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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm just sitting here typing my article for the Vette Gazette and looking outside as the wind blows, the fall leaves fall from the Aspen trees and looks as if it might snow. One thing is for sure it is raining and it is getting colder. I hope everyone got a chance to take a ride up one of the canyons while the colors were in full glory the fall colors were just spectacular. The sad thing is winter is upon us and it's time to winterize the Corvette and start thinking about what you will do in 2013. Even though there most likely will be some changes in officers for next year we are already putting together some fun events.

From comments and phone calls I have received I think everyone that got involved this summer had some fun either participating in car shows, racing, taking long or short trips, breakfast or dinner runs, meeting (god forbid), fund raisers or just spontaneous events.

I want to thank the CCU staff and members who worked so hard to make all this happen. As officer's we know the only reward we get is the thanks from the other members but that makes it all worth the hard work. If you get a chance just tell any of your 2012 officer's thanks for making this year fun for all.

Depending on who wins the elections I am asking each of us to step up to the plate and help them make 2013 as good a year as we just had or even better.

Merry and I were down to LHM today and talked with Kasey and Sam and during our conversation I asked how things went this year between CCU and the dealership. They both were very positive and said they appreciated us working on a couple of early issues. I would hope next year will be better for them in sales of Corvette's after all, we soon will get a up close look at the 2013 –C7. I think we will all be a bit in ah when we see it according to Kasey who had a sneak peek at it last week. If you think you might be interested in purchasing a new C7 at least give or sponsor LHM a chance to make you a bid.

Well I have taken up more space that I am sure Bob will like so I will bid my fair well and say it has been fun being an officer this past year.

2012 CORVETTE CLUB OF UTAH OFFICERS

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To e-mail a CCU Officer, go to http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/ and click on 2012 Officers for a list of the officers. Click on the blue underlined title of the officer to send an e-mail to that officer.

BIRTHDAYS

Nov Birthdays 2012 29 3 Paul R. Smith 4 Anne Crawford 6 5 Pam Turner 10 6 Duane Astin 11 6 Kozette Engle 11 7 Kathy Rohlfing 12 7 Patti Barney 12 8 **Duane Astin** 14 Wendy Christensen 8 14 8 **Judy Corgiat** 15 Susan Quinn 10 16 **David Evans** 11 18 12 Paulette Evans 19 12 Kerry Logan 19 12 Janice Shepherd 21 13 Mike Corgiat 22 Richard Statham 14 26 Beverly Wilson 14 26 Don Weber 14 29 Pam Thompson 15 29 Ruben Trujillo 15 31 16 Connie Anderson 17 Teresa Margetts 18 Bob Quinn 21 Ernie Carlson Nancy Merrill 22 24 Jerry Martin 28 Steve Wolfley

Michelle Davis **December Birthdays 2012** Robert Thompson Robert Strong Larry Ricketts Paul Smith Kit Kosakowski Dee Oldroyd Nancy Jensen **Bob Larson** Linda Elmer Kerry Howes Rob Richardson Diana Cooley Alan Rohlfing Terri Warburton Karen Ward Darlene Odenwalder Susan Trujillo Suzanne Howes Lori Sadler Shawnee Plant

2012 EVENT SUMMARY

NOVEMBER 2012

- 3-10 Western Caribbean Cruise Miami, FL
- 7 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 10 CCU Birthday Breakfast CJ's, Salt Lake City, UT
- 10-17 Eastern Caribbean Cruise
- 14 CCU Membership Meeting/Officer Elections Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

DECEMBER 2012

- 5 CCU New/Old Officers Meeting TBD
- 7-8 Christmas Hayride In The Park Burger Stop, Layton, UT
- 8 CCU Christmas Party The Cottonwood Club, 1780 E Lakewood Dr (5420 S), Holladay
- 12 CCU Membership Meeting Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT
- 14-15 Christmas Hayride In The Park Burger Stop, Layton, UT
- 15 CCU Birthday Dinner Campos Tex Mex Restaurant, Sandy UT
- 21-22 Christmas Hayride In The Park Burger Stop, Layton, UT

JANUARY 2013

- 9 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 12 CCU Awards Banquet TBD
- 16 CCU Membership Meeting Larry H Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

FEBRUARY 2013

- 13 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 20 CCU Membership Meeting/Officer Elections TBD
- 22-24 53rd Annual Parts Plus Auto Rama South Towne Expo, Sandy, UT

MARCH 2013

- 13 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 20 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

APRIL 2013

- 10 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 17 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

MAY 2013

- 3-5 Historic Route 66 Fun Run Kingman, AZ
- 8 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 15 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

JUNE 2013

- 2 33rd Anniversary MWSN Picnic Sandridge Park, Roy, UT
- 7 Historic 25th Street 11th Annual Car & Motorcycle Show Ogden, UT
- 12 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 19 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

JULY 2013

- 4-6 Cache Valley Cruise In Logan, UT
- 10 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 17 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

AUGUST 2013

- 14 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 21 CCU Membership Meeting TBD

SEPTEMBER 2013

- 11 CCU Officers Meeting TBD
- 18 CCU Membership Meeting TBD
- 20-23 2013 Intermountain Concours d'Elegance Thanksgiving Point, UT

Always check the CCU Website for the latest update.

GETTING TO KNOW THE MEMBERS

KERRY HOWES

Kerry's first Corvette was a 1996 collector's edition Silver coupe with LT4, 6 speed, and gray leather interior. He had to part with it in 2003 when he sold it. His current project car is a 1972 Chevrolet C10 step side pickup.

DIANNE AND FRED ALLEN

Dianne is known as "Diny" among her friends and family. She was born in Murray and raised in Sandy, Utah. She graduated from Jordan High School in 1962. Fred was born in Price and raised in Orangeville, Utah until he was 12 and then the family moved to the Salt Lake valley. He graduated from Olympus High School in 1961 and later from the University of Utah.

Diny and Fred were married in 1963. They have three children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. Fred worked for Volkswagen until 1968 when he went on active duty with the United States Army. The plan was one tour in Europe, but it turned into a 26 year career. Fred - retired as a colonel in 1992. Diny was with him on assignments that took them to Germany, Korea, Hawaii, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kansas and Michigan. She waited for him in Utah while he served a tour in Vietnam in 1970-71. They have had the opportunity to travel in twenty-six countries and all fifty states.

Diny is an accomplished seamstress and loves family history work. She held a number of different jobs as they moved from assignment to assignment, always assuring that the children came first. Since retirement, they have lived in Murray, Utah. Fred was the director of material for Harman Music Group, an electronics manufacturing company, for six years. He followed that job with five years of presenting over 350 workshops on referral marketing around the country.

They are now fully retired, but active in church and community activities. Diny continues to be deeply involved with family history work and Fred serves as State President for the Association of the United States Army.

KERRY AND CONSTANCE (CONI) LOGAN

My wife, Coni, and I have been married for over 35 years and we both are originally from Indiana. We are Christians by the Grace of God and Baptists by denomination. For the past 12 years Utah has been our home.

We spend much of our time outdoors where we both enjoy Photography and Metal Detecting for Gold and Meteorites. Our interests also include pistol marksmanship and I enjoy long-range rifle marksmanship. Coni loves to play guitar and painting; her favorite medium is watercolor.

Our favorite National Parks are Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. Coni is retired from AT&T and I am employed by PerkinElmer Life and Analytical Science. I am a Field Service Engineer, maintaining and repairing the type of equipment found in Forensic (CSI) Labs. We both enjoy driving, which comes in handy with my job.

I served a little more than eight years with the USAF as an Avionics Specialist on F-15s and FIlls, plus as a Nuclear Weapons Specialist for the last two years of service. We are members of the Northern Utah Mustang Owners Association (NUMOA) and in addition to our 2004 Z06 we own a 2006 Mustang GT and a 2006 VW Jetta TDI.

CHRIS PETERSON

I was born and raised in Nebraska and bought my first car in 1979, a 1971 Grand Prix SJ. I've always enjoyed being around classic cars and car people. I drove a 1971 Triumph Spitfire through college (which I still have and is waiting for a restoration) and also drove in several demolition derbies as well as spending some time racing modified midgets. I am an air traffic controller and moved to SLC in 1991 to take that job. I have always been a big fan of corvettes and was fortunate enough to acquire a silver 2006 this summer. I've been doing some work related traveling the past year but am excited to participate in Utah Corvette Club activities when I am home. I have a daughter studying pre-med at the U. of Oklahoma and a son who attends the U. of Utah who is also an Advanced EMT.

BOB AND SUSAN QUINN

A few weeks ago we purchased out dream car a 'Torch Red Corvette' CS. Sue and I live in Centerville, Utah and have six children with partners and nine grandchildren. We are active in our Church and are blessed with good friends. We enjoy going places and seeing the back roads. One of our favorite spots is Moab, Utah and the challenging off-road trails which we crawl over in our 2008 Wrangle Unlimited Rubicon that is modified to handle for the most difficult trails.

We just like spending time together. We love plays and musicals and have season tickets to several theaters. Sue is a great cook and we have bottle over twenty different sauces, relishes, fruits and jams so far. Much of the items we preserve come from our own garden. Sue' spaghetti sauce is the most popular and we do over 100 quarts a year.

Bob is semi-retired from The University of Utah and still works 1/4 time administering a course in Public Health for graduate students. Sue works fulltime managing the medical records for a busy orthopedic group in Bountiful.

We are excited to add a sports car to our adventures. Thanks to Merry and Mike Barker for their help in finding our corvette and the welcome they have so kindly offered. We hope to make friends among the club members as we enjoy the many activities offer.

RALPH AND PAULA COLOSIMO

Over the past few years, Paula and Ralph Colosimo have gradually become "empty nesters" and as such spent some time planning one of their favorite activities -- taking road trips just about anywhere! Both Paula and Ralph enjoy sightseeing, collecting books, visiting museums and historical sites and helping various charitable organizations in the Valley.

Paula was born in Pasadena, California, but grew up on Cape Cod. Eventually she made her way to Utah and after a 15-year career at Delta Airlines, she began her second career about five years ago with Macy's department stores. Paula is currently floor manager in women's clothing at the old Cottonwood Mall store; she loves her work. and really enjoys meeting new people while taking care of longtime Macy's customers. Paula has a 19-year-old daughter from a previous marriage.

Ralph grew up in Magana, Utah, graduated from the University of Utah and worked as an insurance broker for about 25 years. He sold his company several years ago and has pursued his second career as a licensed social worker for the state of Utah. He specializes in family counseling interventions and adoptions and works closely with children who range in age from newborns to age 19. Ralph has a daughter and two sons from a previous marriage.

Ralph always liked Corvettes but because he wasn't really a fan of the rough ride and squeaks and rattles, during his business years he mostly drove Mercedes coupes or sedans. Paula's sports car experience involved mostly Porsches. A little over a year ago, Ralph became quite enamored with C5 Corvettes, so in anticipation of being able to take road trips, he started his year-long search for a C5. He wanted an automatic, so Paula would be comfortable driving it too; it needed to be a hatchback coupe and Paula's preference was for the color black. After much searching, they found a black with gray leather interior 2003 C5 with only 22,000 miles and in mint condition. The previous owner was an anesthesiologist who really pampered the car, but he suffered from multiple sclerosis and was unable to get in and out of it anymore. He was sad to let his car go, but Ralph and Paula promised him they would take good care of his "baby." Since their C5 purchase in June of 2012, they have been enjoying the car tremendously -- they say it really exceeds their expectations; especially in quality, ride comfort, service and gas mileage.

Paul and Ralph's work schedules keep them quite busy; however, they are looking forward to attending as many Corvettes events as they can and look forward to making new friends in the Corvette club of Utah.

NEW MEMBERS

Kerry Howes – Layton, UT

Fred and Dianne Allen – Murray, UT

Bob and Susan Quinn – Centerville, UT

Chris Peterson – Sandy, UT

Cerry and Constance (Coni) Logan – Syracuse, UT

Ralph and Paula Colosimo – Salt Lake City, UT

2003 Black Z06

2004 Red Coupe

2006 Silver Coupe

2004 Black Z06

2003 Black Coupe



BE PART OF THE PROJECT

Latest Information about the Museum's Raceway Project -

The National Corvette Museum is in the planning process to build a new "world class" motorsports park. The Park will be located on approximately 184 acres of land with 1.5 miles of frontage on I-65 in Bowling Green,

Kentucky, directly across the interstate from the Museum. Check out this overview about the Motorsports Park project.

Doug Fehan, Program Manager, Corvette Racing says:



"If we can do something like this at the Museum that becomes our home test base for Corvette Racing. I've got a place I can bring our team, they can come down here, numerous times over the course of the year. I know what our shortcomings are at test facilities around the USA. Let's build this racetrack and have some curves, corners and straightaways that are reminiscent and replicate the challenges that we see at Le Mans. When we come down to test, we make that an event for Corvette owners and enthusiasts where they pay to come in and watch us do what we do."

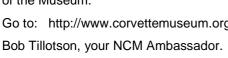
"Chevrolet is excited about making the NCM Motorsports Park a reality as it supports our desire to:

- Appeal to younger more affluent customers
- Transfer technology used in Corvette Racing to street cars, including other GM models
- Have a Corvette Driving School east of the Mississippi
- Have a track that would be used by vehicle development and team development
- Have a track that Corvette Racing could use for testing
- Add value to the existing programs available through the NCM like the Museum Delivery Option (R8C), Buyers Tour and NCM Experience.
- Provide the ultimate experience to Corvette owners and especially new purchasers of Corvette as the Plant, Museum and Motorsports Park are all in one location."
- Harlan Charles, Product Marketing Manager, Chevrolet Corvette

There is a lot more to know and learn about our National Corvette Museum at: http://www.corvettemuseum.org/ I am proud to be your National Corvette Museum Ambassador.

If you have questions about the National Corvette Museum you can contact the NCM staff directly from the references on their web site or just find me at one of the CCU meetings. I'll be happy to answer anything I can to help you become a member

of the Museum. Go to: http://www.corvettemuseum.org/









WESTERN STATES CORVETTE COUNCIL NEWS

Check out the WSCC web site link below for the latest event calendar information just released. Also, click their Newsletter link and scroll through the back issues of the REDLINE magazine. More than 40 Corvette clubs are members of the 'Council and their club activities are posted in the REDLINE. http://www.wscc.ws

In August 2014 the 5th National Corvette Caravan will recognize the 20th anniversary of our National Corvette Museum. From every state in the US lines of Vettes will be heading for Bowling Green, Kentucky for three days of Events-Corvette. If you have never had the opportunity to see the NCM or watch our favorite sports car being built at the Assembly Plant don't miss this opportunity to drive along with thousands of other enthusiasts to the land of Corvette. For information go to: http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/ . CCU will keep you informed as the trip plans progress.

The Western States Corvette Council was formed to serve as a link for, and to assist Corvette clubs throughout the west in inter-communication, cooperation, interclub cooperation, interclub events and to promote the image and to direct public attention toward America's only true sports car the Corvette. WSCC hosts many competitive and social events such as multi-club Car Shows, Corvette Rallies, Autocross, Drag Racing and an annual wiz-bang convention. The Council is also a liaison for member clubs with General Motors and the National Corvette Museum. Our Corvette Club of Utah (CCU) has been a member of WSCC since 2005 as an Associate non-voting club.

You can get an overview of all the activities and benefits of WSCC by going to their website, As your WSCC representative for CCU I will always have membership applications with me at the CCU meetings and most events. Feel free to contact me with any questions you might have regarding the Western States Corvette Council and join with me and the other CCU/WSCC members for the fun and camaraderie.

Bob Tillotson bobt@skyplanner.com

CORVETTE RACING

The Corvette Club of Utah fully supports the American Le Mans Racing Series (ALMS). For more details about Corvette racing check out the web site at:

http://www.corvetteracing.com

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. The only way they will be able to remember your name is if you wear your CCU name badge. To encourage you, only members wearing name tags will get raffle tickets for the Membership Meeting door prizes. Come on, dig out those badges.

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 e-mail address, you need to tell us or you won't get CCU e-mail.

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UTAH FOOD BANK

The Utah Food Bank is the Corvette Club of Utah's charity for 2012. Fees from car shows that we are paid to appear in and your cash donations are donated to this charity at the end of the year, when the food bank is most in need. No club membership funds are used for this purpose. Only funds raised or donated for charity are donated.



YELLOWSTONE CRUISE

On August 17th, CCU headed north to West Yellowstone for the weekend. On the way up we stopped at the Idaho Potato Museum where we learned about the history of the Idaho Spud. As we climbed up into the mountains to West Yellowstone, the sky turned blue again, the temperature was comfortable, and the air was fresh again. As we checked into the motel at West Yellowstone, we were surprised with roped off parking, t-shirts, and a goodie bag. West Yellowstone would really like us to return next year for the West Yellowstone Cruise In. Part of the welcome package was a free ticket to the Grizzly and Wolf Center where we watched the bears and wolfs. On Saturday, we woke up to a 32 degree morning. However, it did not discourage us from putting the tops down and driving the grand loop around Yellowstone. We were able to see Elk, Buffalo, and Coyote. On Sunday, we stopped in Jackson for lunch. The smoke returned when we passed the Grand Tetons ruining our chance to take pictures of the Corvettes in front of the Tetons. On the way home, we took the short cut through Soda Springs. What a great Corvette road. Everyone had a smile on their face when we arrived at Soda Springs.



CCU CAR CLUB BBQ

On Saturday, Aug 25th, CCU held a BBQ to break the ice with the Mustang Club, NCRS, and Stags Car Club. The event was well attended for a first time occurrence and there was discussion about rotating responsibility for this through all of the clubs for future events. Following lunch, time was allowed for looking at the different cars followed by door prizes. Are thanks go out to those who made this possible.



PEACH DAYS

The weather gods were smiling on us this year for Peach Days. On Friday, Sept 7th, the events started out with a Poker Run starting at Hansen Chevrolet in Brigham City. The route took you through Perry, Mantua, and Brigham City ending at Adams Park in Brigham City for the BBQ. For those of you not aware, you can pick up your car show packets at the Poker Run sign in, avoiding those long lines the next day. On Saturday

Sept 8th, both the Peach Days Parade and Car Show took place. We had several members who went up and participated in the parade. The remaining members stayed at Watkins Park for the car show. It was reported that 61 Corvettes were present, the most of any model of car. It was announced that Lee and Nona's Black Rose had won an award. We could not hear who the remaining winners were. The Peach Days Car Show remains as one of the biggest free car shows in the West. It retained that title again on Saturday. Great car show.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY LUNCH

On September 15th we held the monthly Birthday Lunch at Sonny Bryan's Barbecue in Sandy, UT. We had a packed house. The food was good and the weather was wonderful. The names of members with Birthday's in Septembers were read. After the lunch, several of us went to the Rotary Car Show at Ardell Brown's Ranch. There was a good showing of cars and we had one each model of Corvette in the Car Show.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On September 19th, we held our Membership Meeting at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet in Murray, UT. We appreciate their sponsorship and willingness to let us use their facilities for our meeting. Mike Barker opened the meeting by going over recent events to include the Concealed Weapon Class taught by Jim McCarthy which raised over \$300 for the Utah Food Bank, the September Wide Open Wednesday at Millers Motor Sports Park, Peach Days, and the Birthday Lunch. During Peach Days, we had A Corvette Owner donate \$45 to the Utah Food Bank as a token of appreciation for letting him join us at the Peach Days Parade. He also announced that the points standing for Club Officer Eligibility will be compiled and posted on the CCU Web Page before the October Membership Meeting. Mike then covered upcoming events. Lloyd Laycock then introduced new members Bob and Susan Quinn.

A complete copy of the membership meeting minutes can be requested from the club secretary.



WENDOVER'S WINGS AND WHEELS CAR SHOW

On September 22nd, the Corvette Club of Utah headed out to Wendover, Utah for the annual Wings and Wheels Car show. There was actually three groups, the overnighters, early risers, and late risers. We were all in place by 9:00AM. We were met and greeted by the Honorable Mike Crawford, the Mayor of Wendover and a member of the club. It was an enjoyable car show, good weather, good crowd, mixed in with aircraft aerial demonstrations and static displays. Some of us stopped at one of the casinos for dinner before heading back. If you missed it, join us next year.



CARLSBAD CRUISE

On Sept 15th thru the 23rd, we headed out on our trip to Carlsbad, New Mexico. For our first day we drove to Moab UT and had a dutch oven dinner and boat ride and light show on the Colorado river.

The next day we drove to Durango Colorado. We had a little time to shop before going to dinner at the Red Snapper.

On Mon the 17th we headed to Santa Fe, New Mexico where again we enjoyed shopping and dinner at The Shed, a Mexican restaurant.

The next day we went to UFO territory, Roswell, New Mexico. We got to see the UFO museum – makes you wonder if we are really alone in this great big universe. We then headed on to Carlsbad, NM. That night we got to watch the bats leave the cave. There are between 400,000 - 500,000 bats that leave the cave each night. We watched until it got dark (about 35 minutes) and the bats were still coming out when we left for dinner.

On the 19th we got to go down inside the caves and walk around. It took 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours to walk to the bottom of the caves. Luckily there is an elevator to take you back up. The caves were massive. We took a separate tour to the Kings Palace. Some of the group went to the Big Room. The elevator ride is 75 stories up to the visitor center. The caves are AMAZING!!

The next day we started our journey back home. From Carlsbad we headed to Las Cruces, NM and we drove to the White Sands. This is where the Transformer's II movie was filmed. The White Sands are actually finally crushed gypsum.

Next day drove to Holbrook, AZ and stopped for the night. On the way to our next stop, Kanab, UT, we stopped in Winslow, AZ and stood on the corner (just like the song). Once we got to Kanab we had a cowboy style dinner at The Spurs Grill.

Sun, Sept 23rd was the final leg of the trip. We drove home through canyons and saw the fall colors starting. It was a beautiful drive and a fantastic end to a great trip.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST

CCU held its October Birthday Breakfast at the Golden Corral on Saturday, October 13th. The names of members with Birthdays in October were read. A cruise to the Hill AFB Museum followed the breakfast.

OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October Membership Meeting was held on October 17th at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet. Members were nominated for the 2013 Officers. The ballot for Officer Elections is enclosed in this issue of the Gazette. Please bring it with you to the Officer Elections at the November Membership Meeting or mail them in

following the instructions on the ballot. Please take the time to vote for the new Officers so we can have another great year. A full copy of the minutes can be requested from the club secretary.

NOVEMBER EVENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST - NOVEMBER 10TH

<u>Saturday November 10th</u> – 9:00AM at CJ's, 3900 S 900 East, Salt Lake City, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in November. For more information contact Larry Ricketts.

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

NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP & ELECTIONS MEETING - NOVEMBER 14TH

Wednesday, November 14th – 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet in Murray, UT. It's time to elect new officers for 2013. Your ballots are contained in the Gazette. Fill them out and **bring them with you** to the meeting. If you cannot attend, follow the instructions on the ballot for voting absentee. Be sure to wear your name badges to be eligible for the door prizes. For more information contact Larry Ricketts.

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

DECEMBER EVENTS

CCU ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY – DECEMBER 8TH

Saturday, December 8th – 6:00PM at the The Cottonwood Club, 1780 E Lakewood Dr. (5420 S), Holladay, Utah. The Corvette Club of Utah will hold their annual Christmas Party at The Cottonwood Club. Social and cash bar starting at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00. Please check the web site for pricing, menu and other details. For more information contact Larry Ricketts.

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

DECEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING - DECEMBER 12TH

<u>Wednesday, December 12th</u> – 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT. Last Meeting of the year. Be sure to wear your name badges to be eligible for the door prizes.

Please pay your dues by the February Club meeting, or you will NOT receive the March/April Gazette

You can pay your 2013 membership dues at the December, January or February meeting, or you can send your check made payable to Corvette Club of Utah to:

Corvette Club of Utah Attn: Dues PO Box 1134 Sandy, UT 84091

Please note on your check that you are paying your 2013 Dues.

Please Remember, there is a \$10 late fee if you pay after Feb. 28.

For more information contact Larry Ricketts.

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 15TH

<u>Saturday December 15th</u> - 4:00PM at the Campos Tex Mex Restaurant, 7702 S 1300 E, Sandy, UT. Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in December. For more information contact Larry Ricketts.

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

FUTURE EVENTS

5TH NATIONAL CORVETTE CARAVAN - 28-30 Aug 2014



They come from miles around...lines of colorful Corvettes, all generations represented, traveling from every continental United State and even a few foreign countries to gather in the Home of the Corvette. 2014 will bring the 5th National Corvette Caravan and will mark the 20th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. The 5th National Corvette Caravan will take place the last week of August, 2014. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to gather in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum.

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This is my second post to the home page for the Northern California - Northern Nevada - Utah section of the 2014 National Corvette Caravan. I am Don Herzer, Publications Director for the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC). Plans have firmed up a little bit since my initial post, but I am open to suggestions.

Please note that even if you are not going all the way to Bowling Green, you are welcome to join in the Caravan out of CA to Reno, as many have done in the past. If you register for the Caravan (see below) or just want to escort us out of CA., please email me (corvdon@wscc.ws) so that I can add you to the list for our Section.

Launch: Vaca Valley Corvettes have offered to host the formal launch of our section on Friday Aug. 22, 2014, somewhere in Solano County, thus providing a somewhat central location for No. Cal. Participants. I envision a late morning timing for the launch, so haven't planned on setting up an evening before gathering. If you would like to see that added, please let me know, and if numbers warrant, I will work on that also.

If numbers/interest warrant, I will work on having a pre-launch gathering in the San Jose area for those coming from the South Bay to caravan to the formal launch point.

From the launch point, we will head to Reno on I80, with a rest stop (most likely in Rocklin) along the way. I am working on having an optional side trip to the National Automotive Museum in Reno for a tour and dinner Friday evening.

Saturday, we will head to Salt Lake City. Our Corvette friends in Utah are working with the Miller Motorsports Park to arrange for us to get on the track for parade lap(s).

On Sunday, we will head to Cheyenne, where we will link up with the NW section.

On Monday, August 25, 2014, we will head to Lincoln, NE, and be treated to a "Welcome to Nebraska" event hosted by the Nebraska Section.

On Tuesday, we will stage for a visit to the Museum of American Speed and then caravan on to Columbia, MO.

The final leg is yet to be worked out as we will have to comply with arranged arrival times at the Museum, but we will travel to Bowling Green and stage for our dramatic entrance.

Registration for both the Caravan and the festivities is not open at this time. Note that the 2014 Corvette Caravan and the NCM 20th Anniversary are two separate events, each with their own registration, which is expected to be available on the NCM web site starting in Sept. 2012.

I will be working on blocking sets of rooms at hotels along the route, but I don't expect registration to be available until approximately fall of 2013.

I will be compiling all this and much more into a Route Book that will be available to registered participants Spring 2014.

If you have no idea what going on the Caravan would be like, here is a link to a writeup that I did about the great times we had on the

2009 NorCal portion of the National Corvette Caravan!

If you would like to volunteer to help me in this venture, I would welcome that. I will also be looking for sponsors to help defray some of the costs. You may reach me via:

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