



THE 'VETTE GAZETTE

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2022

Color Country Corvette Club
St. George, UT

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THE VOTES ARE IN

At the November Membership Meeting members voted their choice for the members who would occupy the five board seats for 2022. Here are the results:

President: Peter Spevak will continue for a second term.

Vice President: Graysen Fox will serve his first term.

Secretary: Paul Styka will serve a first term. He has been the Acting Secretary.

Treasurer: Larry Martin will continue for a second term.

Membership Coordinator: Doug Rosa will continue for a second term.

These terms will become effective January 1, 2022

[Congratulations to those who will guide the Club in the year 2022.](#)

A Letter from the Prez

Hi, CCCC Friends.

As the CCCC embarks on a new year here in the beautiful, sunny southwest (aka: Corvette Country) I want to again state our reason to be: enjoying our beautiful cars, enjoying the beautiful surroundings, enjoying good places to meet & eat in our travels and enjoying each other.

The club has grown through the past couple “challenging” years...now standing at 120+ members. I find this exciting because it means more ideas of how to enjoy ourselves and the CCCC.

Let’s all commit to making this year a GREAT one for the CCCC. As always, your Board looks for your input, suggestions and your participation.

Trish and I wish you a happy, safe and healthy New Year.

Thanks for being members of the CCCC.

Peter A. Spevak
CCCC President

CLUB MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETINGS

Held on the **Second Tuesday** of each month unless otherwise notified.

BLACK BEAR DINER

965 N HOODOO WAY - WASHINGTON - (Just off I-15 @ Exit 13)

DINNER & SOCIAL - 5:30 - 7:00PM

BUSINESS MEETING - 7:00 – 8:00PM

Guests are Welcome.



CLUB BOARD MEETING

Held on the **Monday before the Monthly Member General Meeting** at 2:00pm
(Location TBD - All members are welcome to attend)

'VETTES & CAFFEINE

Held on the **Third Thursday** of each month at 9:00am, **unless otherwise notified**. The venue will change from month to month. An email reminder will be sent prior to each event.

SUNSHINE NEWS



Shelby Hall

Doug Utash tells me that **Wanda** is finally adjusting to her meds and doing much better.

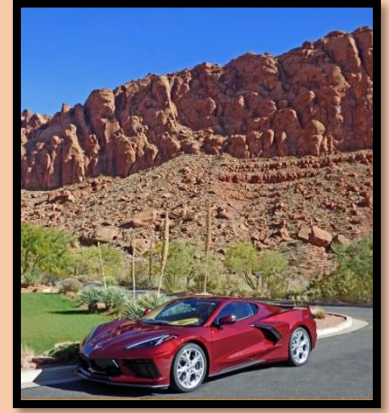
It was great to see **Anne Rosa** at the Christmas Party feeling much better.

Bob Butler tells me that **Linda** is finished with her chemo and feeling better.

Our Stephen Wade Service Manager and friend Robert Rashid's wife's father passed way in early December and so she wasn't able to attend the Christmas Party with Robert. Our condolences go out to both.

You can reach me at...Cell: 801.360.7586 or by email: shelbysue1946@gmail.com

JANUARY CAR OF THE MONTH



2020 C8 LT3 Z-51 Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat

Color Country Corvette Club Car of the Month January 2022

Dale & Francene Crum

NEW MEMBERS

Judy and I are both retired police officers. Judy has done 20 years and I did thirty. We are out of Bridgeport, CT. Not much time spent as Corvette owners though, as most of our time was spent riding motorcycles. We both decided to try Corvettes, and so far, we are enjoying ourselves. – **Bill & Judy Lasalata**

Dale was raised in Maryland and spent his career in highway and land development. He retired in December 2017.

Fran is originally from New Jersey but moved to Maryland where she graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in Technology & Science. She worked for Lockheed Martin for ten years and decided to pursue her passion for Nursing. She also retired in December 2017.

In 1974 they bought their first Corvette which was a 1968 Stingray. They kept it for two years but always thought the day would come when they would own another.

After they retired Dale says he asked Fran if he could buy a new Corvette for his retirement gift. She said yes. Fran's words were, "You get everything on that car you want because I don't want to hear you complain about not getting what you wanted." Dale says, the price of the car went up after that. - **Dale & Fran Crum**

After a year of absence, it is great to be back with the C.C.C.C. We still have our 2014 Stingray. It is Silver with light grey interior, and the same color combination as our 1977 Stingray. It was a nice car but getting ten miles to the gallon and a 12-gallon tank made long trips more of a stop and go than drive and enjoy.

We also have three classic cars that we love to show and drive. A 1939 Buick convertible which is a road car that we had in the Great Race a few years ago. We also have a 1939 Oldsmobile Convertible and a 1973 Firebird Formula 455.

We look forward to many outings with food and fun with the club, and the many friends we have made there.

-**Dick & Beth Crabtree**

We retired in April of this year; Janet from healthcare and Reed from wood products. We owned a beautiful home and cabin in the Pacific Northwest but lost the cabin in a forest fire on Labor Day, 2020. We sold our home in Eugene, OR and moved to sunny St. George last May.

We currently reside in Desert Color and love Southern Utah. We have owned several sports cars in the past, but this is our first Corvette. We look forward to interacting with the rest of the club members.

-**Reed & Janet Singleton**

We have been partners for close to three years. We own a lovely home in the Del Webb development in Mesquite, NV.

Ann has no experience with hot cars, only with hot men like Jim! He grew up on a farm in Wisconsin and has lived in seven states. Ann's most recent accomplishment

is earning the title of Ms. Senior Mesquite and Ms. Senior Nevada. She teaches lots of fitness classes and rides bikes and hikes with Jim.

Jim is a member of the Elk's and volunteers there, and at Mesa Valley Estates Assisted Living. His dog River Rat is a joy in their life. They enjoy concerts, fine dining, and cocktail hour together. They loved the Christmas get together and look forward to more gatherings.

Jim retired from Lockheed Martin as a senior manager in California at age 55 and bought a horse ranch in the Colorado Rockies. He has four children, two boys and two girls. His youngest daughter was Miss Rodeo Colorado in 2014. Five years ago, Jim settled in this beautiful area.

The 2019 Z06 Corvette is Jim's first and finest experience with Corvettes. He has had an interest in high performance cars since early in his life starting with a 1966 GTO he ordered from the factory. He forfeited his driving privileges for six months for various violations following that purchase.

Next was a gorgeous 1967 Jaguar XKE. After the children grew up, he acquired a 2010 Roush Stage 3 Mustang. Then came a fun 2019 Toyota 86. It lacked power though, which then led him to the Corvette which is a great ride.

We are most happy to have met up with a like-minded group of folks in the Color Country Corvette Club which is fun loving and diverse in their activities.

-Jim Russell & Ann Murphy

Christine and I are engaged as of a couple of months ago. We both enjoy Corvettes, of course. She sold her red C6, shortly after moving to St. George full time. She has owned, 57, 64, 84, 95, 03, 04 and 2009. My stable included 82, 89, 02, 98 (Pace Car), 2010 GS and currently a 2015 Z-51.

Except for the eighty-two, mine have all been convertibles. We bought two new travel trailer's this year and are enjoying or latest new fifth wheel trailer. We also of course, love Corvettes and those Corvette outings.

-Gordon Frampton & Christine Hulse

WELCOME (Back) TO THE CLUB!

RECENT EVENTS

Christmas Dinner Party

December 7, 2021

Aragosta Restaurant



...And a good time was had by all! About seventy members came together on Tuesday, December 7 to celebrate the season of giving and serving. The Aragosta was a perfect setting for the size of our group, and the atmosphere was simply great.

Chef Imi was his usual friendly self and the food he prepared was scrumptious as always. The restaurant was set in tables of sixes and eights which made it possible for members to sit next to each other and have a nice evening of conversation without having to raise their voice.

We had a musician playing music on a keyboard for the entire evening which added to the atmosphere.

The finale was a medley of Christmas songs sung by a choir from Pine View High School which was just the right way to end a beautiful evening.



Here are some more pictures from the event.





Adonia Yacht Tour St. George, UT

Hosted by Ray & Adele Snipes
Thursday, December 16, 2021

About two years ago we visited Adonia Yachts, and, without exception, the tour was enjoyed by all. Since then, we have added several new members and so it seemed like a suitable time to conduct another tour.



We met at Rooster Run in Hurricane for breakfast following which, we took the new on-ramp from Hurricane to SR-7. Then along SR-7 to River Road, and then north to Adonia Yachts located at South River Road in St. George.

We appreciate Ray & Adele Snipes for hosting this outing.

Wreaths Across America

Saturday, December 18, 2021



Club members attended and participated in this annual event recognizing those who gave all for each of us. The services took place at the following locations.



- Tonaquint Cemetery - 11th Annual Event
- St. George Cemetery – 4th Annual Event
- Shivwits Cemetery - 9th Annual Event

REMEMBER...*the fallen*
HONOR...*those who have served*
TEACH...*the children the value of freedom*



2021 Wreath Sponsors	
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Judd's General Store	Knights of Columbus #23
John and Susan Love	Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation Ctr
Stephen Wade Auto Center	Michael & Gloria Toomey



Here is a picture taken a month or so ago of Club President, Peter Spevak, presenting the Color Country Corvette Club annual donation in the amount of \$200, to Val King, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Regent.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Provo, Utah

Hosted by Derek & Shelby Hall

Friday, March 11, 2022



Brushed Aluminum 427 KMS/SC

If you ever wanted to own a 427 CI powered Shelby Cobra you will not want to miss this tour of the Kirkham Motorsports factory where they are producing Cobra replicas. This will be an overnigher, so sign-up now, book a motel room in the Provo area and mark your calendar for an exciting tour of a factory producing a replica of one of America's most iconic automobiles.

The idea for Kirkham Motorsports started in 1994 with the mission to build the finest replicas in the world. It all began when David Kirkham was restoring the 427 Shelby Cobra CSX3104.

At the same time, a relative bought, sold, and imported to the US a Polish fighter jet (in that order). The already sold jet had bounced inside the shipping container and the nose was severely dented. David was called to fix the plane, and during inspection of the damage, realized the construction was strikingly like the CSX3104.

Inspired, David found the manufacturer in Poland and sent a fax off to Poland. The simple note read, "Can you guys build an aluminum bodied car?" Within 12 hours the reply: "No problem."



A week later, David was on a plane to Warsaw with an English-Polish dictionary, a toy model of a Cobra, and a dream. He spent a week scouting the factory and exploring their manufacturing abilities. He found a factory with idle machines. The enormous factory had produced aircraft for over 60 years. During the tour, David knew this was the place he wanted to build cars.

After meeting with three generations of skilled craftsmen eager to make these cars, he forged some agreements and left filled with grand expectations and enthusiasm.

<http://www.kirkhammotorsports.com/gallery.shtml>

Be sure to RSVP Derek Hall at ukderekh@gmail.com

WANT TO HOST A CLUB OUTING OR EVENT?

Members who would like to host a run, or an event,
or would like help organizing one, please contact:

Graysen Fox

gfox@apmortgage.com/435.287.9181

JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January

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Call, or email to wish one of your fellow members a very Happy Birthday!

CORVETTE HUMOR

FIVE THINGS I LIKE

ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.
2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.
3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT
FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.
4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.
5. BACON.

SMOKE TIRES



NOT DRUGS

CLUB GEAR & CLOTHING



The Color Country Corvette Club on-line web store is available for purchases. All shirts, jackets and hats have special club pricing.

Do not hesitate to get yours. They will look great on you. You will be able to see the logo on the shirt and the stitching on the sleeve as well. The site allows you to pick the size, colors, and your car color.

If you have any questions or need additional information call **Power Image (435)673-0263**. See the link below to access the

store's landing page.

<https://store.powerupyourimage.com/colorcountrycorvetteclub/shop/home>



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- ❖ Stephen Wade technicians are up to date on the latest service bulletins, recalls, parts changes and service procedures.
- ❖ The benefits of timely routine maintenance should not be underestimated. A well-maintained vehicle is more efficient, safer, more valuable, and more enjoyable to own. Ignoring important maintenance items might save a little money in the short term, but there's enormous potential for more expensive repairs in the long term by doing so.

Robert Rashid recently advised us that he is holding the 2021 service rates for club members through 2022. That is huge given that about everything else seems to be increasing. For the record, nonmember labor rate at Stephen Wade is \$140/hour!

2022 Rates

Labor - \$95/hr.

Parts – 15% off the MSRP

Maintenance – 10% discount

Brakes & Alignment – 10% discount

Tires – Can be price matched with either **Discount Tire or Costco**.
Cost to balance and mount is \$50/Per tire

A recent club member received a price quote from Discount Tires for his C7 and Robert priced the very same tires from Stephen Wade at \$300 less. Now that's worth following through on.



Important Note: At each monthly club meeting the Stephen Wade dealership graciously gives us three valuable gift certificates to be used as door prizes, for which we are incredibly grateful.

Due to earlier confusion, Robert Rashid, Service Manager, has clarified that these certificates never expire, and are redeemable for all services and parts. Exceptions are...tires and GM promotions.

Your Stephen Wade Service Team



CORVETTE NEWS

The **Bowling Green factory** to a serious hit during the recent tornado that ripped through Kentucky. Here is a summary of damage to the factory.

<https://www.autoblog.com/2021/12/19/corvette-tornado-damage-rebuilt-cars/>

If you want to keep up with what is happening in the world of Corvettes, just paste one of these links into your browser and lust away.

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