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"The general purpose of CSCC is to encourage planned trips, events and social activities for members of CSCC; to act as a source of technical information; to establish rules and regulations covering all activities of CSCC; to provide and regulate events and exhibitions of Corvettes; and to encourage careful and skillful driving on public highways; and to own personal property as needed for the foregoing purposes."

Meeting Information

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

The next meeting:

7:00 P.M. Thursday Dec. 1, 2022

Meeting Location

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



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Hello Corvette Enthusiast,

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the Tuesday prior to the business meeting.

The next board meeting:

7:00 P.M. Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2022

Chris Capshaw
1645 Pinon Glen Circle, CS 80919
(Chris' HOA Clubhouse)

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



88 Members Present at the November Meeting

Don Adametz	Todd DeSchepper	Gerald Ludke	Tom Ury
Brenna Allen	Diana Dittman	Carl Marlar	Vicki Ury
John Amen	Mike Dittman	Carol Marlar	Gwenda Valentine
Gail Applekamp	Steve Dombrowski	Dean Mattes	Larry Valentine
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Elliott Delman	Alice Lester	Jeanne Urban	
Jodi DeSchepper	Jacob Lester	Ron Urban	



Guests At the November Meeting – Welcome!

Name	Corvette
John & Tina Coppin	1972 White Coupe
Mike & Julia Smith	2017 Grand Sport

November Meeting Minutes

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

Maronne Chevrolet Introductions – Chris Capshaw introduced Kyle Gunn, Accessories Manager; Curt Abernatha, General Manager/Partner; and Rich Frizzell, Service Manager. Chris expressed his gratitude for allowing the club to meet there.



2023 Club Charity Presentations: Foundation for School District 11's two automotive programs. Vicki & Tom Ury, Larry & Gwenda Valentine, and Ron & Debbie Wynn thanked the club for once again accepting their nomination Vicki and Larry each stated how important the auto programs are to the community and would very much like to see them voted in as the club charity for 2023.

Friends of the Children. Alice Lester explained that Friends of the Children is a newly established non-profit organization in Colorado Springs designed to support foster children as well as children who have or are experiencing homelessness, poverty, physical and mental abuse, and children who are experiencing domestic and drug abuse of their parents. Most of the children have lived through a lot of traumas. Friends also support youth of single parent households. Judy Cara, Executive Director of the Colorado Springs chapter further explained that referrals are taken from local school districts and these children are supplied with a mentor to support/guide them from 4 or 5 years of age through high school. The program has a very high success rate.

Treasurer's Report – Anita Smith reported that the club is comfortable and that we will keep the same budget as last year.

Secretary Report – Jodi DeSchepper. No corrections to the October minutes as they were approved as printed in the October newsletter.

Past Events: Fall Autocross – Walt Jenkins
It was a great time. Only problem was the display was not working properly. Someone ran over the starting time (Walt) but everything else went smoothly. About \$1,264 profit was made. A huge thank you to everyone who ran and all the volunteers.

Trunk or Treat – Tom Phillips
About 150 -175 kids came out to see the Corvettes. Did not have too many cars so think about joining in next year. It is a very worthy event and is a lot of fun.

Highway Beautification – Chris Capshaw
17 members showed up and completed the cleanup in 1.25 hours.

Homecomings – Vicki Ury
Vicki had all the members who helped stand up. 27 drivers participated in the 7 events. A big thank you to all of them and to Tom Ury for all the support. \$1,330 was made from the events and went into the Christmas Basket fund. Vicki is stepping down and needs someone to fill this spot.

New Business: Christmas Baskets – Brent Renholm
We exceeded our goal! Received \$7,030 in donations. Thank you to everyone who helped. \$6,250 was the goal we had set however it was now approved by the club to add another 15 families who will receive gift cards to help at the holidays.

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.

New Cars – Upgrades – Special News: Steve and Anita Smith recently purchased a 2023 70th Anniversary edition C8.

New members John and Tina Coppin explained how they won their 1972 Vette from a Meineke drawing.

Governor's Report – Walt Jenkins RMR Update: 3 sanctioned events remaining for the year. RMR Christmas party will be on Dec. 17th. \$40 a person with an open bar.

NCCC Update: NCCC membership cards have been emailed out. Plastic cards will be sent out in Jan. Contact Walt if you did not receive the email.

Upcoming Club Events & Activities: Nov. 6th – S'No Flakes Rally
Tim Collins stated that the course is set. It is a photo rally with trivia questions. Will meet for lunch and awards. Encouraged everyone to come out and have a fun time.

Dec. 15th – CSCC Christmas Party
Diana Dittman explained that this is a member only event and will be held the Pinery North. There will be happy hour, a great meal and wonderful band plus lots of door prizes.

Door Prizes Winners - Thank you for door prize contributions from Maronne Chevrolet and an anonymous donor. Congratulations to all the winners.

Introduction of guests – Tom Phillips
Guests in attendance were John & Tina Coppin and Mike & Julia Smith. Welcome to the club!

Chris Capshaw mentioned that we need chairpersons for 2023 events. We really need some new people to sign up.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.
Minutes by Jodi DeSchepper

Nov/Dec 2022 Calendar

Tue	Nov 29	7 pm CSCC Board Meeting	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Dec 1	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Thu	Dec 15	CSCC Christmas Party	The Pinery North
Sat	Dec 17	RMR Christmas Party	Lorren Loewen
Tue	Jan 3	7 pm CSCC Board Meeting	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Jan 5	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North

Calendar dates as of November 15, 2022.
For the latest updates, flyers, and pictures, check out events on our webpage: www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org

Trunk or Treat Submitted by Tom Phillips

The Fort Carson Annual Trunk or Treat event for Wounded Warrior families was held Friday, October 28th at the Evans Army Hospital parking lot. There were over 60 families in attendance and over 150 children. As always, it was a brisk October evening; however, everyone involved had a great time and enjoyed seeing the children's Halloween outfits (along with some spine-chilling moms & dads too). Ghosts, goblins, pirates, dinosaurs and all kinds of scary creatures were roaming the lot looking for candy and treats. Our hosts even provided pizza for everyone. The Corvette Club participants were very horrifying and frightening too (we won't mention any names)! All in all, it was another successful event, a good time was had by all, and we look forward to participating again next year.



Highway Beautification - Submitted by Ted Severn

Club members gathered eagerly once again for the last Colorado Springs Corvette Club Highway Beautification Event of the 2022 season. Member/volunteers began showing-up at the Conoco Station parking area along Highway 85/87 at about 8:15 am. Club volunteers happily exited their Vettes and/or support vehicles, signed-in, and were issued safety vests, large orange plastic trash collection bags and long stick grabbers, then stepped aside to greet others. The time before the operation began was spent socializing with a lot of happy chatter on a beautiful, warm, clear, colorful Fall morning. At about 8:50 am Highway Beautification chairmen Gary Walters and Ted Severn briefed all attendees on the concept of the operation to include safety. Then the volunteers broke down into smaller teams to cover both sides of the highway...and off they headed down the road on foot. There were 18 terrific member/volunteers who showed-up that morning in 5 Corvettes and other support vehicles. Those folks happily and aggressively completed their clean-up task in about 1 hour, 15 minutes. The good news is that they were emboldened by occasional shouts of encouragement, horn honks and thumbs-up gestures by passers-by. After reaching "mission complete," equipment was quickly turned-in and members said their 'good-byes' and dispersed for a beautiful Fall day of football and other outdoor activities. Thank you all very much for participating in this worthy event; a great success everyone! Job well done!

Note: The number of volunteers for this event was half the number we usually draw with one third the number of Vettes traditionally displayed. We encourage you to join in greater numbers for these events in 2023. Thank you in advance.



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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)

CSCC Fall Autocross 2022

RACE 1				
#	First Name	Last Name	Class	Time
1	RICHARD	HALLUM	1E	92.11300
2	SCOTT	LEWIS	1M	87.66000
3	PETE	URENDA	1P	83.43400
4	CHARLES	SMAGALA	1SF/G	95.86700
5	JAMES	MESITE	1SF/G	96.02100
6	PAUL	KOPP	1SH	91.58100
7	PATRICK	ANDRIST	1SJ/K	84.46300
8	KEN	BAUER	1SM	85.10200
9	GERALD	LUDKE	1SM	86.47500
10	BOB	CLIFTON	1SM	86.74700
11	WAYNE	UMLAND	1SM	87.19300
12	ALAN	MARKERT	1SM	92.37500
13	JOSHUA	ALLEN	1SM	96.68600
14	BOB	SANDERS	1SM	97.56400
15	JEFF	HAUSWIRTH	1SMM	82.36100
16	ROGER	MILLER	1SMM	85.78600
17	BRIAN	DOUGHERTY	1SP	86.25000
18	AUSTIN	BEATTY	2E	99.02900
19	JIM	BARTELSON	2E	100.036
20	ERIC	BEATTY	2F/G	95.92000
21	CHRIS	BLAISDELL	2H	93.88000
22	DARRRELL	DEARMAN	2J/K	86.19300
23	JARED	URENDA	3N	79.63200
24	STEVE	SMITH	3N	82.08900
25	LORREN	LOEWEN	3N	85.43800
26	ANNE	LEWIS	L1M	87.58000
27	LAURIE	LAMOTHE	L1SM	100.938
28	LISA	HAUSWIRTH	L1SMM	91.11000
29	ANGELA	BLAISDELL	L2H	102.006
30	ROXANN	DEARMAN	L2J/K	93.57700
31	ANITA	SMITH	L3N	88.19500

RACE 2				
#	First Name	Last Name	Class	Time
1	RICHARD	HALLUM	1E	90.61500
2	CHRIS	BLAISDELL	1H	90.32700
3	KEN	BAUER	1M	85.93600
4	SCOTT	LEWIS	1M	86.85700
5	PETE	URENDA	1P	81.84500
6	CHARLES	SMAGALA	1SF/G	93.69100
7	PAUL	KOPP	1SH	91.00500
8	PATRICK	ANDRIST	1SJ/K	84.96900
9	GERALD	LUDKE	1SM	85.58000
10	WAYNE	UMLAND	1SM	85.84700
11	BOB	CLIFTON	1SM	86.52800
12	ALAN	MARKERT	1SM	88.54300
13	JOSHUA	ALLEN	1SM	92.90400
14	BOB	SANDERS	1SM	94.67200
15	JEFF	HAUSWIRTH	1SMM	81.98500
16	ROGER	MILLER	1SMM	85.42500
17	BRIAN	DOUGHERTY	1SP	90.63300
18	AUSTIN	BEATTY	2E	95.28000
19	JIM	BARTELSON	2E	98.97700
20	ERIC	BEATTY	2F/G	92.85700
21	DARRRELL	DEARMAN	2J/K	83.93800
22	JARED	URENDA	3N	78.63000
23	STEVE	SMITH	3N	82.29100
24	LORREN	LOEWEN	3N	85.94100
25	ANGELA	BLAISDELL	L1H	99.92100
26	ANNE	LEWIS	L1M	84.73300
27	LAURIE	LAMOTHE	L1SM	102.23
28	LISA	HAUSWIRTH	L1SMM	90.69700
29	ROXANN	DEARMAN	L2J/K	92.97500
30	ANITA	SMITH	L3N	87.25000

RACE 3				
#	First Name	Last Name	Class	Time
1	RICHARD	HALLUM	1E	88.41800
2	SCOTT	LEWIS	1M	88.28800
3	PETE	URENDA	1P	79.52400
4	CHARLES	SMAGALA	1SF/G	94.83800
5	PAUL	KOPP	1SH	87.94500
6	PATRICK	ANDRIST	1SJ/K	82.29300
7	KEN	BAUER	1SM	83.94600
8	GERALD	LUDKE	1SM	84.17300
9	WAYNE	UMLAND	1SM	85.26200
10	ALAN	MARKERT	1SM	87.59800
11	BOB	CLIFTON	1SM	88.42400
12	JOSHUA	ALLEN	1SM	92.82600
13	BOB	SANDERS	1SM	94.03200
14	JEFF	HAUSWIRTH	1SMM	80.17100
15	ROGER	MILLER	1SMM	84.64500
16	BRIAN	DOUGHERTY	1SP	89.75700
17	AUSTIN	BEATTY	2E	95.61400
18	JIM	BARTELSON	2E	97.49500
19	ERIC	BEATTY	2F/G	92.09900
20	CHRIS	BLAISDELL	2H	92.86300
21	DARRRELL	DEARMAN	2J/K	84.61200
22	WALT	JENKINS	2J/K	89.99600
23	JARED	URENDA	3N	76.72400
24	STEVE	SMITH	3N	81.73500
25	LORREN	LOEWEN	3N	84.49100
26	ANNE	LEWIS	L1M	82.27400
27	LAURIE	LAMOTHE	L1SM	100.82100
28	LISA	HAUSWIRTH	L1SMM	87.61300
29	ANGELA	BLAISDELL	L2H	104.044
30	ROXANN	DEARMAN	L2J/K	90.47400
31	ANITA	SMITH	L3N	88.99800

RACE 4				
#	First Name	Last Name	Class	Time
1	RICHARD	HALLUM	1E	86.88800
2	SCOTT	LEWIS	1M	84.96300
3	PETE	URENDA	1P	80.40900
4	CHARLES	SMAGALA	1SF/G	91.18500
5	PAUL	KOPP	1SH	86.45500
6	PATRICK	ANDRIST	1SJ/K	81.88400
7	KEN	BAUER	1SM	81.90900
8	GERALD	LUDKE	1SM	83.50700
9	WAYNE	UMLAND	1SM	84.77800
10	ALAN	MARKERT	1SM	85.18800
11	BOB	CLIFTON	1SM	86.59700
12	JOSHUA	ALLEN	1SM	88.49900
13	JEFF	HAUSWIRTH	1SMM	79.67600
14	ROGER	MILLER	1SMM	83.43900
15	BRIAN	DOUGHERTY	1SP	88.96800
16	AUSTIN	BEATTY	2E	94.07700
17	JIM	BARTELSON	2E	98.89200
18	ERIC	BEATTY	2F/G	90.96300
19	CHRIS	BLAISDELL	2H	88.72100
20	DARRRELL	DEARMAN	2J/K	83.39700
21	WALT	JENKINS	2J/K	89.20900
22	JARED	URENDA	3N	76.93700
23	STEVE	SMITH	3N	81.41900
24	LORREN	LOEWEN	3N	82.98200
25	ANNE	LEWIS	L1M	82.57600
26	LISA	HAUSWIRTH	L1SMM	84.89900
27	ANGELA	BLAISDELL	L2H	98.62900
28	ROXANN	DEARMAN	L2J/K	87.98600
29	ANITA	SMITH	L3N	87.47000

RACE 5				
#	First Name	Last Name	Class	Time
1	RICHARD	HALLUM	1E	87.73100
2	SCOTT	LEWIS	1M	84.88600
3	PETE	URENDA	1P	79.75400
4	CHARLES	SMAGALA	1SF/G	92.76600
5	PAUL	KOPP	1SH	87.22900
6	PATRICK	ANDRIST	1SJ/K	81.22500
7	KEN	BAUER	1SM	81.60800
8	GERALD	LUDKE	1SM	83.08900
9	WAYNE	UMLAND	1SM	83.21400
10	BOB	CLIFTON	1SM	84.63500
11	JOSHUA	ALLEN	1SM	89.07100
12	JEFF	HAUSWIRTH	1SMM	79.27000
13	ROGER	MILLER	1SMM	82.69000
14	BRIAN	DOUGHERTY	1SP	88.79600
15	AUSTIN	BEATTY	2E	92.10700
16	JIM	BARTELSON	2E	97.50000
17	ERIC	BEATTY	2F/G	89.31300
18	CHRIS	BLAISDELL	2H	89.70400
19	DARRRELL	DEARMAN	2J/K	82.94700
20	WALT	JENKINS	2J/K	88.66900
21	JARED	URENDA	3N	76.43400
22	STEVE	SMITH	3N	83.30500
23	LORREN	LOEWEN	3N	83.89500
24	ANNE	LEWIS	L1M	81.67700
25	LISA	HAUSWIRTH	L1SMM	82.43000
26	ANGELA	BLAISDELL	L2H	98.94100
27	ROXANN	DEARMAN	L2J/K	89.15700
28	ANITA	SMITH	L3N	84.97400

The CSCC's Fall Autocrosses were held on October 16th, 2022. We always try to set up the course the day before, so we don't have to spend time setting things up on the morning of the race. This helps with allowing the races to finish before night falls.

So, Saturday, October 15th, I and quite a few people came out to help set up the course. We were told that the track would be available at 2:00 pm so we could set up. Well, I got there with the trailer at about 1:45 and some other group was holding drag races! Ok, so we wait until after 2:00 (they are still running), so I found the track manager and he said they wouldn't be done until 3:00 pm. Great..... We set up the inside road course which took about a half hour and waited. At about 3:15, the track manager came over and said that they were going to take some publicity pictures and they needed the track for a bit more. Long story short, we were able to get back out on the track and finish setting up about 3:45. We were all finished with the course set up just before 5:00. Luckily, it was a nice day, not too hot and not too cold.

Sunday morning comes around very early as I had to pick up doughnuts from Horseshoe Doughnuts by 6:00 am. They weren't quite ready, but I was on my way to PPIR at 6:15 am. It was kind of cold and overcast by the time I arrived and there were already a couple of helpers there ahead of me. We took all the equipment out and started to set up. All seemed to be working except for the large display. After fiddling with it for a while, it was determined that there was probably a loose connection inside the display which prevented it from powering up. Oh well, we have the stickers and AxWare Live so I guess we don't need the display, but we will need to get it fixed before next year. Always something!

The rest of the day went pretty well, we had three runs for the first two autocrosses and two runs for the other three in the afternoon. After lunch, there seemed to be fewer entrants, so we were able to finish up about 4:00. We cleaned up and put away our equipment and were gone by 4:30.

We had about 35 entrants so that was a pretty good turnout and we had LOTS of help. Thank you to all that showed up to participate and special thanks to those that only came out to volunteer to work. Our CSCC members are AWESOME!
Oh, yeah, we made a little money which will be detailed at the club meeting in November.

Thanks Everyone!
Walt Jenkins



2022 HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING SEASON

Submitted by Vicki Ury

I am delighted to say the high school homecoming season of 2022 was one of happy memories, laughs, and great appreciation. The weather was cooperative, most of the time, and the high schools thought our Corvettes were "hot". The Colorado Springs Corvette Club was well represented throughout our community and we are contributing a FANTASTIC sum of money to our Club's Christmas Basket Fund.

As in the past, we asked the schools to announce the names of the drivers along with make and color of their Corvettes while escorting lovely ladies and handsome gentleman to the mid-field ceremonies. It put a smile on each driver's face. AND it just gave them another excuse to shine "the baby" up.

This season we had 53 Corvettes represented in 7 events. "Holy Smokes"!!!!!!

We drove in the following high school homecoming events: Palmer, Falcon Parade and Falcon Homecoming, Coronado, Discovery Canyon, St. Mary's and Lewis Palmer.

I would like to give a special THANK YOU to Diana Dittman and Rick McGuffin for being the onsite contact person at events I was absent. I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to all of the club members that so generously donated their time and money (gas and car washes). It definitely made my job easier.

A HUGE THANK YOU to: Kent Rooks, Karl Soneson, Bob Sanders, Gary Walters, Mike and Diana Dittman, Joe Pellegrino, Terry Darby, Joel Midkiff, Mark Muren, Gary Fraser, Bob Knowles, Jason Jenson, Todd Barnhardt, Calvin Helus, Dave Ury, Rick McGuffin, Scott Cronk, Pete Olejnik, Tim Collins, Tom Phillips, Jordon Uzzo, Larry Valentine, John Williams, Dan McCarty, Ron Hubert, and most of all - Tom Ury – my partner in crime.

For the last 17 years, I have coordinated the homecoming events with many wonderful students and school personnel – I will miss those relationships. I look forward to helping with the transition to a new coordinator.



Exploring New Roadways

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

On October 28th our club was invited to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Centennial Blvd Extension Project. During the ceremony Mayor John Suthers and other dignitaries, spoke about the extension project, and then the fun began. After dining on breakfast burritos and other delicacies, ten Corvettes from our club led the procession of vehicles onto the new roadway. Our amazing street machines were the stars of the show, and people paid more attention to us, than those speaking at the podium. The members who participated were: John & Jean Cantu, Elliot Delman, Peggy Ferron, Richard Haugen, Rick McGuffin, Ralph & Keri Olson, Jerry & Denise Phillips, Tom Phillips, Bob Sanders, and Tom Ury.



You are invited to the Colorado Springs
Corvette Club Christmas Party

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

Thursday, December 15, 2022
The Pinery North
9633 Prominent Point, Colorado Springs, CO

\$25.00 per person – non-refundable



Social Hour at 6:00 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm
Entertainment at 8:00 pm

This is a CSCC Members only Party, Reservations due by December 1, 2022



Hosted by the CSCC Officers and Board Members

Please contact Anita Smith,
treasurer@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org
to make reservations and for payment information



Get to Know Your Fellow Members

An Interview with Drew DeSchepper

by Diana Dittman

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

What Corvette(s) do you currently own or have owned? **2003 50th Anniversary Convertible. It is race prepared with an LS-3 motor, 450 HP, racing seats, and a roll bar.**

Marital Status? **Single.**

Where are you from? **Drew was born in Burnsville, Minnesota and lived there for a year. The family made the move to the Houston area and lived there for 21 years. The next move was to Falcon, Colorado in 2011.**

Employment? **Drew is the manager at Rocky Road Remedies dispensary. He has been there for two years. Previously he drove a semi-truck and worked in retail.**

Pets? **Four Ball Python snakes named Sandy, Sally, Loki, and Balder. (You may have met one of them at the club picnic!) He also has a Leopard Gecko named RuPaul.**

Favorite club activity? **Autocrosses are Drew's favorite, but he also likes car shows.**

Hobbies? **He is into playing video games. As a family they used to off road quite a bit in their Jeeps. He learned to drive while off roading when he was 13. He still has his red Jeep Wrangler with a yellow roll bar that is named McJeep. He collects Funko Pop figurines and has 206 of them.**

What is the best vacation you ever took? **Family cruises to the Caribbean and Alaska.**

What is your dream corvette? **A '96 Grand Sport, blue with white stripes.**

How did your love of Corvettes come about? **When Drew was 13 years old his parents got**

their first Corvette. Their collection grew along with his appreciation for the Corvette. He went on many Corvette events with the Houston Corvette Club.

Thanks for the interview, Drew.



Barrett Benson
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1962 PINES PEAK HILL CLIMB CORVETTE

by George Koehn

My infatuation with the Corvette brand dates back to 1953 when on a visit to Dr. Robert Pratt, our family physician in Williamsville, New York, I saw his brand new Polo White Corvette parked on the street outside his office. I was taken by the flowing shape of the car and the mesh headlight covers and dual exhausts that gave it the look of a race car.

My dad's good friend was owner of a dealership named for him, Glen Campbell Chevrolet. When I cad-died for him at the country club of Buffalo, I would always ask him about Corvettes and their various engines. As a young teenager, I would ride my bike to his dealership and watch new Corvettes being unloaded from the transporters. I studied the window stickers looking for high-performance dual-

quad or fuel-injection engines and made mental notes of horsepower ratings, transmissions, and axle ratios. I was hooked for sure but thought I would never be able to afford America's Sportscar.



Bill Daniels driving the hill climb in 1962



Motor that was in the car at the auction, cast-iron manifold, carburetor and headers

In October 1959 my parents travelled to Europe for an extended vacation and arranged for me to stay with close family friends. I had just gotten my driver's license so Mom asked me to take her 1956 Chevrolet in for service while they were away. After leaving her car with the service manager, I stopped by Mr. Campbell's office in the showroom and he asked if I would like a loaner car for the weekend. This 17-year-old car nut of course said yes and he promptly handed me the keys to a brand new 1961 triple black 315/283 Corvette fuelie with a full tank of gas. Readers will be spared the details of that fabulous weekend, but needless to say it was a true adventure. I have been a fuelie addict ever since, having owned and restored four of them, in addition to a couple dozen other Corvette variants.

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I had completed a four-year 2,000-hour restoration of my split window fuelie in time for the Amelia Island Concours, and my thoughts were moving on in search of my next project. We found a '62 at an

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auction in the Northeast. The fuel-injection fender emblems of course caught my attention, but when I opened the hood, I found a rather nasty-looking engine bay adorned with an iron manifold, Carter AFB carburetor, aftermarket fuel pump, later-model alternator and a massive set of custom headers. A look inside the interior revealed a monster Hurst shifter in place of the factory T-handle unit. My first thoughts were that this was just another phony fuelie boy racer that had been treated to a nice re-spray.

Much to my surprise, when I opened the trunk, I found a box which contained a fuel-injection unit, manifold, original air cleaner, hoses, and a thick file of paperwork. A quick check of date codes and tags confirmed that yes, this was a real-deal fuelie. Ten minutes later the car was mine!

This Corvette was produced on 10/24/1961 and sold new by Daniels Motors, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 11/2/1961 to Corvette enthusiast Dr. Milan Predovich of Pueblo, Colorado, who traded in his 1961 Corvette. The salesman for the transaction



Some of the original fuel-injection components found in the trunk

was his friend, Bill Daniels, son of Al Daniels, the vice president of the dealership founded in 1929 by Cady Daniels. That thick file of paperwork included the Daniels Motors, Inc. manila jacket containing the original purchase order, dealer delivery sheet specifying all components and key codes, dealer copy of the GM passenger car order form, inspection reports, registrations and multiple service records.

This Corvette was one of only 820 ordered with paint code 938 Almond Beige and was equipped with RPO 582 360-hp fuel-injection engine, RPO 685 4-speed transmission, RPO 675, 4:11 ratio Positraction rear axle, RPO 441 direct-flow exhaust system, RPO 276 15x5.5 inch oversized wheels with small "dog dish" caps, RPO 1833 US Royal blackwall tires, and the soft top delete option.

An extensive internet search revealed a lot more about this car and its provenance. On one of the records included in the paperwork file I found a phone number for Bill Daniels' daughter, Elizabeth. She was most gracious in helping me learn the story behind the Corvette and her legendary father and grandfather.



Complete fuel-unit and distributor, note the original fuel-injection and distributor tags inserted in the corners

DANIELS MOTORS INC. STOCK NO. 52-153
100 North Weber • Colorado Springs, Colorado DATE: 11-2-68

CUSTOMER NAME Miles E. Arthur H. Predovich		SALES PERSON Bill Daniels	
ADDRESS 1531 Lake Ave. Pueblo, Colo		PHONE 367-1871	
PLEASE ENTER BY ORDER FOR <input type="checkbox"/> CASH <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREDIT		YEAR MAKE <input type="checkbox"/> 1962 <input type="checkbox"/> 1963 <input type="checkbox"/> 1964	
TO BE DELIVERED ON OR ABOUT: 11-4-68		MILEAGE 567	
MILEAGE 204150.75		MILEAGE 567	
REMARKS Paint of		REMARKS 360 horsepower mechanical 4 speed trans 15% 550 p. heads 430-15 nylon hose antifreeze	
BALANCE DUE ON TRADE IN \$		4593 00	
TO SHOW Less 20%		3906 40	
ADDRESS Less 3200 for 61		706 40	
TAX 322.12		706 40	
I HAVE READ THE MATTER ON THE BACK HEREOF AND AGREE TO IT AS A PART OF THE ORDER OF SALE AS IF I WERE PRINTED ABOVE BY SIGNATURE.		72063	
THE FRONT AND BACK HEREOF CONTAIN THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT APPROVE THIS ORDER AND NO OTHER AGREEMENT OR UNDERSTANDING BY ANY WRITING CONCERNING SAID CAR HAS BEEN MADE OR ENTERED INTO.		4295 44 200 00 200 #165 520 53 20	
THIS ORDER IS VOID UNLESS ACCEPTED BY SALES. DATE		Repairs made 11/12/68	

Miles E. Predovich

Original order/sales copy to Dr. Predovich

After a brief period of ownership, Dr. Predovich traded the car back to Daniels Chevrolet when he purchased another model. Al and Bill Daniels decided to keep it, and Bill used it as his daily driver through the rest of the 1960s when he put it in storage in the basement of the old Daniels dealership building in Colorado Springs.

The father/son duo were avid racers and every year they entered the Pikes Peak Hill Climb, initially racing in the sports-car class before moving into stock cars. Further exhaustive research revealed that the fuelie saw duty in the 1962 SCCA sanctioned event with Al finishing fourth in class. The fuel-injection unit had been removed and replaced with the AFB carburetor to perform better at the extreme 14,000-foot elevation. The engine had been warmed over with the addition of custom headers and Hurst Competition Plus shifter. Newspaper stories from back in the day pictured the car in racing livery running the Daniels' traditional #69 with the roll hoop installed in place of the deck lid. Although the hoop was removed when

the car was returned to road use, the fiberglass patches where the it had been are still evident when the deck lid is raised. When it was repainted decades ago, the color was changed to paint code 920 Fawn Beige as it is today. In order to improve aerodynamics, Daniels removed the outside mirror and never replaced it.

The Corvette stayed in Bill's possession until his death in 1999 at which time title was transferred on June 2, 2000, to his widow, Mrs. Susan Daniels. She retained ownership until it was gifted to Mr. Daniels' daughter, Elizabeth Daniels, now co-owner of Daniels-Long Chevrolet.

An inspection report by Daniels Motors dated 5/12/1975 shows mileage at 49,686. The current odometer reads 51,132, and accompanying service records indicate the car has been driven only 1,446 miles since then while being lovingly stored and maintained. The Corvette remained in Elizabeth's possession until it was traded in 2017 to Bergen County Auto Group for a Porsche for her son. The



One of the many newspaper articles covering the climb

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Bergen County Auto Group took the car to auction where it was purchased for its current owner.

The Daniels history of racing Corvettes in “the race to the clouds” goes back to the late 1950s. Daniels Chevrolet had been a major sponsor of the annual Pikes Peak event for decades. Throughout the 1960s and ’70s, Al and Bill Daniels competed in the Hill Climb each year driving a new Corvette and subsequently full-size Chevy stock cars. The Daniels dealership sponsored numerous cars for other noted drivers including Louis, Bobby, and Al Unser. Bill served as a director on the board of the Hill Climb Association from 1988 until 1993 and was its president in 1991. Subsequent to his death, the 1999 Pikes Peak Hill Climb was dedicated to the memory and contributions of Bill Daniels.

As the car had been mostly in storage for the better part of five decades since the engine was rebuilt by Bill’s longtime chief mechanic and engine builder



Engine has been restored and correct and original components installed

Dave Lumsden, we embarked on a general freshening to include the rebuild and recalibration of the fuel-injection unit and distributor by noted specialist Lyle Davidson Restorations of Leesburg, Virginia. A new correct coil, AC Delco spark plugs, wires, shielding, gas tank, sending unit, and fuel pump were installed, and all fuel lines and filter were replaced.

The undercarriage was extensively hand and steam cleaned revealing a totally rust-free frame and original suspension components. Several pounds of Pikes Peak dirt were removed from atop the frame rails. Only Sunoco 110-octane racing fuel was pumped to ensure trouble free performance. This has to be one of the strongest running ‘62 fuelies out there.

The driver and passenger carpets were replaced to maintain a fresh appearance. A complete new aluminized exhaust system was installed to replace the headers and racing exhaust which had to be cut out using a Sawzall tool. A stock-appearing Hurst T-handle shifter



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The underside has also been restored and freshened

replaced the oversized unit. New original equipment US Royal tires were fitted on the Kelsey-Hayes 15 x 5.5 wheels. All the chrome and stainless exterior brightwork is original to the car.

Given the Daniels family ownership of the dealership, they were in the unique position of being able to retain possession of the complete dealer file of paperwork. Elizabeth confirms that her father had kept extensive meticulous records of the engine rebuild, maintenance, and services performed; however, following Bill's death Susan thought they were worthless so she disposed of them.

Finding an early high-performance Corvette with this kind of pedigree, provenance, history, and authenticating documentation has been the highlight of my 60-year history with the marque.



Since this story was submitted, George sold the car on the auction site bringatrailer.com last September to make room for another Corvette split-window project. The best part of the story is that the winning bid came from the husband of Elizabeth Daniels, who bought it as a surprise birthday present for her. She was in tears of joy when we hooked up with her to tell her. Here's a photo of the Corvette with a very happy Elizabeth behind the wheel, a very happy turn of events for this storied Corvette going back to the Daniels family where it belongs.

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