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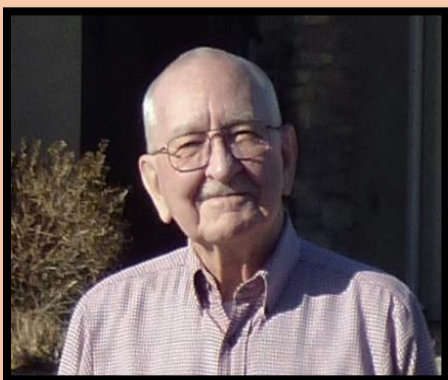
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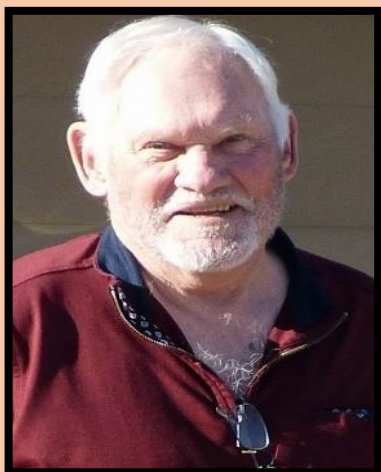
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A Letter from the Prez

First, let me express my thanks to each of you for your confidence in me as I assume the role of President of your Color Country Corvette Club.

I come into this role at a time when the Club is healthy and robust both financially and structurally. Our members are just regular folks who love Corvettes, love our country, and enjoy what is best about both.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge our outgoing president, **Peter Spevak**, who has served for more than two years as president, during which time he endured challenging health problems due to Covid 19 but kept the Club moving forward. During his tenure the Club has more than doubled in size.

I also want to thank those who have agreed to serve with me on your Board. **Graysen Fox**, who brings energy and a youthful look to the Club. **Larry Martin** who is the rock that watches over the Club's assets. **Paul Styka**, who is our secretary and historian, and tasked with recording the activities of the Club.

Gary Grosjeans, who joins the Board for the first time and is tasked with growing and maintaining the Club's membership. Lastly, and certainly not the least, **Doug Rosa**, who will always be our Club Founder.

Your Board's goal for 2023 will be to secure the Club's future and produce another banner year for the Club...a year of growth, and most of all, a year of fun!

Derek Hall
President

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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



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BOARD MEETINGS

Regularly held on the **even months** of the year. A Board Meeting may also be called as needed. All members will be notified of the exact date, and the location of each Board Meeting. **All members in good standing are welcome to attend.**

'VETTES & CAFFEINE

Typically held on the **Third Thursday** of each month at 9:00am, **unless otherwise notified**. These events usually begin with breakfast at a local restaurant followed by a short run which rarely exceeds an hour or so. The venue changes from month to month. A reminder will be sent to the entire membership prior to each event.

SUNSHINE NEWS

We heard recently that **Judy Lasalata** has passed on. **Bill** was at the last Membership Meeting and shared with us a little about Judy's health issues. We extend our love and fellowship to **Bill and his family** as they grieve at this time.

Marsha Van Otten has been having a rough time recently due to lingering effects of radiation and chemotherapy from back in 2000. **Dave** reports that she is making slow but positive progress despite a couple of recent setbacks. We look forward to having **Dave and Marsha** back with us soon.

Our good friend **Reed Singleton** is dealing with a health concern that will require surgery in the next six weeks or so. **Janet** tells us that he is in good spirits and planning for a positive outcome. We wish Reed and Janet all the best during this time and will keep them both in our prayers.

If you have information about club members who may have illness or any other reason for concern, I can be reached by telephone at **801.360.7586** or by email: shelbysue1946@gmail.com

NEW MEMBERS

Lee & Pam McCullough

After High School (1963) **Lee** spent six “wonderful” months in boot camp with the Marine Corp Reserves, followed by 8 years of Reserve meetings where each month he and others attacked the TV towers on a mountain near Salt Lake.

After the Reserves Lee spent 2.5 years on a Mission in Brasil for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Going from the Marine Corp to a mission in Brasil was quite a cultural shock.

Lee attended the University of Utah where he did undergraduate studies, graduated with a BS, and then attended Law School at the U of U. He has spent the last 50 years practicing Trust and Estate planning in his law firm in Salt Lake City called The McCullough Group. One of his sons now runs the firm and Lee shows up once a month to make sure the firm is still there.



Lee married his wife **Pam** in August 1967, 55 years ago. Pam is Lee's best friend, mother to their 6 children and grandmother to their 24 grandchildren. Lee loves to go running, hiking, biking, fly fishing, camping, Jeeping, and now Corvette-ing.

They love exploring in their Jeep (for off road exploring) and their Corvette (for on road exploring).

Lee loves hiking mountains but as he gets older the mountains he hikes get smaller.

After high school Pam attended BYU, where they met and got engaged. Pam received her nursing degree from BYU and put Lee through law school. Pam promptly retired the day Lee passed the Utah Bar. She loves golfing, biking, fly fishing, and exploring this wonderful world with Lee.

Pam's ancestors are from New Harmony and Grafton, Utah. She loves searching for ancestors and doing genealogy and loves being with their kids and grandkids and helping them. She loves helping anyone in need. She also loves oil painting and has filled their home with wonderful artwork.

Todd & LaRae Mitchell



Todd & LaRae were raised in SLC and have remained in Utah our whole life with exception of work.

Todd started a Law Enforcement career in 1985, beginning with Salt Lake County. In 1990 he began working for Utah Department of Corrections where he found the love of my life, **LaRae**.

During his 20 years in law enforcement, he was certified in weapons, clandestine labs, joint criminal

apprehension, and receiving numerous awards.

In 2008 Todd retired from Law Enforcement and began selling Guns and Ammunition to Law Enforcement Agencies. He maintained a territory in Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana, again retiring in 2020.



He has been and always will be a supporter of Law Enforcement and a car nut from Rat Fink to modern muscle. LaRae

however is much more conservative but Todd says don't let that fool you she drives a manual transmission car like she stole it!

They spend most of their time now retired and enjoying grandkids along with working on several cars 2 - C3s a '32 Ford Roadster a '36 Ford 3 window coupe and a muscle car or two. This keeps Todd from getting into

trouble at home.

During the summer months for the last few years, they spend time on Cedar Mountain not too far from Duck Creek working on a cabin build.



Jeff & Lyn Donovan

They have been married for 35 years and have 3 kids and 5 grandkids. They raised their family in Bountiful, Utah. Their oldest daughter and son in law and two grandkids have lived in St George for five years.



They wanted to spend more of their time with their grandkids, so they bought a part-time home in Sun River last December. In the summer and fall, they live in North Salt Lake where Lyn has a seasonal business that requires her there from July to early December.

Lyn is a nationally published artist who makes hand-sculpted, hand-made Witches and Santas and sells them at two or three holiday shows and to her huge clientele.

Jeff owns Results Marketing which is a SEO/SEM online marketing company and has been in business since 2011. He is also an affiliate for ERC Specialists helping business owners qualify and receive ERC (Employee Retention Credit) refunds. Jeff can operate both of these businesses from anywhere.

They love spending time with their grandkids and Jeff loves taking his 3 1/2-year-old granddaughter on Polaris Razor rides. They also love and play high level pickleball regularly for the last eight years. Both of have competed in tournaments in the Western United States and have dozens of podium medals.

Jeff also loves to fly fish and caught a nearly 20-pound brown trout on a small fly on the upper Green river in Wyoming in November. They love the beach and spent the last four winters in a beach condo in Oceanside CA. They will be there this January.



They love to travel. In the last five years, they have traveled throughout Europe and this last May, they spent 25 days in Israel, Egypt,

Jordan, Greece, and Turkey. This March they will spend 25 days in Thailand and China.

Jeff likes racing cars and started racing McLaren's several years ago. When the Corvette came out with the new mid-engine and body style, he fell in love with the Corvette. He ordered his orange and black 2023 HTC LT2 C8 last Nov 4 and got it on October 20th. This is our first Corvette.

They both love this dream car and joined the Club last month. They have come to the last two events and look forward to meeting everyone this year.

Dave and Janiel Quinn

Dave and Janiel began splitting time between Utah (SLC) and Mesquite NV in 2011. In 2016 they left Utah for Montana but continued to spend as much time in Mesquite as possible.

After years of driving our 'winter' vehicle while in Mesquite, they decided this year to buy something sporty and fun to keep and drive in Mesquite. After months of looking for just the right car, they came upon the perfect car. **A 2000 Corvette C-5 coupe.**



Four things made it perfect: one owner, stick shift, very low miles, and the underside of the hood was signed by David Hill – Corvette Chief Engineer 1992-2006.

And yes David (Hill), they do expect to enjoy "Many Miles with Smiles!"

WE WELCOME EACH OF YOU TO THE CLUB!

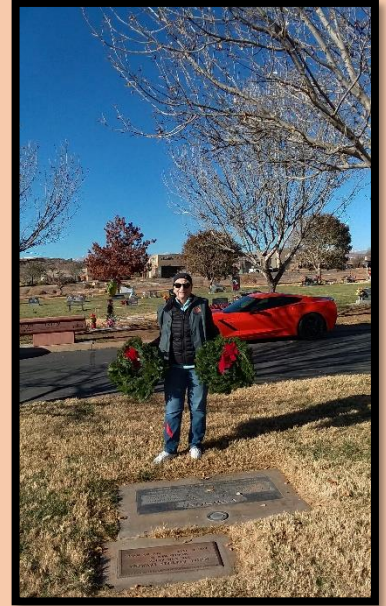
MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Wreaths Across America Saturday, December 17, 2022

Trish and Peter Spevak, (representing Color Country Corvette Club--CCCC) laid wreaths on veterans' graves for Wreaths Across America at two local cemeteries. Several hundred people participated.

They have done this for several years to keep alive the memory of the sacrifices of all veterans. It is a very fulfilling experience.



This year they got to meet, shake hands with and chat with a 99-year-old former Marine who fought at Iwo Jima in WWII.

One of the wreaths they placed was on the grave of a veteran who fought in the Spanish American war (see pic).



Thank you, veterans and thank you **Peter & Trish** for representing the Club!



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Veteran's Day

Friday, Nov 11, 2022

President, Peter Spevak also visited the cemetery where the Color Country Corvette Club has an Honor Brick in the commemorative wall at the cemetery.

Thank you Peter, on behalf of all those Club members who have served, and all those who honor those who served.



JANUARY & FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

January

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February

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11	Janet Singleton	541.228.6194	janetholloway55@gmail.com
13	Todd Mitchell	435.668.8162	tmitchell38518@aol.com
19	Myrna Hagerty	530.570.8176	behagerty66@gmail.com
29	Paul Styka	630.533.4992	p.styka@sbncglobal.net

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

RECENT EVENTS

2022 Christmas Dinner Party

Aragosta Restaurant

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Hosted By Color Country Corvette Club



Sixty-six members and guests gathered at the Aragosta restaurant for an amazing night of gourmet food and terrific entertainment. **Chef Imi** prepared a wonderful feast of steel head salmon, chicken, and prime rib, along with a

selection of hors d'oeuvres and all the trimmings.

One of the highlights was a Christmas Carol Medley performed by the **Pine View High School Chorale**.



Everyone came dressed in their best attire which really added to the seasonal and festive atmosphere that evening.

Here are some of the many pics from that night. It was hard to select which ones to post in the newsletter because there so many great shots. Please enjoy reviewing them.











SHOP WITH A COP

Don Ipson's Garage

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Hosted By Desert Rodders Club
& Color Country Corvette Club

About twenty Club members gathered at Guru's on North Bluff and then made the short trip over to Don Ipson's Garage which is just off Dixie Downs Road.

It was an event sponsored by the Desert Rodder's Car Club and the CCCC was invited.

It was a terrific event where a prime rib dinner was served on tables set up in and around the scores of antique and collector cars.

The best news of course was that the proceeds from the dinner went to the **Shop with a Cop Foundation.**

The children who are chosen to participate in Shop with a Cop are most often the at-risk, disadvantaged kids, or have experienced a negative situation with law enforcement.

The officers can interact, one on one, with the child and have the opportunity of taking a negative view of law enforcement and turning it into a positive one.



'VETTES & CAFFEINE

Bishops Grill & Cruise

Thursday, Nov 17, 2022

Hosted by Mike Roe



It was a gorgeous Fall day when seven Corvettes met at Bishop's Restaurant on Sunset Blvd. for breakfast and for a ride out through Santa Clara, continuing through Gunlock, then east to Veyo and from there back to St. George where we met at Guru's for a run wrap up.



The group enjoyed breakfast with a few members of the Desert Rodders Club in preparation for the **"Shop with a Cop"** event scheduled for Saturday, December 10.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly Membership Meeting

January 10, 2023

Hosted by the Color Country Corvette Club

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Balloon Festival & Corvette Car Show

January 14, 2023

Hosted by the Color Country Corvette Club

Balloon Festival Launch – Staheli Family Farms

7:00am – 10:00am

Corvette Car Show – Washington County Fairgrounds

10:00am – 2:00pm

More information to follow

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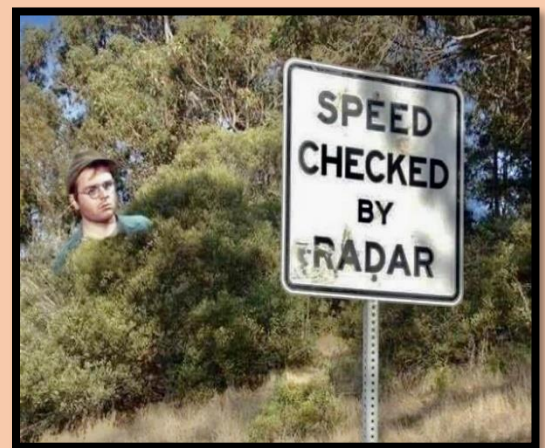
Members who would like to host a run, or an event, or would like help organizing one, please contact:

Mike Roe, Events Manager at (435) 669-2063
or email mikesloroe@gmail.com

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS



CORVETTE HUMOR



CORVETTE INTERESTING FACTS

As the longest-produced sports car in the world, the Corvette is used to being in the spotlight. When it comes to its proud history, there are a few things we'd like to get out about Chevrolet's most iconic vehicle. Check out these 10 fun facts and see how many you didn't know!

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 Corvette has been produced in three different cities: Flint, Bowling Green, and St. Louis.
4. The first Corvette retailed for \$3,513 in 1953. Adjusted for inflation, that's an affordable \$31,608!
5. Myron Scott, who worked as a photographer for Chevrolet, named the Corvette after a small warship of the same designation.
6. The Corvette is the only vehicle ever to offer a legitimate "wrap-around" windshield.
7. 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.
8. The Corvette has been used as the pace car of the Indianapolis 500 thirteen times, more than any other vehicle!
9. You might be surprised to learn that the 1968 LT-2 Corvette prototype is the fastest in history, completing the quarter mile in 10.86 seconds and going 0-60 in 2.8 seconds. Though the 2009 ZR1 came close with a quarter mile at 11.4 seconds, the old prototype still reigns supreme.
10. The original 1953 Corvette offered only 2 options—a heater for \$91 and an AM radio for \$145. A Corvette with all the trimmings would set you back a total of \$3,749.

THE CORVETTE GARAGE

By Jeffery Zornow

I am pleased to announce that the new CCCC Board has decided to include a long overdue feature in the "Vette Gazette" called "Corvette Garage." This is for those of us who enjoy working on our cars.

The focus of my column will be sharing small projects such as, mechanical, car care products, shortcuts for repairs, electrical issues, modifications, aftermarket accessories or request for mechanical assistance with a new project.

As we get started, I would encourage all members to contact me with any projects that would help fellow Corvette owners keep their cars running and looking great for years to come.

My first column will be on optimizing your car's shine. I am constantly asked at car shows how I get such a beautiful shine on my 1990 Black ZR1. My response is always the same, "It takes a lot of hard work." But, if you are willing to put the time in, you can achieve a showroom finish on your everyday or weekend driver.



First, let's start with the equipment. You will need the following:

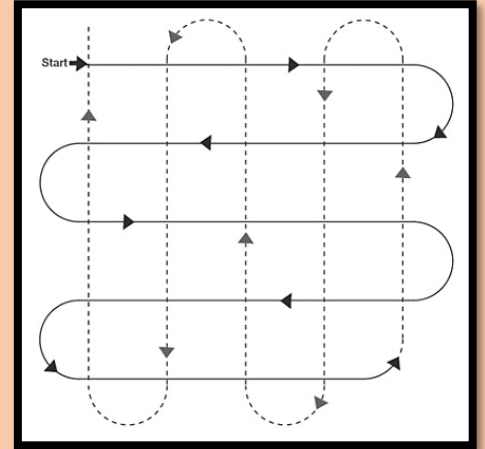
A) A variable speed orbital polisher. I use a Porter Cable model 7424XP. Orbital polishers will never burn or cut through the paint on the corners of your car like old-school high-RPM buffers.

B) Several foam pads. I use orange for cutting, white for polishing and gray for finishing. Depending on your cars finish, you may need a wool or terrycloth pad to help remove deep scratches or swirls.

C) Liquid compounds. I use a three-step process by Pinnacle. Advanced Compound which removes medium to heavy swirls, followed by Advanced Swirl Remover which removes light swirl marks and imperfections, then I finish up with Advanced finishing polish.



D) Finally, a good wax. Any carnauba paste is always an excellent choice. Since I have a black car, I prefer Chemical Guys “Black Light Hybrid Radiant Finish” specifically designed for dark cars. This diagram is the buffing pattern I use in small sections, normally 24” x 24” squares.



Speed, pressure, and pattern are very important. I use medium pressure for heavy scratches and swirl marks, medium to light pressure for light scratches and swirls and finally the buffer's weight for the finishing compound, as well as waxing.

You do not need to follow the buffing pattern for applying the wax. I recommend just broadcasting the wax all over the car.

Follow the instructions on the wax of your choice. Gradually working each compound into your car's finish is a bit time consuming, but if you have the patience, you can achieve a showroom finish.

Let me know if you are interested in learning more about bringing a brilliant shine to your car. Until next time...**Jeff**.

CLUB GEAR & CLOTHING

Apparel with the Club Logo for Men & Women



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.

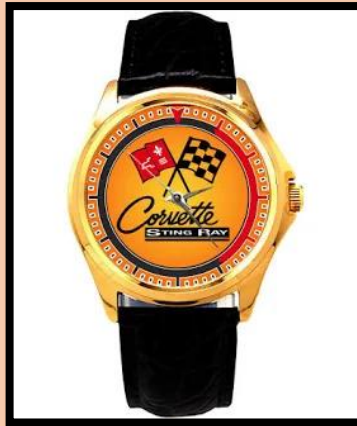


The site allows you to pick the size, colors, and your car color. If you have any questions or need additional information call **Power Image (435)673-0263**. See the link below to access the store's landing

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C7 Corvette Logo

Since there are so many C7 Corvettes in the Club these days Power Image has developed an approximately 12 x12-inch C7 logo only that can be embroidered, and will float, on the back of any shirt or jacket.



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Stephen Wade Auto Center will continue to offer a drastically reduced labor rate of \$105/hour for club members in 2023.

For the record, the *nonmember labor rate is \$150/hour!*

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Parts – 15% off the MSRP

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OTHER CORVETTE NEWS WORTH A LOOK

This video is a bit long but worth the view. It is a C8 Z06 versus a Ferrari & a Lambo. What an incredible piece of automotive machinery!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MzH7Alj0QU>

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