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### The Vette Set

Colorado Springs Corvette Club, Inc. News

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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, May 4, 2023 **Meeting Location**

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



click **here** <u>for</u> map

### **Hello Corvette Enthusiast,**

### **Board Meetings**

Meetings are held the Tuesday prior to the business meeting. The next board meeting:

### **Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

Walt Jenkins 230 East Stirrup Trail Monument, CO 80132

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

### 87 Members Present at the April Meeting

Don Adametz John Amen Gail Applekamp Scott Applekamp Todd Barnhardt Gary Benson Luther Benson Dan Biggs Juanita Bochnak Tad Brown Mike Burks Andy Butterfield Debbie Butterfield Chris Capshaw Jonathan Capshaw Tim Collins John Coppin Tina Coppin Jim Covey Stephanie Covey Scott Cronkj Flliott Delman Diana Dittman Mike Dittman

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Guests At the April Meeting – Welcome!			
Name	Corvette		
Dan & Jolene Johnson	2005 Yellow C6		
Joe & Jeannie Zaccagnino	1987 Yellow C4, 2008 Red C6		
Richard Thompson	2022 Red C8		
Jay Whalen	2003 50th Anniversary C5		
Steve Skarin	1998 Gray Convertible		
Rudy Saavedra	1984 Red Coupe		

### **April Meeting Minutes**

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

Chris thanked Mike Maroone Chevrolet for our meeting place, purchasing chairs for us to use, and door prizes. He also thanked the anonymous door prize contributors.

Rich Frizzell of Maroone's Service Dept. asked that if you bring your Corvette in for any service to please let the service techs know that you are a member with CSCC. They are still getting to know who our members are. If you need anything please let Rich know.

Brian Anderson with the National Street Rod Association spoke about an upcoming event on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Pueblo. They are inviting our club to join their show at no cost. They will have a roped off area in the grass for our Corvettes, along with window stickers. If you are interested in this event please let Chris Capshaw know by next month.

Treasurer Report - Anita Smith said that deposits have been made for the Christmas party and two autocrosses and that the budget is still very healthy.

Secretary Report -Chris Capshaw. No corrections to the March minutes. Motion was carried to approve the minutes and was accepted.

### **New Business:**

Highway Beautification-Ted Severn Ted reported that 32 members showed up and got the job done even though it was very trashy!

### Governor's Report-Walt Jenkins

Walt handed out some regional award certificates and Adams car polish goodie boxes. 15th place to Susan Umland. 14th place to Jeanne Urban. 12th place to Vicki Ury (Tom accepted on Vicki's behalf). 9th place to Pam Dougherty (Brian accepted on Pam's behalf). Walt reported that there were two rallies put on by TORCA. It was a fun time.

There are some rule change proposals for NCCC. Please give Walt any feedback that you may have.

Chris reported that Barrett Benson has raffle tickets for sale and to check out his articles in the newsletters.

**New news-**Tom P. sold his C7 to a place in Texas. He has his C8 on order. Tony G. has a new granddaughter. Jonathan Capshaw participated in the Colorado State Special Olympics in downhill skiing and came home with gold, silver, and bronze medals. He was wearing one of his medals!

Upcoming Club Events & Activities: Chris Capshaw -April 20<sup>th</sup> is garage night at Mike Maroone Chevrolet. That is a Thursday night at 6 p.m. Learn how to clean up your Corvette for the Fun in the Sun judged show.

Larry Valentine-The Cone Zone Autocross is April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Larry and Gwenda Valentine and Tom and Vicki Ury are the chairs for this event. The course will be fast. It will be a grand time. If you are new to the club come and check out what autocrossing is all about.

Tom Ury-Wasson High School is having a car show on May 6<sup>th</sup> from 10-5. The cost is \$10 cash only. All types of cars will be at this show.

Scott Cronk-Fun in the Sun show is May 13<sup>th</sup>. It will be held on the eastside of the Maroone dealership. There will be a food truck. Always need more volunteers and judges so please sign up.

**Chris C – Club picnic is June 17**<sup>th</sup> at the Air Force Academy. Cost is \$5 each.

### **New Members - Tom Phillips**

Guests in attendance were Dan & Jolene Johnson, Joe & Jeannie Zaccagnino, Richard Thompson, Jay Whalen, Steve Skarin, and Rudy Saavedra. Thank you for visiting and welcome to the club Dan & Jolene, Joe & Jeannie, and Richard.

Good News Bad News suitcase was auctioned off and the winner was Colleen Williams with a bid of \$50. Lots of great items. The suitcase is due back in June.

Tom Phillips- has Corvette and Stingray cut out mats with frame for sale. Cost is \$70, normally \$95.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Minutes by Diana Dittman

### May/June 2023 Calendar

Tue	May 2	CSCC Board Meeting	Walt Jenkins
Thu	May 4	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Sat	May 13	CSCC Fun in the Sun Corvette Show	Scott Cronk and Rick McGuffin
Tue	May 30	CSCC Board Meeting	Chris Capshaw – Email meeting
Thu	June 1	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Sat	June 17	CSCC Club Picnic	Chris Capshaw
Fri	June 30	Drive your Vette to work day	Chris Capshaw

Calendar dates as of April 15, 2023.

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



### **Highway Beautification**

Submitted by Ted Severn

Members of the Colorado Springs Corvette Club gathered eagerly on Saturday, April 1st, for the first Club 'Highway Beautification" event of the 2023 season. Member/volunteers began showing-up at the Conoco Station parking area along Highway 85/87 at about 8:10 am. 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, clear but cool (non-windy for a change) early Spring morning. At about 8:50 am Highway Beautification chairmen Gary Walters and Ted Severn briefed attendee-volunteers on the concept of the operation and safety. Then the volunteers broke down into smaller teams to cover both sides of the highway, beginning at both the near and far ends of that section of the highway to be covered, working towards the middle...and off they headed down the road on foot. There were 32 absolutely super member/volunteers who showed-up that morning...in 13 Corvettes and a number of other support vehicles. It was the largest crowd we've had for Highway beautification in years. Everybody happily and aggressively completed their clean-up task in a little over an hour. 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, members said their 'good-byes," and dispersed in order to enjoy the remainder of a beautiful Spring day. Thank you all very much for participating in this worthy event; a great success everyone! Job well done!











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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)



### The Colorado Springs Corvette Club of The Rocky Mountain NCCC Region Presents:





## \*\*Cone Zone Autocross\*\* 3 Low Speed Autocrosses

### Sunday - April 23, 2023

Pikes Peak International Raceway, West VIP Parking Lot 16650 Midway Ranch Road, Fountain, CO 80817 I-25 @ Exit 122



### Gates Open at 7:00am

### Registration and Tech Inspection:

8:00am to 9:15am

\*\*Autocross Driver's Meeting at 9:30am



Autocross 1 - 10:00 am

Lunch – After Autocross 1 - on your own

Autocross 2 & 3 – After lunch

Autocrosses = \$25 each Enter all 3 Autocrosses = \$65

### Online Registration at:

https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=1
OnlineRegistration closes at midnight on Thursday, April 20, 2023

Low Speed Autocross 1: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-001 Low Speed Autocross 2: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-002 Low Speed Autocross 3: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-003

### Exhaust: OPEN

Car numbers need to be at least 6 inches tall, applied to both sides of the car, and of contrasting color from the car.

Snell Approved helmets not more than 10 years from date of manufacture are required for all events.

Fire Extinguisher required for Group 3 cars, suggested for Group 2.

\*All Times are Mountain Daylight Time

Trophies for Autocross - \$20.00 each

### Chairpersons:

Autocross 1: Larry Valentine, <u>Igvalentine66@msn.com</u>, 719-229-5244
Autocross 2:Tom Ury, <u>tfury@comcast.net</u>, 719-210-1630
Autocross 3:Vicki Ury, <u>vlury@comcast.net</u>, 719-233-3081

Co-Chair: Gwenda Valentine Co-Chair: Larry Valentine Co-Chair: Tom Ury

Governor: Walt Jenkins, waltienkins@comcast.net, 719-337-1143

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National Council Of Corvette Clubs Bans Corvette E-Ray, EVs And Hybrids From Events BY TREY HAWKINS— APR 21, 2023, GMAUTHORITY.COM

The recently unveiled 2024 C8 Corvette E-Ray marks a change in the trajectory of everything a Corvette has traditionally been, thanks to the introduction of an all-new hybrid powertrain. Unfortunately, it's the same hybrid drivetrain that drove the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) to ban the C8 E-Ray, along with other hybrids and EVs, from participating at track days.

According to a report from *Corvette Forum*, the reasoning behind this ban may not be what you originally thought. The NCCC isn't acting on implicit bias towards the electrified Vette, but rather towards concerns of the inability of emergency officials to handle electric fires in the event of an accident. Damaged battery cells can experience what's called thermal runaway, where the internal temperature of the battery rises out of control. In fact, the NCCC has gone so far as to ban EVs and hybrids, including the Corvette E-Ray, from being within 30 feet of any structures or other vehicles at events.

Forward-thinking readers may be wondering if this ban would affect the upcoming C8 Corvette Zora. Well, dear reader, you would be correct, as the hybrid drivetrain in the C8 Zora would render it ineligible to participate as per the NCCC's current rulebook. This also means that any future electrified Vette – fully electric or otherwise – is effectually pre-banned from competition. However, the forthcoming C8 Corvette ZR1 would be good to go, as it will feature an ICE-only powertrain.

As a reminder, the 2024 Corvette E-Ray combines the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine, rated at 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque, while an electric motor, rated at 160 horsepower and 125 pound-feet, on the front axle, bringing total output up to 655 horsepower. A new variant of the C8's dual-clutch, eight speed automatic transmission (RPO code MLH) is exclusively offered with the E-Ray.

Under the color-matched body panels, the C8 E-Ray rides on the GM Y2 platform, which it shares with all C8 variants. The hybrid Vette will go on sale in late 2023, and will be built alongside the C8 Stingray and C8 Z06 models at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky.





# The 31st Annual "Fun In The Sun" Corvette Concourse D'Elegance Car Show

Concourse - Street & Show - Wash & Show

May 13th, 2023

Cost: \$25.00



### Mike Maroone Chevrolet North

1570 Auto Mall Loop, Colo Spngs, CO 80920

On Site Registration Opens At 8:00 am & Closes At 9:45 am
Register Online At:

https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=9

Online Registration Closes At Midnight Thursday, May 11th NCCC Sanction #RM-183-005



Drivers Meeting at 9:45 am
Rags Down & Judging Begins at 10:00 am
Trophies & Classifications According to NCCC Guidelines
Food service will be available

Chairperson: Scott Cronk 719-201-8070 Chairperson: Rick McGuffin 719-210-8929 Chief Judge: Chris Capshaw 719-440-9039 Governor: Walt Jenkins 719-337-1143

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### Get to Know Your Fellow Members An Interview with Ted & Dusty Severn

by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? Since August of 2016.

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? A 2012 Crimson Red Grand Sport. Previously owned a 1965, 327. Bought in 1967 and taken to Germany while stationed there. After owning the '65 for a year and a half he sold it to a lieutenant when he and Dusty started having kids.

Marital Status? Been married for 55 years.

How did you meet? They originally met through Dusty's brother, Mike, when Ted was 13 years old. Dusty was a few years younger. Both of their fathers were military so they moved around to different bases. While going to college in Westover, Ted worked as a part time lifeguard where he met up with Dusty again after about 4 years. Ted said, "She looked great in a bikini and had long blonde hair." At the time Dusty was a singer with the group, Up With People. They dated from August of 1967 and were married in February of 1968.

Where are you from? Ted was born in Long Beach, California and lived there for a brief 3 months. His Dad was Air Force and was stationed in New Hampshire, Florida, Nebraska, New York, and retired here in Colorado. Dusty was born in Sacramento, California. She also had a Dad in the Air Force and lived in California, Italy, New York and Hawaii. They would come to Colorado to visit and eventually moved here.

Employment? Ted's military career lasted for 29 years including being stationed all over the U.S. and world. He was in Army ROTC and joined the Army as a commissioned officer. He was deployed to Germany in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry and the 101<sup>st</sup> Air Born Division in Vietnam. He was a platoon leader and rifle company command leader in Vietnam. After being wounded he taught ROTC in Charlotte. From there he went to armor school in Kentucky as a student in tactics, tank gunnery and maintenance. He then went to Berlin for four years. Back to Georgia he went. He was involved with the Bradly Fighting Vehicle Team building prototypes and training soldiers. He then went on to college in Kansas and then to Fort Hood, TX. He was back to Germany for two years as a battalion command leader. From there he went to the Army War College in Pennsylvania learning high level strategy. He came to Fort Carson and was a garrison commander. He was a brigade commander in Georgia. He then went to Italy and was the chief of staff/deputy commander for the Southern Europe Task Force. After retiring he then secured a civilian contract position as a deputy and director to field three heavy brigades to the Saudi Arabian oil fields for six years. After that he was with Alliance Science and Tech working on battlefield simulations at Fort Carson. He then went on to be the director of training for the Saudi Arabian National Guard for a year and a half. He said, "there were some very bad guys out there and I had a few close calls." From 2006-2014 he became the Western Regional Manager for the Bradly Fighting Vehicle. He trained crews on usage and maintenance. He is now fully retired. Dusty was very supportive of Ted's career. She raised

the children and helped other wives with family problems. Ted says, "She is a terrific mother and grandmother."

Kids? Ted and Dusty have five children, including a set of twins (their youngest were twins which was a surprise). Their first son and two daughters followed Dad's footsteps and joined the military. They have 13 Grandkids total. They are blessed to have three of their kids living close by.

Favorite club activity? **Ted enjoys being in the 4**th of July parade in Monument and usually takes a grandchild along with him. He also enjoys the autocrosses.

Hobbies? Ted has been a Pikes Peak Range Rider for 17 years and has held various offices. He leases a Pinto horse at the Air Force Academy. He is also an ambassador at Mt. Carmel Veterans Service Center. He is involved with his church. He also has a charter license to sail. Ted is currently co-chair of CSCC's highway beautification. Dusty sings in church. She also has a pottery studio in Monument called Clay and Colors. Both enjoy being with their children and grandchildren.

What is the best vacation you ever took? They took a Viking River Cruise down the Danube with Dusty's sister and husband. Ted really enjoyed the history with stops along the way including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Slovenia.

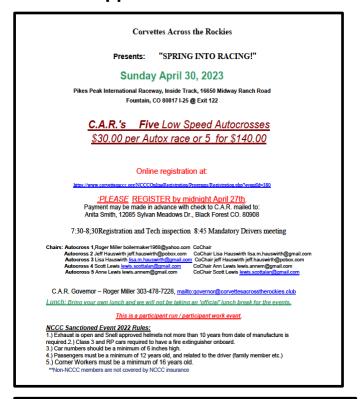
What is your dream corvette? Ted said that he would love to have a '65 Roadster, but he does love his 2012.

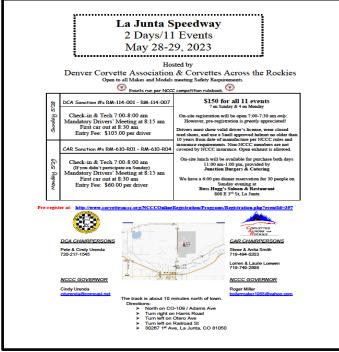
How did your love of Corvettes come about? Ted has loved Corvettes since he was 10 years old and would build car and airplane models.

Anything else that you would like to add? Ted said that this is the most active Corvette club that he has seen "with something out there for everyone." He is hoping to join in more of the clubs activities.

Thanks for the interview Ted & Dusty.

### Please support other Corvette Clubs in our Region







May 27, DCA Corvettes on Colfax Car Show When Sat, May 27, 8am – 2pm Where 14500 E Colfax Ave, Aurora, CO 80011

June 4, TORCA Cone-undrum Autocross When Sun, June 4, check in 7:30 – 8:30 Where Colorado Air and Space Port in Watkins, CO

The weather is getting warmer so be sure to check out the calendar on the CSCC website, so you don't miss out on any of the fun events. Let's get out there and enjoy our Vettes!!

# Colorado Springs Corvette



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NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website

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