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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 individual to the foregoing purposes.”

## Meeting Information

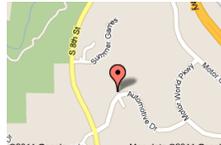
Monthly business meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of the month.

The next meeting:

**7:00 P.M. Thursday May 2, 2019**

### Meeting Location

Daniels Long  
670 Automotive Dr, Colorado Springs, CO  
719-632-5591



[click here for map](#)

## Hello Corvette Enthusiast,

### Board Meetings

Meetings are held the Tuesday prior to the business meeting.

The next board meeting:

**Tuesday April 30, 2019**

Steve Smith

12085 Sylvan Meadows

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

After the May meeting, join us for dinner, dessert, or just drinks!

## Garden of the Gods Black Bear Diner

1340 Garden of the Gods Rd

### 90 Members Present at April Meeting

Don Adametz	Brian Dahl	Donna Larson	Tom Phillips	Kathy Turner
John Ames	Peggy Dahl	Alice Lester	Wayne Pinkstaf	Wayne Umland
Don Anderson	Brian Dougherty	Jacob Lester	Ann Prescott	Susan Umland
Steve Bello	Pam Dougherty	Jimmy Linn	Rick Prescott	Ron Urban
Barrett Benson	Bob Druitt	Lorren Loewen	Paul Rahne	Jeanne Urban
Luther Benson	Di Druitt	Laurie Loewen	Nancy Rahne	Dave Ury
Winnie Bochnak	Eric Hall	Tom Lynch	George Rueter	Phyllis Ury
Tad Brown	Maureen Hall	Dan McCarty	Devon Rueter	Tom Ury
Mike Burks	Tom Hanon	Jan McCarty	Ted Severn	Vicki Ury
Andy Butterfield	Paul Hasty	Carol Mendoza	Anita Smith	Larry Valentine
Debbie Butterfield	Paul Heatwole	Rick Mendoza	Steve Smith	Gwenda Valentine
Chris Capshaw	Walt Jenkins	Roger Miller	Jeff Smith	Mike Walker
Joe Chiacchieri	Leonard Kanonik	Rob Miskowitch	Ken Starkey	Gary Wendorf
Pete Claus	Woody Kercheval	Mike Neufeld	Jerry Stermer	Colleen Williams
Jim Connors	Kea Kercheval	Jim Nile	Diane Stermer	John Williams
Sarah Connors	Bob Knowles	Judy Nile	Melvin Swindale	Wade Williams
Gail Creighbaum	Pete Kulzer	Denise Phillips	Paul Thompson	Lynn Wittrock
Jane Creighbaum	TJ Larson	Jerry Phillips	Gerry Turner	Ron Wynn

## Guests Present

Guest Name	Corvette	Meetings Attended	Sponsor
Clark & Evelyn Ross	2008 Red Z06	3-Feb/Mar/Apr	Gerry Turner
Mike & Tracey Hayes	2014 Red StgRay Z51	2-Mar/Apr	Tom & Vicki Ury
Travis & Michelle Condon	2003 Red Z06	2-Mar/Apr	Rick Mendoza
Dan Kaplow/Janet Coleman	2012 Grd Sport Coupe	2-Mar/Apr	Tad Brown
Alfred Green	2017 White 3LT	2-Mar/Apr	Gerry Turner
Todd & Jodi DeSchepper	2019 Wht/Red Conv	1-Apr	
Levi Fiedler	2003 Z06 Yellow 50th	1-Apr	Mike Neufeld
Michael Murphy	2016 Torch Red	1-Apr	Mike Neufeld
Gary Walters	2003 Red 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniv	1-Apr	

## April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Chris Capshaw. Mike Manning introduced representatives from Drive-in Autosound, located just down the road from Daniels. Thanks to Drive-in Autosound for cookies enjoyed at the meeting.

### Corvette "Court"-Merchandise-

A reminder for the memorial service for Bruce and Judy's son in law will be this Saturday. Keep them in your thoughts through this trying time. They will be at May's meeting.

**Treasurer's Report-** Anita Smith gave the March financial report. The club's budget is going well.

### March Meeting Minutes

No corrections to the March minutes as published in the April newsletter. Minutes were approved.

Gwenda Valentine discussed the volume of paper newsletters. Effective with the June newsletter, inactive members will be removed from the mailing list for newsletter distribution. All CSCC members will continue to receive the email notice when the newsletter is available on the website each month. Any inactive member preferring to receive paper copies of the newsletter can contact Gwenda to be added back to the mailing list. All members were encouraged to consider requesting their name be removed from the mailing list if they prefer reading the newsletter on the webpage, in color, and big print. Just contact Gwenda and request to be "removed".

### Past Events

RMR Awards Luncheon as reported by Lorren Loewen, was attended by forty plus members. Award certificates were given to region members. Pete Urenda awarded the Region Award to Chris Capshaw for his volunteer contributions for the year.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade:** There were eight cars decked out in their Irish finery for the parade. Several

spectators contacted the club about joining.

### Tech Inspection Garage Night:

About sixteen members attended the event at Tom and Vicki Ury's house. Tech cards were issued and are valid for one year. This saves time at the various events.

**Highway Beautification:** Tom Ury reported that nineteen members volunteered about two hours to pick up a lot of winter trash. Thanks to all who helped. Special thank you to Monica and Keith Ousley which contributed Starbucks coffee to the helpers and Chris Capshaw that handed out lottery tickets, which had a couple of winners.

### New Business

**Paul Heatwole** donated several vintage Corvette newsletters from the 68-78 years for an auction item.

**Leonard Kanonik** was the successful bidder at \$10.

### Museum Update:

Barrett Benson. Raffle tickets are still not available due to new raffle rules. Hopefully, more information will be available by the end of April. No reveal yet for the new C8's. Lifetime members may be given a tour of the new vehicle at the "Mash" event. Be sure and support as many car shows as you can.

### New Car Upgrades-Special News

**Tad Brown:** His new ZR-1 was delivered about two weeks ago after about four month wait.

**TJ Larson:** He now has a 2004 silver Z06 and after a too close call and a broken mirror he is ready to go.

**Jimmy Lin** has a new 2008 Pace Car. **Laurie (and Lorren) Loewen** have a new grandson. **Winnie (and Mike) Bochnak** have a new grandson. Congratulations!

### Rock Mountain Region and NCCC Update:

Lorren Loewen reminded the group about the Southern Colorado Autocross this Sunday and the club's first autocross the following week. Take advantage of the drivers' school that morning. For further information,

please refer to the "Governor's Notes sent by email to members.

### NCCC Updates:

Registration is still open for the Convention. Still need volunteers, please contact Vicki Ury if you can help with the Funkhana.

### Upcoming Events:

April 14: Cone Zone Autocross: Tom and Vicki Ury discussed the chance to drive at your own pace at this autocross school. It's a great opportunity to give the track a try without worrying about speed or time. Autocrosses are a big money making event for our club. Come join to participate or volunteer.

**April 18:** Car Show Preparation Garage Night: Hosted at Rick Prescott home beginning at 6:30. There will be tips on how to get your car ready for the upcoming shows.

### May 11: Fun in the Sun Car Show:

First show of the year there are multiple classes for you to enter. Come and enjoy the day with your fellow members.

### June 7-9: Glenwood Springs

**Cruise:** So far about 30 cars are signed up. Join the group for a weekend cruise and socializing.

### June 28: Drive you Vette to Work

**Day:** Save the date, location will be announced at a later date. This is a chance to show off your car, socialize and eat, what could be better?

**Guests were introduced** by Tom Phillip. Clark and Evelyn Ross were voted in as new members. Welcome.

### Door Prize Winners:

Thank you to door prize contributions from Daniels Long. Winners: Maureen Hall, Gerry Turner, Dan McCarty, Kea Kercheval, Luther Benson and Pete Kulzer.

**The Meeting was adjourned at 7:55.**

**Minutes by Phyllis Ury**

## May 2019 Calendar

Sun	Apr 28	CWCC Sanctioned Autocrosses (4)	Fruita, CO
Tue	Apr 30	CSCC Board Meeting	Steve Smith
Thu	May 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting (6:30 for merchandise sales)	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Sat	May 11	CSCC Fun in the Sun Concours Car Show	Chris Capshaw/Rick Prescott/Corvette Center
Wed	May 15	Newsletter deadline	<a href="mailto:secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org">secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org</a>
Sun	May 19	CWC Event Center Autocrosses (4)	Casper, WY
Sun	May 19	TORCA Car Show	Longmont, CO
Sat	May 25	DCA Colfax Car Show	Aurora, CO
Sun	May 26	CAR & DCA Autocrosses (11)	La Junta, CO
Mon	May 27	CAR & DCA Autocrosses (11)	La Junta, CO
Tue	Jun 4	CSCC Board Meeting	Walt Jenkins
Thu	Jun 6	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting (6:30 for merchandise sales)	Daniels Long Chevrolet

Calendar dates as of April 15, 2019.

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

# Check This Out!

## CSCC Member Recognition



Michael Sabo's 1963 Corvette Grand Sport is featured in a Vette Magazine's lengthy article, with photos, coming out in June. In addition, it can be viewed now on the [superchevy.com](http://superchevy.com) website.

Plug the address in and scroll down [www.superchevy.com](http://www.superchevy.com).

**"1963 Corvette GS the Way It Should Have been"**

**"They say things just aren't what they used to be. Thank goodness for that."**



# ATTENTION!

## Inactive Members

**The CSCC Newsletter mailing list is literally bursting at the seams.  
The box is full!**

Effective with the **June Newsletter**, long time inactive members will be removed from the newsletter mailing list. **All** CSCC members will continue to receive the monthly email announcing when the newsletter is available on the website.

However, we realize for some inactive members, accessibility to reading the newsletter on the website may not be easily available, or they just prefer the paper copy. If that is the case, please contact Gwenda Valentine at [secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org](mailto:secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org), and request to have your name added back onto the mailing list.

All other members who continue to receive the mailed newsletter, but actually prefer to read it online and in color, can opt-out of receiving the mailed newsletter. Simply email [secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org](mailto:secretary@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org), enter "Remove" in the subject line and send.



**Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019  
at the Corvette Center**

**The Colorado Springs Corvette Club  
Presents  
The 27th Annual "Fun in the Sun" Corvette  
Concours D'Elegance Car Show  
Concours • Street & Show • Wash & Show**

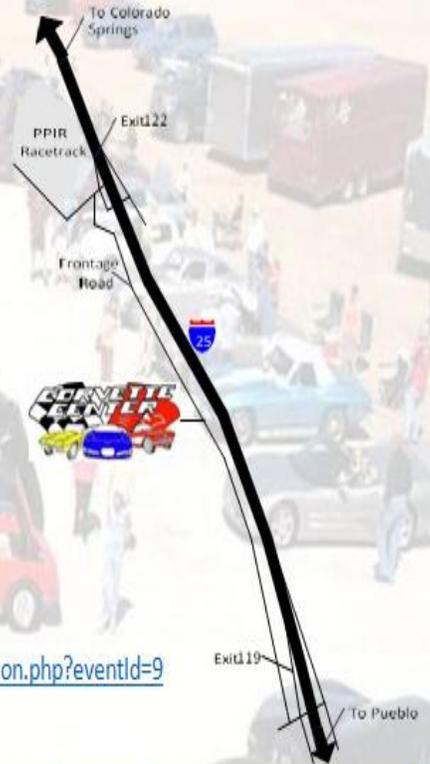
\*\*Register online at: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=9>

\*\*Online Registration closes at midnight on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Trophies & Classifications According to NCCC Guidelines



If lodging is needed, please contact chairperson.



**Corvette Center**  
18510 Midway Ranch Road  
Fountain, CO 80817

I-25, Exit 119 – Look for the Pink '57 Vette on the fence!

Car Show: NCCC Sanction #RM-183-R04  
Date: May 11, 2019  
Cost: \$25  
Lunch available for purchase!

Registration Opens: 8:00 am / Closes at 9:45 am MST

Judging Begins at 10:00 am MST  
Chairperson: Chris Capshaw – 719-440-9039  
Chairperson: Rick Prescott – 719-282-3158

Governor: Lorren Loewen – 719-749-2898  
Chief Judge: Nick Renfro

## Surviving CSCC's Tech Night – March 21

by Larry Valentine

In spite of threats of rain, snow, and inclement weather, 14 Corvettes and one Mustang arrived at Tom and Vicki Ury's house for an evening of rigorous tech inspections. Some Corvette owners were not familiar with the ins and outs of speed event tech inspections including the proper jacking procedure on their car, but with a little help from Larry Valentine and Tom Ury every driver was wheels up (and down), completing their inspection, and presented with a 2019 Tech Inspection Card. Vicki U. and Gwenda V. processed the paper work while others including Don Adametz and Chris Capshaw, pitched in when needed. By the way, the barbeque sausage, chips, dip, bench racing, and bantering were outstanding also.



## CSCC Highway Beautification – March 23, 2019

Early morning flurries did not deter 19 members from trekking down south to Hwy 85/87 for trash pickup. Monica (on crutches and wearing a boot) & Keith Ousley were there to greet everyone with coffee.

By the end, sunshine had them shedding their coats. Thanks to all who participated: Pete & Alta Olejnik, Tom & Vicki Ury, Jim & Sarah Connors, Chris Capshaw & Jonathan, Larry & Gwenda Valentine, Mike & Diana Dittman, Gary & Debbie Yale, Tom Phillips, James Linn, John & Colleen Williams, and Don Strode. Thanks to Pete and Tom U. for coordinating.



## 2019 Cone Zone Autocross School / Driving Experience and Autocrosses –

The Colorado Springs Corvette Club offers many exciting, entertaining, and successful events throughout the year. The club's first premier event this year was the Cone Zone School /Driving Experience and Autocrosses. It is the only driving experience/school in the Rocky Mountain Region. Nearly all of the Corvette clubs from our region were represented.

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> was the day after a Colorado spring snowfall. Those that arrived at Pikes Peak International Raceway at 6:00 am were greeted with frozen locks on the gates and frozen doors on trailers. We had a bit of a delay, but ingenuity reigned. Undertaking the different combination of events that are offered throughout the day does not happen without the support of a "cast of thousands". Tom and Vicki Ury and Eric Beatty would like to thank the many members that stepped up to help make this year's Cone Zone event EXCEPTIONAL.

The day before the event, the course was laid out and massaged to make it an exciting adventure for the drivers. Brian Dougherty, John Ames, Larry Valentine, Jim Bartelson, Roger Miller, Don Adametz, Tom and Vicki Ury, and Eric Beatty along with his son Austin worked to set the course. In the wee hours of Sunday morning, Tom Phillips, Woody Kercheval, Scott Crabtree, and Ken Starkey were out tech inspecting the cars, while trying to keep their hands warm. At the same time, Larry Valentine and Lorren Loewen set the flour lines on the course. The event registration was handled by the experts: Gwenda Valentine, Barb Hoepfner, Kea Kercheval, and Jeanne Urban. Don Adametz, Dick Ary and Luther Benson helped with

teaching cars a bit later in the morning. Instructing the novices were Larry Valentine, Steve and Anita Smith, Lorren and Laurie Loewen, John Ames, Roger Miller, Anne Lewis, Brian Dougherty, and Tom and Vicki Ury. Our starters for the day included: Tom and Barb Hoepfner, Lorren Loewen, and Mark Black. Staging the cars were David Browning, Mike Burks, and Gary Wendorf. The timing guru's: Walt Jenkins and Paul Thompson managed to run 3 to 5 cars on the track at one time. Wayne Umland was their assistant for the day. Posting the results of each race were Phyllis Ury, Sophia Valentine (Larry and Gwenda's granddaughter), Todd Barnhardt, Donna Rae Phillips, and Mike Morgan. Dave Ury and Lynn Wittrock kept track of the drivers' mistakes. Gwenda Valentine ran back and forth letting drivers know where they hit a cone or missed a gate. I think I heard her say, she needed the exercise. Chris Capshaw took time out of his day to transport the club trailer to PPIR on Saturday, and then returned the trailer to its home on Sunday, after the event. Chris also reports that he has many good pictures of the event on the CSCC website – a documentation of memories.

Colorado Springs Corvette Club members that participated in and thoroughly enjoyed the driving experience were: Jim and Sarah Connors, Pam Dougherty, Wayne Pinkstaff, George Rueter, Ted Severn, Ron Urban, Ted Thurber, John and Colleen Williams, and Eric and Maureen Hall. Fifty-two drivers enjoyed a challenging autocross course. Eric Hall said, "I want one in my backyard".

As we look at the day as a whole – we nailed it! Thank you CSCC!

### ConeZone Autocross 1

Row #	Class	#	Driver	Raw Time
1	1SJK	99	JOHN AMES	65.866
2	3N	9	JARED URENDA	66.315
3	1SM	67	BOB LANDDECK	66.621
4	3N	5	STEVE SMITH	67.328
5	METAL	30	JAY VALENTINE	67.408
6	2N	3	DOUGLAS COX	67.644
7	3N	4	LORREN LOEWEN	68.008
8	3H	51	RON BAUER	68.236
9	1SM	77	KEN BAUER	68.285
10	2M	14	TOM URY	68.424
11	METAL	199	Bob Klingler	68.563
12	L2N	1	TANYA HRABAL-COX	69.015
13	1SN	10	JOSH HURD	69.03
14	1SN	15	JEFF HAUSWIRTH	69.052
15	2JK	18	RANDY ZORNES	69.773
16	L1SM	67	BEV LANDDECK	69.978
17	L3N	3	LAURIE LOEWEN	70.055
18	L3N	2	ANITA SMITH	70.261
19	1SJK	7	ED ALLEN JR	70.69
20	1SM	12	ROGER MILLER	70.744
21	1M	2	PETE URENDA	71.319
22	L2M	6	VICKI URY	71.509
23	1SH	118	KRIS Champlain	72.006
24	L1SN	5	DIANE DRUITT	72.104
25	1SM	63	WAYNE UMLAND	72.338
26	3K	34	John Merdink	72.347
27	1SN	16	BOB DRUITT	72.444
28	1SN	97	Don Adametz	74.021
29	METAL	31	BRIAN DOUGHERTY	74.657
30	1SM	58	ALAN MURAKAMI	75.154
31	1SN	222	Eduardo Davila	75.31
32	L2JK	8	BARB ZORNES	75.937
33	3A/B	20	LARRY VALENTINE	75.972
34	2E	86	ERIC BEATTY	77.11
35	METAL	125	Jeff Cooper	77.159
36	1SJK	123	DICK ARY	77.25
37	METAL	301	Wes Valentine	78.093
38	2E	217	JIM BARTELSON	78.099
39	NOV	104	JIM CONNORS	79.364
40	L1SN	74	LISA HAUSWIRTH	80.261
41	METAL	126	Alex Keen	80.27
42	L2JK	124	SHELLY WOODALL	80.842
43	NOV	107	GEORGE RUETER	81.641
44	2JK	41	RICHARD MORRELL	82.914
45	NOV	109	TED SEVERN	83.692
46	1SJK	551	TED THURBER	85.46
47	NOV	200	Eric Hall	86.782
48	LMETAL	31	PAM DOUGHERTY	86.898
49	NOV	96	RON URBAN	89.836
50	NOV	100	WAYNE PINKSTAFF	90.92
51	LNOV	104	SARAH CONNORS	95.762
52	LNOV	200	Maureen Hall	108.332



School classroom instruction



walking the course

### ConeZone Autocross 2

Row #	Class	#	Driver	Raw Time
1	1SN	15	JEFF HAUSWIRTH	64.868
2	3N	9	JARED URENDA	65.732
3	1SJK	99	JOHN AMES	66.486
4	1SM	3	DOUGLAS COX	66.924
5	1SM	77	KEN BAUER	67.402
6	2M	14	TOM URY	67.424
7	METAL	30	JAY VALENTINE	67.732
8	1SN	10	JOSH HURD	67.88
9	METAL	199	Bob Klingler	68.242
10	3N	5	STEVE SMITH	68.492
11	3N	4	LORREN LOEWEN	68.934
12	3H	51	RON BAUER	69.128
13	1SH	118	KRIS Champlain	69.252
14	2JK	18	RANDY ZORNES	69.396
15	1SM	67	BOB LANDDECK	69.49
16	1SJK	7	ED ALLEN JR	69.752
17	L1SM	1	TANYA HRABAL-COX	69.894
18	1M	2	PETE URENDA	70.076
19	L3N	2	ANITA SMITH	70.158
20	1SM	12	ROGER MILLER	70.266
21	1SN	16	BOB DRUITT	70.288
22	L1SM	67	BEV LANDDECK	70.558
23	3K	34	John Merdink	70.73
24	L3N	3	LAURIE LOEWEN	70.884
25	1SM	63	WAYNE UMLAND	70.972
26	L1SN	5	DIANE DRUITT	71.324
27	1SN	222	Eduardo Davila	71.518
28	1SM	58	ALAN MURAKAMI	72.18
29	METAL	301	Wes Valentine	73.042
30	L2M	6	VICKI URY	73.13
31	L1SN	74	LISA HAUSWIRTH	74.308
32	METAL	31	BRIAN DOUGHERTY	74.612
33	L2JK	8	BARB ZORNES	74.66
34	3A/B	20	LARRY VALENTINE	76.832
35	1SJK	123	DICK ARY	77.244
36	METAL	126	Alex Keen	77.656
37	2E	217	JIM BARTELSON	77.884
38	2JK	41	RICHARD MORRELL	79.054
39	LMETAL	31	PAM DOUGHERTY	80.188
40	L2JK	124	SHELLY WOODALL	80.528
41	NOV	107	GEORGE RUETER	81.628
42	1SJK	551	TED THURBER	82.112



All Smiles: Sarah & Jim Connors; Ron Urban School attendees and new autocrossers

### ConeZone Autocross 3

Row #	Class	#	Driver	Raw Time
1	3N	9	JARED URENDA	65.016
2	1SN	15	JEFF HAUSWIRTH	65.204
3	1SJK	99	JOHN AMES	65.976
4	2N	3	DOUGLAS COX	66.72
5	1SM	77	KEN BAUER	67.086
6	1SN	10	JOSH HURD	67.688
7	2M	14	TOM URY	67.89
8	METAL	199	Bob Klingler	67.906
9	1M	2	PETE URENDA	67.992
10	3N	5	STEVE SMITH	68.07
11	1SM	67	BOB LANDDECK	68.812
12	1SN	16	BOB DRUITT	68.864
13	L1SM	67	BEV LANDDECK	68.93
14	2JK	18	RANDY ZORNES	69.272
15	1SJK	7	ED ALLEN JR	69.552
16	L3N	2	ANITA SMITH	69.784
17	L2N	1	TANYA HRABAL-COX	69.928
18	3K	34	John Merdink	70.15
19	1SM	12	ROGER MILLER	70.184
20	METAL	301	Wes Valentine	70.186
21	L3N	3	LAURIE LOEWEN	70.244
22	L1SN	5	DIANE DRUITT	70.412
23	1SH	118	KRIS Champlain	70.426
24	1SM	63	WAYNE UMLAND	71.134
25	3H	51	RON BAUER	71.24
26	L1SN	74	LISA HAUSWIRTH	71.37
27	3N	4	LORREN LOEWEN	71.824
28	1SM	58	ALAN MURAKAMI	72.346
29	L2M	6	VICKI URY	73.384
30	L2JK	8	BARB ZORNES	74.816
31	1SJK	123	DICK ARY	74.934
32	METAL	126	Alex Keen	75.752
33	3A/B	20	LARRY VALENTINE	77.156
34	2JK	41	RICHARD MORRELL	78.114
35	NOV	107	GEORGE RUETER	79.18
36	1SJK	551	TED THURBER	83.16

Setting it up on a cold Saturday

Working it early Sunday morning -Tech Crew, Registration, Starters, Staging, & Timing Crew



Wayne & Bonnie Pinkstaff & Son



Maureen Hall



George Rueter  
John & Colleen Williams



Ah, lunch break!

## Get to Know Your Fellow Members

### . An Interview with Gary & Debbie Yale

by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? **Gary has been a member since Sept. 1999; Debbie since 2005 (when they got married), although her NCCC membership started Oct. 2018.**

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? **A 1963 split window coupe. It is painted Laser Red tinted clear coat metallic (a 1994 Mustang color). Gary has done some of the restoring to the car including putting the original radio back in, ignition shielding on, new clutch, a 1963 gear shift (had an aftermarket one in before), and had the exhaust manifolds ceramic coated.**

Marital Status? **Been married for 14 years in May**



How did you meet? **They met at the church they both attended. Gary had seen Debbie with her parents regularly at church. Gary approached Debbie to ask her out. At the time, Debbie was in a relationship, but she says she was ready to end it. She told Gary that if something changed she would let him know. (during the interview Debbie told me that she couldn't believe that she actually had said that to him). Gary waited and things did change for Debbie. She then approached him.**

Their first date was to an Air Force Academy hockey game. Gary took Debbie as his date to the CSCC Christmas party in 2003 when "Elvis" was the entertainment. It worked out well since Debbie is an Elvis fan. They dated for one and a half years before getting married.

Where are you from? **Gary was born in Arkansas at Fort Chaffee (military family). When Gary was 18 months old the family moved to Gunnison where Gary then grew up. Debbie was born in Missouri (military family). She then moved around to Massachusetts, Oklahoma, Hawaii, and eventually to Colorado in 1980.**

Employment? **Gary went to the Air Force Academy and retired from the Air Force in 2005 as a Lt. Colonial. He was stationed in California, Massachusetts, New Mexico and Colorado. He then became a consultant to help develop NASA system engineers. From 2006-2012 Gary taught systems engineering at the AFA. He then taught aerospace engineering and systems engineering in Arizona at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University from 2012-2018. He is currently teaching astronomical engineering at the AFA.**

**Debbie is in the banking industry. She was a lending assistant for 20 years at People's National Bank. She now does commercial lending at Compass Bank and has been there for 12 years.**

Kids? **Gary has 2 children. His son, Kevin is 29 and is in the army at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA learning Korean. His daughter Ember (short for September) is 32, married, and lives in Gunnison. She works in the banking industry.**

**Debbie's "kid" is her 1989 Acura Integra. That's her baby!**

Favorite club activity? **They enjoy the car shows, rallies, and the social activities including Dub Bridge and the Christmas Basket charity event.**

Hobbies? **They are season ticket holders for the Air Force Academy hockey games and are big fans. Gary also plays intramural**

**volleyball at the Academy. His team is made up of all retirees (the oldest member is 72). Hiking and mountain climbing are also hobbies.**

**When I asked Debbie what her hobby was, she said "Gary". (In all of the interviews I've done people have told me their grandkids perhaps, but never a spouse). Good one Debbie!**

What is the best vacation you ever took? **They went to Disney World on their honeymoon. While they were still dating they also had a memorable trip to South Dakota where they visited Mt. Rushmore and the Badlands. While living in Arizona they made trips back to Colorado often to visit family.**

What is your dream corvette? **Gary's is Neil Armstrong's 1967 coupe (for his love of space and Corvettes). Next on the list is a Mako Shark and a then 1963 Grand Sport.**

How did your love of Corvettes come about? **Gary grew up seeing the C 3 Corvettes of his generation, but when he saw the C 2's he really liked those. He bought his 1963 split window in 1982.**

**At the time he bought the car he didn't realize how significant a 63 split window would become in that generation of Corvettes. Debbie was also used to seeing the C3 body styles and when she first saw Gary's C2 she said, "That's not a Corvette!"**

Anything else you would like to add? **While living in Arizona they maintained their membership to CSCC hoping that they would be back here someday. Gary has been a past treasurer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and board member of CSCC.**

*Thanks for the interview Gary and Debbie!*

# Tom's Tech Topic Continued

## C7 Owners Info and Other Stuff

I write down notes whenever something worth writing about comes to mind. Here are some of my ramblings.

**C7 Corvette Owners Warning:** There are increasing concerns coming out that the new digital engines in the C7 (LT1 and LT4) may have issues related to extended idling. Putting it in laymen's terms, it seems that the burst of digitally injected fuel lasts a shorter time and at idle, doesn't quite atomize as well, causing some unburned fuel to leak down past the top piston ring. When accelerating, this unburned fuel can ignite and blow out the bottom of the piston. I have seen pictures of this, but the scope of it is yet unknown. There are recommendations by GM and others for a new spec to your oil which may remedy this, but it's still early. My recommendation is that you not idle your car for extended periods and just not worry about it. I have an article about it that you can request if you want more information.

When polishing your car, removing wax, or just cleaning in general, there's always an argument between cotton and microfiber. Which is better? Here's my take: New and newer cotton towels and microfiber work about the same, but cotton wears out after a few years and becomes vastly inferior to microfiber. Best way to compare if you don't know your cotton towels are worn out is to wipe off wax residue with both types. You'll notice the difference. I'm not sure if microfiber wears out like cotton. Never use an older cotton towel to rub out a scratch—dust and dirt can stay on the surface and make things worse.

Did you know that today's wheel paints are formulated so that salt and brake dust doesn't stick to them as easily as in the past?

When did you become a car guy (or gal)? My first impression that got me into cars was at the age of 9, my father took me to a Chevrolet dealer. I was amazed when I saw the tail end of the first 1959 Chevy. I was hooked. I had a subscription to Car Craft Magazine as a teenager and knew exactly what day of the month it would arrive and read it cover to cover—I wanted to be an automotive designer. Write me and tell me your story so I can publish it.

Ponderable: How can solar panels be called "green" if they gather and disperse a ton of heat into the atmosphere rather than reflecting the light harmlessly back into space?

If you would like to write an article, complain or comment, please contact me at [tfury@comcast.net](mailto:tfury@comcast.net).

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**NCM REGISTRATION – 25<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION** Online registration for the 2019 Labor Day weekend opened September 12, 2018. While most of the events have been sold out, additional events are being added, and you can still attend the celebration and the many seminars and exhibits! For **Colorado caravan registration** contact [keith@keithbennett.org](mailto:keith@keithbennett.org).

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