

# The Vette Set

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## Meeting Information

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

The next meeting:

**7:00 P.M. Thursday Feb 4, 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, Feb 2, 2021**

Diana Dittman  
11290 Cressman Drive, Falcon, CO  
80831

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

Under the current COVID restrictions, restaurants are not able to handle groups of our size. Therefore, until the restrictions are lifted, the Club will not be arranging after-meeting dinners. Members are encouraged to group up and patronize the restaurant of their choice.

**January meeting was cancelled due to the COVID-19**



## January Meeting Minutes

There was not a January meeting for the safety of club members.  
Please refer to Chris Capshaw's emailed agenda.

## February 2021 Calendar

Tue	Feb 2	CSCC Board Meeting	Chris Capshaw
Thu	Feb 4	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Tue	Mar 2	CSCC Board Meeting	Lorren Loewen
Thu	Mar 4	7 pm CSCC Club Meeting	Daniels Long Chevrolet
Sat	Mar 13	RMR 2020 Awards Banquet	

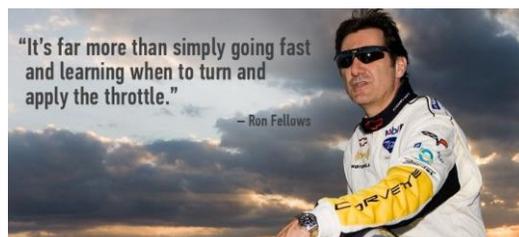
Calendar dates as of January 15, 2020.

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

## Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch

By Jodi DeSchepper

We once again made a trip to Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump, NV to attend the Ron Fellows Corvette Owners class. Todd and I each attended the C8 class while our son Drew attended the C7 Z06 class. If any of you purchase a new Vette or just want a great learning experience, I highly recommend taking this course. We had a great time and learned a lot about the new C8. Drew had a wonderful time driving the Z06 in one of the last C7 classes that will be offered. We met many new Corvette owners from all over the US. The staff and trainers are wonderful. It really is a class act all the way around.



## Corvette Racing's "Jake" Is As Much a Part of Corvette Culture as the Cars Are

While there are many factory teams that participate in one (or more) of the various competitive racing venues around the globe, **there are few teams as accessible and as intimately connected to their fans as the Corvette Racing program.** For many teams, factory backed racing programs are used as a way to test and develop automotive technologies that are later utilized on production vehicles. While all of these programs – including Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini – live behind the mantra *“win on Sunday, sell on Monday,”* **there are few companies that are as intentional about immersing their fans into the experience as Chevrolet and the Corvette Racing program.**

As with any sports franchise, one of the most immediate and gratifying ways for fans to outwardly express their loyalties to a particular team is by displaying the team's mascot/logo. **Since 2004, Corvette Racing fans have been doing just that – by adorning themselves, and their Corvettes, with “Jake” – the skull with the Corvette emblem as his eyes.**

*“Jake is the unofficial official mascot of Corvette Racing,”* said Jake's creator, Eddie Jabbour of Kick Design. *“He really came from the team. I was at the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2004 and noticed that the team had adopted skull icons as a symbol of the ‘take-no-prisoners’ mentality of those intense 24 hours. In fact, someone had scrawled ‘TAKE NO PRISONERS’ on the wall of the Corvette garage. I thought it would be awesome if there was an icon that truly belonged to Corvette Racing. I scribbled the Corvette flag on a cocktail napkin, then drew a skull around it. I thought the design worked, and the team embraced it immediately.”*

The following year, Corvette Racing added its first Jake graphics to the C6.R Corvette's B-pillars for the 2005 running of the 24 Hours of Le Mans. It didn't take long for fans to identify with “Jake.” Within the same year, the mascot quickly began appearing on Corvette Racing merchandise and apparel.

*“Soon he was on the team uniforms, their travel shirts, and on the drivers' helmets,”* Jabbour said of Jake's adoption in 2005. *“It was in sync with what they were about, and the fans recognized that.”*

**Corvette Racing took the Jake concept to the next level for the final race of the 2007 American Le Mans series** when they wrapped both of the C6.R race cars with dueling inverse liveries. The No. 3 car, driven by Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen was wrapped with Corvette Racing's traditional yellow as its base color while the No. 4, driven by Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta, was finished in black. In both instances, **the car featured a prominent image of “Jake” on both the hood and the rear quarter panels of each car.**

*“He's a little edgy, urban, and underground. Young fans get it,”* Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan said (before the start of that race some 13 years ago.) *“The special Jake cars are a one-time only deal, just for fun, to make the last race of season memorable for the fans.”*

Despite Fehan's earlier claims, **the Jake logo continues to be part of the Corvette Racing program,** due in large part to its popularity with the fans. While Jake is featured less prominently on most of the cars throughout the racing-season, there are special liveries that appear – often at pivotal races –



But while Jake is now an integral part of Corvette Racing fandom, **it is also important to note what the symbol means to the fans.**

Twenty years ago, when Corvette decided to compete on the world racing stage, its introduction was considered “*laughable*” by much of the rest of the world. Manufacturers like Porsche and Ferrari, who had dominated at world racing events like Le Mans, saw the Corvette as barely a sports car. **They did not consider the Corvette as a worthy contender against such behemoths as the automobiles being built by some of Europe’s finest.**

Early on, Corvette Racing struggled, but they also persevered. The mantra “*Take No Prisoners*” and the graphical representation of that statement in the form of Jake was a call to action by both the Chevrolet racing program and to its fans, not just in the United States, but around the globe. As Corvette Racing began demonstrating dominance on the racetrack, and as its fandom grew, **the teams recognized that their successes on the track were celebrated by those same fans who had encouraged and supported them from the very start.** As a result, the relationship between the Corvette Racing program and its fans everywhere has become a unique and incredibly special part of each race event throughout any season.

**Today, Corvette Racing connects with its fans at every event.** The team hosts – and judges – Corvette corrals where owners can showcase their own Corvettes and receive “*best in show*” (and other) awards as decided by the team drivers. When the paddocks are opened before each race, fans can interact with the drivers, the crew and even Doug Fehan, team manager for Corvette Racing. They are encouraged to come down to the paddock to interact with the team and get up-close-and-personal with the cars....and when they do, you’ll see an ocean of yellow and black as fans from all walks of life proudly wear their Corvette Racing shirts, hats, jackets, flags, etc. On them you’ll find, likely as not, the image of Jake and the team logo “*Take No Prisoners*” emblazoned on each. It is a battle cry for a team that is made up of so much more than just the people that work for Corvette Racing. It is a brotherhood of fans – *now from around the globe* – that cheer for one of the greatest teams in all of racing, and **one of the best sports cars in all the world – the Chevy Corvette!**

By Scott Kolecki, Corvsport.com



Hello Friends,

Hope your holiday season was great! You had a wonderful time with family and unwrapped some new corvette goodies! I wanted to tell a little story just in case we don't get to see each other for the January meeting. Chris Capshaw takes some very beautiful pics of all of us and our sweet rides! When we went on the Durango cruise earlier this year, he took one for those photos of our Z06. I sent the picture in to Corvette Central for their 2021 corvette calendar and we were one of the 10 lucky winners! It really made our day, having been selected. If you go on Corvette Central's website and look at the 2021 calendar, they are only \$8.00, and you can see our car when you scroll the calendar. Pretty cool to represent Colorado and the Club for all to see. A big Thank you to Chris Capshaw for taking pictures for us all to enjoy. We would not have made the calendar without you!

Sincerely, Brent and Caryn Renholm



Seasons Greetings,

We would like to let everyone know that your overwhelming kindness and generosity for the families helped this year was wonderful! Each and every one of you made a heartfelt moment in their lives. Here are a few of the thank you cards from the families and the messages inside should warm you hearts! We will bring them to the next meeting for everyone to read.

From Caryn and I, you all are truly amazing people. Thank you to all the volunteers and committee members and especially everyone that donated. We are very humbled to have you as friends.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Brent and Caryn Renholm



Happy  
Valentines  
Day

# Get to Know Your Fellow Members

## An Interview with Mike and Tracey Hayes

by Diana Dittman

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

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? **A 2014 Torch Red Coupe and a 2017 Watkins Glen Gray Grand Sport.**

Marital Status? **Been married for 30 years.**

How did you meet? **They met while going to college at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. Tracey was in ROTC and Mike was majoring in biology and working in the biology lab. Tracey got a job in the lab and Mike was her boss. "At first she played hard to get", said Mike. Eventually he won her over and they dated for two years before getting married.**

Where are you from? **Mike was born in Newport News, VA. During his childhood he also lived in Martinsville and Danville, VA. He spent his high school years in Oklahoma. Tracey was born and raised in Chillicothe, Ohio.**

Employment? **Tracey joined the Air Force right out of college. She was stationed in Montana, California, Colorado, Canada (Toronto and Ottawa), Washington D.C., Virginia, and Wyoming. The bulk of her 26 years in the Air Force was in space operations. Her career hi-light was when she was the wing commander at FE Warren AFB in Cheyenne, WY. She retired as a Colonial. She currently works for SEZ1 Tech in the Air Force and Space Force business unit and has been there for four years. Mike worked for the EPA in Ohio. He worked in waste enforcement (solid and infectious). He then worked in the hazardous waste division (chemical). In Montana he worked for the Department of Environmental Quality. When their daughter was born, he was a stay-at-home Dad. While in Colorado he worked for the City of Aurora Golf Division at Murphy Creek Golf Course where he worked his way up to assistant superintendent. What drew him there was the sign that said, "Free Golf". He also worked in maintenance at Saddle Rock Golf Course in Aurora. They decided to retire in Colorado. It is the place they could both agree on. The mountains also drew them in.**

Kids? **One daughter, who graduated college a year and a half ago from Colorado State and one son who is a Senior in high school at Manitou H.S.**

Pets? **4 dogs, 1 cat, 2 turtles, and a Senegal parrot. (Their daughter brought home one of the dogs and the cat).**

Favorite club activity? **They like the parades and driving in the homecomings. They also like the car shows and are looking forward to the upcoming autocrosses.**

Hobbies? **Mike likes to golf and does wood working. He used to paint (oil and acrylics). While in Wyoming he did ceramics. Tracy likes to snow ski and was a golfer, but injuries put that on hold. She says that when they retire, they will be spending a lot of time at the golf course!**

What is the best vacation you ever took? **Two summers ago, they went on an Alaskan Cruise. While in Canada they were hosts to a Canadian military family. They all went to Disney World and had a great time.**

What is your dream corvette? **Mike's is a C7 ZR 1 and Tracey likes the 1963 split window.**

How did your love of Corvettes come about? **After retirement they thought let's have some fun. They then found and bought their red 2014 Corvette. Next came the 2017 Grand Sport. While at the Daniel's car show last year, he really admired Doug and Tanya Cox's Grand Sport. After sitting in it Mike decided that he was going to look for one to buy. He started searching and found one in Ohio. Within a week and a half, he flew out, picked it up, and drove it home. Jokingly he says that Doug and Tanya are to blame!!**

Anything else you would like to add? **They look forward to (hopefully) going to some club events this year.**

*Thanks for the interview Mike and Tracey.*



### For Sale:

I replaced the front spoiler and rocker panels on my 2016 Z06 with carbon fiber models. If anyone wants the used units, they can have the entire package for \$200.

Happy holidays!  
Paul Thompson  
719-510-4201

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### 2020 C8 CORVETTE - PART 2: THE ENGINE

Part 1 reviewed the C8 Change and what it means. Part 2 takes a look at the C8's engine. Moving it and the dual clutch transmission (DCT) to the rear provides better traction, resulting in a more responsive launch, acceleration and handling. Combined with the LT2 engine enhancements, this C8 is the most powerful Stingray to date!

The LT2 engine retains the C7's LT1 short-block configuration, but with changes. The C8 mid-engine configuration and the symmetrical intake port design allows the intake manifold to be spun around 180 degrees facing the rear of the engine, thereby increasing power.

There are two LT2 engine options. The High-Performance Z51 Package pushes the peak horsepower to 495 at 6,450 rpm with torque increasing to 470 lb-ft. The Standard Package loses just 5 hp and 5 lb-ft of torque. With the Z51 Package, the LT2 engine and quick-shifting DCT propel the C8 to 60 mph in 2.9 seconds, and through the quarter mile in 11.2 seconds at 121 mph.

The following features encompass the heart of the C8 power train, enhancing engine performance and fuel management.

**Dry Sump Oil System**, formerly an option, is now standard. It collects oil outside of the engine rather than from the oil pan. Engine lubrication pressure is supplied by 3 pumps in a two-stage oil pump assembly directly driven off the crankshaft sprocket. Engine oil level should be checked with the engine running at operating temperature.

**Variable Valve Timing** components in the C7s include the Engine Control Module (ECM), the valve lifter oil manifold assembly, and the Active Fuel Management (AFM) lifters. The C8 system eliminates the valve lifter oil manifold assembly. Instead, energized by the ECM, four ECM-controlled valve lifter oil solenoid valves supply oil flow to the AFM lifters.

**Updated Active Fuel Management System** coupled with the DCT increases fuel economy, depending on driving conditions and driver's aggressiveness, by using only half of the engine's cylinders. The AFM stays in V-8 in the *Drive* mode and deactivates in the *Manual* mode. If you use the "temporary tap" (pull on paddle) and don't request an additional shift in 5 seconds, the AFM reactivates. AFM is disabled in Track Mode.

**RAFFLES:** *Thursday Feb 4: 2021 Red Mist Convertible, \$150/ticket - limited to 1500 tickets. Thursday, Feb 25: 2021 Black Coupe, \$100/ticket - limited to 2000 tickets. Saturday April 24: 2021 Arctic White Coupe with unlimited tickets at \$20 each. Email me at the above address if you need Raffle Ticket Request Forms.*

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[NCCC Rocky Mt Region Website](#)

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