors Center, drove by the (now non-existing) marina, the (where is it?) beach, and to Buffalo Point (to see what is left of the Great Salt Lake). Our final stop was at the historic Garr Ranch. We not only saw a large herd of American Bison, but a mother owl and her two owlets as well.



Many members generously purchased \$5.00 a poker run card, with half of the proceeds going towards the club's charity and the remaining funds going to the member with the best poker hand. A poker card was drawn at each stop.

John Ledkins won the poker run with an incredible hand of four aces. He won \$45.00. The remaining \$45.00 was donated to the club's charity, the Fisher House In Salt Lake City.

Because the state of Utah is in a severe drought, the water level of the Great Salt Lake has reached a historic low. Although this may have disappointed a few of our members who have never been to Antelope Island State Park before the scenery was still spectacular and we all had a great time..

Koncar Open House May 28

On May 28 th Mark and Karen Koncar held an open house for the club. We had the opportunity to see their eleven Corvettes (one C1, eight C2's, and two C6's), as well as two muscle cars. All of these cars were in immaculate condition and looked brand new. The cars were so beautiful that it was hard to choose a favorite.

We also got to see their petting zoo, which included two goats, two miniature donkeys, several chickens, a goose., dozens of exotic pheasants, as well as a koi pond. Even the hummingbirds put on a show for us as the fluttered around the bird feeders.



About forty members attended this event. The Koncar's were gracious hosts and made sure everyone had a great time. All of us enjoyed the delicious lunch the Koncar's provided. T

his event gave us all the opportunity to have a leisurely visit with everyone, something we don't always get the chance to do. During our monthly meetings we often spend our time discussing club business and during our cruises we spend most of our time driving. The open house gave us all a time to relax and visit with our Corvette friends. We want to thank the Koncar's for the wonderful day we had at their open house.

June Birthday Celebration

The June birthday social was held on June 11th. It was held at Jim's Family Restaurant in Sandy. Forty eight members and guests attended this event. The parking lot was filled with twenty one beautiful Corvettes. Lillian Hoefnagel won the birthday drawing. Everyone had a great time visiting with each other as we enjoyed our breakfasts. After breakfast we had a fun cruise and poker run. We drove past the lake and to Saratoga Springs. Then we continued to Elberta to see a historic gas station, where the pump showed that gas was nineteen cents a gallon. Naturally,



the pump is no longer in use, so we were unable to fill up our cars at that

incredible price. While we were here the owner gave us a quick tour of the gas station and talked about the surrounding area. From there we headed off to Saratoga to the Hot Rod Diner for a quick lunch.

Chips for the poker run were drawn at various places during our cruise. Stan Gibson won the jackpot as he has two pairs kings and three's. He donated \$75.00 to the club's charity and also won \$70.00 for himself.

It was a beautiful day for a Corvette cruise and to get together with friends.



June Picnic

Our June monthly meeting and picnic was held on June 15th at the Municipal Park in Roy. Unlike last year, where we had sweltering heat, it was in the low 70's and we enjoyed a cool breeze. It was a perfect day for a picnic. Thirty three members and guests attended. Our cars attracted a lot of attention from those that drove by, as many cars slowed down to check out the eighteen Corvettes that filled the parking lot. We were fortunate to have not only a C1, but several C8's as well.

Rocky Mountain Burger Bus catered this event. The social hour was to start at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner at 6:30, and our monthly meeting at 7:00. A rare thing happened when the Burger Bus forgot to bring the meat, so they quickly left and said they would be back in a half hour. This gave the club extra time to socialize.



Twenty minutes later the food truck pulled up and they were ready to start serving. They explained that while the driver was driving to the park, the other person had already started frying the hamburgers. This saved a lot of time. They said the ride was a bit bouncy and made frying the hamburgers a bit of a challenge, but they made it to our event without any more problems.

A special cake was made for our picnic. It displayed the Corvette Club's logo and was decorated with black and white checkered flags.

Even though there was a bit of a delay with our supper, we all had a wonderful time.

Tooele Car Show

The Tooele City Corvette Car Show was held on June 30th. Many of our club's members met at the Flying J service station. As twenty six of our Corvettes were leaving the Flying J Parking lot two more joined us and we all drove together to the Tooele City Aquatic Park for the car show. Once we got there more members arrived.

Overall, the club brought over 40 cars to the show. We represented over 2/3 of the cars there. Our club was represented by a C1 and several C8's, as well as models in between. There were prizes given out for the judge's favorite cars. In addition to this, all cars won a participation trophy.

Rather than parking our Corvettes on a hot parking lot like other car shows do, this car show always has the cars park in the grass and under shady trees. While sitting under the trees or under the pavilion, we all had a wonderful time visiting with each other and making new Corvette friends. Car shows like this gives our club the opportunity to reach out to non-member Corvette owners to invite them to join our club.

We enjoyed a supper of hot dogs, chips, and cookies that was provided by the city of Tooele. We also enjoyed the karaoke contest that was held. Singers for all talent levels sang their heart out. The music ranged from country to classic rock. Young children, as well as senior citizens, joined in the fun. As the contest was coming to an end a man wearing khakis, plaid cowboy shirt, and golf cap sang a song from an Italian opera. We could not understand a word he sang, but he sure had a great voice.





2023 Corvette Deliveries Begin At National Corvette Museum

Today, the National Corvette Museum was the site of the first R8C Museum Delivery of a model year 2023 Corvette. The car, 2023 VIN #9, was picked up this morning by proud new owners Mike and Anne Benson. The [R8C Museum Delivery](#) is offered exclusively on new Corvettes and provides a full VIP experience to the owner.

All R8C customers are welcomed with custom signage and a private, guided tour of the museum where they will find their car on display. R8C Museum Deliveries also include a one-on-one orientation for the new owners about their new car from a Corvette expert. Additionally, R8C delivery customer receive a one-year individual membership to the National Corvette Museum, a unique gold decal inside the driver's door, and a custom wall plaque commemorating the occasion – including the customer's name, date of delivery, and VIN number.



2023 Torch Red VIN #009

Brian Baker Named As Director Of Collections & Education By The National Corvette Museum

The National Corvette Museum is pleased to announce that Brian Baker has been named Director of Collections & Education. Baker joins the National Corvette Museum team from the Automotive Hall of Fame where he served as Vice President of Education and Principal Historian.

Baker's impressive automotive career spans decades as a General Motors Senior Creative Design Manager and as Vice President of Design and Marketing at American Specialty Cars. With a passion for education, Baker has served as an Adjunct Professor at the Automotive History College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan for over two decades. In addition to his work in corporate automotive design and education, Baker founded AUTOARCHEOLOGY, LLC, an international Design Consulting Firm, in 2009. Through this company's work, Baker has represented four major automakers as an expert witness in design patent issues.

Baker's depth of knowledge has resulted in him becoming a sought-after expert for the media. In recent years, Baker has served as an assistant producer and on-camera expert for the Discovery Channel and has worked as an automotive historian and analyst for ESPN. He also regularly serves as a writer, editor, and book developer, and he has worked on projects all over the globe including Europe, India, Japan, and South Korea. Baker holds a degree in Transportation Design from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California.

"After four decades of working around the Corvette culture through my museum experiences along with my tenure at General Motors, I'm thrilled to be returning to Kentucky to work with the talented team at the National Corvette Museum. My experiences range from growing up around the racing community in Indianapolis to working in the Chevrolet Studios as a designer. I've owned and admired Corvettes all my life. In high school, 44-years ago as a young artist, I created a Corvette mural to express my passion for the Corvette. Now as an automotive historian, I want to elevate the world's awareness of this important icon of American culture. To join this team on the verge of the 70th birthday celebration for the car feels like a great honor," said Brian Baker.

According to Sharon Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum, the organization is thrilled to bring Baker to Bowling Green. "Brian has dedicated his entire career to the study of automotive design and history. At heart, he's an educator and I am sure that our impressive collection will inspire him to enrich our exhibition program and provide our museum guests with even greater Corvette experiences."

Baker will assume his duties in June.



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Both Corvettes retire early in final GTE Pro race at 24 Hours

LE MANS, France (June 12, 2022) – Corvette Racing’s GTE Pro run at the 24 Hours of Le Mans ended with retirements of both Chevrolet Corvette C8.Rs on Sunday.

Alexander Sims in the No. 64 Corvette was fighting to regain the class lead just before the 18-hour mark when a prototype competitor moved into him on the Mulsanne Straight. The contact, with Sims on the far-left with two LMP2 cars going by, pitched the Corvette hard left into the guardrail nose-first.

Sims exited the car unassisted and was fine upon his return to the paddock. He, along with FIA World Endurance Championship teammates Tommy Milner and Nick Tandy, took turns leading in the pole-winning Corvette. Sims earlier set the fastest GTE Pro lap of the race.

Only moments earlier, Corvette Racing had retired the No. 63 Corvette due to significant mechanical damage – seen and unseen – at the rear of the car. It was unclear if this was a continuation from an earlier suspension issue in the race’s first six hours. Every effort was made to get the car back into the race, but due to safety concerns for the team’s drivers and fellow competitors, the decision was made to retire.

“This isn’t how we wanted our Le Mans race to end,” said Laura Klauser, GM Sports Car Racing Program Manager. “We’re all proud of the dedication of everyone on the Corvette Racing team to give us the absolute best chance for our ninth class victory. At the end of the day, we’re all proud to be part of the One Team effort that is Corvette Racing. We’re glad Alexander is OK and that the C8.R kept him safe. Our focus now is on our two full-season efforts in the WEC and also the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.”

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Late-race contact foils hard charge toward class podium, possible win for Garcia, Taylor

WATKINS GLEN, NY (June 26, 2022) – Nearly all the late-race luck went against Corvette Racing on Sunday in the Sahlen’s Six Hours of The Glen. The No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R finished sixth in GT Daytona (GTD) PRO after the class’s fifth round in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

It was the first GTD PRO race since early May for Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor, who were coming off a similarly disappointing result at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The Corvette had crossed the line Sunday seventh in class but the class-winning car was sent to the back of GTD PRO due to a post-race drivetime violation.

The race’s first two hours saw five full-course caution periods which prevented any sort of rhythm. It wasn’t all bad for Taylor and the No. 3 Corvette team, though. Fuel savings and the crew’s usual sterling pit work gained Taylor two spots to fourth place on the first stop for fuel and tires.

Taylor stayed in the car for just shy of three hours. The fuel-saving strategy from Corvette Racing engineering offset a performance deficit and continued to provide benefits in terms of track position, as did a decision to take fuel only during a full-course caution period 90 minutes into the race. It netted the No. 3 C8.R another spot, and Taylor ran second as the halfway point approached.

Unfortunately things went south just shy of the three-hour mark when Taylor had to serve a drive-through penalty for exceeding track limits. Without the outright pace of the pursuing cars, Taylor had to maximize the boundaries of the track and hence the call from race officials.

Garcia drove the rest of the way and continued saving fuel while trying to produce as much pace as possible. The plan was working as Garcia was slowly but surely reeling in the class leaders who were on the same pit strategy until the severe weather warning stopped the race with 88 minutes to go and Garcia running fifth – still a positive gain from the Corvette’s starting position.

The race started back with 35 minutes on the clock. With the fuel situation dicey for a majority of the GTD PRO field, Garcia set out in search of a podium spot but was hit almost immediately by the No. 25 BMW, which was trying to overtake on the outside of the first corner. The contact caused one of the Corvette’s rear tires to go down and relegated the No. 3 to seventh.

The slow drive to the pitlane for four fresh tires grew more frustrating as the four GTD PRO cars ahead of Garcia had to stop for fuel inside the final five minutes, leaving the Corvette Racing team to wonder what might have been.

There is no rest as Corvette Racing immediately moves to Canadian Tire Motorsport Park for the Chevrolet Grand Prix, which is scheduled for 3:05 p.m. ET on Sunday, July 3. The race will air live on NBC and stream live on Peacock inside the United States and IMSA.com outside the U.S. IMSA Radio will air on-track sessions beginning with Saturday morning’s practice at IMSA.com with the race call also on XM 207 and SiriusXM Online 992.

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Donate to Educate

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is pleased to announce plans for a fully reimagined, 2,000-square-foot dedicated education gallery. The new space, tentatively scheduled to open in late 2022/early 2023, will allow the NCM to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more.

The video explaining how you can be part of this effort can be viewed at the following link:

["https://vimeo.com/corvettemuseum?embedded=true&source=owner_portrait&owner=72159478"](https://vimeo.com/corvettemuseum?embedded=true&source=owner_portrait&owner=72159478)

NCM Membership Information

For information on membership, museum events, and Corvette Raffles, contact your NCM Ambassador. Your NCM Ambassador for the Corvette Club of Utah is Bob Clayton.

Z06 Vette Academy Video

The following link will take you to the Z06 Vet Academy Video. This is a great video put out by GM on the development on the 2023 Z06 Corvette. You may have to cut and paste the link to your web browser.

[" https://youtu.be/twdw55cd1pE "](https://youtu.be/twdw55cd1pE)

2024 Corvette Caravan

The National Corvette Museum has announced the 2024 National Corvette Caravan will be held on Aug 29th thru Aug 31st. Corvette Club of Utah will be part of the Northern Nevada, Wyoming, and Northern Utah Caravan. Our Caravan Captain is Kevin McBride from Wyoming. The Caravan Captain will plan the route and stops for the caravan from Reno, Nevada to Bowling Green, Kentucky. CCU may or may not travel with the caravan. It has done both in the past. CCU will designate a Caravan Co-Captain who will coordinate CCU's participation with the Caravan Captain. You can keep current on Caravan Information by going to corvette.museum.org, click on "Events", select "2024 Corvette Caravan", and click on "Utah" under Regional Caravans".

NOTE: At the present time clicking on "Utah" will take you to the Pacific Central Caravan. This is not our caravan. The Wyoming Caravan which is our caravan is still being populated and Utah will eventually be linked to that Wyoming Caravan. If you read the Pacific Central Caravan itinerary you will notice that it's going to be crowded in Yellowstone because they are planning a similar route.

You must sign up for the Caravan through the museum to receive your caravan credentials and on the club website. NCM provides the Caravan Captain with roster of their Caravan Participants so they can communicate with the participants. You need to sign-up with CCU so the CCU Co-Captain can account for you and take care of you. These sign-ups will start sometime during 2023. Motel reservations and route information will also be placed on the web sometime in 2023.

The caravan will tentatively depart Reno, NV on Friday, Aug 23rd and arrive in Utah that evening. The caravan will then head to and depart from Effingham, IL on Thursday, Aug 29th with several other caravans for the final run to Bowling Green.

Thursday will be at the National Corvette Museum to check-in, pickup your credentials, and participate in any museum activities you signed up for. You can also watch the caravans come in, visit the museum exhibits, and shop at the Corvette Store. Friday Night has traditionally been attend the concert and fireworks at the museum.

Once you are in Bowling Green, you will have Thursday and Friday to visit the museum, Corvette Store, and the various other vendors at the museum. Friday night ends with a concert and fireworks at the museum. There will also be other tours, meetings, and events you can sign-up for with the museum. You can also visit the NCM Motor Sports Park and drive a few laps in your Corvette. Hopefully, you will also be able to tour the Corvette Factory while you are there. There are also distilleries to visit, caves to explore, and museums to see. You will find there is more to see than the time you will be there.

Saturday morning we depart for home and will arrive back in SLC on Monday, Sept 2nd, Labor Day. If you are still working, these means you will only have to take a week off from work to participate in the caravan.

Put the dates on your calendar and watch the website for new details as the planning takes place.

If you don't know anything about Corvette Caravans, the following link will take you to short video about the 2019 Corvette Caravan. You may have to cut and paste the link to your web browser.

[" https://youtu.be/rRjK6FEuJDE "](https://youtu.be/rRjK6FEuJDE)

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