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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).

## Welcome New 2025

### Members

Andy & Cathy McDermont  
 Barry & Denise Ballard  
 Benjamin & Valerie Morton  
 Blair Kerby  
 Brad & Toni Hayashi  
 Brian & Cindy Cossairt  
 Bryan & Rachel Jorgenson  
 Craig & Karla McManama  
 David & Brenda Cocola  
 David & Deborah Mancuso  
 Douglas Bull & Rebecca Dixon  
 Emily & Doug Page  
 Ira & Jackie Heitner  
 Jason & Melanie Scott  
 Jay & Melanie Naumann  
 Jeffrey Klekas  
 Jeremy & Jan MacDougall  
 Jim Webb  
 Josh Born & Melissa Jewett  
 Keith & Karen Fritz  
 Mark & Bernadette Sculley  
 Michael & Heather Pratt  
 Peter Bowman  
 Richard & Vicki Murray  
 Robert & Cheryl Kroll  
 Robert & Cooper Scranton  
 Robin & Allison Dieterle  
 Royal Lamb  
 Scott & Judy Campau  
 Scott & Lisa McDonald  
 Scott Pannier  
 Steve Coonradt & Dawn Degen

## Member Birthdays

### November

1 Robert Scranton  
 Sherry Liguori  
 6 Daryl Farnsworth  
 7 Kathy Rohlfig  
 8 Wendy Christensen  
 12 Douglas Fisher  
 15 Vicki Murray  
 Ruben Trujillo  
 16 Connie Anderson  
 19 Bryan Jorgenson  
 20 Michael Smith  
 21 Gwen Wetzel  
 Jan MacDougall  
 24 Brittany Senter  
 29 Cyndi Schmidt  
 Tammy Henry

### December

6 Pam Brotzman  
 9 Marie Wise  
 10 Robert Strong  
 Sharon Opfermann  
 Trish Johnson  
 13 David Junod  
 14 Bob Larson  
 15 Linda Elmer  
 17 Carol Silverthorne  
 Jean Facer  
 Karen Montoya  
 18 Bob Richardson  
 Craig Watson  
 19 Diana Cooley  
 Alan Rohlfig  
 20 Josie Stanford  
 21 Terri Warburton  
 23 Kathryn Moore  
 24 Mai Kalm  
 25 Frank Visaggio  
 26 Susan Trujillo  
 31 Jo Roeseler



Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

## Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Members,

As the year winds down and the weather starts to turn colder, and our activities slow down a little I thought that I would take this opportunity to thank my fellow officers and chairpersons for their continued support and their efforts to make the club successful. This will also give you an opportunity to know a little more about what each is involved in.

Teddy Lowder has been a great asset in handling the duties of Vice President and making sure our members are adorned in the finest Corvette Club attire. She filled in for me when I wasn't available and things continued smoothly under her guidance.

Jeannie Hoover, as Secretary, has been great at keeping track of the things we've done and the attendees at each of the events. In case you aren't aware, members are awarded a point for attending the various club events. She is responsible for maintaining this count so that a Member of the Year can be chosen based on the highest point total. She's also the one that sends out the awesome birthday cards as well as any other cards that may be appropriate.

Cyndi Schmidt, as Treasurer, has been great at keeping track of our books by getting invoices sent out, money collected and accounted for as well as making sure our bills are paid. She will not be seeking reelection next year and her shoes will be hard to fill, yet I'm confident her replacement will continue the good work.

The event chairpersons, Larry and Debbie Van Wagoner and Billie Ramey have kept everyone busy with all the monthly activities as well as those special occasion events and drives. They probably have the most time-consuming positions and I'm hoping to come up with a plan to take some of that burden off their shoulders in the coming year.

Ben Opfermann, as Membership Chair, has done a great job of getting new members' packets sent out and ensuring members with upcoming significant anniversaries are celebrated.

Steve DeSmet, Club Historian, was busy all year taking pictures to ensure we all have the opportunity to look back at the fun trips, activities and food we've enjoyed. If you're eating, he's watching.

Dave Ohlson, Webmaster, has done a great job of keeping the website up and functional. There was a major issue this year with the site being hacked but after hours of work he, along with a couple of other members, was able to get things back to normal.

Jason Henry, Gazette Editor/Publisher, has done a fantastic job of getting the gazette put together and ready for publication. His artistic flair has made them something members look forward to every couple of months.

Walt Penegar, National Corvette Museum Liaison, has been great at keeping the club up to date on the goings on in Bowling Green.

I would also like to thank you, the club members, for all that you do to make the club as enjoyable as it's been this year.

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or suggestions please feel free to reach out.

Don



## Upcoming CCU Events

### November 2025

|    |          |                               |                                                                      |
|----|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8  | 9:00 AM  | Northern Utah Veterans Parade | North 850 East and Wasatch Drive Layton                              |
| 15 | 11:30 AM | November Birthday Lunch       | The Break Sports Grill, Ivy Place Village, 4760 So. 9th East, Murray |
| 19 | 4:00 PM  | November Pre Meeting Social   | Bout Time Pub & Grub, 31 W. 10600 South, Sandy, Utah                 |
| 19 | 6:00 PM  | CCU Club Meeting              | Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT         |

### December 2025

|    |         |                      |                                                              |
|----|---------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 17 | 6:00 PM | CCU Club Meeting     | Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT |
| 19 | 5:00 PM | CCU Christmas Dinner | Willow Creek CC, 8505 Willow Creek DR. Sandy, Utah           |

### January 2026

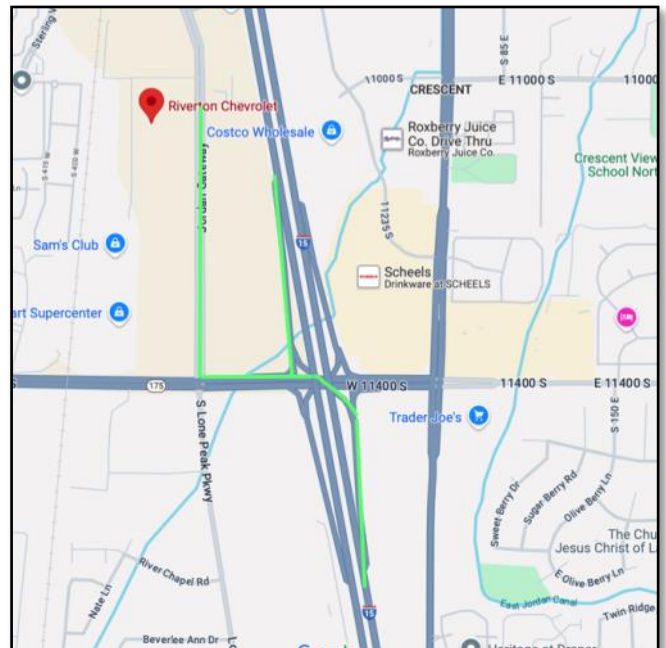
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| 24 | 4:30 PM | Awards Dinner | Timbermine Steakhouse 1701 Park Blvd, Ogden |
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### **November/December Club Meetings**

The monthly meeting of the Corvette Club of Utah will be held at Riverton Chevrolet. In order to have the best Corvette Club possible, we encourage everyone's participation.

We will be discussing upcoming events and having door prizes.

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



Always check [www.corvetteclubofutah.org](http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org) for updated event information

# National Corvette Museum Announces New Collections Facility to Preserve Historic Corvette Cars and Artifacts

October 14, 2024

**BOWLING GREEN, KY (October 14, 2025)** – The National Corvette Museum announced today a major expansion to protect and grow its renowned Corvette collection. The new 66,000-square-foot Collections facility, set to open in Fall 2026, will serve as the future home for some of the world's most important historic Corvettes, Corvette artifacts, and Corvette preservation efforts.

Located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, on the National Corvette Museum Campus, the new Collections facility will significantly increase the Museum's capacity for vehicle preservation, small artifact conservation, and long-term storage, while also supporting public education and guest engagement. Once complete, the building will offer behind-the-scenes tours for visitors looking to explore Corvette's past in new ways, offering unprecedented public access to the Museum's collection.

## Why We're Expanding: Honoring Historic Vehicles Like Neil Armstrong's Corvette

A key reason behind the National Corvette Museum's expansion is the strategic growth of its vehicle collection, which requires the highest standards of preservation. One example is the recently donated 1967 Corvette Sting Ray once owned by astronaut Neil Armstrong.

Years before he walked on the Moon, Armstrong was commuting to NASA in a Marina Blue coupe powered by a 427-cubic-inch, 390-horsepower V8, highlighting one of the many ways that America's Sports Car has a direct connection to one of the most extraordinary chapters in American history.

"This vehicle is a prime example of the need for a new facility," said Robert Maxhimer, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Education at the National Corvette Museum. "When a Corvette with a story like Neil Armstrong's comes through our doors, it deserves to be cared for in a space that is built to honor its legacy. This expansion ensures we can physically preserve the vehicle while protecting its history for future generations to enjoy and learn from."

The facility is being built to support the growth of the collection for decades to come, allowing the Museum to accept additional rare vehicles and historically significant materials that tell the full story of Corvette design, innovation, racing, and culture. It will also provide the Museum with additional exhibition space, enhancing storytelling and offering the behind-the-scenes experiences that Members and guests value.

## The Future of Corvette Preservation Begins Now

As part of the drive to build the new collections facility, the National Corvette Museum has secured \$2.1 million in funding commitments to the capital campaign supporting this project.

Longtime supporters of the National Corvette Museum, Mary and Ivan Schrodt, have generously pledged \$1,000,000. In recognition of their gift, the Vehicle Collections Gallery will be named in their honor. Michael LaRocca, National Corvette Museum Board Chair-Elect, has pledged \$500,000 to name the Atrium Lobby the Michael LaRocca and Family Atrium, where all guided tours of the facility will begin. Melanie and Tim McMichael & Family, known philanthropists and longtime supporters of the Museum, have pledged \$500,000 to name the McMichael Family Preservation Center, as well as the Glenn and Andrea Johnson Heritage Conservation Lab.

This contribution builds on their previous investment in 2021 that supported the McMichael Family Education Center. An additional \$100,000 gift has also been secured from an anonymous donor.

You can help protect the history of America's Sports Car. Contributions to the new Collections facility will directly support the long-term care of historic Corvettes, rare artifacts, and the future growth of the Museum's collection. To donate, visit [www.corvettemuseum.org/expansion](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/expansion), or if you would like to discuss additional partnership opportunities, contact the Museum's development team at [development@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:development@corvettemuseum.org).

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## A Campus-Wide Vision: Connecting Corvette History, Assembly, Manufacturing, and Ownership

The new Collections facility strengthens the National Corvette Museum’s campus-wide approach to celebrating America’s Sports Car. The Bowling Green Assembly Plant, where every Corvette has been built since 1981, is located just across the street. The NCM Motorsports Park, where guests can experience Corvette performance firsthand, is also part of the Museum campus and sits directly across Interstate 65. Construction of the new Collections facility will also bring NCM Insurance one step closer to returning to the Museum campus. Once complete, this addition will allow visitors to engage with the full arc of Corvette ownership, history, and performance in a single location.

“This expansion project is about creating a sustainable future for preserving the full story of Corvette,” said Bryce Burklow, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. “We’re safeguarding the design breakthroughs, engineering milestones, and cultural moments that make Corvette an icon. And soon, our guests will be able to experience that process in a whole new way.”

## About the National Corvette Museum

The National Corvette Museum, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation, is where Adrenaline Meets Tradition®. As an educational and research institution, the Museum’s mission is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette—America’s Sports Car—through the collection, preservation, and celebration of its legacy. Located just one mile from the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant, which has produced every Corvette since 1981, the Museum campus features 115,000 square feet of exhibit and event space, a collection of more than 100 historically significant Corvettes, 50,000 Corvette artifacts, and the NCM Motorsports Park. For more information or to plan your visit, go to [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) or follow the Museum on Facebook, TikTok, LinkedIn, Instagram, YouTube, and X.



## September Birthday Social

### Wicked Peel

On September 13, the Corvette Club of Utah held its monthly birthday social at the Wicked Peel in Riverton. It was the perfect day for this event, with temperatures in the low 70's. A nip of fall was in the air.

Thirty three people came, bringing eighteen cars. Several people were seen taking pictures of the cars. Seems like where ever we go, we create a mini car show.

Steve DeSmet won the birthday drawing.

In an unrelated matter, was it just a coincidence that the police were parked in the parking lot the same time the club was there? Inquiring minds want to know...



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## October Birthday Social

### Joy Luck

On October 11, the Corvette Club of Utah held its monthly birthday social at the Joy Luck in Bountiful.

It was a beautiful fall day for this event.

Forty five people attended the birthday social. The parking lot was filled with twenty two beautiful Corvettes. As always, the food was served quickly and was delicious. Everyone got a big plate of food.

In breaking with tradition, there were two birthday drawings. Joe Shern won tickets to a casino outing that was a fund raiser for a local charity. Brad Hayashi won the birthday cash.

In all, everyone had a great time. Activities, such as this, give the members an opportunity to get together and socialize.



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## Crossaction Computers Car Show Riverdale



On Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, the Corvette Club of Utah participated in a car show for Crossaction Computers in Riverdale. It was a beautiful day for a car show, with high's in the low 70's and a cool breeze. Because of the size of the parking lot, this was a small car show. The club brought ten Corvettes. All of them were admired by those attending the car show.

Before the car show started members were polishing their cars, making them look their finest. Once that task was completed, it started to sprinkle. Although the rain lasted for only a few moments, members made a mad dash to their cars to put the tops up. Once the rain was over, the members wiped off the water spots off their cars and everything returned to normal.

As always, Ken Cross, the owner of Crossaction Computers, provided a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, and a drink. Most of us sat under Tom and Teddy's canopy, ate our meals, visited, and watched skydivers from the local airport.

The Club welcomed their newest member, Andy McDermont. This was the first function that Andy has attended. He brought his nephew. They had a great time and look forward to participating in future events.

Many of us were entertained by watching Ken Cross's nephew, Kelly Driever, play with his RV car, a beautiful Corvette Stingray, that he received from his uncle last year for his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday. Being a Corvette owner himself, Ken understands that you are never too young to own a Corvette (no matter how small it is).



Ken Cross gave awards for the top three Corvettes. Third place went to Billie Ramey for her Arctic White, 2019 Grand Sport. Second place went to Don Schmidt's brand new Riptide Blue 2025 eray. First place went to Ken Lawrence for his Silver 2023 Corvette. In addition to giving awards to Club members, Ken also made a generous donation to the club's charity, the Fisher House.

The Club loves participating in car shows like this. It gives us the opportunity to show our community support and we love the fact the Ken Cross supports our charity. It is a win-win situation for all of us.

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## Corvette Club of Utah Halloween Party

On Saturday, October 25, the Corvette Club of Utah held its annual Halloween party at Cecil Shern's car barn. It was the perfect evening, with overcast skies.



With temperatures in the low 70's, it was neither too hot nor too cold. This was a well-attended event, with approximately fifty people in attendance. The parking lot and nearby street was filled with beautiful Corvettes. There is no doubt that this club knows how to have fun!

Members and guests enjoyed a wide array of chili and soups. Dave and Char Ohlson won the favorite chili/soup prize with their award-winning clam chowder. All of the chilis and soups were delicious. There was a wide range of breads, side dishes, drinks, and desserts.

Most members and guests wore costumes. Some of them were so good that they left us guessing who they were. The favorite costume award went to Steve Coonradt and Dawn Degan, who wore a caveman and Pebbles costumes. Roy Ramey won the award for the scariest costume, as he came as the devil. Paul and Pam Brotzman won the prize for the cutest costumes, as Pam came as a scarecrow and Paul was an ear of corn.

After the judging of the chili/soups and "spooktacular" costumes, the club played Bingo. President Don Schmidt emceed the game. Halloween themed prizes were given to the winners. The club wants to thank the members that stayed afterwards to help clean up. Activities, like this, are fun to attend, but also a lot of work. It's great when we all chip in and help each other.



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## Legacy Retirement Car Show

Club member Adam Steidinger's 1960 Corvette won best of show at the Legacy Retirement car show on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>. His car will also be featured in next year's promotional fliers for the show. Congrats Adam & Raquell!!!



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