

# 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 August 5, 2021**

### 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, August 3, 2021**

Anita Smith

12085 Sylvan Meadows Drive, CS 80908

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

## 73 Members Present at the July Meeting

Gail Applekamp  
Scott Applekamp  
Juan Ayala  
Todd Barnhardt  
Barrett Benson  
Juanita Bochnak  
Mike Bochnak  
Manfred Bradley  
Ve Etta Bradley  
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Ted Severn  
Anita Smith  
Steve Smith  
Don Strode  
Paul Trees  
Judy Trees

Gerry Turner  
Kathy Turner  
Susan Umland  
Wayne Umland  
Tom Ury  
Gary Walters  
Paul Williams  
Debbie Yale  
Gary Yale

## Guests Present

Guest Name	Corvette	Meetings Attended	Sponsor
Jim & Paula Peabody	2003 Red Conv.	3 – May, Jun, Jul	Mark Muren
Rick McGuffin	2013 Red GS	3 – May, Jun, Jul	Russ Hamilton
Kent Rooks	53, 63, 67	2 – Jun, Jul	TBD
Gary & Robin Fraser	2021 Blue Conv.	2 – May, Jul	Darrell Dearman
Charles Smagala	1986 Red Conv.	1 – Jul	Mark Muren
Casey Crockett	2003 Mag. Red	1 – Jul	Todd Barnhardt

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

Coming soon – look for your membership renewal notice in the mail in August.

Payments are due no later than Thursday October 1, 2021

Make it easy - Bring to the September or October meeting

Or Mail to Anita Smith, Treasurer as instructed on the renewal notice

## July Meeting Minutes

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

**Treasurer's Report - Anita Smith** reported on the current budget. The current budget is on track. Christmas party is completely paid for.

**Secretary Report – Chris Capshaw.** No corrections to the June minutes and they were approved as printed in the July newsletter.

**Past Events – Reports and Recognition: Taos Cruise – by Chris Capshaw.** One of the largest club cruises ever. 39 Corvettes, 73 members. Great food, great cars, great scenery, and great people. Gerry Turner and Anita Smith presented Chris and Jonathan a recognition plaque for the awesome job done in planning and coordinating the cruise. Also, a framed photo of Chris being handcuffed near his Corvette by the Red River Marshall and the caption "You can get stopped for going under the speed limit!" was presented by Anita to Chris.

**Ladies Luncheon – Diana Dittman:** Fun and good food (and a few margaritas) and great conversation was had by all 13 at Jose Muldoon's.

**Chris Capshaw:** Chris recognized Walter (Wally) Bochnak, Father of Mike Bochnak, who passed away on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June, for his contributions and generosity to the club members over the years by hosting several gatherings at his cabin in Florissant and their home in Colorado Springs. Wally led and incredible life and will be missed by all who enjoyed his conversations at our events.

**New Business:**  
**Corvette Memorabilia; Tom Ury:** All Melvin Swindale Corvette memorabilia has been awarded.

**Museum Update – Barrett Benson:** Presented a slide show of the National Corvette Museum from a past visit, showing Lorren Loewen receiving his rare 2014 Lime Rock Green Coupe, the Wendell Strode club room, where Corvette clubs can hold meetings, a floor tile with Charlie Boland's name and 65 & 68 Vettes, along with other pictures from the visit. He said if you sign up for the museum delivery option, they will drive your Corvette out of the museum, and you take it from there. He sends our club news and notes to the museum where it is stored in the archives. A picture of a 1953 Corvette with cut away body panels was also shown. The new café name will now be the "Stingray Café". At the next meeting he plans on showing past and present exhibits. He also mentioned several raffles that can be purchased through him.

**CSCC Scholarship – Chris Capshaw:** The Board discussed earlier the sponsorship by our club, in conjunction with the NCCC, a \$1,000 education scholarship that would be one of ten awarded annually. This would be funded by using the 50/50 raffle ticket funds sold monthly. The members voted and approved.

**New Cars, Upgrades, Special News:**  
Don Strode purchased a 66' coupe.

Tom Ury mentioned an adventurous drive home from the Guffey car show, via Cripple Creek; and that another highway cleanup is being planned for July or August.

**Governor's Report – Walt Jenkins:** Lorren Loewen presented on behalf of Walt Jenkins. This Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, there is an RMR autocross in Keystone. Lorren spoke enthusiastically about 99 raffle tickets available for Daytona and encouraged all that this would be a definite "bucket list" event to attend sometime in your life.

He also encouraged all to consider attending the regional weekend and banquet at the Pueblo Country Club the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> of September.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Aug 8th – American Legion Car Show – Bob Sanders:** Bob announced the 2008 Post is having the first memorial car show for a local fallen hero. They are very interested in as many Corvettes that can attend, especially older and C8 models, but all would be welcome and great to have them participate. There is also a golf tournament next Saturday, July 10th.

**Aug 14<sup>th</sup> – Daniels Car show. Chris Capshaw:** Encouraged all to sign up and provide support for our club sponsor.

**Aug 22<sup>nd</sup> - Club picnic – Chris Capshaw:** To be at Todd and Jodi DeSchepper's. Great venue, lots of space rain or shine.

**Guests were introduced by Tom Phillips.** First time guests were Charles Smagala and Casey Crockett. Second time guests being Kent Rooks and Gary and Robin Fraser. Third time guests were Jim and Paula Peabody and Rick McGuffin. They were voted into the club. Welcome Jim, Paula, and Rick!

**Door Prizes Winners -** Thank you for door prize contributions from Daniels Long, CSCC, and Tim and Elaine Collins. Congratulations to all the winners. Good News/Bad News suitcase winning bid went to Mark Muren.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

*Minutes by Scott and Gail Applekamp*

## August 2021 Calendar

Tue	Aug 3	CSCC Board Meeting	Anita Smith
Thu	Aug 5	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Sat	Aug 14	Daniels Long Charity Car Show	Todd and Jodi DeSchepper
Sun	Aug 22	CSCC Annual Club Picnic	Todd and Jodi DeSchepper
Tue	Aug 31	CSCC Board Meeting	Tom Phillips
Thu	Sept 2	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet

Calendar dates as of July 10, 2021.

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

## Guffey Car Show

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

About two dozen club members, in 12 Corvettes, braved forecasted thunderstorms to attend the Guffey Car Show, which was held at Corona's Freshwater Bar and Grill. When they all arrived, they found reserved parking spaces were waiting for them, so all the Corvettes could be neatly parked together. Participants enjoyed good food, cold drinks, and music from a local band, while judges were out checking all the cars. When winners were announced, Scott and Gail Applekamp won a \$25.00 gift certificate for their 1964 yellow Roadster. Chris Capshaw accepted another \$25.00 gift certificate for Kim Meineke, who organized CSCC's participation in the show. Win or not, everybody had a great time enjoying the quiet surroundings of Guffey.



## Taking Time Off From Work To Go Play!

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

The national "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day," takes place on the Friday closest to June 30th. Why June 30th, you ask? Well, June 30th happens to be the anniversary of when the first Corvette rolled off the assembly line in 1953. Our club celebrated the birth of the Corvette by gathering at Bird Dog BBQ, for some good eating, and even better camaraderie. A total of 31 Corvettes took part, even though the skies looked ominous. Nothing fell out of the clouds, so everybody was able to enjoy wonderful time. Some non-club members turned out to see what was happening, and after interacting with us, they became interested in joining our fold.



## Patriots Stand Up And Celebrate!

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

What a wonderful country we are blessed to live in. Under sunny skies and puffy white clouds, the Monument 4th of July parade returned after a one-year hiatus, and its return was a grand success. Our club placed fifteen shiny and decorated Corvettes into the parade, where we and several thousand spectators came out to celebrate the birth of our nation, and to honor our heroes. Many other organizations from all parts of El Paso County also participated. However, the other entries didn't get the "I love your car," and "Rev if up" responses we received. The parade judges also liked us and awarded us the "Motorized Distinguished Entry" award. The best part of the experience was our members socializing with each other, and just having a great time. Happy Birthday America!



**Club Picnic**  
**August 22, 2021**  
**1:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**9484 Towner Ave., Peyton**  
**(home of Todd & Jodi DeSchepper)**



**Please bring something to share – meat, buns, water, supplied by the club. Don't forget a chair as well.**

**There will be corn-hole, ladder ball, horseshoes, and axe throwing to test your skills and of course our famous egg toss and bingo!**

**Come and join us for a FUN time!!**

Contact Jodi DeSchepper or sign up at the club meeting  
(Club member only event, \$5 per person)



**CSCC Ladies Luncheon**

Submitted by Diana Dittman

Thirteen CSCC ladies met for lunch on June 29th at Jose Muldoons. As usual a variety of subjects were up for discussion flowing from one to the next. We don't miss a beat! Comments heard were: "Wow, it's great to see everyone." "So glad we are able to have these lunches again." "Glad to be out and about." Those in attendance were: Vicki U, Diana D, Jodi D, Gail A, Nancy R, Barb H, Denice B, Anne S, Laurie Lamothe, Gwenda V, Dee S, Joanne S. and Bev L. Thanks to those who attended. Details coming soon for a July ladies' lunch.

**DCA Corvette Show**

Submitted by Chris Capshaw

It was a dark and dreary morning on June 26th. The Denver Corvette Association (DCA), was having a charity fundraising Corvette show, but the weather forecast called for thunderstorms. DCA is a great supporter of our events, so eight club members threw caution to the wind, braved the predicted downpours, and ran up to John Elway Chevrolet in Englewood. The show was a charity fundraiser for "Back The Blue K-9 Force," an organization, which supports law enforcement K-9 teams. The predicted adverse weather was a no-show, and everybody enjoyed a wonderful day showing off their Corvettes, and admiring dozens of others. John Elway Chevrolet was a great host, and graciously provided lunch for all the participants and spectators. There was an almost endless supply of door prizes, and many of our members took some home. A special raffle was also held for a John Elway autographed football. When it was time to head home, the Corvettes of three of our members, were a little heavier than when they arrived. Tom Hanon, secured a third-place trophy in the C6 class. Brent Renholm snatched a second-place trophy in the C7 class, while Jeff Shay and Regina Trimble, brought home the first-place trophy in the C7 class. A very good showing considering the great number of beautiful Corvettes, which were present at the show.



## COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB

### Pagosa Springs Corvette Rallye and Car Show

Date: September 18th, 2021

**Poker Rallye - - - # RM-183-R02**

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 PM (MDT)

\$25 per Car

**People's Choice Car Show - - - # RM-183-R01**

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM (MDT)

\$25 per Car

**Both Events - - - \$40.00**



REGISTRATION OPENS: May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - [Link to Register](#)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION CLOSSES: Midnight - - - September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Registration will also available at the event.**

Information (as follows) for Rallye – Start will be conducted at the host hotel:

Tech Inspection 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or at the Car Show

Driver's Meeting at 1:45 PM - - - on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

First Car Out at/before 2:00 PM - - - on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **HOST HOTEL**

Pagosa Springs Inn & Suites

519 Village Drive

Pagosa Springs, CO 81147

(Ask for Corvette Club Rate)

1-970-731-3400

Std King Room Rate: \$79.95 + Tax

(Do NOT book on line!)

Limited Rooms – Reserve ASAP

**Please** pre-register on line, and send pre-payment for BOTH events to Pete Olejnik.

### **NCCC RULES WILL BE USED FOR THE EVENT**

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John Williams  
16839 Buffalo Valley Path  
Monument, CO 80132  
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Additional registration will be conducted (for either/both events) at the host hotel from 3:30 – 5 PM on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> and from 9:00 – 10:00 AM on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Last minute entries will be taken at the car show, but all cars in the show must pay registration fee.  
Last minute entries for the Rallye will be taken during the Car Show.



# The NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Presents

## The 2021 Regional Weekend

### Pueblo, Colorado



Sept 4<sup>th</sup> thru the 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Corvettes Only Car Show and Funkhana on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup>  
 All Cars Welcome to the Rallye on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Three Autocrosses will be on Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> at the inside track at PPIR  
 All Cars Welcome to Autocross

Preregistration ends at midnight September 1<sup>st</sup>, Register at:  
[corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=96](http://corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=96)



Sanction	Event Type	Cost	Date
RM-217-R01	People's Choice Car Show	\$20.00	4-Sep-2021
RM-294-R01	Funkhana	\$10.00	4-Sep-2021
RM-114-R05	Gimmick Rallye	\$20.00	5-Sep-2021
RM-610-R05	Autocross One	\$35.00	6-Sep-2021
RM-183-R05	Autocross Two	\$35.00	6-Sep-2021
RM-176-R05	Autocross Three	\$35.00	6-Sep-2021
All Three Autocrosses	Autocross one, two and three	\$90.00	6-Sep-2021
	All Six Events	\$120.00	4,5,6-Sep-2021



Contact either Lorren Loewen ([lorren.loewen@gmail.com](mailto:lorren.loewen@gmail.com)) 719-749-2898

or Walt Jenkins ([waltjenkins@comcast.net](mailto:waltjenkins@comcast.net)) 719-337-1143

If you have any questions about these events

### Host Hotel Information

Quality Inn & Suites  
 77 S. Badnor Dr.  
 Pueblo West, CO

719-547-9400 or 719-621-1256

Mention "RMR Corvette Clubs" for \$99.99 rate single or double.

Must book before August 6<sup>th</sup>, cancel any time prior to 4:00 pm on day of arrival.  
 Parking for trailers, hot Breakfast, indoor pool, pet friendly, fitness center and WiFi



# The NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Presents

## The 2020 Regional Awards Banquet

Pueblo, Colorado

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Must pay in advance**

Pueblo Country Club  
 3200 Eighth Ave Pueblo, Colorado

**NCCC Members and Guests Only**

Registration URL:

[corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=248](http://corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=248)  
 Silent Auction before Banquet!

Event Type	Cost	Date	Chaiiperson	Phone	Email
Regional Banquet	\$25.00 Per Person	5-Sep-2021	Lorren Loewen	719-749-2898	Lorren.loewen@gmail.com

Checks mailed must be postmarked no later than August 23, 2021  
 Social time starts at 4:00 with cash bar and complimentary Hors D'oeuvres,  
 Buffet at 5:00 and awards are 6:00 to 7:00.

In Addition to the Buffet Each Attendee Receives Two Complimentary  
 Adult Beverages (Wine, Beer or Well Drink)  
 Online Registration Only. Deadline for registering is midnight August 22nd.

Payment sent to:

RMR treasurer c/o Lorren Loewen PO Box 336 Peyton, CO. 80831 Checks made c



**Come for the Regional weekend and Stay for the Banquet!!!**

Menu  
 Wheat Rolls and Butter  
 Tossed Mixed Green Salad, Ranch and Italian Dressings  
 Italian Pasta Salad  
 Seasonal Fresh Fruits and Berries  
 Green Beans and Glazed Carrots  
 Garlic Whipped Potatoes  
 Hunter Style Beef Medallions in Mushroom Gravy  
 Sweet Potato Crusted Chicken Breast with Lemon Mango Chutney Sauce  
 Herb Roasted Strip Loin with Peppercorn Sauce  
 Coffee and Iced Tea



The banquet will follow the September 5th Rallye at the regional weekend. So, sign up for the regional Rallye and stay for the banquet!

The region is taking the opportunity to give something back to its members during the banquet. So, for \$25 per person you get social hour with Hors D'oeuvres, two drink tickets per person for an adult beverage (that's worth the \$25 alone) and a buffet at the Pueblo Country Club.

Registration closes on August 22nd at midnight and checks must be sent in with a postmark no later the August 23rd. We must do this so that we have an accurate count for the country club. There will be no late acceptance!!

Regards,  
 Walt

## Get to Know Your Fellow Members

### An Interview with Bob and Cindy Robinson

by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? **Since December of 2014.**

What Corvette(s) do you currently own or have owned? **Cindy has a 2013 60th anniversary 427 white convertible with racing stripes. Bob has a 2015 Shark Gray ZO6. They previously owned a different C7 but traded it in for the 2013. Bob saw the 2013 in the showroom and told Cindy that she needed to come and take a look at it. Cindy saw it and the trade took place. (Was it love at first site? I think so!)**

Marital Status? **Been married for 31 years.**

How did you meet? **They met at a Naval post graduate school officers club in Monterey, CA. Bob was in the Army and at the club. Cindy was there with some girlfriends. At first one of Cindy's girlfriends was trying to hook Cindy up with Bob's friend. However, the sparks flew between Bob and Cindy. After a month they got engaged and later that year were married. Bob said, "when it's right, it's right!" By the way, that friend of Bob's was the best man at their wedding.**

Where are you from? **Bob grew up on a working farm in a town called Mikesville in northern Florida. (I had to look it up on the map). It is 30 miles northwest of Gainesville. Cindy was born in San Francisco and grew up in San Jose, CA.**

Employment? **Bob was drafted into the Army in 1970. He was in for two years. After that he farmed and built houses. Trying to make ends meet was tough so he rejoined the Army in 1978 and stayed in until retirement from the Army in 1997, as a first sergeant in the 3rd Armored Regiment. During his Army years he was stationed all over including Panama, Germany, Grenada, North Africa, Central and South America, Afghanistan, Korea, Japan, Texas, California, Hawaii, and Colorado. His specialty was short range air defense, including stinger missiles designed to shoot down low flying helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. He spent 10 years conducting missions with 7th Special Forces. He was a drill sergeant and then a recruiter for a short time. After Army life he then went back into construction for 17 years. He is now retired. After college Cindy worked at Macy's as an assistant buyer. In 1982 she went into the banking business working in California, Hawaii, and Colorado. She is currently working for Wells Fargo as a compliance director at the corporate level. She has been there for 24 years and has worked remotely from home for the past 15 years.**

Kids? **Bob has two daughters, ages 42 and 45 and both live in Texas. There are six grandkids, 3 boys and 3 girls ranging in age from 7-24.**

Pets? **Two dogs. A 12-year-old Husky/Bernese Mountain dog named Sophie and an 8-year-old Bassett Hound/Labrador named Rocky. Rocky was a rescue dog and Bob said that the dog makes him laugh every day!**

Favorite club activity? **They really enjoy the cruises and car shows and just "hanging out with people".**

Hobbies? **Bob's first answer was" keeping Cindy happy." (I love it!) He likes to target shoot and reloads his own bullets. Cindy is an amateur wildlife photographer. She has been in some shows and has had her work for sale in stores. They like to camp and have ATV's. They spent four years renovating their "forever" home that they live in now.**

What is the best vacation you ever took? **On their honeymoon they went tent camping in the Northwest (in early November, BRRR!). They had an '84 jeep. While at Mt. Rainer they endured hurricane force winds. In Yellowstone it was 0 degrees out and it was just them in their tent and one other camper in the whole place. They said that they were actually mistaken for homeless people. Cindy says there are a lot more stories about that trip. (Next time you see them, ask.) They also took a very memorable trip to the beaches of Normandy, France in 2014 for the 70th anniversary of D-Day. They said it was very moving and that if given the chance go see it.**

What is your dream corvette? **Cindy says hers would be a 1958, but pretty much just a dream. She loves her 2013 Corvette. Bob says his is the one he owns now, the 2015 ZO6.**

How did your love of Corvettes come about? **When Cindy was 16 years old one of her girlfriends Dad's fixed up cars. He fixed up a '62 or '63 and that is the car that her girlfriend drove around in (with Cindy). They would cruise around San Jose in it. Cindy said she was always the passenger, never got to drive it. (But that was okay). So since then, she has always wanted a Corvette. Bob says that he grew up dirt poor and never dreamed of having a Corvette. It was like reaching for the stars, something unattainable. Dreams do come true!!**

Anything else you would like to add? **Bob and Cindy say that they are basically hermits, so the club activities bring them out and about. They also enjoy the friendly people in the club.**

*Thanks for the interview Bob and Cindy.*



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## CORVETTE That STARTED The BG ASSEMBLY PLANT

Corvettes have been assembled in three locations – Flint, Michigan (1953), St. Louis, Missouri (1954-1981), and Bowling Green, Kentucky (1981-present). The move from St. Louis to Bowling Green allowed General Motors to start new experimental technology in assembly. When a new model or generation is introduced, workers often assemble test mules to learn the most efficient way to complete their tasks. But before testing, how did the new Bowling Green Assembly Plant (BGAP) with new technology know the assembly line would function as designed?

The answer: a 1979 Corvette, after ending its life as an *engineering development car* for changes coming in 1980-81, was shipped to BGAP. The chassis was modified by A.O.Smith Corporation to accept different body mount locations and lighten the 1980 model with a new aluminum rear differential housing and carrier (*see photo*). The interior was unique with several experimental components, including a power driver's seat that became available in Corvette in 1981, and an experimental center console gauge cluster. The 1979 *Corvette Yellow* coupe, photographed as it was lowered to the assembly line floor, was featured on the cover of the June-July 1981 issue of *Corvette News* (*see photo*); it made the initial run down BGAP's assembly line.

Acquired by the Museum in 2018, the 1979 Corvette, although disassembled, remains mostly in original condition. To protect it from further degradation, NCM's Preservation Department is performing conservative treatments, including stabilizing corrosion issues and applying coatings to the vehicle's surface. After treatments and re-assembly are completed, the 1979 Corvette will be exhibited. You can watch the preservation and assembly of this unique Corvette in the Preservation Department during your visit to the National Corvette Museum!

**CONGRATS** to Donna & TJ Larson, celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as NCM members!

**RAFFLES:** **August 19:** *Build Your Own Corvette* or \$65,000: tickets are \$250 and limited to 2,000.  
**September 4:** *Torch Red Coupe*: tickets \$20, unlimited.



A.O.Smith Corporation original modified chassis, highlighting differential



1981 *Corvette News* cover and 1979 Corvette in NCM's Preservation

### 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

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

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- \$49.95 Oil Changes plus shop supplies and tax (Corvettes only, 4 per member, per year)
- All Parts for All Vehicles will be offered at **20% off** retail pricing.
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- All new vehicles will be offered at \$100 over invoice (based on availability, excludes current model year Corvettes or Duramax Diesels.
- 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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### Email Distribution List

To send an email to the entire club click below:

[cscvettes@googlegroups.com](mailto:cscvettes@googlegroups.com)

All new members are added to the list using their email address from the Club roster. For questions about the distribution list, contact:

[treasurer@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org](mailto:treasurer@coloradospringscorvetteclub.org)

### Email Etiquette

Please limit use to Club and Corvette related subjects, or items which may be of interest to the membership. It is not intended for personal use, commentary, or to air grievances. If a member has a question about the appropriateness of a prospective email, the member needs to contact the Club President for guidance and/or approval.

In order to limit the amount of unsolicited emails, when at all possible, please refrain from using the "Reply All" function, and only reply to the original sender.

### NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Website

[NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website](#)

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.

This link is also available on the CSCC web site.

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