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# The Vette Set

Colorado Springs Corvette Club, Inc. News

**Volume 60 Issue 3 January 2023**

"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

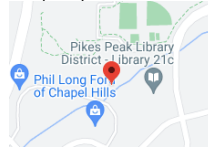
Monthly business meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of the month.

The next meeting:

**7:00 P.M. Thursday Feb. 2, 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. 31, 2023**

Chris Capshaw  
Email Board Meeting

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

## 74 Members Present at the January Meeting

Don Adametz	Jane Creighbaum	Alice Lester	Anita Smith
John Amen	Scott Cronk	Jacob Lester	Julia Smith
Gail Applekamp	Nani De Felice	Jeffrey Markewich	Michael Smith
Scott Applekamp	Pete De Felice	Carl Marlar	Steve Smith
Robert Balink	Susan Deidrich	Carol Marlar	Karl Soneson
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Elaine Collins	Tricia Jackson	Paul Rahne	Ronald Wynn
Tim Collins	Walt Jenkins	Nick Renfro	
Gail Creighbaum	Pete Kulzer	Anne Silvers	

## Guests At the January Meeting – Welcome!

Name	Corvette
Patrick & Lisa Driscoll	2019 White Z51 Stingray
Mark Forbes	2019 Blue Z06 Coupe



## January Meeting Minutes

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

Chris immediately thanked Maroone Chevrolet for purchasing the chairs that will be used at our club meetings. This shows the commitment that they have to our club.

**Club Charity Check presentation –** Vicki Ury thanked the club for voting in the Foundation for School District 11's automotive program as the club charity. Vicki introduced Vice President for the Foundation, Nora Brown, and Pedro Acala, graduate of Doherty High School. Nora thanked everyone for the donation that helped give grants. Pedro won a toolbox scholarship worth \$4,300 and helped him get a mechanic position at Joe Ferguson over the summer. Vicki then presented a check to Nora for \$1,125 from the club. Vicki also passed around thank you cards and a certificate of appreciation for our donations towards the Christmas basket gift cards. (See some of the thank you notes in the newsletter).

**Treasurer's Report – Anita Smith**  
Anita said that our most recent spending was for the Christmas party. Our end of the year funds in the treasury are still very comfortable.

**Secretary Report – Chris Capshaw**  
No corrections to the December minutes. Motion made to approve minutes.

**Past Events:**  
**Christmas party – Chris Capshaw**  
Chris reported that the Christmas party was a success. The new venue had great food, but the drink prices were expensive. Diana Dittman thanked the DeSchepper's for coming in at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour to pick up centerpieces, door prizes, etc and for getting things decorated and set up. (Since Diana woke up sick that morning). Diana also thanked the Smith's and Applekamp's and everyone that helped make the party a success.

**New Business:**  
**Museum Update – Chris Capshaw**  
Chris reported that Barrett was snowed in, but there are still raffle tickets to purchase including build your own Corvette. You can download the form and be sure to put Barrett's name on the form as your museum representative.

**New Cars – Upgrades – Special News:**  
Ralph Olson reported that he bought a 1990 C4 black on black to add to his collection. Gail and Jane Creighbaum bought a 2023 ceramic gray coupe Z-51. Larry Valentine said that a great source for parts is Caspers in Loveland. Tim Collins bought his grandson a C8...kiddie car. He also reported that he was having issues with his ABS light coming on in the Corvette and he brought it to Maroone Chevrolet, and they did an excellent job of fixing it.

Tom Hoepfner reported that former members, the Hobbs, are being re-assigned to Peterson AFB soon.

**Governors Report –** Walt Jenkins reported that your plastic NCCC cards will be sent via snail mail by February. There will be a governors meeting in February. The 2024 NCCC convention will be in Joplin, MO. SCCC did not renew with NCCC. Walt emphasized that we need chairpeople for events. Those with experience from past events are more than willing to help.

**Upcoming Events – Dub Bridge –** Winnie Bochnak. The Dub bridge party will be on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bring a snack or appetizer to share. The cost is \$8 per person. Winnie had a signup sheet and will have it again at the February meeting. Our Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be the last day to sign up. The event will be held at 45 Pauma Valley Drive (Gleneagle) 80921. You may also email Winne at [mikeandwinnie@aol.com](mailto:mikeandwinnie@aol.com). Or call 719-488-9660 with any questions.

**April Cone Zone –** Chris Capshaw reported that the Cone Zone Autocross will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will be no school this time, but plenty of ride alongs with experienced drivers.

**Door Prizes –** There were six door prizes. Thanks to Maroone Chevrolet and other contributors. Congratulations to the winners. A very kind gesture was made by Rick McGuffin when he won and gave his door prize to Diana Dittman.

**New Members –** Chris introduced Patrick and Lisa Driscoll who have a 2019 Z-51 just purchased two months ago. It only has 120 miles on it, but the weather is hampering them from putting more miles on it. They wanted to learn more about their Corvette and felt joining the club would help. Also introduced was Mark Forbes (former member from the decade of 2000). Mark has a 2019 ZO6.

As a final comment Chris reported that his Grand Sport is finally fixed after 6 long months.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

*Minutes by Diana Dittman.*



### Jan/Feb 2023 Calendar

Tue	Jan 31	CSCC Board Meeting via email	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Feb 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Sat	Feb 11	Dub Bridge Card Party	Mike & Winnie Bochnak
Tue	Feb 28	CSCC Board Meeting	Jodi DeSchepper
Thu	Mar 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North

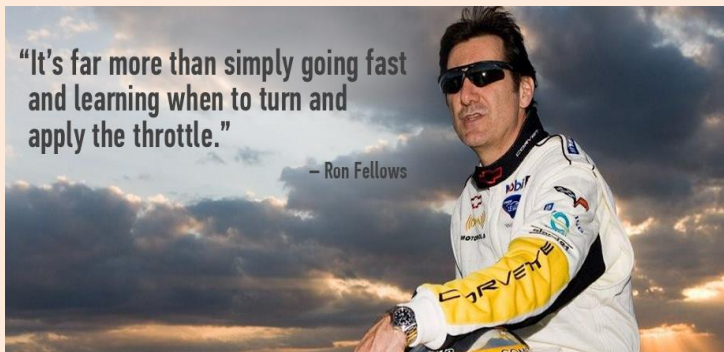
Calendar dates as of January 15, 2023.

For the latest updates, flyers, and pictures, check out events on our webpage: [www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org](http://www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org)

# Ron Fellows Driving School – Stage 1

Submitted by Jodi DeSchepper

Once again Todd and I headed to Pahrump, NV to attend the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School. We had both take the Corvette Owners Schools for the C7 (Todd for the ZR1 and I for the Grand Sport) and for the C8's. This time Todd took the next step – Stage 1. This class was similar to the Corvette Owners School, however it focused less on Corvette electronics and more on universal car control and cornering techniques. It included even more track time and an introduction to open lapping. With open-lapping, Todd learned how to safely and properly pass other drivers without being guided by an instructor. It also included instructor lead/follow track sessions and student lead/follow track sessions. Todd was on the same track as when he took the ZR1 owners' school. He obtained a faster top speed with the ZR1(135 mph) however he had a better time with the C8. He learned how to improve his technique, thus lowering his time with the great instruction from the trainers. As many of you know the program at the school is top notch and if you decide to take the additional step, we highly recommend it. Todd is looking into taking Stage 2 in the future. They currently had one Z06 on-site. It was torch red and a beauty. They plan on offering a Z06 class starting in April so they will have to increase their fleet.



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1 / 2 page	\$20.00/month

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

## Colorado's Corvette Community Continues to Thrive

By: Caden Soto, Colorado State University

From the absurdly quick speeds to the sleek and timeless designs, Corvettes have stayed prominent within car culture throughout the United States. While the classic feel has always been a big draw for the brand, fans of the American made sports cars have something new to look forward to. The new 2023 Z06 has a new naturally aspirated V8 engine, the most powerful naturally aspirated V8 engine in GM history.

Mike Neufeld, a semi-retired Corvette technician, is giving the new model high praise due to its supercar capabilities, and its reasonable price point. "The Z06 to me is a true supercar," said Neufeld. "It's a naturally aspirated engine... with a flat-plane crank shaft, which allows greater revs by far."

Neufeld has worked at Daniel's Long Chevrolet since 2007, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado. This dealership was the home to the Colorado Springs Corvette Club from 2012 to 2022. The Colorado Springs Corvette Club is the largest of the state's 12 Corvette clubs with 320 members, and just celebrated its 60th Anniversary. Some are excited about the announcement of the new, mid-engine, 2023 Z06 Corvette.

Car enthusiast Cesar Gonzalez felt that the excitement radiating from the new Z06 is just what is to be expected from Corvette. "Corvette definitely gets better and better throughout the years, so I would say this will get a lot of publicity," said Gonzalez. "I know folks might think it's just another car with a powerful engine, but if you took the time to look into it, you'd see the differences," said Gonzalez.

Neufeld noted that rising gas prices, and incentives to buy electric cars might compete with the engine innovation. Even recently a leak of a mockup model for a hybrid engine Corvette, caused an overall stir and mix of emotions. "There's definitely an interest in electric cars... that would be why Corvette is going to build their E-Ray," Neufeld said. The E-Ray will not be fully electric, but it will be unlike a car Corvette has ever produced before. "It's going to be a hybrid type gasoline engine that powers the rear wheels, and it'll have electric planetary drives on the front, so you're basically looking at an all-wheel drive Stingray, which is going to be pretty amazing in itself," Neufeld said. This model is vastly different from the typical rear-wheel drive, gas engine, sports cars Corvette is known for.

Car lovers are split between loving or hating electric vehicles, but some can find joy in both. Daniel Trejo, an automotive technician student at Front Range Community College, noted that he finds fascination in both sides of car production. "Every car is welcomed," said Trejo. "I find fascination in cars in general. Anything can be interesting... new technology is interesting," Trejo said.

Neufeld said he enjoys all the facets of car clubs. "It seems like every weekend in the summer there's a race, a rally, a car show," said Neufeld. "There's something there for everybody... people like the camaraderie and like to be a part of something where people are having fun."

Trejo agreed that the car community is diverse. "Everyone is nice, and welcoming, and helpful," said Trejo. "You really see everything. From cars to bikes, everything is out here (in Colorado)."

- The new Z06 has 670 horsepower, while the Stingray has 495 horsepower
- It also boasts 460 lb.-ft of torque, the same as the Stingray model
- The new Z06 is built with a 5.5 Liter Naturally Aspirated V8 Engine, while the older Z06 models had a Supercharged V8.



- The 2023 model is the most powerful Naturally Aspirated V8 Engine in GM History
- Flat-Plane Crank Shaft allows for “Ferrari Sounds”

Sources; <https://gmauthority.com/blog/gm/chevrolet/corvette/2023-chevrolet-corvette/2023-chevrolet-corvette-z06/>, <https://www.capitolchevy.com/chevrolet-reviews/2022-corvette.htm>



The sun shining on Mike Neufeld’s 2007 C6 Z06 Corvette  
Photo by: Mike Neufeld

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## *18th -Almost-Annual-Dub Bridge Card Party*

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)**. We plan on having 8 tables, so sign up by e-mail or at the CSCC February meeting. **Payment is due by February 2, 2023**. Questions call 719-488-9660.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 11, 2023

**WHERE:** 45 Pauma Valley Drive (Gleneagle) 80921

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

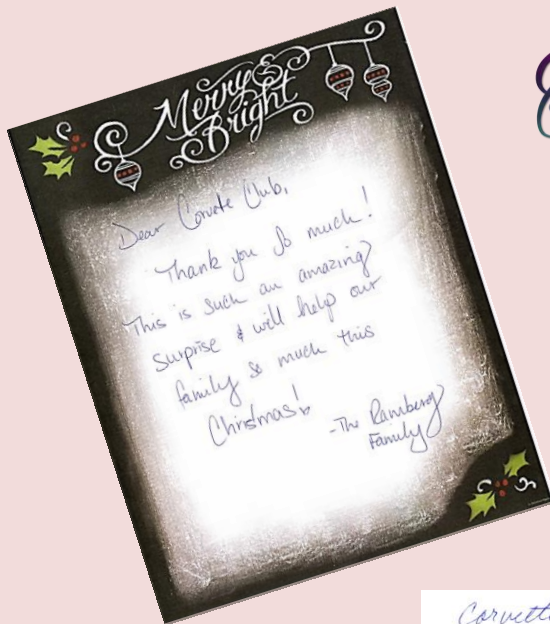
**COST:** \$8.00 per person

**RSVP:** Sign up and pay Juanita Bochnak at the February General Meetings or E-Mail ([mikeandwinnie@aol.com](mailto:mikeandwinnie@aol.com))

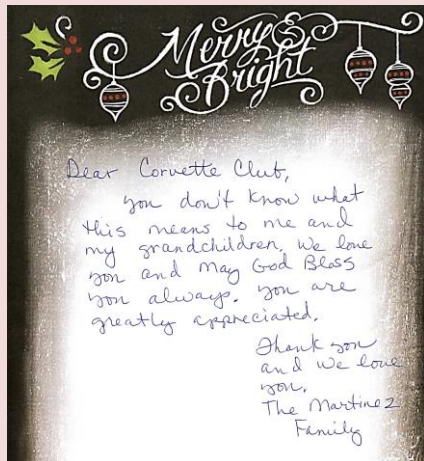
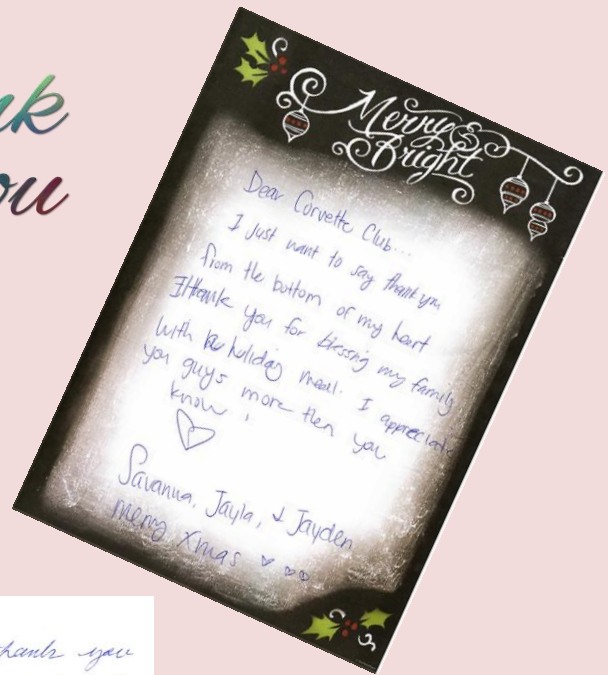


*Please bring an appetizer or snack to share*

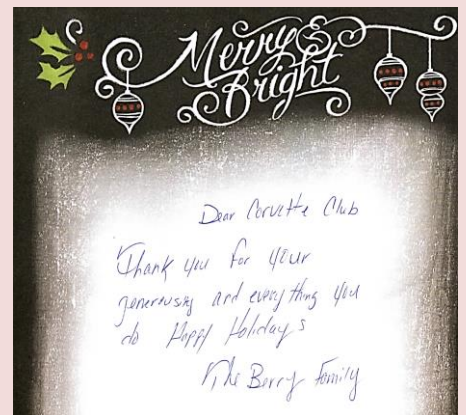
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## 2024 Chevy Corvette E-Ray Hybrid Debuts Jan. 17

The first hybrid Chevrolet Corvette is coming soon.

Chevy in an Instagram post on Tuesday confirmed the debut of the electrified 'Vette for Jan. 17 and posted a video showing off some of the car, which will be called the Corvette E-Ray.

The video shows the car will have a Stealth mode that will enable it to run on electric power alone. However, there are no details on what range or top speed will be possible in this mode.

Unmasked prototypes are currently testing in the wild, and photos of the car briefly showed up on Chevy's website last month. They confirm the Corvette E-Ray will feature the same wide-body design as the Corvette Z06 that arrived for 2023, though the Z06 features black accents for its aero parts whereas the E-Ray sticks with body color.

The E-Ray is expected to feature one or possibly two electric motors powering the front axle and the regular Corvette Stingray's 6.2-liter V-8 powering the rear axle. An electric motor integrated with the C8 Corvette's 8-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, and capable of driving the rear wheels, is also a possibility, judging by a recent patent.

Peak output is expected to fall anywhere from 600-650 hp. A more powerful hybrid configuration is expected during the C8 Corvette's product cycle, and rumors say it will be a range-topping variant called the Zora.

Sales of the Corvette E-Ray are due start in the summer.

Chevy eventually plans to introduce a fully electric Corvette, though most likely not until the arrival of a redesigned C9 Corvette. General Motors has said it aims to have all of its light vehicles powered by electricity by 2035. What might surprise some is that the electric Corvette lineup may eventually be expanded with additional body styles, such as an SUV. However, nothing on that front has been confirmed yet.

Source: Vijayenthiran, Viknesh. *MotorAuthority*, January 10, 2023.





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