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Meeting Information

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

The next meeting:

Thursday June 4, 2020

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:

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Lorren Loewen
18090 Blacksmith Drive, Peyton 80831

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

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

Rudy's Bar-B-Q
315 South 31st Street

May meeting was cancelled due to the Corona Virus



May Meeting Minutes

There was not a May meeting due to safe at home order. Please refer to Chris Capshaw's emailed agenda.

June 2020 Calendar

Wed	June 3rd	CSCC Board Meeting	Lorren Loewen
Thu	June 4th	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting (6:30 for merchandise sales)	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Fri-Sun	June 12-14	CSCC Durango Cruise	Chris Capshaw
Fri	June 26th	Drive Your Corvette To Work Day	Chris Capshaw
Sun	June 28th	Cone Zone Autocross School & Autocross	Tom & Vicki Ury
Tue	June 30 th	CSCC Board Meeting	Todd DeSchepper
Thu	July 2 nd	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting (6:30 for merchandise sales)	Daniels Long Chevrolet

Calendar dates as of May 19, 2020.

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

Fun Facts about the Chevrolet Corvette

1. Haley Earl, the designer of the Corvette, initially designed his roadster under the name "Project Opel." The original target price point was a mere \$2,000.
2. There's a bit of resemblance between early Corvettes and the Jaguar XK120 due to Haley Earl drawing some inspiration from the classic Jaguar.
3. The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!
4. The Corvette is the only vehicle to ever offer a legitimate "wrap-around" windshield.
5. The original Corvette logo featured the classic checkered flag crossed with the American flag. However, when designers learned that using the stars and stripes on a commercial product was illegal, the logo was changed to the traditional bow-tie emblem and a fleur de lis.
6. The Corvette has been used as the pace car of the Indianapolis 500 thirteen times, more than any other vehicle!
7. The original Sting Ray designs were partly taken from an actual Mako Shark caught by designer Bill Mitchell while deep sea fishing.
8. In 1960, GM gave all three Mercury 7 astronauts—Alan Shepard, Gus Grissom, and Chuck Yeager—brand new Corvettes as a publicity stunt.
9. V8 engines were not available as an option until 1955. And in that year, 90% of all customers selected the option. Since then, all Corvettes have offered nothing but V8 engines.
10. The 2009 ZR1 was the first Corvette to be pushed over the 200-mph mark.
11. The 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Split-Window Coupe is widely regarded as the most beautiful and influential Corvette ever made.
12. The 1978 Corvette Indy 500 Pace Car was painted black and silver because it photographed better. Back then, most publications and ads were black and white.
13. Due to federal mandates, the 1980 Corvette had an 85-mph speedometer.
14. The 2014 Corvette Stingray was clocked going reverse at 53 mph—just 2 mph behind the all-time record!

Children's Hospital Parade

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

We all have had to adjust our lifestyle during this pandemic, and our healthcare workers have been dealing with more than their share. They are on the front lines of having to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some healthcare workers are required to come in contact with patients with the virus and must stay away from their own families in order to keep them safe. In a demonstration of our support and appreciation, members of our club gathered at the Children's Hospital of Colorado on May 7th and joined many other organizations in a show of appreciation by participating in a drive-by parade. Staff members and patients came out to wave back and thank us for taking the time to thank them. You could almost see the smiles radiating through the masks.

Thank You!!



Don't Stand So Close To Me! By Chris Capshaw

With the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic affecting just about every aspect of our lives, some members of our club decided to thumb their noses at it and gathered for a couple of "Social Distance" cruises. Proper social interval was utilized, and face coverings were encouraged. A total of 55 Corvettes and one Harley Davidson showed up at the meeting point on the two days the cruises were held. The first cruise saw a record smashing 37 Corvettes in attendance, while 18 Corvettes (and the Harley) showed up on the second day. It was really a sight to see, all those great looking Corvettes evenly spaced, and cruising down the road. The route took the travelers to Franktown, Kiowa, Falcon, and then back home. On the second cruise, an unscheduled stop was made at a convenience store in Elbert, in order to check on and then reduce, their stockage level of toilet paper. Back on the road everybody went, and as we came back into Colorado Springs, the cruisers broke off for a drive-thru lunch, and then home. Everybody enjoyed their short respite from confinement, and we're sure the Corvettes did too.



On the road again!!



The Corvette is seriously quick.

By: **Chris Bruce** Motor1.com

The 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 is still the hottest performance car of the moment, and a new video from Hennessey Performance shows what this popular machine can do in races against a Dodge Charger Hellcat Widebody. The results highlight how impressive the new 'Vette accelerates.

The first race is from a standing start. The Dodge has problems hooking up, and the Chevy speeds away. The Corvette has no problem launching and leaves the Charger behind. At the end of the quarter mile, the 'Vette is several car lengths ahead.

The second race is from a 40-mile-per-hour (64 kilometer-per-hour) roll. The run is much closer. The Corvette takes an initial lead, but the Charger claws back from behind. The Dodge wins, but the Chevy is nipping at its heels at the finish line.

At 495 horsepower (369 kilowatts), the Corvette is at a distinct power disadvantage to the 707-hp (527-kW) Charger Hellcat Widebody. However, the 'Vette weighs around 950 pounds (431 kilograms) less than the Dodge. The Chevy is also more aerodynamic than the boxy sedan. The mid-engined layout also has traction advantages.

The major weakness to the Corvette right now is that finding one to purchase is a tough endeavor. The few sellers are often asking for a premium over MSRP. Chevy only managed to make just under 2,700 of them before the COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of the Bowling Green, Kentucky, plant.



**Excuse me
dude but you
are closer
than 6 feet.**



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

****Cone Zone Driving Experience****



*** Autocross Driving Experience**

*** 3 Low Speed Autocrosses**

*** CIRCLE DRIFT CHAMPIONSHIP**

(New this year!)

Sunday - June 28, 2020

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

Gates Open at 7:00 am

Driving Experience Track Time Only 8:00am - 9:15am

Autocross 1 - 10:00 am

Lunch - After Autocross 1 - on your own

Autocross 2 & 3 - After lunch

Circle Drift: After Autocrosses

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- *For beginners
- *To explore the limits of your Corvette
- *To hone driving skills

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Course will be watered down!
Metal cars are welcome!

Driving Experience = \$15
Experience and 1 Autocross = \$40
Autocrosses = \$25 each
Circle Drift = Free

Due to NCCC COVID-19 Guidelines - the following changes are in place:

- ✓ Online Registration Only - No day of registration available
- ✓ Refundable Payment must be received by Saturday, June 27, 2020
- ✓ Everyone must Social Distance by 6 ft.
- ✓ Everyone must bring their own water
- ✓ Everyone must bring their own mask, hand sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes
- ✓ Passengers from same household/family only

Tech Inspection:
Experience/Circle Drift: 7:30am to 8:00am
Autocrosses: 7:30am to 9:30am

****Autocross Driver's Meeting at 9:45am
for all autocross events****

Online Registration Only at:

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=1>

Registration closes at midnight on WEDNESDAY, June 24, 2020

(Refundable Payment must be received by Saturday, June 27th)

Checks payable to CSCC and mail to: Anita Smith 12085 Sylvan Meadows Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Autocross Driving Experience: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-N01
Circle Drift Championship NCCC Sanction # RM-183-N02

Low Speed Autocross 1: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-R01
Low Speed Autocross 2: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-R02
Low Speed Autocross 3: NCCC Sanction # RM-183-R03

Exhaust: OPEN

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

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

Class 3 cars are required to have and Class 2 cars are suggested to have a Fire Extinguisher.

*All Times are Mountain Daylight Time

Trophies for Autocross - \$17.00 each

Chairpersons:

Driving Experience & Circle Drift: Tom & Vicki Ury

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Co-Chair: Gwenda Valentine

Autocross 3: Walt Jenkins, waltjenkins@comcast.net, 719-337-1143

Co-Chair: Tom Ury

Get to Know Your Fellow Members

An Interview with Steven Dombrowski

by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? **Since Sept. 2019**

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? **A 2019 white coupe. The story leading up to acquiring his 2019 goes like this.... He wanted a project car and found a 2008 with 85,000 miles on it. After seeing all the nice newer shiny ones, he decided that the 2008 was too much of a project. He sold that after 3 months and got a 2014 Convertible. The first day he drove it was on the wine tasting cruise to Canon City. Steven said that all of a sudden, every icon appeared on the dash and the car shut down. After waiting 5 minutes he was able to drive it with 50 percent power. He returned it to the dealer the next day and traded it for the one he really wanted, the 2019 coupe.**

Marital Status? **Steve was married to Charlotte for 46 years until sadly she passed away last year. (Steve wanted me to include her memory in this interview).**

How did you meet? **While in the Air Force and stationed at Cape Canaveral, FLA. Steve and Charlotte met. Every Thursday there was a hot dog roast in the lounge on base. Charlotte was there with a group of teachers. Friday nights were also social times and they would meet up then as well. After dating for a year, they then tied the knot.**

Where are you from? **Steve is from Jersey City, New Jersey (when you hear him talk you will know that this is the truth for sure ☺). Charlotte was from Benton, Arkansas.**

Employment? **Steven joined the Air Force in 1966. He worked electronics for ballistic missiles. He was also in research and development of nuclear warhead re-entry vehicles, in flight satellite recovery, minute man missiles, guidance systems, and ring laser gyro systems. (Steve says there are many more to list, but we had to reach a stopping point). After 22 years he retired as a Master Sergeant. Steve started his Air Force career in New Mexico, then was stationed in Florida, Hawaii, California, and he ended his career in New Mexico. He then worked for Honeywell for 18 months assembling in flight controllers. His second-long term career was with the Federal Aviation Administration for 20 years. He maintained airport equipment and retired as a GS13. With the FAA he worked in New Mexico, Oregon, and Kansas. Upon retiring a move to Colorado was in order. They wanted to enjoy the great outdoors of Colorado. Charlotte was a middle school teacher for 36 years.**

Kids? **Two sons. Brent, 47 and married, works in Denver. He has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in computer science. Steve Jr., 44 and married, has a master's degree in architecture and lives in Seattle. Steve has 2 grand kids, ages 13 and 10.**

Favorite club activity? **Steve enjoys the road trips, cruises, and rallies.**

Hobbies? **He does word working, specifically making furniture. (I've seen pictures and his work is beautiful!) After making a cradle he had leftover pieces and decided with his artistic eye that they could be turned into penguins so that is just what he did. He is also an avid gardener, likes to fly fish, and his newest hobby is playing the harmonica.**

What is the best vacation you ever took? **For his and Charlotte's 25th anniversary they took a trip to Vancouver, British Columbia. A highlight of the trip was taking a ferry over to Victoria. While stationed in Hawaii they did a crater walk near some of the volcanos and found that very interesting.**

What is your dream corvette? **A 1967 427 tri power with side pipes and a hood scoop in Goodwood Green with a white stripe on top. (he saw this Corvette at a young impressionable age, and it stuck with him).**

How did your love of Corvettes come about? **While walking to high school with his buddies they would pass a Chevy dealership and would see the various Corvettes in the window. They would all say how someday they would own one of those. Instead Steven bought a 1965 Mustang. (Do not hold that against him!). He had the Mustang for 3 years from 1968-1970. He did autocross the Mustang and he even has some winning trophies. (Back to the Corvettes....). He still really liked the Corvettes and would see a co-worker driving his. After he saw his neighbors' (club members Alice and Jack Lester) C7 he knew then that he had to have one!**

Anything else you would like to add? **He has loved meeting people in the club. They have been so nice. He is looking forward to going on more road trips and doing some of the rallies.**

Thanks for the interview Steven!



Governor's Corner

Governor's Corner – Cone Zone

You have received an e-mail from NCCC President Dale about adjustments to competition events. The RCDs got together and created an excellent list of suggestions for NCCC Events. These recommendations along with what the Colorado Governor has put forward should create safe Events for us to enjoy.

In particular, I'm thinking of the upcoming auto-x Cone Zone. There are some changes in auto-x process because of Covid 19 –examples: preregistration is REQUIRED, payments must be made BEFORE the event, among others. Details can be found at: https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2020/Flyers/RM-183-CSCC_2020_Cone_Zone_Flyer-1.pdf

Honestly, where else can you come out and try an auto-x for \$15.00! You can't be embarrassed because the time tracking is up to you (via phone, stopwatch, or tongue in cheek). An event created for folks interested in just giving it a try and seeing if this is something you might enjoy!

Tom, Vicki, Larry, and Walt are putting a lot of work and attention to detail for the event – to ensure these events are safe and fun – FOR YOU! I encourage you to support them, and your club by coming on out and giving auto-x a try, or just volunteer.

I hope you all are well, keeping safe.
Govna wayne

As always, these are the thoughts of Wayne Umland, and may not reflect the views of CSCC, NCCC or RMR.



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ONLINE CAR SHOW WINNERS & C8 RAFFLES

CAR SHOW WINNERS On April 4th Chris Capshaw sent an e-mail to CSCC members about NCM's celebrity choice online car show. Entries were submitted April 6-12, and winners were announced April 23rd. Participation exceeded expectations with over 1,000 entries submitted by more than 900 households across the US and several foreign countries.

A total of 33 Corvette owners and one Corvette Club (Sunset Vettes of NW Florida) were selected to receive the 36 awards. Categories included C1-C8, Track, Unique/Personalized, Best Story, Plant Managers' Choice, NCM President's Choice, and People's Choice. I have summarized the judges selecting winning Corvettes and winners for the C1-C8 entries; you can view all entries and winners at NCM's web page.

'News' article, April 23 Online Car Show Winners.

C1 Judge: Gibson Hufstader Winner: Linda Boren 1960

C2 Judge: Peter Brock Winner: Darwin and Patricia Ludi 1963 coupe

C3 Judge: Jerry Palmer Winner: Douglas Scheidet 1970 convertible

C4 Judge: Dave McLellan Winner: Rober Lambe 1991 ZR1

C5 Judge: David Hill Winner: Hilary Whiting (no date listed) coupe

C6 Judge: Tom Wallace Winner: Travis Raczynski 2009 convertible

C7 Judge: Tom Peters Winner: Faith Worrell 2019 coupe

C8 Judge: Ralph White Enterprises Winner: Ralph Klestadt 2020 coupe

After viewing many of the entries, I am amazed the judges were able to pick winners. In my opinion, all the Corvettes were winners!

NCM RAFFLES C8 raffles are still being held. As I wrote in last month's column, NCM now offers a secure, barcoded raffle ticket form hiding your credit card information. Please refer to the column when you order raffle tickets.

Three new raffles for 2020 mid-engine Corvettes are being offered, and for the first time one C8 is a convertible. Each Corvette has a 6.2 liter 405 hp engine and comes with 2LT equipment group, the performance exhaust, and more:

Friday May 29: Elkhart Lake Blue Coupe. \$100/ ticket, limited to 2,000 tickets.

Thursday June 18: Blade Silver Convertible. \$200/ticket, limited to 1,500 tickets.

Saturday, September 5: Torch Red Coupe. \$20/ticket, no ticket limit.

While the Museum is temporarily closed to the public, your support of Corvette Raffles is even more crucial than ever, with proceeds going directly towards NCM operations.

Do You Want to Advertise?

Colorado Springs Corvette Club Members may place a **PERSONAL** "For Sale" ad in the "VETTE SET" at no charge. For Business Ads, Members receive a 20% discount (or two months free) when purchasing one full year.

Non-member Business Ads:

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

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- All used vehicle inventory will be offered at \$750 under internet pricing.

Our experienced and knowledgeable sales, parts, and service teams have been notified of these benefits for CSCC members. When the VIP membership card is presented, all above pricing and benefits take precedent.

Additionally, we have a great **Thank You Cash** program, and just for being a CSCC VIP member, we want to give you EXTRA cash rewards. Start earning today! Here's how it works; contact me personally (my contact details are below), give me your name and VIP membership number along with the name and contact information of the friend or family member interested in purchasing a vehicle and I will set up an appointment with them. If your friend or family member purchases a new or used vehicle, we will reward you with \$100 **Thank You Cash!**

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NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Website

[NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website](#)

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This link is also available on the CSCC web site.

See the newsletter in Color

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