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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, Oct. 5, 2023 Meeting Location

Mike Maroone Chrevrolet 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, October 3, 2023

Lorren Loewen 18090 Blacksmith Drive Peyton, CO 80831

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

#### 91 Members Present at the September Meeting

Gail Applekamp Scott Applekamp Todd Barnhardt Barrett Benson Luther Benson Mike Burks Jean Cantu John Cantu Chris Capshaw Jonathan Capshaw Elaine Collins Tim Collins Jim Covey Stephanie Covey Scott Cronk Nani De Felice Pete De Felice Jodi DeSchepper Todd DeSchepper Diana Dittman

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#### Guests At the September Meeting – Welcome!

Name Corvette
Richard Prescott 2019 Elkhart Blue Grand Sport

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*Annual CSCC Membership Renewal\*\*\*\*\*

Coming soon – look for your membership renewal notice in the mail in October. Payments are due no later than Thursday November 2, 2023. Make it easy - Bring to the November meeting Or Mail to Anita Smith, Treasurer as instructed on the renewal notice.



#### **September Meeting Minutes**

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

Thank you goes to Maroone Chevrolet-North, and anonymous door prize donors. Several door prizes were enthusiastically selected by the meeting attendee winners! Also, thank you to Maroone Chevrolet-North for providing chairs and pre-meeting snacks.

Charity Check Presentation - Rich Frizzell, Mike Burks, Rick McGuffin, Vicki Ury. Rick McGuffin announced that 66 cars attended the Mike Maroone Charity Corvette Show. \$2,485 were the proceeds from the show. He sent out a big thank you to Curt, Josh, and the staff of Maroone Chevrolet as well as thanking all the volunteers. Vicki Ury than brought up Ron Wynn, Gerry Turner, Dave Ury, Gwenda and Larry Valentine, and Tom Ury to present a check to Wayne Hutchinson from the Foundation for School District 11. Rich Frizzell from Maroone Chevrolet also presented a check to Wayne. Wayne expressed his deep gratitude to the club. In total with club matching checks totaling just under \$7500 were presented.

Member of the Season Drawing – Chris Capshaw and Rich Frizzell. For the summer member of the season Rich drew a name and the winner was Roseanne Riggi-Knudson.

#### 2024 Officer Nominations - Chris Capshaw

The following nominations were made and accepted:

President - Scott Cronk

1st Vice President – Todd DeSchepper

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Rick McGuffin

Treasurer - Gary Yale

Secretary - Pete De Felice

Governor - Walt Jenkins

Nominations will be opened up again next month before the main election and also nominations for the 2 board members will be taken after the election.

#### Treasurer's Report - Anita Smith

A busy month, paid out several invoices. The club is still comfortable however our reserves are declining.

#### Secretary Report - Jodi DeSchepper

No corrections or updates to the August 2023 minutes. The August minutes were approved as posted.

#### Past Events

August 19 – Inn at the Garden Plaza Car Show – Chris Capshaw. 16 Corvettes attended. It was a nice show with cash and trophy prizes. The residents were very happy to see the cars.

**September 2 – RMR Car Show – Chris Capshaw.** 8 Corvettes from CSCC attended and 4 took home 1st place trophies.

#### **New Business**

#### Homecomings - Rick McGuffin

Several homecomings coming up. Please watch for the emails and volunteer if possible. Remember proceeds go to the Christmas Basket fund.

#### Christmas Gift Cards - Brent Renholm

This is the 41st year of this community event. It is only possible with the members donations and the donations we receive from High School homecoming events. If possible, please add some additional funds to your club renewal for this worthy cause

#### Museum Update - Barrett Benson

Barrett is back after a trip to the NCM, which celebrated it 29th anniversary. The exhibits have changed so please try to visit and check it out. He also mentioned that the club is an annual supporter of the NCM and receives 6 free tickets to the NCM so if you are planning on visiting the NCM please contact Barrett for a free ticket. He has several different raffle tickets for sale. The sky dome has completely changed, now with TV's that tell different stories. Barrett will start adding slides about the museum in his monthly article so be sure to check it out.

#### New Cars - Upgrades - Special News:

Pete and Nani De Felice recently took ownership of a beautiful 2021 white C8.

Chris Capshaw made a very special announcement to his son Jonathan Capshaw and the club members. He gave a short history of how they had begun their journey with Corvettes and how Jonathan had wanted a Red Metallic Mist C8 since they first came out. Chris told him to wait for 2025. Much to Jonathan's surprise Chris had purchased a new 2023 Red Metallic Mist C8 and it was revealed to Jonathan and the club. It was priceless to see Jonathan. Chris had sold his 2019 Grand Sport to former member Richard Prescott who was there to see the surprise. Everyone was excited for Chris and Jonathan.

#### Governors Report - Walt Jenkins

RMR Update: RMR autocross brought in 35 drivers. Everyone had a good time.

NCCC Update: Next year convention will be May 11- 18 so the CSCC FITS car show will be June 1st. The Governors meeting is coming up.

#### **Upcoming Club Events & Activities:**

**Sept. 23 – Gunnison Getaway – Todd DeSchepper.** Please plan on attending the 2<sup>nd</sup> year

of this event. A caravan will be going up Friday morning. Rick McGuffin will start a caravan for Saturday morning for anyone interested. There will be a car show and rallye featuring Todd's stupid, fun games. Please pre-register and send money to Anita. It should be a fun event for all.

September 30 – Fall Colors Cruise – Chris Capshaw. Meeting at Rudy's and heading out to see the fall colors. Will return for lunch.

October 15 - Fall Autocross - Walt Jenkins. This will be a blast as it is on the inside track at PPIR. Please register online. Come on out to run, be a passenger or just enjoy watching others.

November 5 – S'No Flake Rally – Dan and Linda McCarty. Dan and Linda performed a continued their skit to teach members about the upcoming Rally. Please register online. The rally will end at a fabulous restaurant for lunch. There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Will be a really fun day.

**December 13 – Club Christmas Party – Chris Capshaw.** Will be held at Wedgewood and the theme is a Country Christmas. There will be entertainment, good food, and just a great time. Please sign up.

#### New Members - Rick McGuffin

Guests in attendance were Richard Prescott. A former member who moved last year but came back to pick up Chris Capshaw's Grand Sport.

Tom Phillips still has some Corvette picture frames for sale at \$70 a piece.

Please be sure to check out the events calendar on the CSCC website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Jodi DeSchepper





#### October/November 2023 Calendar

Sat	Sep 23	Gunnison Getaway	Todd & Jodi DeSchepper
Sat	Sep 30	CSCC Fall Colors Cruise	Chris Capshaw
Tue	Oct 3	CSCC Board Meeting	Lorren Loewen
Thu	Oct 5	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Sun	Oct 15	CSCC Fall Autocross	Don Adametz and Walt Jenkins
Tue	Oct 31	CSCC Board Meeting	Lorren Loewen
Thu	Nov 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Mike Maroone Chevrolet North
Sun	Nov 5	S'no Flake Rallye	Dan & Linda McCarty
Sun	Nov 5	S'no Flake Rallye	Dan & Linda McCarty

Calendar dates as of September 15, 2023.

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

#### CSCC Highway Beautification Submitted by Ted Severn

Ably led by our Club President, Chris Capshaw, members of the Colorado Springs Corvette Club gathered eagerly on Saturday, July 29th, for the second 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 7:30 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 Colorado, clear, warm, sunny summer day. At about 8:05 am Highway Beautification chairmen Gary Walters and Ted Severn briefed attendee-volunteers on the concept of the operation and safety. We started a little earlier in order to beat the heat. 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 23 absolutely super member/volunteers who showed-up that morning...in 7 Corvettes and a number of other support vehicles. Everybody happily and aggressively completed their clean-up task in about 1 hour, 20 minutes. The good news is that they were emboldened by occasional shouts of encouragement, horn honks and thumbs-up gestures by passers-by...even one volunteer for the next time. After reaching "mission complete", equipment was quickly turned-in and members said their 'good-byes" and dispersed in order to enjoy the remainder of a beautiful Summer day. Thank you all very much for participating in this worthy event; a great success everyone! Job well don

#### Cruise Above The Clouds Car Show

Submitted By Rick McGuffin

It was an early day for CSCC members Pete De Felice, Pete & Alta Olejnik, and Gary & Debbie Yale. Not only did they bring their own show cars, they arrived early at Memorial Park in Woodland Park to help park cars for the 31st annual "Cruise Above The Clouds" car show. Other CSCC members present for the show were: Mike & Diana Dittman, Calvin Helus, Dan & Janet Koplow, Rick McGuffin, Ralph Olson, and Charles Smagala. Nani DeFelice arrived later in the morning. Ralph Olson brought his 1996 Saleen Mustang, and Pete & Alta Olejnik showed their Chevrolet 3100 Pick-up. Scott & Gail Applekamp (also CATC members), were supporting the show by parking cars, judging, and working the registration booth. The weather was definitely "car show" weather; about 75 degrees, mostly sunny, and plenty of shade available in the park.

There were 268 cars of all kinds. Old, classic, modern, and a lot of custom cars were present for the show. The proceeds of the show went to two organizations; the Teller County Regional Animal Shelter, and Food For The Needy. There was continuous music, door prize drawings, concessions, and a great lunch set-up with a huge variety of grilled food and snacks.

Gary & Debbie Yale won 1st Place for their '63 Split Window in the '53 – '82 Corvette class, and Pete & Nani De Felice won 1st Place for their '21 Stingray Coupe in the '84 – '23 Corvette class. Everyone enjoyed a great car show with good friends, and a lot of very nice show cars.









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

For website & newsletter advertising (Deadline – 10th of the month)

#### Mike Maroone Charity Corvette Show Submitted by Rick McGuffin

The largest Corvette show in the Colorado Springs area took place August 12, 2023 at Mike Maroone Chevrolet North. Sixty-six Corvettes from generations C2 thru C8 and one "special interest" GTO were presented by their proud owners to raise funds for the "Foundation for District 11" charity. Beginning at 6am, volunteers were already preparing for registrations and parking to begin at 7am. Vicki Ury arrived shortly after at the registration desk and began collecting additional donations for the "Foundation." The weather forecast was a bit overcast, but the Corvettes rolled in, parked, and completed registration. One by one, the parking ushers precisely parked the Vettes by generation. By 10am, we had a light rain sprinkle that lasted about 15 minutes. No one was discouraged and continued displaying their Corvettes and socializing across the parking area. By noon, the voting was complete, and the ballots were diligently counted, some even doubled counted. The awards were presented at 1pm. Donnie Lovett, auto shop instructor at Daugherty HS, helped present the awards.

#### Here are the results:

C2: 1st-Gary & Debbie Yale; 2nd-John Harris; 3rd-Nick Renfro

C3: 1st-Mike & Diana Dittman; 2nd-Walt & Nancy Jenkins; 3rd-Krystal Harrison

C4: 1st-Mike Burks; 2nd-James Snyder; 3rd-Mike Hoffman C5: 1st-Dick McGraw; 2nd-Tanya Whalen; 3rd-Carl Marlar

C6: 1st-Rick McGuffin; 2nd-Tony Gonzalez; 3rd-Tom & Maite Hanon C7: 1st-Andrew Bochnak; 2nd-Carol Mendoza; 3rd-Gerry Turner C8: 1st-Tom Phillips; 2nd-Juanita Bochnak; 3rd-Mathew Robertson

CUS: 1st-Bruce Dikeman; 2nd-Scott & Karen Edgar

Dealer's Choice: John Harris

People's Choice: Scott & Karen Edgar

Many thanks to all the great volunteers who made this Corvette show a wonderful success!

Remember, "If you don't look back at your car after you park it, you bought the wrong car."









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

#### Fall Autocrosses

#### 4 Low Speed Autocrosses

#### \$30 per race or all 4 for \$110

#### Sunday – October 15, 2023

Pikes Peak International Speedway - Fountain, Colorado

Take I-25 to exit 122

Note that we will be using the INSIDE Track, not the parking lot!

Gates Open at 7:00 am, Autocross 1 starts at 9:00 am

Tech Inspection 7:30 to 8:30am Drivers meeting 8:45am Course is hot: following meeting

Low Speed Autocross 1: Sanction # RM-183-007

Low Speed Autocross 3: Sanction # RM-183-009

These will be work/run events. All participants will be required to help as requested.

Low Speed Autocross 2: Sanction # RM-183-008 Low Speed Autocross 4: Sanction # RM-183-010

#### Online Registration at:

https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=15

Registration closes at midnight on October 12, 2023

Checks payable to CSCC and mail to: Anita Smith 12202 GOODSON RD.

Colorado Springs, CO 80908

VENMO Payments can be made to @Anita-Smith-88

Exhaust: OPEN

Car numbers should to be at least 6 inches tall, applied to both sides of the car, and of contrasting color from the ca Snell Approved helmets not more than 10 years from date of manufacture are required for all events. Class 3 cars are required to have and Class 2 cars are suggested to have a Fire Extinguisher.

Safety and/or NCCC Rulebook infractions may result in disqualification or rejection from current and future event participation, No refunds will be made in this instance. Restrooms are available

Note: Non-NCCC participants are NOT covered under NCCC Insurance

Chairpersons:

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Governor: Walt Jenkins	WaltJenkins@comcast.net



#### COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB

#### S'No Flakes Rallye

Sunday, November 5, 2023



#### GIMMICK RALLYE SANCTION #RM-183-R01

Starting point: Wendy's Parking Lot 705 Garden of the Gods Rd. Colorado Springs, CO 80907

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON-LINE: 10 am - Thurs., Oct. 31, 2023

Tech Inspection 9:00 am – November 5, 2023 Driver's Meeting 9:50 am – November 5, 2023 First Car out at 10:00 am – November 5, 2023

\$30 Per Car (Driver and Navigator), \$35.00 at event

Please fill out the pre-registration form; or register the day of the event. https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration\_ php?eventId=16

#### NCCC Rules will be used for this event

#### Governor

Walt Jenkins 230 E. Stirrup Trail Monument, CO 80132 (719) 337-1143

Dan & Linda McCarty 4482 Campus Bluffs Ct. Colorado Springs, CO. 80918 (918) 857-5258

1-25 and Garden of the Gods (Exit 146), west on Garden of the Gods. First traffic light turn left on Chestnut St. Registration will be in the Wendy's parking lot.

Non - NCCC members are not covered by NCCC insurance

## Rocky Mountain Region 2023 Annual Corvette Show Submitted by Rick McGuffin

The RMR Annual Corvette show was held Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Yoder Chevrolet, Ft Lupton, CO. The show was hosted by the Top Of The Rockies Corvette Club. Six CSCC members; Mike Burkes, Bob Knowles, Rick McGuffin, Wayne Umland, Brian Enger, and Roger Miller (also of CAR), departed Cheddars, Interquest, at 6:15am traveling to Yoder Chevrolet as a group. Gary and Debbie Yale drove up separately. There was coffee and donuts for all entrants and the registration went smoothly. Everyone touched up their cars after the morning drive and began to mingle. Hats, T-shirts, and an Adams Mystery Box were some of the door prizes being awarded during the show. There was a 50/50 raffle which was won by our own Brian Enger.

At the end of the show, the ballots were counted and most of the entrants moved to Wholly Stromboli, 2 blocks away from Yoder Chevrolet. Italian buffet was served, and more door prizes were given away. Then the awards. CSCC winners today were; Gary & Debbie Yale - 1<sup>st</sup> Place C2, Mike Burks – 1<sup>st</sup> Place C4, Bob Knowles – 1<sup>st</sup> Place C5, Rick McGuffin – 1<sup>st</sup> Place C6. Another good show with good weather, nice cars and great people.







#### RMR Labor Day Weekend Autocross Submitted by Chris Capshaw

What better way to spend a Sunday on a Labor Day Weekend, than to spend it racing your Corvette around Pikes Peak International Raceway (PPIR). That is exactly what members of our club did, along with members from the various clubs of the Rocky Mountain Region. The weather was hot, but not as hot as the racing. If you missed it, you'll want to make plans to take in our club's autocross at PPIR on October 15th. This is what Corvettes are designed for, and it'll be a fun time.













#### Fond Memories of Years Gone By Submitted by Chris Capshaw

The next best thing to making fond memories, is remembering them. On a warm, bright August 19th, sixteen club Corvettes, and one invited Corvette, were put on display at the Inn at the Garden Plaza retirement home. While the Corvette owners were making memories, the residents were reliving them. Hundreds of residents of the home came out, and admired America's only true sports car. Many posed for photos next to their favorite Vette. The home provided lunch and prizes, and a one-man band called "Lone Wolf," kept everybody rocking by playing hits from when music was really music. Scott & Gail Applekamp and their 1964/67 Sting Ray, took home a 1st place trophy, and a \$100.00 cash prize. Jack & Alice Lester with their 2020 HTC, got 2nd place and a \$75.00 cash prize. Ryan & Jenna Starling's 2023 Z06, took home 3rd place and a \$50.00 cash prize. The Starlings graciously donated their cash winnings back to an on-site Alzheimer's charity and gave their trophy to a resident who took a fancy to it. Well done Ryan & Jenna. All club members and the staff of the home; would agree the event was a success and made a huge impact on the residents. A special thank you goes out to all the club members who participated.







### Tri-Lakes Cruisers 20th Annual Charity Car Show Submitted by Rick McGuffin

August 27th began with some morning fog as six club members headed towards Monument to meet up and arrive as a group. By 6:45am, most of the fog had lifted and the group of six; Mike Burks, Pete De Felice, Steve Kennedy, Rick McGuffin, Wayne Timura, and Gerry Turner, moved towards the car show, in downtown Monument. Other club members who arrived separately were; Mike & Winnie Bochnak with their McLaren and C8, Walt Jenkins with his 1956 T-bird, Carl & Carol Marlar with their C5, and Lynn Wittrock showed his 1965 "GTO - El Camino." Chris & Jonathan Capshaw were on site admiring the cars, taking pictures, and recruiting new club members. Other members; Tad Brown, Mike Dittman, Nani De Felice, Rob & Susan Miskowitch, and Jim Snyder, all participated as spectators.

Special recognition goes out to CSCC members; John Amen, John Gue and Rick Marriner, who are also members of Tri-Lakes Cruisers, and were working the show by parking cars, and generally helping where needed.

The purpose of the show was to raise funds for the Tri-Lakes Cares charity, which supports disadvantaged families in the Tri-Lakes area. Over 40 trophies were awarded at this event, in more classes than I can recall. CSCC winners that day were: Winnie Bochnak, Mike Burks, Steve Kennedy, and Lynn Wittrock. Everyone had a wonderful time, with good weather, good people, and great cars!







## Fort Carson Car Show Submitted by Bob Knowles

On August 5th, the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Directorate on Fort Carson, held the first of many car shows to come. Out of the 50 cars, trucks, and cycles on display, the CSCC entered 6 beautiful Corvettes. Members in attendance were Gary Walters, Rick McGuffin, Manfred and Ve Etta Bradley, Gary Turner, and yours truly. Trophies were awarded to some really cool vehicles like a completely restored 1951 Orange Ford F100. Out of over 200 votes cast, the CSCC managed to secure 2nd and 3rd place trophies in the Modern Muscle class that went to Rick and Gary Turner respectively. It was a beautiful day with lots going on the sidelines. Hopefully we can get a few more Corvettes out next year." SAVE THE WAVE (\*\*)











# You are invited to the Colorado Springs Corvette Club Christmas Party

# A Country Christmas

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 The Wedgewood at Black Forest 12375 Black Forest Road Colorado Springs, CO



\$30.00 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 event. Reservations and payment due by November 30, 2023. Sorry no exceptions.

Hosted by the Chris Capshaw and Denise Phillips

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



# Barrett Benson bsqaured@q.com



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In my last column, ( December 2022 issue), I informed you that I was taking a hiatus from my monthly NCM column due to hip replacement surgery. I am in the final stages of recovery. I appreciate all the well wishes from the CSCC members and warm welcome I received at the August meeting.

I asked the membership at the September monthly meeting if they would like me to continue the slide show via the newsletter with photos and captions. The answer was yes. Therefore, I will continue the slide show in the Vette Set in this and upcoming issues, starting with the current exhibit.

#### CARL CASPER EXHIBIT, CUSTOM CARISMA

From his early struggles growing up in poverty, to becoming one of America's most accomplished automotive icons, Carl Casper is a modern-day renaissance man. His vast and diverse legacy of incredible automotive design excellence is enough to boggle the imagination. Concerning automotive design, the Casper resume is expansive. Carl designed and built dozens of "Show Rods" during the 1960s and 1970s for hundreds of indoor car shows. Those cars became plastic model kits sold across the world.

Carl's creativity lead to the building of numerous vehicles for television and the big screen, including the "Batman Returns" Batmobile™, the bright orange "General Lee" Dodge Charger, the "Knight Rider" Pontiac Trans Am, and others…which all became Hollywood stars in their own right.

The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper opened March 10, 2023 and will continue through December 2023. I have chosen to show you two of his cars for this issue.

#### **BATMOBILE**

Created by Bob Kane and Bill Finger, Batman debuted in 1939, first appearing in Detective comics #27. Batman has become one of the most iconic and recognizable characters in popular culture. Possessing no superpowers, he instills fear in the hearts of criminals, taking the look of a bat!

Warner Brothers tasked Carl to build 3 long, low, sleek and highly sculptured Batmobiles for the movie. Loaded with dozens of crime-fighting devices, this CORVETTE powered Batmobile proves to be one of the world's most popular of all Batmobiles.



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The Cosmic Invader is powered by an 108 volt electric motor. The three-wheeled chasis was customed fabricated under a body designed and built by Carl Casper.

NOTE: AN AMERICAN LOVE AFFAIR: 70 YEARS OF CORVETTE: Restored by the National Corvette Restorers Society, the Museum's newest exhibit of iconic Corvettes from each era marks key milestones in its 70 year history. The exhibit is a walk through time, including cars from the early design eras to the Corvettes that collapsed into the sinkhole in 2014. The exhibit, including artifacts, also include information about what was going on culturally at the time of each era. The displays are exhibited in the Museum's Skydome.

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# NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Website

NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website

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