



Corvette Club of Utah

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## Looking Back on Sept/Oct



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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](mailto: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.

### Embroidered shirts

Available through Creative Graphics. Contact Andrea Bitton at 801-266-7273 or [andrea@cgprinting.com](mailto:andrea@cgprinting.com). You can also visit their website at [www.cgprinting.com](http://www.cgprinting.com).

## From the President

### Good Day Corvette Comrades

Joe Shern

How have we done folks? It seems like yesterday I was sitting here writing my first Presidents article to the club and here I am doing the last one of the year. And what a year it's been. When I became president, it was my personal goal to make sure NOBODY could ever utter the phrase, "I sure wish we'd have a more active club".

Thanks to Billy Ramey , Debbie and Larry VanWagoner, and the other members that "led trips", we've had at least 5 activities every month since January, Eeeeah! Thanks to Jason Henry and Don Schmidt, we've been able to have new shirts and coats to show off our club's name. Thanks to Cyndi Schmidt doing the books, not only has she kept immaculate records but pushed us along to raise \$5000 for our charity, The Fisher House. Bob Tillotson has been totally on top of making sure our new members were cared for with name tags, and all the rest of the stuff new members get.

When we have wanted to venture down memory lane, you can read past Gazette Articles by Karen DeSmet or relive our year through the many photos that Steve DeSmet took. My right-hand person to keep me straight was Jeannie Hoover who reminded my feeble brain about the things I needed to address, birthdays, and event particulars that I was helping with. She kept perfect records of attendance and minutes of all meetings. Dave Ohlson worked tirelessly ,and continues to keep the Web up to date and available to enhance all club members interested in what's coming up. Meanwhile, Karl Tobler is working to keep us abreast of the National Corvette organization and a super event in 2024.

I know that we've had a great year, it's been happy, some things sad when we'd lose a member but with the help of all of you, we've had a really, really, fun year. I am excited about the nominees for our new 2024 officers.

President, Joe

## Member's Birthdays

November		December	
6	Daryl Farmsworth	3	Kenneth Peterson
7	Kathy Rohlfing	6	Pam Brotzman
8	Wendy Christensen	9	Marie Wise
12	Douglas Fisher	10	Trish Johnson
13	Krissy Ely	10	Sharon Opfermann
13	Beverly Wilson	10	Robert Strong
15	Rueben Trujillo	13	David Junod
17	Barbara Tobler	13	Robby West
20	Michael Smith	13	Barry Wilkins
21	Chad Duncan	14	Judd Barry
23	Gwen Wetzel Heing Nan Dai-Cundey	14	Bob Larson
24	Brittany Senter	15	Linda Elmer
29	Cyndi Schmidt	17	Jean Facer
29	Tammy Henry	17	Karen Montoya
		18	Bob Richardson
		18	Craig Watson
		19	Ray Bryant
		19	Diane Cooley
		19	Alan Rohlfing
		20	Josie Stanford
		21	Terri Warburton
		25	Frank Visaggio
		26	Darlene Odenwalder
		26	Susan Trujillo
		27	Debra Holt
		27	Kevin Wille
		28	Shelley Saxton
		30	Floyd Chase
		31	Jo Roeseler
		31	Dustin Sutton



Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

## November 2023

- 4 Birthday Social, Mimi's Restaurant 523 South State Street, Murray, 9:00 AM
- 11 Northern Utah Veteran's Parade, 9:00 AM line-up
- 15 Pre CCU Club Meeting Social, The Breaks Sports Grill, Murray, 4:00 PM
- 15 CCU Elections Club Meeting, Larry Miller Chevrolet, Murray, 6:00 PM
- 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

## December 2023

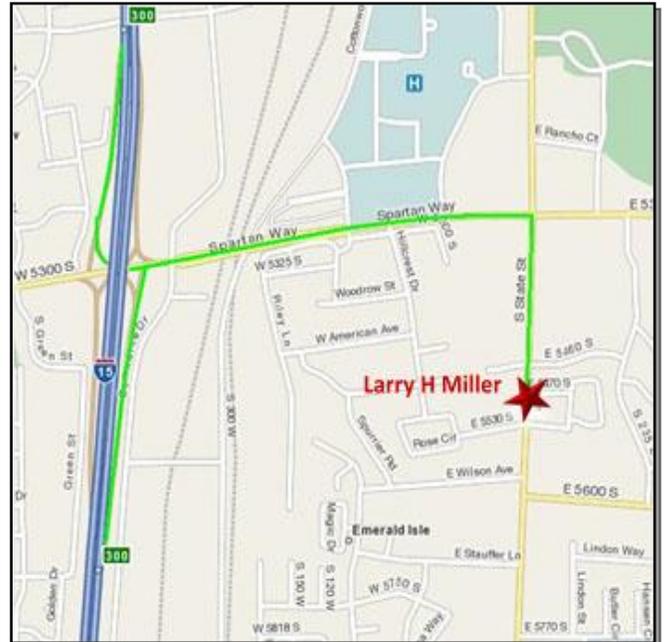
- 2 Christmas Party, Organ Loft, Salt Lake City, 6:30 PM
- 9 Birthday Luncheon, Joy Luck Restaurant, Sandy, 12:00 PM
- 20 CCU Club Meeting, Larry Miller Chevrolet, Murray, 6:00 PM
- 25 Merry Christmas!

## Club Meetings

### November/December Club Meetings

We will meet at Larry H Miller Chevrolet, 5500 South State, Murray. Everyone, members and non-members, are welcome to attend the meetings. We will discuss activities and events followed by drawings for door prizes. Do not park in front of the dealership. Please stay on the north side of the building to allow LHM customers to park along the front of the dealership. November's Club Meeting will be Wednesday, Nov 15th at 6:00 pm. December's Club Meeting will be Wednesday, Dec 20th at 6:00 pm.

**We're Looking forward to seeing everyone there.**



## Save

**12/2 Christmas Party**, Organ Loft, Salt Lake City

**1/27 Awards Dinner**, Timbermine Steakhouse, Ogden

**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](http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org) for updated event information



## 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 [corvetteuseum.org/subscribe](http://corvetteuseum.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.**

### CCU MIRROR LAKE HWY 9.24.23

On September 24, the Corvette Club of Utah took a day cruise along the scenic Mirror Lake Highway to look at the fall colors. Brilliant shades of red, orange, and yellow, popped up among the dark green fir trees, giving us the perfect view. It was a beautiful fall day, with temperatures upper 70's. Twenty-four Corvettes took part in this event. Thirty nine members and guests enjoyed the drive. Our first stop was at Mirror Lake, where we took lots of pictures. Our second stop was at the Provo River Falls, where once again, pictures were taken. Several of the club's newest members joined us and brought their very well-behaved dogs. Roger and Keiko Dunham brought their little 11-year-old Cavapoo, "Mombocombo" and John Nielsen brought his 3 1/2-year-old, Goldendoodle, "Rudy." The dogs got along well and we expect them to accompany us on future trips. Speaking of animals, despite several warning signs of being driving through an open cattle range, we encountered several cows in the road. We tried to steer (pun intended) clear of what they



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY CRUISE & SOCIAL



### PARK CITY MINER'S DAY PARADE



### COLOR SUMMER FUN RUN



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END OF SUMMER FUN RUN



OCTOBER BIRTHDAY SOCIAL

The October birthday social was held on October 14<sup>th</sup> at Roosters Brewing Company in Layton. It was a perfect fall day to get together, with temperatures in the low 50's. Forty members and guests attended this event eagerly waited for this event to begin. Nancy Capobianco won the birthday drawing. We have had several birthday socials at Roosters in the past, as it is a wonderful place to get together. The food is delicious and the service was fast. The staff, as well as other patrons of the restaurant, enjoyed looking at the Corvettes in the parking lot. Some of the patrons approached several members of the club with questions about their cars.



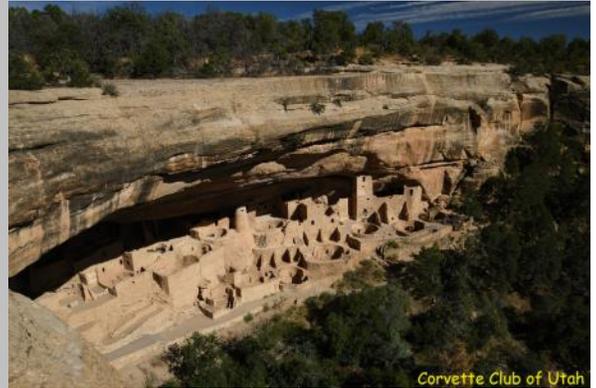
HALLOWEEN PARTY



**The Western Colorado Cruise** is now in the books and hopefully the memories of those that made the trip. We ended up with 27 Corvettes and an unnamed SUV (one member's Vette was in the shop).

The trip went pretty smoothly with only a little concern with Highway 6 washing out a few days before. Our first stop was at Miller's Travel Plaza in Wellington for a quick bathroom break and then off to Moab for lunch at The Blu Pig. They were ready for us and had an area all set up for us in their bar area, guess they've heard of us before. They had even arranged for additional servers to be on hand. Everyone seemed to enjoy the food here and almost everyone paid for their lunch prior to leaving. That's a story for another day...

We traveled through Monticello, Utah and then over to the very impressive Mesa Verde National Park. The group took in the views of the ancient housing projects located throughout the park as well as the very well maintained and curvy roads, perfect for Vettes. Everyone took plenty of pictures and we're sure many will be available once Steve gets them on the website.



From the park we made our way over to Durango where we would be spending two nights. The hotel where we were staying offered 2 free adult beverages per guest per night which many took full advantage of, even if they had to borrow some blue tickets from those members that stuck to the softer beverages available. The hotel had also arranged for parking for our cars which was greatly appreciated. The cars would be getting a day off after a long day of driving. Everyone went out and explored historic Durango and found a spot for dinner, live music and a few more drinks. Unfortunately, there are pictures and videos of some members really, really enjoying themselves.

The next morning, we were awakened by the train whistle from the nearby rail yard. Everyone was up early to catch the train that would take us from Durango to Silverton and back. The club had almost all of one car to ourselves with some choosing seating inside a closed coach. The train ride was about 3 ½ hours to Silverton and traveled through some of the most beautiful country you could imagine. (Yes, there will be pictures) While the wildlife was sparse we did see some bucks frolicking in the nearby river right after we departed. The steam engine that took us up was built in 1925 and, fortunately for all aboard, had been converted over to oil from coal which eliminated all of the soot that had previously been a part of this adventure. The train crew was very informative in describing the various points of interest along the way and answering the questions posed by the guests.

We made our way into the historic mining town of Silverton, Colorado. The town was established in 1874 and sits at an elevation of 9,318', this allows the local Harley Davidson shop to proclaim itself as the highest HD dealer in the world, can't help but wonder if the fact that its also in Colorado didn't have something to do with that name too.

We were given a couple hours to explore this quaint little mining town with its eclectic array of shops and eateries. Then it was back to the train for the trip back to Durango where everyone would have a chance to check out a different place to eat and find local entertainment or just retire for the evening.

The following morning it was time to get the cars ready for the next part of this trip. This being the drive from Durango up to Silverton for a quick stop and then from there to Ouray, Colorado along the 25-mile stretch of road known as the "Million Dollar Highway". There are a few different versions of how it received this moniker, from; it cost a million dollars a mile to build, or there's a million dollars' worth of gold ore in the road base or that the views you get along this route are worth a million dollars. Regardless, it was a spectacular drive with the passengers getting to enjoy the views as the driver's kept their eye on this narrow and winding road with only a guard rail here and there for amusement purposes only. We did have to stop along the way due to some road construction which allowed some of our members to make friends with a wayward black C8 that found themselves in our midst, also a story for another day...

Once out of the canyons it was on to Montrose for lunch and a break from the driving. Most of the members had lunch at a local Mexican restaurant while others chose a spot more to their liking. After lunch we all met up at the Museum of the Mountain West. We had a couple of members get there early to explain why we should be able to park on private property and when we all arrived, they greeted us with open arms. This little private museum is the work of one Richard E Fike, 89 who reportedly started collecting artifacts for this museum when he was 4. The museum opened in 1998 and consists of 28 historic buildings, 10 recreated store fronts and over a half million artifacts that Rich has catalogued. It seemed that everyone was very impressed with this massive collection. The group also had their picture taken in front of the church which the museum operators posted on their Facebook page! Because of the great hosts here and the impressiveness of the museum the group decided we would donate \$40 to the museum and have a plank on their boardwalk in the name of the Corvette Club of Utah.

seum we traveled over to Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park to tour this hidden gem of a park. This canyon's depth made more than a few of the group a little nervous about looking over the edge. With some depths reaching over 2700' it's definitely a little intimidating. We were here for a couple hours before heading on to our next stop, Clifton, CO.

We spent the night at the local BW and the majority of the group decided it would be nice to just enjoy the courtyard here and have a pizza party. Everyone seemed to be having a great time just sitting around eating pizza and enjoying the company and no one went away hungry as there was pizza left to be offered to the front desk staff that did a great job. And, since we rounded up the cost of this meal, to not make me go insane trying to figure it out exactly, we were able to collect an additional \$50 for our charity.

The next day we set out for a drive through the Colorado National Monument. This is another hidden gem located in western Colorado. The roads were winding through some more spectacular views (primarily for the passengers). With just a quick stop at the visitor's center we were off to an impromptu car show located at Burney's Service Center, this being a friend of our President's brother. We pulled up and greatly increased the number of Corvettes present. There was a good collection of older Vettes as well as other classics already there. Burney treated us to a tour of his shop which he's had here for 50 years as well as a few cold beverages. We couldn't stay as long as some would have liked as we were headed to lunch at the Tamarisk Restaurant in Green River, UT. We had made previous reservations here and they were all set when we arrived. Our group rolled in and immediately ruined anyone's plan of enjoying a quiet lunch. We can be a pretty loud group. They did a great job of getting us all seated and fed in a very short period of time. They were great hosts, and we didn't hear any complaints about the food. I did get a thank you from the owner and they were kind enough to invite us back when we're in the area.

From here we said our goodbyes and people headed home, some in a group, others out on their own. Overall, we think it was a pretty good trip and think everyone had a great time. There were a few minor glitches, and everyone made it through unscathed, other than one orange C8 that will be getting a new windshield in the near future and possibly one member needing a new battery and one member that dodged a bullet due to the kindness of a Moab police officer.

We want to thank everyone that came on this trip with us for making memories that will last a lifetime. The club, to us, is like an extended family and we surely do enjoy the travels and the great camaraderie that goes along with it.

Don & Cyndi Schmidt



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