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Meeting Information

Our monthly business meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of the month.

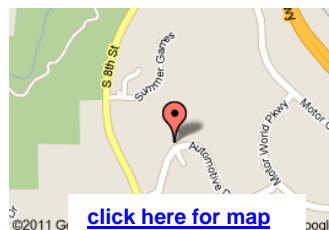
The next meeting:

7:00 P.M. Thursday May 2, 2013

Meeting Location

Daniels Long Chevrolet

670 Automotive Drive
Colorado Springs, CO
719-632-5591



After Meeting

Dinner or just drinks
Join us!

Colorado Mt. Brewery
600 S. 21st Street
Colorado Springs, CO

Board Meetings

Board meetings, open to all members, occur the Tuesday prior to the business meeting.

The chairperson for each event should attend the board meeting prior to an event.

The next board meeting:

Tuesday, April 30, 2013 7:00 pm

Gwenda Valentine's
2227 Shalimar Dr
Colorado Springs, CO
719-635-4160

Members Present at the April meeting

Don Adametz
Mike Baxter
Kathy Bitney
Gail Creighbaum
Jane Creighbaum
Brian Dahl
Mike Dittman
Diana Dittman
Jeremy Eldridge
Jessica Eldridge
Jim Fockler
Jerry Fox
Dave Hall
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Christy Hallum
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Bud Silvers
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Dan Steele
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Jerry Stermer
Dick Strauch
Patty Strauch
Melvin Swindale
Paul Thompson
Tom Ury
Gwenda Valentine
Larry Valentine
Craig Wisniewski
Lynn Wittrock

Guests Present

Name	Corvette	Meetings Attended	Sponsor
Bob & Donna Ribisi	1999	3-Feb/Mar/Apr	Barb Hoepfner
Edwin Cano	2006 Blk Coupe	1-Apr	Larry Valentine
Dave & Charli Trespass	'69/'98 Conv	2-Mar/Apr	Lorren Loewen
Will Draper	2007 Red Conv	1-Apr	Don Anderson
Butch Herschel & Diane Holmes	2012 Coupe	1-Apr	Lorren Loewen
Rails Ryals	2012 Grnd Sprt	1-Apr	Rick Mendoza

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting was called to order by Rik Noring at 7:02 p.m. - filling in for vacationing Tom Hoepfner.

Guests were introduced by Diane Stermer. Bob and Donna Ribisi were voted in as new members.

Treasurer's Report - Lorren Loewen reported on balances in designated funds and budgeted funds. Current funds are tight, but expecting more receipts in apparel sales to replenish the treasury.

March meeting minutes – With motion from Walt Jenkins and 2nd from Jerry Ludke, the March minutes were approved as published.

Car News or Upgrades –

Bob Pinkston can give hints on how *NOT* to store a car in a barn. After almost a year of recovery, disinfecting, sanitizing, and Corvette Center help, Bob finally has the 1996 Vette back on the road. As witnessed at the recent GEM gathering on a snowy day, Larry Valentine shared his observation that “driving in inclement weather is all in the tires”.

Rik introduced Brian Jenkins, parts department manager for Daniels Long. Brian encouraged members to take advantage of the CSCC member benefits available.

Club Merchandise – Lorren Loewen reported new apparel available before each meeting at 6:30 p.m. To place an order, or if you have questions contact Laurie Loewen or Barb Hoepfner. Reorders of the designated Club t-shirt require a minimum order of 24. Polo shirts, sweat shirts, and other items can be ordered individually anytime.

By-Law Changes - The proposed enhancements to the membership requirements, the complete motions posted in full in the April Newsletter, were approved by 61 yes votes and 8 abstentions.

- Attend 3 meetings within 12 months;
- Allow “fast-track” transfer of NCCC members of other Clubs, or Rocky Mt Region Clubs, if approved protocols are followed;

Standing Rules Changes- Posted in full in the April Newsletter, these changes were approved unanimously.

- Allow membership reinstated if lapsed less than 9 months
- Date of Club charity nominations moved to November, with vote in December

Governor – Rik reported 3 new helmets were purchased for the Club trailer. Those new to autocrossing can borrow helmets to use or for a ride-a-long.

Walt Jenkins passed around sign-up sheets for working the April 20-21 driving school and autocrosses.

Upcoming events: Check the webpage event calendar for most up-to-date information.

- **May 5th** – La Junta autocrosses rescheduled from March. Some workers needed, wear boots.
- **May 11th** – Fun In the Sun at the Corvette Center. Longest running Concours Car Show at Corvette Center.
- **May 19th** – Where's Waldo – Poker and Gimmick Rallye. Grand prize - Two AFA Football Season Tickets.
- **June 9th** – Go-Cart Track in Grand Junction. Limited entrants. Register soon.
- **Sept 21st** – Pagosa Springs Rallye and Car Show.

GarageTours-The April Garage Tour will be held at a really big garage – the WWII Aviation Museum at the Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. See webpage event calendar for details. RSVP and fee required.

Tom Ury has graciously agreed to coordinate and assist anyone wishing to host a garage tour. Months June–December are still available. Please contact Tom Ury.

50/50 drawing collected \$170; \$85 goes to the General Fund; \$85 won by Jane Creighbaum.

Door Prizes- Provided by Daniels Long. TJ Larson winning the black leather black sports bag brought a collective groan; Laurie Hauschild won the Corvette hat, and Jerry Ludke the ZR1 visor. All ZR1 owners, be looking for Jerry at the next event. He might be willing to trade the visor for a nice cold drink or something.

Good News/Bad News suitcase- TJ Larson bid \$45 for the privilege of opening the suitcase, due back in June.

Auction – Daniels Long- Mark Barton surprised everyone with a bid of \$100 for a Pepsi Banner – “sponsored by Vettes on the Rockies”, which just appeared in the Club trailer. And just like that, his bid of \$100 saved it from obscurity. Actually, it was nearing 8:00 p.m. Perhaps he just wanted to cut the auction short. Whatever reason, thank you Mark.

There was only one taker for the 2 canopies being auctioned off from the Club trailer. No bids, only one interested, so congratulations, Bud Silvers, they are yours.

“Highway Beautification Project”: David Hall reported April 6th as the next trash pick-up date. Meet at 8:00 a.m., followed by breakfast. Check details and map for location on the webpage event calendar.

GEMs – A Greet, Meet, and Eat gathering was scheduled for the same day of the Club's “Highway Beautification Project”, also referred to as “Trash pick-up”. The new GEMs have been a hit in the winter months. However, members were encouraged to check the event calendar to avoid conflicts. Consider joining the other greeting, meeting, eating and “working” members that are having fun supporting the scheduled Club events.

Meeting was adjourned: 7:58 p.m. with dinner following at Texas Roadhouse.

May Calendar

Sat	Apr 26-27	NCCC National Governor's Meeting	St Louis, MO
Sat	Apr 27	Garage Tour	Anne and Bud Silvers
Sun	Apr 28	SCCA Autocross	Front Range Airport
Tues	Apr 30	7pm Board Meeting	Gwenda Valentine
Thu	May 2	6:30 pm – <u>Come early</u> for Merchandise Sales	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Thu	May 2	7pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Sun	May 5	CSCC/SCCC – La Junta 3 autocrosses (rescheduled)	La Junta, CO
Sat	May 11	Fun in the Sun car show - CSCC	Corvette Center
Sun	May 12	Autocrosses	Casper, WY
Wed	May 15	Newsletter Deadline for submissions	secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org
Thu	May 16	Garage Tour	Skip Seiling/Reta Rogers see event calendar
Sun	May 19	Where's Waldo Rally - CSCC	Lorren Loewen – see flyer
Sun	May 19	Autocrosses - TORCA	Longmont, CO
Fri	May 24	6:00 PM Drag Racing night	Pueblo Motorsports (PMI)
Sat	May 25	Corvettes on Colfax	DCA - Denver
Sat	May 25	RMR Governor's Meeting	Len Lyle Chevrolet – Denver
Sun	May 26	Memorial Day Autocrosses	DCA
Sat	Jun 1	Car Show	Casper, WY
Sun	Jun 2	TORCA Autocrosses	Front Range Airport
Sun	Jun 2	Mall Autocrosses	Casper, WY
Tue	Jun 4	7:00 pm CSCC Board Meeting	Walt Jenkins
Thu	Jun 6	6:30 pm – Come early for Merchandise Sales	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Thu	June 6	7:00 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet

(Calendar dates as of April 17, 2013. For the latest updates, flyers, and pictures, check out events on webpage.)

www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org

Facebook Link

<http://facebook.com/coloradospringscorvetteclub>

Those who don't have a Facebook account can still click this link to see what the page looks like, but it would be view only...no editing allowed. To sign up for a Facebook account, click on the link above. For those who do not want to sign up for an account, when the login box appears, click "Close" on the lower right corner. Then proceed to select events for pictures or articles. NOTE: In order to update the page with comments, photos, or videos, a person with a Facebook account must go to this page and click the "Like" button.

Greet, Eat and Meet –Mar 23 - by TJ Larson

As most of you know, we announced the March 23rd GEM knowing there was a good possibility of snow. Sure enough, the wind was blowing and it was snowing! Luckily, a small group of us had braved the elements and found ourselves sitting at Bird Dog's BBQ off of Powers enjoying great conversation and delicious food.



As we were waiting for others to arrive, we heard a big rumbling coming from the parking lot. We all



turned around and to our surprise, the newly appointed "Weather Warriors" the Valentines had arrived drifting their black beauty into a parking space. You had to be there to truly experience the excitement that it created for us and other patrons as well.



We would also like to thank Carol Reel for providing the location for our latest GEM. Unfortunately, Carol is leaving the club. As it is, she recently took a vacation to Florida and fell in love with the warmer weather. With Colorado winters getting back to normal, who could blame her? We wish her well in her new life adventure. Keep in touch Carol. You will be missed! (Abridged)



Greet, Eat and Meet- Mar 30th by Kathy Bitney

As a result of a chance meeting and an invitation by Rick Mendoza, D&J Silk Screening, Richard (Dick) Hunter's son, Travis Hunter, paid a visit to the March 30th GEM. Dick Hunter provided CSCC's events with dash plaques, trophies etc for decades. Many longtime members who worked with Dick on various CSCC club events met with Travis, Dick's son in the parking lot and some inside El Super Taco.

Travis brought years of copies of what Dick had produced for the club. Growing up there were times that Travis helped his dad get a CSCC order done. He said it was remarkable to see some of the long time members again. He said it had been about 25 years since he had seen Larry Valentine.

Travis told members that he was just a small kid, but was told by members that CSCC did business with the club for over 39 years. WoW! Travis laid the memorabilia out on a table for all to see and discuss. Many members who knew Dick Hunter shared stories and spoke to Travis about his dad's great support of CSCC. Many newbies could only look at the history and marvel at what was on the table before us. At the end, Travis offered the memorabilia, which spanned many years, to the club. The generous gift will be sorted and items identified to give to the club historian.



GEM March 30 continued.....

HERE IS THE REAL TOPPER...Rick knew he had a great time and knew he's a car guy (he drag races his MoPar). So Rick reminded him of his conversation where he told Rick his plans to upgrade his MoPar and Rick said, "Travis, since you say through your dad's connection that you feel kinda like a member, why don't you carve out some of that money and get a used Corvette and join the Club." Travis responded, "I've kind of talked to my wife about it and she said if I can find a nice disco Vette (C3)'76, '78 somewhere in there, she ready!" So "America's Only True Sports Car,"... the Corvette touches people in many different ways. Last Saturday it brought together CSCC members and the son of a long time merchant supporter and all left with a warm heart and a special smile on their faces.



So in closing, and for all those members who haven't experienced the fun we have in these pre-event, early Spring weekends with GEM, take it from me, your newest club member and GEM enthusiast, you're really missing out on something special. This club is awesome and it's there for everyone to enjoy, so give it a try if you haven't already dropped by on a Saturday. You'll be hooked. (Abridged)

Highway Beautification – April 6

Thirty hearty souls showed up for the first trash pick-up of the season. It is a dirty job, always made easier when Club members pitch in to help. Twenty-nine were able to stay for breakfast at the Village Inn.



Thanks to all.....David and Shawna Hall, Gail and Jane Creighbaum, Jerry and Denise Phillips, TJ and Donna Larson, Lorren and Laurie Lorren, Larry and Gwenda Valentine, Rich and Ann Prescott, Patrick and Marilyn Kiernan, Tom Ury, Mark Hauschild, Jim and Judy Nile, Paul Thompson, Mike and Diana Dittman, Don Adametz, Bob Knowles, Jim and Bobbie Mesite, Pete and Alta Olejnik, Roger Miller.



MIKE BAXTER

and His 1998 Torch Red Corvette Coupe,

WINNERS !!!

HOT V-8 SPORT/UTILITY SHOOTOUT
MOTOR TREND
CAR OF THE YEAR
'98 CORVETTE!

Smile of a Life Time

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Mike, We'll All Miss You!

Tom & Denise Phillips, Jerry & Denise Phillips, TJ & Donna Larson, Lorren & Laurie Lorren, Larry & Gwenda Valentine, Rich & Ann Prescott, Patrick & Marilyn Kiernan, Tom Ury, Mark Hauschild, Jim & Judy Nile, Paul Thompson, Mike & Diana Dittman, Don Adametz, Bob Knowles, Jim & Bobbie Mesite, Pete & Alta Olejnik, Roger Miller, David & Shawna Hall, Gail & Jane Creighbaum, Jerry & Denise Phillips, TJ & Donna Larson, Lorren & Laurie Lorren, Larry & Gwenda Valentine, Rich & Ann Prescott, Patrick & Marilyn Kiernan, Tom Ury, Mark Hauschild, Jim & Judy Nile, Paul Thompson, Mike & Diana Dittman, Don Adametz, Bob Knowles, Jim & Bobbie Mesite, Pete & Alta Olejnik, Roger Miller.

Too soon, we say goodbye...

Mike Baxter
February 9, 1947 – April 8, 2013

Thank you to our Club members, who rallied,
prepared and participated in the tribute to Mike.





May 11th 2013
Saturday @ The Corvette Center

The Colorado Springs Corvette Club
 Presents
 The 21st Annual Fun in the Sun Carshow
NCCC Judged Carshow
 Concours • Wash & Show • Street Show
 Perfect Cars & Clean Daily Drivers



Lunch available
 Trophies & Classifications according to NCCC rules
 pre-register now at:
<http://www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org>



Event Location: Corvette Center
 18510 Midway Ranch Rd.
 Fountain, CO 80817
 I-25 Exit 119 • Look for the Pink D7 Vette on the fence!
 Car Show NCCC Sanction# RM-183-004
 Date: May 11th 2012 Cost \$20
 Registration Opens: 8:00 am MST Closes 9:45 MST
 Judging Starts-10:00 am MST
 Chairperson: Susan Umfand 719-375-4055 ext 101 Barby Robinson Ext 1228 CO 80802
 Governor: Rik Noring Chief Judge: Nick Renfro

Summer Corvette Fun In the Rockies

July 31 – August 3

**The 40th Annual
 Vettes on the Rockies**

Sponsored by
**The Looking Glass Corvette
 Association of Colorado**

The event offers four wonderful days of activities and adventures for Corvette enthusiasts in beautiful Winter Park, CO, and celebrating 60 years of the Corvette.

Activities include a Rally, Funkana Race, Autocross, and a Show 'n Shine 'judged' Corvette Car Show (Saturday August 3rd).

The event will also offer an opportunity to view The New 2014 C7s!

For more information and registration, visit
www.lgcacorvette.org.

COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB

Find Waldo and Play Poker with Us!



Where's Waldo

& Poker Rallye

May 19th, 2013

WALDO RALLYE SANCTION # RM-183-R02
CHANCE RALLYE SANCTION # RM-183-R03

The starting point will be at:
 Golden Coral Restaurant
 5410 East Woodman Road
 Colorado Springs, CO 80920



ON-LINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
 ON-LINE REGISTRATION CLOSES: May 17th
 Online Registration: <http://www.coloradospringscorvetteclub.org/Events/2013/Wheres/WaldoRallyeRegistration.php>
 Tech Inspection and Registration – 9:00 AM on May 19th
 Driver's Meeting at 10:15 AM on May 19th
 First Car Out – Right after Driver's Meeting is Complete

\$25 per car for pre-registered cars - \$30 per car if paid on day of event.

Please fill out the pre-registration form; or register the day of the event.

Grand Prize will be 2 Air Force Football Season Tickets

NCCC RULES WILL BE USED FOR THE EVENT

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DEAR CORVETTE CLUBS,
 I'm WRITING TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO. THIS PAST CHRISTMAS YOU BLESSED US WITH SOME AMAZINGLY GENEROUS GIFTS. I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN AND NEVER WILL. IT MEANT SO MUCH TO US, MY DAUGHTER GOES TO THE SAY YES CLUB, THATS HOW YOU CAME TO US.
 BLESS YOU ALL & YOUR FAMILIES. GOD LOVES YOU!

♥, Anne & Summer
 RAYNER

Get To Know Your Fellow Members

An interview with Jim and Vicki Fockler
By Diana Dittman (done via e-mail)



How long have you been a CSCC member? 7 years, since May of 2006.

What Corvette do you currently own? 2005 C6 Coupe.

Marital Status? Married for 32 years in July.

Where are you from? Jim was born and raised in Ashland, Ohio. He attended and graduated from Miami University (in Ohio). Vicki was born and raised in Dayton, Ohio. She attended and graduated from Ohio University.

How did you meet? They met playing tennis through the Dayton Ski Club. Vicki was looking for a mixed double tennis partner. When she met Jim, it was love at first sight. He says the same of her. They started dating then in 1978. They also played co-ed softball together.

Employment? Jim is a mechanical engineer. He started at Timken Roller Bearings, and then went to Steel Foundry. In 1981 he and Vicki married and moved to Colorado where Jim took a job at Martin Marietta (Aerospace Industry). They lived in Highlands Ranch for 8 years, then moved to Sedalia and built a log home on 5 acres (where they currently reside). Jim now works for Bonfils Blood Thinner where he works on the equipment that processes blood that is distributed to area hospitals.

Vicki is a speech language therapist, working for over 25 years in this field. She is semi-retired and works a couple of days a week. She plans on retiring next year.

Pets? They have a Springer Spaniel dog named Chula, 2 cats named Peanut and Kahlua and 2 horses named Bailey and Yampah.

Favorite club activity? Autocrossing!!!

Hobbies? Jim enjoys tennis, golf, skiing, photography, camping, hiking and his Corvette. Vicki enjoys the same, but does not play tennis anymore. Plus she is more involved with the horses than Jim is.

What is the best vacation you ever took? They both agree that their favorite vacation was their delayed honeymoon to Hawaii.

They spent a week on Kauai and a week on Maui. It was so beautiful and relaxing.

What is your dream corvette? Vicki says hers would be a '63 split window with side pipes. Jim says his would be a ZR1.
Other comments? They both say that the club members are so friendly and very welcoming.

Thanks for the interview, Jim and Vicki.

NCCC SUPPORTS NCM by Barrett Benson

The National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) has supported the National Corvette Museum (NCM) since its inception in 1994.

Over the years, several NCCC

Presidents have sat on NCM's Board of Directors, and many members have served as NCM Ambassadors around the country. Today, the NCCC comprises about 275 Clubs in 16 Regions across the US with over 17,500 members, many of whom are also museum members.



Museum plans have been under way for several years to build a Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY across the road from the NCM; funding is solely from donations. Contributors of \$15,000 become "One-Acre Club" members. Thus far, some NCCC members and individual Corvette Clubs have joined the "One-Acre Club". Douglas McMahan, NCCC National Director of Public Relations, announced that NCCC supports the Park on a national level, having contributed \$15,000 to the Park's "One-Acre Club". Mr. McMahan feels that NCCC, as a National Corvette organization, should continue to support NCM in promoting the Corvette, its heritage and development. NCCC believes that the Motorsports Park will add a new dimension and opportunity to the museum for all enthusiasts.

Since a portion of annual club dues are for the NCCC, all 275 NCCC Corvette Clubs have contributed indirectly to this project. Ground breaking ceremonies for the Motorsports Park will be on June 28, 2013 at the museum's 60th Anniversary Event, coinciding with the NCCC annual convention in Bowling Green. I anticipate many NCCC members will attend the ceremonies...and I'll be there!

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National Corvette 2014 Caravan News

Colorado: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>

National: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/co/>

The National page has general information and the Colorado page has more info on route, activities and hotels. Registration is now open for the event.

- Email Distribution List - cscvetties@googlegroups.com

To send an email to the entire club, use the above link. All new members are added to the list using their email address from the Club roster. If you have questions about the distribution list, please contact mikie.ulrich@gmail.com.

With this privilege comes responsibility. Please keep content specific to Club related or Corvettes. The By-laws state "Misuse of the CSCC website, Facebook page, website email, or distribution email, will not be tolerated and may result in club probation or expulsion. Please feel free to set up your own "group" for willing member participants and non-Club related content.

NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Website [NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website](#)

This link is also available on the CSCC web site. For a list of Regional Officers, Regional Clubs, expanded list of the regional Calendar of Events, Event Results, Race Number registration form, Rules and Forms, NCCC news, and more, visit and stay informed.

“He Who dies With The Most Toys Wins”

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It is no secret that the NCRS membership is graying. It is especially sad and jarring when one of our members suddenly dies! We have driven the long road together. We have become friends. We have restored, judged, driven, and talked about Corvettes with a passion usually left for mistresses.

What do we want to happen to our toys when we are gone? What do we know about our cars and parts that no one else knows? These questions don't seem to be part of our NCRS conversation. Call it avoidance or I'll get around to it tomorrow. The good news is that, so far, there have been lots of tomorrows....until there aren't.

You have spent enormous time, attention, love and money on this hobby. It has made a difference in your life. When you exit this earth, do you care what happens to the cars and parts left behind? Would you like the family to enjoy the fruits of your labor? Do you care what happens to family relationships when they must settle your estate? Families are often torn apart because they are left with conflicting or very unclear ideas of what loved ones wanted. In addition, the heirs often don't know the details that contribute to the value of their inheritance. Clarity and communication ahead of time bypasses much of the difficulty later in the transition from one generation to the next. This article offers a guide to help answer these questions. A format is provided so you can easily share some of those things only you know about your toys.

It is not unusual for people to do estate planning and then forget to update or be thorough enough. This makes it very difficult for heirs to take action for the best outcome of those left behind. A format for communicating what you know, and what your specific desires are regarding your cars and parts will put your mind at ease and provide a smother path for heirs when you are gone.

We are all familiar with a barn discovery: a C2 stored and forgotten for so long that a tree had grown up in front of the door of the barn. A chainsaw was required to open the door wide enough to push the car out on four flats. There is nothing quite as exciting as a discovery like this. It makes the restorer's heart beat hard. But who owned that car in its prime? Who bought it new? Who parked and abandoned it? What was his/her dream? Who is now responsible for cleaning out the old house and barn? What is the car worth? Does the seller (heir) have any idea of its value?

If you are a restorer, you have just hit pay dirt. If you are the family of the person who parked it in the barn, you may be happy to have a buyer, but you probably don't know much about the history, the special characteristics or the value of the vehicle. And....oh....all those boxes on the floor and in the car....filled with dirty old parts....same problem!

What goes round come round...only now you have put enormous time, money, love and attention into breathing life back into that heap. How do you feel about it now? Now, that car almost qualifies as a family member. If something happened so that you could not speak for yourself, what would you want done with your car, parts and acknowledgement of a significant part of your life? Who knows what you have, what it's worth, or what is unique about it? Do you have some very special parts in addition to the car(s) in various states of repair?

What if your family had to sell your cars and parts? Wouldn't you want them to be able to do so with the best benefit and least stress for them? Even if you are independently wealthy and don't care about the potential monetary benefit for the family, what about acknowledging the value you personally put into the hobby? A fire sale wouldn't be respectful or a caring acknowledgment of something that had been a compelling part of someone's life.

Documents needed to sell a vehicle

- Pink slip/title documents
- VIN and license plate if applicable
- Smog certificate if car is 1974 or newer in CA (This may vary for other states.)
- Is the title and registration clear with the DMV?

Legacy

Any hobby or business is an extension of you. With appropriate planning and communication, the family can find the best value...both monetary and emotional...for something you hold dear. Your legacy to the world and your family is an expression of what has been important to you. It includes not only your cars, parts and worldly goods, but the care and concern you have for your family. Don't leave them a mess difficult to untangle. Will the family be fractured with discord or will they work together as a team all pulling in the same direction? If you leave a clear message of your desires and accessible detailed information, it will be much easier for your family to work together. This article addresses only the plan for managing your cars, parts and associated materials. It should be part of a bigger picture covered by an estate plan.

Is there something that only you know about the cars and parts? What unique historical or operational information is important for others to know if they must sell off your toys? What records do you have and where are they kept? Pink slip? Bill of sale? Cost of restoration? Cost of parts? Suppliers? Invoices? Insurance policies? Who would you want the family to contact for information if you were unable to do so yourself? Do you have a team of go-to Corvette advisors? If so, who are they? How do you reach them? What are the categories of information your family would need? (See sidebar.)

There are solutions: both low tech and high tech. Buy one good sized binder for keeping track of your information. Depending upon the quantity of toys you have, this will be just a summary source or a fully detailed resource. Following are the things it needs to contain.

Car Inventory: Start with the big stuff. Make a list of your car(s) with VIN, year, make, model, options and unique features. Historical notes add value to this list. Maybe you don't like to write or creating a spread sheet with this information turns you off. Get out a video camera and talk through the list as you show it. Use the video camera even if you have a written list. Video allows the telling of stories along with the information. Find someone to interview you to make this even easier. Whatever you do, the system needs to be easy enough so that you will keep it up to date...at least for the big stuff.

Parts Inventory: This does not have to be daunting, and it can be a big benefit to you and your family. Do you know what parts you have on hand? How many parts do you have for cars no longer owned? Would anyone besides you or a parts expert know what these are, what cars they fit, and what is their value? Video with commentary is a fast and easy way to do an inventory. Burn the video files to a DVD and also store on a hard drive. Who knows what will happen to your data if the hard drive crashes or a flood swallows up your binder?

At a minimum, go through parts and label boxes. Attach description tags to items of particular value. Either list and/or video record the most important items. Weed out stuff no longer needed. Make someone happy at the next swap meet or sell the excess on eBay.

Storage and Accessibility: Store the DVDs in the binder with other documentation. Make a second copy and store somewhere else that is safe. If your information is stored in the cloud, be sure that someone knows or has access to passwords when needed. Communication and privacy are both important aspects of being prepared for the time when you cannot speak for yourself.

Update: When you buy or sell a car or significant parts, record the action on the inventory immediately. Procrastination is the enemy. Your efforts will be worthwhile both for you, right now, and for your family later.

None of this activity makes any sense if no one knows that it exists. You must tell someone you trust where this information is located and how to get to it. It can be kept with other estate planning documents. Just don't let it gather dust; this works best if you keep it up to date. Communicating what you know and what your specific desires are regarding your cars and parts will put your mind at ease and provide a smoother path for your heirs when you are gone.

Information that will add value:

Options

- Engine size/H.P.
- Transmission
- Power options: windows, brakes, steering, door locks, windshield washers, hardtop
- Other options

Accessories: What goes with the car?

- Second top
- Jack and tools
- Extra parts
- Car cover
- Other

Numbers matching/original drivetrain?

- Condition
- Rust
- Miles since new or rebuild
- Paint: original paint, original color, quality
- Restoration quality; interior/exterior/mechanical/electrical

Paper Trail

- Chain of ownership
- Awards
- Photo history of restoration
- Racing history
- Other unique history

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National Corvette 2014 Caravan News

Colorado: <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>

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The National page has general information and the Colorado page has more info on route, activities and hotels. Registration is now open for the event.

Charity News - Say YES!

As the selected Charity for 2013, Say YES! receives 1/3 of the CSCC fiscal Year membership renewal fees, and one event scheduled in 2013 is designated as a fund-raiser. (The Daniels Long Car Show event Sept. 7th has been selected for 2013)

As with all nonprofits, they have continuing needs and wishes throughout the year. If you would like to receive information regarding additional opportunities for personal giving to Say YES!, you may contact Stacy Butler directly. Simply request to be added to the email list.

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