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Meeting Information

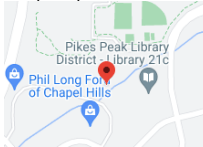
Monthly business meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of the month.

The next meeting:

7:00 P.M. Thursday Jan. 5, 2023

Meeting Location

Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
1570 Auto Mall Loop, Colorado Springs, CO 80920
(719) 377-3741



[click here for map](#)

Hello Corvette Enthusiast,

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the Tuesday prior to the business meeting.

The next board meeting:

Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023

Chris Capshaw
Email Board Meeting

(The chairperson for each event should attend the board meeting prior to their event.)

82 Members Present at the December Meeting

Brenna Allen	Diana Dittman	Dean Mattes	Jim Snyder
Gail Applekamp	Mike Dittman	Dan McCarty	Don Strode
Scott Applekamp	Steve Dombrowski	Linda McCarty	Tom Taylor
Robert Balink	Brian Dougherty	Rick McGuffin	Wayne Timura
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Elliott Delman	Connie Markert	Bud Silvers	Gary Yale
Jodi DeSchepper	Carl Marlar	Anita Smith	
Todd DeSchepper	Carol Marlar	Steve Smith	

Guests At the December Meeting – Welcome!

Name	Corvette
James Barnes	2018 Silver Stingray
Brian Enger	1994 Polo Green coupe

Watch for Dub Bridge Card Party

This is tons of fun!!! Keep an eye on the calendar for details to come.

This is a simple, fun Card Game. You don't have to know how to play to join in the fun. Some knowledge of a deck of cards is helpful. If you can follow directions, that is all you really need. (This is not bridge).

December Meeting Minutes

The December meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chris Capshaw.

2023 Club Charity Vote: Chris Capshaw. A vote was taken and determined that Foundation for School District 11's two automotive programs will be the club charity for next year.

Drawing for the fall quarter by Rich Frizzell of Maroone. Rich announced the lucky winner of the fall quarter. Carl Marlar was the winner of a full detail and oil change. The winner was picked from all the members names who have attended club meetings in the last 3 months. Thank you Maroone Chevrolet!

Treasurer's Report – Anita Smith reported that the club is comfortable.

Secretary Report – Jodi DeSchepper. No corrections to the November minutes as they were approved as printed in the November newsletter. Jodi asked that club members please review the roster to make sure all their information is still current as she will start working on the roster for next year.

Past Events:

S'No Flakes Rally – Chris Capshaw
It was a cold morning, but everyone had a great time. We all met at Old Chicago for lunch. Dan and Linda McCarty were the lucky winners so they will be the chairs for next year. Thank you, Tim and Elaine Collins, for chairing this fun event.

New Business:

Museum Update – Chris Capshaw

Barrett Benson was not present however any raffle tickets are for sale. Be sure to mention Barrett's name if you are buying raffle tickets or purchasing insurance from NCM.

Brian Dougherty made a motion to give \$250 to Friends of the Children Charity. It was approved by the club.

New Cars – Upgrades – Special News:

Brian and Pam Dougherty attended the Ron Fellows driving school and had a blast. Highly recommend to everyone.

Rick Mendoza purchased a C5.

New members John and Tina Coppin explained how they won their 1972 Vette from a Meineke drawing. He had just received the Vette after a presentation at the school he works at by Meineke. As a side note the Vette looks great! Congratulations!

Chris Capshaw mentioned that Tom and Maite Hanon wanted to tell everyone hi and to please keep Tom in your prayers and thoughts.

Governor's Report – Chris Capshaw

You can still get tickets for the RMR Christmas party. It is guaranteed to be a fun time.

Also the club is looking for chairpeople for many events next year. Please consider stepping up and helping the club. You will get lots of help and it really is fun.

Upcoming Club Events & Activities:

Dec. 15th – CSCC Christmas Party

Diana Dittman explained that this was the last night to sign up. She promised it would be a lot of fun. Rob will be taking pictures, there will be good food, many door prizes, and great entertainment.

Vicki Ury and Colleen Williams mentioned that the Christmas basket 140 gift cards would be delivered the following week. Thank you to all for donating and helping these families.

Door Prizes Winners - Thank you for door prize contributions from Maronne Chevrolet, Gerry & Kathy Turner, Steve & Anita Smith, and an anonymous donor. Congratulations to all the winners.

Introduction of guests – Tom Phillips

Guests in attendance were: James Barnes and Brian Enger. Thank you both for visiting.

Good News-Bad News Suitcase

auction: Chris Capshaw. The suitcase was won by John Coppin for \$90. Thank you John!

Winnie Bochnak mentioned that they will host Dub Bridge again this year. It will probably be early February. Watch the event calendar and newsletter for details.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.

Minutes by Jodi DeSchepper

Member Roster Update Coming Soon

Update for the 2023 Printed Member Roster going to print in January

New Address, New Phone/Add cell phone, Add/change email, New Car, Add description or color of car, Delete a car, Add something to "notes"? – Please review the current webpage Member roster for accuracy of your information - Submit changes to treasurer Anita Smith: anita@sunsetdreamhomes.com. Deadline for changes January 6th, 2023.

Dec/Jan 2022 Calendar

Tue	Jan 3	CSCC Board Meeting via email	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Jan 5	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Tue	Jan 31	CSCC Board Meeting via email	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Feb 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North

Calendar dates as of December 15, 2022.

For the latest updates, flyers, and pictures, check out events on our webpage: www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org

John Coppin; Winner of a Classic 1972 Corvette

I have always been a fan of collectible cars. My very first vehicle as a teenager was a 1970 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible, which I have missed for nearly 40 years now. I also owned a 1970 MGB convertible, which my wife Tina and I enjoyed riding in around town on weekends.

My father John Sr. was also a lifelong Corvette enthusiast himself. My father's first Corvette was a black and red 1959 convertible, which regrettably he sold decades ago. My father then purchased a mint conditioned blue 1971 Stingray convertible, with its original white top. This car was entered in car shows winning many trophies, and my father promised to pass this Corvette on to me. However, in 2016, I discovered that long-lived promise wouldn't happen, because my father sold the Corvette to a museum.

Fast forward to the summer of 2022, when I seized upon a once in a lifetime opportunity to capture ownership of a classic Corvette. This one was a white 1972 Stingray with blue interior. The exact opposite color configuration of my father's 1971. This vehicle was perfect and was being offered as a prize in the Meineke Auto Care Center's 50th Anniversary, 1972 Corvette giveaway. I hardly ever win anything but figured Karma may come around for me.

I almost lost ownership of this vehicle, because I have a habit of not reviewing voicemails on my phone. Luckily, I checked them, and had a voicemail from the vice president of marketing for Meineke. I returned his phone call, learned I had won the Corvette, and also learned I was one day away from losing it, because it took me so long to respond to their attempts to contact me. Karma and/or other Powers were watching over me. I immediately called my parents, and my father seemed more excited than me. It was so nice to be able to talk "Corvettes" with my father again, almost as if the promise of a classic Corvette between father and son, had never went away.

I work at the New Summit Charter Academy in Colorado Springs, and not only did Meineke deliver the Corvette to my school in front of my students, but they also made a substantial monetary donation to the school. I give many thanks to the Meineke team, and all who were involved in making a lifelong dream come true. I have a son who is about the age I was, when my father first promised me his Corvette. I too have made a promise to keep this Corvette in the family, and pass it on to him.



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Non-member Business Ads:

Business Card	\$10.00/month
1 / 4 page	\$15.00/ month
1 / 2 page	\$20.00/month

Non-member – Corvette For Sale Advertising \$100/month
For website & newsletter advertising (Deadline – 10th of the month)

2022 S'no Flakes Rallye Submitted by Tim Collins

Sunday, November 6th was a beautiful day for the 2022 S'no Flakes Rallye. It was a bit chilly and windy in the morning, but that didn't stop everyone from grabbing a doughnut at registration, having small group conversations, and then getting back in their cars to wait for the start.

Twelve Corvettes started the Rallye and twelve finished, and no one had to use their "panic envelope"!! This year we did a Photo Rallye. The drivers and navigators followed the route directions and clues to determine the subject of the photos. Bonus points were awarded for "selfies" of the rallye team members in the pictures. The route was mainly in the Northgate area, up to Palmer Lake, with the Photo Ops of landmarks along the way.

Everyone seemed to really enjoy the Photo Rallye format. Walt Jenkins told us that the club hadn't held a Photo Rallye in over 20 years.

When the teams made it to our destination, Old Chicago at I-25 and Woodmen, they were given a Trivia Test that we used for a tiebreaker. The trivia questions were in some way connected to the Photos taken, or regarding road signs along the route. No phones were allowed when taking the test, so the teams couldn't say "Hey Siri" to get the answers. It was a fun way to extend the competition.

While everyone enjoyed a great lunch, we tallied the results, and the winners were:

- 1st Place – Dan and Linda McCarty
- 2nd Place – Steve and Anita Smith
- 3rd Place – Walt and Nancy Jenkins

In addition to beautiful plaques, Dan and Linda get to be the co-chairs for next year's Rallye!!

Elaine and I want to thank all the volunteers and the board for their help and direction. Specifically, a huge thanks to Chris and Jonathan Capshaw, Lorren and Laurie Loewen, Jodi and Todd DeSchepper, Scott and Gail Applekamp, Tom Philips, and Steven Dombrowski.

If you weren't able to participate in the S'no Flakes Rallye this year, plan to put it on your calendar for 2023. It's a great way to get out and drive our beloved Corvettes and enjoy good times and good food with our fellow CSCC members.



Extreme Weather Conditions – Procedure to Cancel

On **very rare** occasions, it may be necessary to cancel the Thursday night Membership Meeting due to extreme weather (snowfall/blizzard). Please keep in mind, your safety is the first concern; attending a meeting during bad weather is always your choice.

The cancellation procedure will be as follows:

1. The decision will be made no later than 12:30 pm on the meeting day.
2. An email concerning the cancellation will be sent out via the CSCC GoogleGroups,
3. A note of the cancellation will be posted on the “Home” page of the CSCC website (www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org)
4. It will be each member’s responsibility to check email and/or the website for the cancellation information.
5. Questions – please contact the President, Chris Capshaw 719-440-9039 or capshaw1@comcast.net

Our 2022 Club Christmas Party Submitted by Chris Capshaw

At this writing, I cannot say if we will have, or we had a white Christmas, but I can say we sure had a white Christmas party. Over 100 club members ventured out during a mini-blizzard to the Pinery North on December 15th, to have a good time. There was great food, great music, and great camaraderie. A blessing was offered by Pete Olejnik, before everyone began enjoying the food. The staff of the Pinery North, treated us well, and the band JORICA, kept our toes tapping. Steve Dombrowski and his dance partner Nikki, put on a demonstration of a waltz, and the east coast swing, which prompted some people to get out on the dance floor. Albeit, some of the men needed their arms twisted to get up out of their chairs. Over fifty door prizes were handed out, and the silent auction for the custom-made Corvette picture frame was won by Debbie McGuffin. Tom Phillips was the winner of the C8 Stingray allocation, which was graciously donated by Curt Abernatha, General Manager and Partner of Mike Maroone Chevrolet North. The party could not have been a success without the many helpers who made things run smoothly, and donated door prizes. A special thank you goes out to Diana Dittman who was the heavy-lifter of the party, but unfortunately woke up sick that morning, and could not attend. Many thanks Diana, from all of us who attended.



A Very Merry Christmas



Get to Know Your Fellow Members

An Interview with Ron & Jo Ellen Hubert

by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? **Since May of 2021.**

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? **A 2017 yellow Grand Sport.**

Marital Status? **Been married for fifty-one years.**

How did you meet? **Ron and Jo Ellen met at church in Houston when they were kids where Jo Ellen's Dad was a minister. While going to college they started dating. Ron went to Texas A&M while Jo Ellen went to University of Texas. Ron said that the two colleges are big rivals, but they started dating and after a year tied the knot.**

Where are you from? **Ron is from Fort Worth and Jo Ellen was born in Dallas. With her dad being a minister, they moved all over Texas and ended up in Houston. Their daughter moved to Colorado Springs and kept telling them that they would like it here, so they made the move. They also now have a son who lives here. Ron and Jo Ellen say that they love the weather in Colorado compared to the hot and humid weather in Houston. They like being near their daughter and son and grandkids as well.**

Employment? **Ron started out in law school, but then went into the oil industry and had a 50 year long career. The last 20 years he was in purchasing for subsea offshore drilling. He says he is pretty much retired now although had an offer to go to Alaska, but turned it down. Jo Ellen obtained a music degree and went quite far with that. She was musically inclined as a child and started playing piano at age nine. At age 11 she took lessons from a Master pianist. She also started playing the oboe and French horn in middle school. She played the French horn for the University of Texas marching band and concert band. Her parents were singers as well and her Dad was in a quartet with other members that lived all over the country. Jo Ellen got to join him on some of his singing trips. She then went into musical theatre where she directed, played piano for auditions and rehearsals, hired the orchestras, and vocals. She had her own company for 10 years and worked with teens and adults. She then joined the Theatre of the Stars in Houston where she put on full size Broadway shows including Oklahoma, Sound of Music, Into the Woods, and Wizard of Oz. (just to name a few). Some of the "stars" that she worked with went on to bigger things. One is playing "Hamilton" in Australia. One 11-year-old played in a Bronx Tale. The most famous one is Sadie Sink who is now on the show Stranger Things. Sadie also played the last Annie on Broadway. Jo Ellen**

currently teaches vocal and piano lessons locally.

Kids? Ron and Jo Ellen have one daughter and three sons with a total of five Grandkids. Their daughter and one of the sons live in Colorado Springs. The other two sons live in California and Texas.

Pets? None.

Favorite club activity? They enjoy going on the cruises.

Hobbies? Besides music and teaching Jo Ellen is an avid reader. Ron also loves to read. Ron also is quite the gardener. In Houston he had a small orchard filled with pecan trees, peach trees, plum trees, and blackberries. Jo Ellen says that he is always outside working on the yard and makes it look beautiful. Ron also does woodworking with his lathe.

What is the best vacation you ever took? Jo Ellen says they have visited many national parks. Other favorite trips include Europe and Budapest. Ron really enjoyed Santorini and Prague.

What is your dream corvette? It is the one that they own.

How did your love of Corvettes come about? For years Ron talked about getting a Corvette. He thought it should be red, but when he saw his neighbors yellow Corvette (CSCC members Juan & Nicole) he thought that the yellow really "popped". Jo Ellen kept telling Ron "What are you waiting for?" So for their 50th wedding anniversary Jo Ellen bought Ron their 2017 Grand Sport in yellow! (What a nice wife!!)

Anything else that you would like to add? They have met some nice people and have enjoyed the various activities that the club puts on.

Thanks for the interview, Ron and Jo Ellen.



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ARTIFACTS of the MONTH – RACING SUIT & MOLD

In my October 2022 column I reported on the Museum's selections for **Artifact of the Month** for August (Wheel) and September (Yenko pedal car). Following are NCM's selections for October and November.

Guldstrand Racing Suit and Helmet: Dick Guldstrand (1927 - 2015), a legend in Corvette history for his efforts to improve America's sportscar, was known as "Mr. Corvette." He was a tenacious racer, clever engineer, ingenious designer, and innovative builder, with a career spanning more than 6 decades. He was inducted into the NCM Corvette Hall of Fame in 1999. A testament to his rich life among Corvettes and racing, the Museum's Guldstrand collection has hundreds of his memorabilia including helmets, banners, racing suits, trophies, and more. The NCM Artifact for October is one of Guldstrand's many racing suits and helmets.

Guldstrand's suit, made by Hinchman of Indianapolis prior to the fireproof NOMEX suits of today, is a light cotton crème colored jumpsuit that offered no fire protection at all. Embroidered on the suit are Guldstrand's name in blue, and the Goodyear Wingfoot logo with three red, yellow, and blue stripes. On the back of the Bell 500TX helmet is the now barely legible safety approval by the Snell Memorial Foundation.

Corvette Indy Scale Model Mold: In 1958, Chuck Jordan, General Motors' Vice President of Design, wanted to make a statement in his area of expertise – vehicle design. He was presented with a Chevrolet Indy Car scale model mid-engine as a vision for the Corvette. Moving along to 1980, Tom Peters (NCM HOF 2019) began working in the Advance Design Studio. Knowing Tom's talent, Jordan sent him along with Jerry Palmer (NCM HOF 2000) to England to oversee the creation of the Corvette Indy show car. The two men created a visionary mid-engine Corvette show car.

Celebrating the car's debut, Jordan asked the GM sculpture studio to craft a fiberglass scale model. First, an 18 x 7 x 3-inch clay model was made. Next, a *mold* was made from which fiberglass models were produced, employing the same process used for full-size fiberglass cars. Completed fiberglass models were given to Chuck Jordan, Jerry Palmer, and other GM executives.

The fiberglass and resin proof *mold*, November's Artifact, was donated by Peters to the Museum, where it takes its place in the collection alongside the 1959 XP-87 Stingray Racer. The surviving artifact represents similar internal design efforts a quarter-century apart that preserved the vision for future Corvettes.

PERSONAL NOTE: Due to upcoming medical procedures I am, with Board's consent, taking a hiatus from my monthly NCM column for *The Vette Set*, hoping to resume by spring. Meanwhile you can reach me by e-mail or phone if you need NCM info and thank-you for continuing to let me know when you purchase Museum raffle tickets, become a member, purchase an auto insurance policy, and the like!



October 2022 Artifact of the Month: Guldstrand
Racing Suit and Helmet



November 2022 Artifact of the Month: Corvette Indy
Scale Model Mold

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