

# **Vette Gazette**

November/December 2017



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#### From the Editor

This gazette marks the final chapter in our 2017 history. I hope you have enjoyed your time in the club during this year! For some great pictures of the club this year, check out our 2018 calendar! We've shared fun memories, and there will be more to come in 2018.











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This photo was taken by Steve DeSmet on our San Diego trip. We were stopped in the Palomar Mountains, waiting for a helicopter to pass overhead.

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#### Corvette Club of Utah News

#### Voting for 2018 Club Officers

This issue of the gazette has the nominations for 2018 Corvette Club Officers. Please review the selections and either mail in your vote, or have it ready at the November members meeting on Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Awards for January's Awards Banquet**

It's time to remember and compile the award-worthy events from our trips and adventures this year! There is a place to do this on our webpage. Look for the box with this title: "Did something funny happen during a CCU event", and click on the "full story" link. A form will pop up with all the things that you need to complete.

You can also submit your awards in writing to Kelly Vining at <a href="mailto:ccu.webmaster@corvetteclubofutah.org">ccu.webmaster@corvetteclubofutah.org</a>. We look forward to hearing from you!

#### How to set up a Pop-Up Social

Pop-Up Socials are fun ways to get people together for spur-of-the-moment and/or localized activities. And they are rather simple to organize. Once you've decided on an event, the next step is to get the word out. Send your information to Nola Emery, at <a href="mailto:ccu.secretary@corvetteclubofutah.org">ccu.secretary@corvetteclubofutah.org</a>. She will send out an email to all club members, letting them know of the activity. If there is some time before the event, also let Kelly Vining know, and he can also put the information on the webpage (ccu.webmaster@corvetteclubofutah.org). Let creativity and curiosity be your guide! Been wanting to try a new restaurant? Heard about a fun drive? Always wanted to check out A, B, or C? Do it with Corvette friends!

#### Check the Website for Current Information

Important! I can't stress this enough - check the Corvette Club of Utah website for the latest information regarding activities, new, and events at <a href="http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/">http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/</a>. 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.

#### Other information

To e-mail a CCU Officer, go to <a href="http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/">http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org/</a> 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.

The club's financial information is available if you are interested. See Shirlynn Gildea at our monthly member meetings. She has our finances broken down by quarter, and is happy to relate that information to anyone interested.

Embroidered shirts are available through Creative Graphics. Contact Andrea Bitton at 801-266-7273 or <a href="mailto:andrea@cgprinting.com">andrea@cgprinting.com</a>. Or visit their website at <a href="mailto:www.cgprinting.com">www.cgprinting.com</a>. Judy Corgiat has a catalog.

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

Join us on-line at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvettecClubOfUtah">www.facebook.com/CorvettecClubOfUtah</a>.

#### 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!

#### Voting Ballot – 2018 Officers

President – John Forbes

Vice Presidents - Janice Shepherd, Bruce Gildea, Judy Corgiat

Secretary - Nola Emery

Treasurer (select one): Cory Jensen (3 points)

Diane Williams (5 points)

**Membership Chair - John Emery** 

**Events Chair - Karen Desmet** 

**Historian - Steve Desmet** 

**Vette Gazette Editor - Annamarie Forbes** 

NCM Ambassador/Public Relations - Bob Clayton

Web Master - Kelly Vining

2018 Charity Nominations (select one):
Shriners
Veterans Home in Salt Lake City
Utah Food Bank

#### **New Members**

#### Billie and Roy Ramey – 2007 White Coupe

Billie and Roy were recruited by Jo and Gary Roeseler, who are their neighbors. They have lived in Germany, and love to travel. Billie plays hockey, and at their first club meeting, her hockey jacket went missing, and John and Annamarie Forbes were lucky enough to return it to them. "They are a lot of fun, and a great addition to our club!" says Annamarie. "Their Corvette has a name and personality, just ask!"

#### Cindy Adams – 2002 Blue Convertible

I have a 2002 Corvette Convertible, with just over 20,000 miles so need to get out more with my car, that's why I joined the club. I have an addiction of sorts when it comes to hot rods and old cars and trucks - I have a 1961 International Scout (restored). a 1958 Chevrolet Apache Truck (original). Currently in the works, a 1968 Mustang GT coupe. I enjoy showing these vehicles at cruise nights and car shows with my daughter who owns a 1967 Camaro. I live 2 miles from where I grew up in Granger (West Valley). I work for a dental supply company in Draper as an Operations Manager. Besides cars, I enjoy Boating, water skiing, hiking, biking, you name it, just about anything outdoors summer or winter. I love to travel, eat great food paired with a nice wine. Looking forward to meeting others who have a passion for Corvettes like I do.

**Michael Wagnon & Kristen Sichz**- 2013 White Corvette I'm an aerospace engineer with Lockheed Martin, Kristen is a nurse working at McKay hospital. I have owned in the past a 1978 Indy Pace car, a 2007 red convertible and presently own a 2013 collector's edition, 60th anniversary 427 convertible. I love going for rides with the top down and meeting other corvette enthusiasts like myself.



# **November/December Birthdays**

			<u>December</u>
	<u>November</u>		
		6	Robert Thomson
?	Scott Bell	10	Robert Strong
1	Sherry Liguori	11	Jackie Trayner
3	John Emery	11	Larry Ricketts
4	Debby Taylor	11	Paul Rea Smith
4	Anne Crawford	12	Kit Kosakowski
7	Kathy Rohlfing	12	Dee Oldroyd
8	Wendy Christensen	14	Bob Larson
8	Judy Corgiat	14	Nancy Jensen
12	Janice Shepherd	15	Linda Elmer
12	Douglas Fisher	18	Bob Richardson
14	Richard Statham	19	Alan Rohlfing
14	Beverly Wilson	19	Ray Bryant
15	Ruben Trujillo	19	Diana Cooley
15	Don Blackburn	20	Bill Cook
16	Connie Anderson	21	Terri Warburton
21	Ernie Carlson	26	Darlene Odenwalder
26	Bill Bernard	26	Susan Trujillo
29	Michelle Davis	30	Floyd Chase
		31	Shawnee Plant
		31	Jo Roeseler



#### **Mountain West Street News (MWSN)**

The following information came to us from the Western States Corvette counsel. It originated at the National Corvette Museum. Looks like if you purchased a 2018 Corvette you own a rare model.

#### Bob T.



# 2019 CORVETTE EARLY PRODUCTION ANNOUNCED October 12, 2017

Well, that was quick! Rumors have been confirmed that production of the 2018 Corvette will cease early for the model year. The last date to order a 2018 Corvette is November 16, and the last week of production for the 2018 model year is the week of January 22. The 2019 model year will begin rolling off the line the week of January 29, 2018. Orders for the model start November 30. (whew we need a calendar for all those dates!) Right now, planned volume for the 2018 Corvette is just shy of 9,700 units, making it one of the shortest model years. No major changes are coming for 2019 as models, colors and options from 2018 will carry over (sans the Carbon 65 Edition). Less than 100 65th Anniversary Carbon Editions are remaining of

the 650 cap for 2018. A new order guide for 2019 will be released on November 20.

<u>Sebring Orange</u> (G26) can now be ordered, and a small ramp up of the new hue begins the week of December 11 (in the new paint shop, we might add).

But what about the new paint shop? Production at Bowling Green Assembly starts back up November 6, and at that time the 'basics' (Black, Arctic White, Torch Red, Corvette Racing Yellow) will begin rolling through the state-of-the-art paint shop. Tintcoats will follow the basics at a later date (Admiral Blue, Blade Silver, Cyber Matrix Gray, Long Beach Red, Sebring Orange and Watkins Glen Gray.

As for the quality of the new paint – we're told customers will not be disappointed. Some even tout the quality to be better than the crème de la crème Cadillac paint.

And as for a "C8" mid-engine Corvette, no official word has been received announcing the highly anticipated model. But it has been photographed quite a bit lately. Perhaps it's GM's way of teasing us just a little bit!

Next year's Michelin NCM Bash will certainly be colorful when GM takes the stage to present on 2018 and 2019... and we know you'll want to be there to ask questions and be in the know.

Corvette Dates Cheat Sheet

October 27 – 2018 Corvette unallocated sold orders cut off November 6 – GM Plant Re-Starts 2018 Production in the new Paint Shop

November 16 – Final date to order a 2018 Corvette

November 20 – 2019 Corvette Order Guide Released

November 30 – 2019 Corvette Orders Picked-Up

December 11 – Sebring Orange Corvettes begin

January 22 (week of) – 2018 Corvette Production Ends

January 29 – 2019 Corvette Production Starts

#### Katie Ellison

National Corvette Museum & NCM Motorsports Park Marketing and Communications Manager







#### **CORVETTE NEWS**

Corvette Racing: Never Give Up

This weekend Corvette Racing is in Braselton, GA for Petit Le Mans. All the details are <u>here</u>. But first, Corvette Racing's Program Manager Doug Fehan gives us an interview about Laguna Seca...

Oh, and if you're a big fan of Corvette Racing we hope to see you in Hershey, PA October 20-21 for the Corvette Racing weekend. You might just catch a glimpse of one of the C7.Rs while you're there!

#### NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK

Give the Gift of Speed

Your gift will create memories to last a lifetime! The NCM Motorsports Park offers gift certificates for any amount or track activity including karting, touring laps, hot laps, Corvette Experience, HPDI and MSP HPDE registration.

To purchase your certificate by phone, please call (270) 777-4509.

#### **CORVETTE RAFFLE**

2018 Corvette Raffle Winner Drawn

Congratulations to Chris Conn of Auburn, KY - winner of our 2018 Admiral Blue Corvette Convertible Raffle last week (September 28) with ticket number 750! Chris currently has a "basket case" Corvette and is excited to have one in driving condition. We sold all 1,500 available tickets.

Your next chance to win a Corvette is Thursday, October 12 at 2pm when we raffle off a 2018 Black Grand Sport Coupe Corvette!

Tickets are \$200 and the raffle is limited to 1,000 tickets. We've sold 480 tickets so far.

#### **CELEBRITY VISITS**

Cristy Lee Visits NCM

Friday, September 29, 2017 the Museum welcomed tv host and reporter Cristy Lee for a visit and behind the scenes tour. Best known for hosting Barrett-Jackson Live and co-hosting All Girls Garage, both on Velocity, she's also served as a motorsports reporter covering everything from the XGames to Off-Road Truck Racing to World SuperBike.

Cristy was enroute from Michigan to Mississippi for the Cruisin the Coast event in Biloxi.

#### 2019 National Corvette Caravan

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 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Leading the charge will be Jeffrey Duda of Hainesport, NJ, a Lifetime Member of the Museum and previous cocaptain of the New Jersey 2014 and 2009 Caravans.

The 6th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 28-31, 2019. 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! If you would like to volunteer to be a Caravan Captain, please email Jeff at <a href="mailto:nationalchairman2019@verizon.net">nationalchairman2019@verizon.net</a>

Don Herzer, Publications Director for the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC) who served as Captain of the NorCal section of the 2014 Caravan, has been asked to to be our Captain for 2019.

He has elected to give our section a nickname – Pacific Central Corvette Caravan – which is easily further shortened to Pacific Central and PCCC. This is much less cumbersome than listing the whole three states. Also, if it is shortened to NorCal (as done in 2014), then N. Nevada and Utah feel left out.

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

Don Herzer

Pacific Central Captain corvdon@wsccpubs.net 209-586-3079

What can you expect from the 2019 National Corvette Caravan:

Registration for the caravan will occur on-line at the National Corvette Museum (NCM) website. If you are not a member of NCM, you will have to join NCM as part of the registration process. We will send out a notice when it's time to register.

Go to the Corvette Caravan Facebook page and join the group. This is how you will receive information regarding the caravan from NCM and our Captain.

Sign-up for a Corvette Factory Tour on the Thursday or Friday that you will be at the NCM. This is one of the highlights during the caravan. These go fast so sign-up early. The NCM website has a link to the factory tour reservations page.

About a year out, the Captain will release a list of hotels that the caravan will be stopping at. These will be in Cheyenne, WY, Lincoln, NC, and Columbia, MO. At the same time, CCU will release a list the name of the motel the club will be staying in at Bowling Green and a list of hotels for the journey home. Make your reservations early.

The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in South Central Kentucky and is open daily, 8am to 5pm Central Time.

#### **CCU NCM Ambassador News**

If you are visiting the National Corvette Museum, contact me for free admission tickets. I have 10 tickets available on first come first served basis.

Need Christmas Stocking Stuffers? I have NCM Win A Corvette raffle tickets for a 2018 Arctic White Corvette Couple which will be raffled off on February 8, 2018 at 2 PM CT. Cost is \$10 each. I'll have the tickets available at all club meetings and events.

To find out more about the National Corvette Museum contact your CCU NCM Ambassador, Bob Clayton.



#### **Corvette Racing at Road Atlanta**

Aiming for second straight sweep of Manufacturer's, Driver's and Team's titles

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Garcia, Magnussen only need single point to

Chevrolet leads in quest for 12th Manufacturer's

Championship

Eight wins at Petit Le Mans for Corvette Racing

since 1999

**DETROIT** (Oct. 3, 2017) – Corvette Racing's quest for another championship sweep concludes this weekend with the 20th running of Petit Le Mans – the annual 10-hour endurance race at Road Atlanta. Heading into the final race of this year's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, Corvette Racing leads all three GT Le Mans (GTLM) points categories.

Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R are in the proverbial drivers' seat in the GTLM Driver's Championship. The pairing – driving this weekend with Mike Rockenfeller – need to score only a single point to win their second championship together; their first was in the American Le Mans Series in 2013. The same scenario would give the No. 3 Corvette squad the GT Le Mans Team's Championship.

The Garcia/Magnussen/Rockenfeller combo proved to be a winning one earlier in the year as they won the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in March.

The closest battle in GTLM – and for that matter in the entire WeatherTech Championship – is the GTLM Manufacturer's Championship. Chevrolet leads by four points over Ford in a classic battle between the American manufacturers. Chevrolet can clinch its 12th Manufacturer's title in GT competition since 2001 by being the second-highest finishing marque in GTLM.

If any other manufacturer other than Ford wins, then either of the two Corvettes must only earn fourth-place Manufacturer points for Chevrolet to repeat as GTLM Manufacturer's champion.

The other Corvette – the No. 4 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C7.R – will see Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner reunited with Marcel Fässler. The trio won at both Daytona and Sebring in 2016 as Gavin and Milner won the GTLM Driver's Championship. Gavin and Milner also won earlier this year together at Long Beach.

This weekend will mark Corvette Racing's 21st race at Road Atlanta. The team has won 10 times at the 2.54-mile, 12-turn circuit with eight of those coming at Petit Le Mans. The last was in 2010.

In race history, Gavin is tied for most victories by a driver with five, and Magnussen has four.

Petit Le Mans also serves as the final race in the Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup – a competition consisting of IMSA's four endurance races. Garcia and Magnussen remain in the running for the TPNAEC Driver's Championship as does Chevrolet in the Manufacturer's race.

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#### November 2017

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## December 2017

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10	11	12	13	14 Christmas Party Timbermine Steakhouse Ogden	15	16		
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#### **November Events**

November Birthday Breakfast - Saturday, November 11th

Join us 8:00 AM at Village Inn, 1780 West 5600 South, Layton, UT(I-15 Exit 338). Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in November. 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 Membership Meeting & Officer's Elections – Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, November 15th – 7:00 PM at Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, 5500 S. State Street, Murray, UT. Everyone is welcome to attend. Election ballots will be collected and counted at the start of the meeting followed by discussions relating to future events and activities. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

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#### Desert Star's Christmas Vacation – Friday, November 17th

Get the holiday season started right. Come join the Corvette Club at Desert Star Theater for their rendition of 'Christmas Vacation' on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Be sure to get there a little early to get seated. Reservations for 26 seats have been made and paid for by John Forbes. The group rate is \$22.50/seat. Contact John Forbes at 801-721-0750 for tickets. This show is almost sold out. Once the CCU tickets are gone, you will need to contact the Desert Star to check availability. Food is not included, but can be purchased at the show.

#### **December Events**

# **December Birthday Breakfast – Saturday, December 9th**Join us 8:00 AM at Anna's Restaurant, Come help us celebrate the birthdays of members born in November. 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.

#### Annual CCU Christmas Party - Thursday, December 14th

The Corvette Club of Utah will hold their annual Christmas Party at The Timbermine Steakhouse, 1701 Park Blvd., Ogden, Utah. Social starts at 6:00 PM; dinner at 7:00 PM. Menu will be your selection of Prime Rib, New York tip or Salmon. Salad, vegetable, potato, dessert and complimentary drink are included. Cost for dinner is \$25.00 per person. Additional guests will be \$30.00 per person. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS DECEMBER 1st, 2017.** You can register at any Club meeting or function prior to the cut- off date. You may pay in person at any Club function. For more information contact Nona Ellis.

\*Note: Please write separate checks for payment of the Christmas Party, Awards Banquet, and Dues.

#### CCU Membership Meeting - Wednesday, December 20th

Wednesday, December 20th – 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. For more information contact Karen DeSmet at 801-910-2923 For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

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

#### **Future Club Events**

#### CCU Awards Banquet- Saturday, January 20th, 2018

The Corvette Club of Utah will hold their Annual Awards Banquet at Tucanos Brazilian Grill, 162 South 400 West, SLC on the corner of 400 West and 200 South in the Gateway Mall next to the Movie Theaters. Underground parking will be validated. The Awards Banquet is 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 starts at 6:00 PM; Dinner at 7:00 PM. Dinner includes: the full Churrasco, where fresh meats and vegetables are grilled and brought directly to your table, endless salad festival, and choice of chocolate cake or raspberry cheesecake. Soda, beer, wine or cocktails separate. Cost for dinner is \$30.00 per person. **DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS JANUARY 6th, 2018.** You can register at any Club meeting or function prior to the cut- off date. You may pay in person at any Club function. For more information contact Karen DeSmet.

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#### 2017 Overview

#### November 2017

- 8 CCU Officer's Meeting TBD
- 11 CCU Birthday Breakfast Village Inn, Roy, UT
- 15 CCU Membership Meeting & Officer's Elections Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray, UT

#### December 2017

- 9 CCU Birthday Breakfast Anna's Restaurant, SLC, UT
- 13 CCU Officer's Meeting TBD
- 14 CCU Christmas Party Timbermine Steakhouse, Ogden, UT
- 20 CCU Membership Meeting Larry H. Miller Chevrolet, Murray,

UT

#### January 2018

20 CCU Awards Dinner – Tucanos Brazilian Grill, SLC, UT

#### August 2019

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



#### **Past Events**

#### 2017 ALBUQUERQUE BALLOON FIESTA "The World's Premier Balloon Event"

Have you ever wondered what the sky looks like when 500 balloons launch into the crisp air of an October morning? It is absolutely amazing! This year Steve and I had an opportunity to lead some of our CCU members on an adventure to New Mexico, not only to see the balloon fiesta, but also to take in the remarkable beauty of this diverse state.

We began our journey south at Lehi, thru the fall beauty of Spanish Fork Canyon to Durango, CO. From Durango we followed Hwy 160E/US-84 to Chama, New Mexico. The gently winding highways wandered through rolling fields and pastures full of vibrant fall colors. Mother Nature at her best. From here we moved on to Santa Fe to take in the highlights of Historic Old Town before arriving at Albuquerque. Best Western greeted us with a banner, reserved parking, and gift bags. We rented a 15 passenger van for sightseeing and shuttling to the balloon fiesta field.

Our next day we cruised an old part of Route 66 called the Turquoise Trail, which during the 1800's was known for coal, gold and turquoise mining. However today it's most traveled to visit Maggie's Diner in Madrid, made famous in the movie Wild Hogs. Just so you know, Maggie's Diner, was a store front prop, now turned into a gift shop. We hustled back just in time to dine at the 66 Diner on Central Avenue, also a part of Route 66, and head to the Balloon Fiesta field for the Special Shape Glowdeo.

The next 2 days we were on the balloon field. How do you describe 90 plus shape balloons all aglow? Incredible! The evening Glowdeo did not disappoint. Despite of threatening wind and cool weather, the pilots and their crews prepared the balloons for lighting up. So many shapes and colors; it was a fest for your eyes. The field is over a mile long, and some of us made it down and back. We were invited to help crew one of the balloons for the Mass Ascension the next morning, which meant being on the field at 4:30 AM. We got to watch the balloons launch from the center of the field rather than the sidelines. As the sun came up and the wind formed, the spectacular beauty of the hot air balloons began to fill

New Mexico's vast blue sky. It's hard to describe the feeling of this experience, but for us, it was overwhelming joy to just be a part of it. We finished the day with a visit to the Old Pueblo Cultural Museum and Old Town Albuquerque.

All trips must end, but not without a little step back into time. We toured a portion of the Jemez Scenic Byway on our way home, which included a side trip thru the Gilman Tunnels, and a visit to the Jemez National Historic Landmark, a prehistoric and historic site of the original Jemez people. After an overnight in Cortez, CO, we drove thru Mesa Verde and viewed many of the preserved cliff dwellings of the Ancestral Pueblo people that once lived there. Our thanks to those who traveled with us and helped to make this trip a true adventure, filled with wonderful memories.







#### SAN DIEGO TRIP, SEPTEMBER 2017

Port-a-potties in the hotel parking lot, John Forbes on the San Diego news, a great drive up a windy road on Palomar Mountain with a stop at the top of the mountain for a delicious lunch among the pine trees, and the sights and sounds of San Diego were a few of the highlights of our trip. What a great time, and great people to travel with!











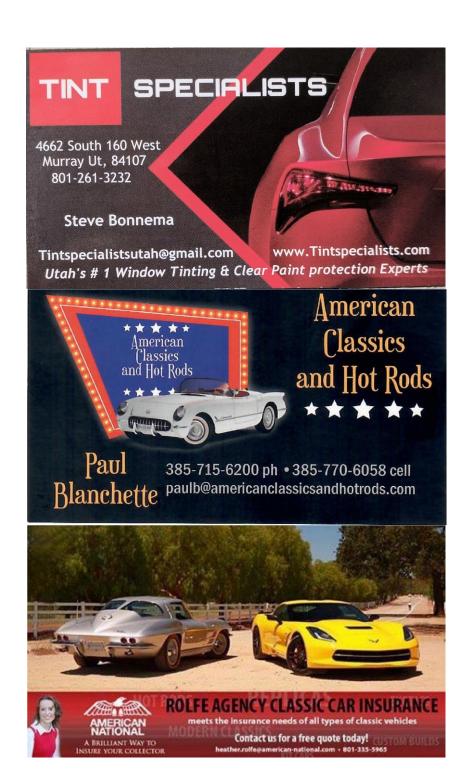


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