

# THE 'VETTE GAZETTE

## FEBRUARY 2023

## Color Country Corvette Club St. George, Utah

## **Established 2006**

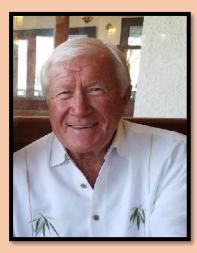
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### **2023 BOARD OFFICERS**



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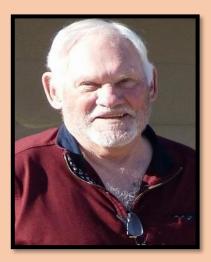




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> GARY GROSJEAN Membership Manager



### **2023 CLUB SPECIALISTS**

JEFF ZORNOW Corvette Garage



MIKE ROE **Events Manager** 



#### PETER SPEVAK Club Photographer



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'Vette Gazette Editor Open Position (Members May Volunteer)

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## A Letter from the Prez

Great spring weather is just around the corner, for us that live in Southern Utah and Southern Nevada and coming with it, is bright sunny days and lots of opportunities to drive our Corvettes.

In speaking with **Mike Roe and Graysen Fox**, it appears we are in for an eventful first quarter of the year. 'Vettes & Caffeine will occur on a monthly schedule and include a breakfast or lunch at a place close to St. George or Mesquite, followed by a Corvette cruise lasting an hour or so.



**Mike Roe** is coordinating with a Corvette Club from Simi Valley, CA for a joint run through one of the national parks in May. Other outings will be announced soon.

We are in the process of refreshing the **Club's by-laws** to make them easier to read, and to update how the Club operates. A draft of the proposed **by-laws** was distributed to all Club members in January, and quite a few members responded with ideas to improve the proposed draft.

A second draft has been approved by your board and will be distributed via email to allow all members time to read and bring additional comments and input to the March 14 general meeting where questions can be asked, and hopefully satisfied to everyone's satisfaction.

We are a Club filled with members who love to own, lease and drive Corvettes. Having fun is our goal for every event. **Happy Corvette Cruising!** 

#### Derek Hall President

## MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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 Always Welcome!** 

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Regularly held on the <u>even months</u> 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 or a lunch 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**

Our past president **Peter Spevak** had a bit of a scare a week or so ago. Extreme back pain turned out to be a kidney stone on its way out which, if you have ever had one, is very painful. New technology enables a way to "blast" the stones into smaller fragments with a sound wave and makes for a much less painful exit of the stones. He says he's back and ready to roll.

**Reed Singleton** will undergo surgery on March 1. Let's keep he and Janet in our prayers and thoughts.

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: <u>shelbysue1946@gmail.com</u>

### CAR OF THE MONTH

#### Mike & Tricia Roe

We have been Corvette fans since they were young. In Mike's case, he's been a car guy ever since his father (another car guy) started taking him and his mom to the auto races that were so popular in Southern California back in the '40s and '50s. It could be midgets, sprint cars, jalopies, or stockers, it didn't matter.



Soon the races included sports cars too as they became popular racing at abandoned airports. The best of the sports cars in Mike's mind were, of course, the Corvettes. American made and with that V8 power.

The first chance Mike had to be up close and personal with a Corvette was when a high school

friend was gifted a 1957 convertible. It was a 283-dual quad affair but strangely only had a three-speed stick transmission. They took it to the drags regularly and he even let Mike drive it some. It was pretty quick for those days, but it just couldn't beat the four speeds.

As Mike got older he could finally afford some hotrods of his own! He enjoyed a four speed 1965 Corvette convertible and later a '69.

When Tricia was eighteen she brought home a Corvette from the local used car lot in her small hometown. As soon as her father saw her drive up he blew his stack and told her to take it back! That was her total Corvette experience until now. She says she can't remember what year car and model it was but it was "old" in 1964. Probably a cherry C1?



A couple of years back we found a really nice 2006 C6 convertible! It had 23,000 miles on it and was like new. Tricia loved the Monterey Red color. We had planned to get a Corvette "someday" and now it had happened! We love our "Vette" and are thrilled to have such a nice short. Once we had the Corvette the next step was to join Color Country Corvettes so we could have even more fun!

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Welcome back to the **John & Vai Liston family** who have just returned from a year or so in Southern California.

#### **Terry Hammond**

I have been in love with Corvettes since grade school when my uncle came over with a yellow one. I got my first Corvette C4 about 5 years ago then got a C6 to add to it, then traded the C6 for Rosie my C7.



# WE WELCOME YOU TO THE CLUB!

## FEBRUARY & MARCH BIRTHDAYS

#### February

| 11    | Karen Styka         | 630.200.0802 | ladykhds66@sbcglobal.net         |
|-------|---------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 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            |
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| March |                     |              |                                  |
| 06    | Brigitte Hunsaker   | 801.589.5126 | bbhunsaker@gmail.com             |
| 10    | Korry Lake          | 435.632.2922 | kllake60@gmail.com               |
| 13    | Christine Hulse     | 801.913.3163 | cnmeplus3@icloud.com             |
| 16    | Eileen Eichenberger | 310.487.5723 | eeichenber@aol.com               |
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| 18    | Marie Dorish        | 408.391.2705 | mmgolfer10@gmail.com             |
| 18    | Jeffery Zornow      | 801.598.0700 | jefferyzornow@mac.com            |
| 25    | Patricia Wild       | 435.635.4738 | patriciawild1080@gmail.com       |
| 26    | Mary Jung           | 435.773.5226 | <u>craigmaryjung@hotmail.com</u> |

#### Have a Very Happy Birthday Celebration!

### **RECENT EVENTS**



### LAPS FOR CHARITY

#### Sunday, January 29, 2023



#### Speedway Children's Charities recently distributed

\$500,000 to 63 local children's charities to help kids in need! The goal is to keep the momentum going in 2023 and raise even more money to help children in our community.



Six Club members had the thrill of navigating the 1.5-

mile banked oval at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway. It was lots of fun and all for a very good cause.











**VETTES & CAFFEINE** Thursday, January 19, 2023

Hosted by Mike Roe



A group of nine Corvettes met in the Big Shots parking lot at Exit 2 and proceeded over to the Stagecoach Grill in La Verkin for breakfast. The owner loves Corvettes and showed interest in joining CCCC.

After breakfast they decided to throw in a run over to Springdale which amounted to about a 115-mile run in total.



Balloon Festival & Corvette Car Show January 14, 2023 Hosted by the Color Country Corvette Club

Balloon Launch – Staheli Family Farms Corvette Car Show – Washington County Fairgrounds









## 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:

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **'VETTES & CAFFEINE**

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Hosted by Mike Roe

## TBD

## **CORVETTES IN THE NEWS**

This 1969 Chevrolet Corvette ZL-1 just is one of only two such Corvettes built. It sold at a Sotheby's auction for \$3,140,000. For that production year, Chevy offered twenty-one different engine choices and three transmissions for America's nascent

sports car. The star at the top of the engine tree was a 427-inch V8 with Regular Production Order (RPO) code ZL-1.

Created as a street-legal production special for draggers and racers, ordering it doubled the price of a base Corvette to \$10,771 in 1969, or \$88,827 in today's dollars. It also endowed the Corvette with the guts to run the quarter in 11.2 seconds at 127 mph.



The ZL-1 V8 looks like the standard L88 big-block V8 that could be fitted to the C3 Corvette. The ZL-1 swapped for an aluminum block, saving 100 pounds. Upgrades included a redesigned crankshaft, high-lift camshaft, larger connecting rods, aluminum heads with four additional bolts, larger exhaust valves, and stouter bearing journals.

That remains a healthy amount of power more than 50 years later, so in 1969, GM mandated a bunch of additional options to make the ZL-1 controllable on the street. These included an F41 suspension, Positraction rear axle, heavy duty brakes with front discs, and a transistorized ignition.

# You can buy this Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R race car for \$735,000





The Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R is powered by a 5.5-liter V8

### **UPCOMING CAR SHOWS**

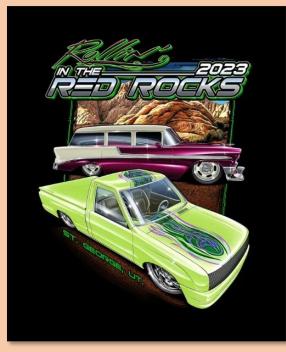


This "Unique" and very fun event is held at Goldstrom's Famous Nostalgia Museum in downtown Las Vegas, Nevada.

Show Proceeds donated to UMC Burn Center. A very nice day in the sun, FULL of FUN.

Special and unique changes this year. Parking lot A, Red Cars and 2-tone Reds, Parking lot B, all other cars.

All cars, All Trucks, All Colors, All Sizes, EVERYONE is Welcome.



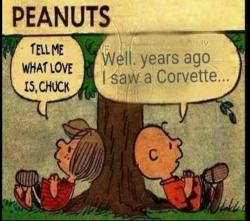
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#### **CORVETTE HUMOR**







## CORVETTES & PARTS FOR SALE BY CLUB MEMBERS

#### 1996 C4 LT4 Limited Production Car - Just 1 of only 157 made

Russ Campbell says the C4 is, by far, the best driver's car of all the Corvettes he's owned. With the good suspension, snappy small block power, convertible top, and a six-speed manual transmission with only 34,000 original miles. It is the ultimate sports car.



Interested? Call Russ Campbell at (909) 744-2661

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#### 1997 to 2004 C5 & C5 Z06 Parts for Sale

Front Chrome Wheels Size 17x 9.5; 54mm. 5x120.65; 70.3



Air Intake Carbon Fiber Bridge (Z06) with Red Coupler, and assorted couplers with hardware. Please see the attached photos.





Interested? Make offer to Doug Utash at dougutash@gmail.com

### **CORVETTE INTERESTING FACTS & HISTORY**

 Cars like Ford Mustang Cobra II, Pontiac Firebird Trans Am, Ferrari 308 GTS, and many more have played prominent roles in movies and TV shows in the 60s and 70s, but few can match the star power of the Chevrolet Corvette, which was featured in the TV series Route 66.



The American adventure crime TV series

followed the exploits of two men traversing the United States in a Corvette. General Motors provided a new 'Vette for each of the three seasons the show was aired from 1960 to 1964. 2. Chevrolet Corvette is typically bodied in fiberglass in a bid to achieve a lightweight sports car, but unknown to many people, General Motors once built an aluminum Corvette. In 1972, General Motors teamed up with aluminum foil maker Reynolds Metal Company to build an experimental Corvette.



3. Several cars have inspired memorable songs and one of them is "Little Red Corvette" by Prince. The song, which was the second track off his breakout album "1999", was one of the biggest hits in his entire career. Rolling Stone ranks Little Red Corvette as one of the 500 greatest songs of all time.



#### THE CORVETTE GARAGE By Jeffery Zornow



Over the years, I have tried several products that look great for a few weeks and then quickly go back to their dull finish leaving sticky residue and nasty oils all over the place. How many times have we dropped our cars off for service...only to pick your car up with gooey silicone shine enhancers on our tires and dash? All of which are a pain in the a\*# to remove.

On those rare occasions when I have my car serviced, I tell the service manager not to clean my car.

Keeping your car's interior and exterior looking great can be a challenge. Today's car manufacturers are using more and more plastic, rubber, vinyl and high- tech polymers that require periodic maintenance. As your car ages, your polymer products start to lose their plasticizers and are



constantly being attacked by UV rays resulting in a grayish or dull finish.

I have tested several polymer restorers over the years, Adams, Griot's, Meguiars, Mothers, and a host of others. My product of choice is "Car Guys" professional detailer.

It is a non-oily-greasy formula that is dry to the touch. There are no harmful chemicals that could potentially damage trim. Contains UV guard to protect against drying and fading. Can be used for both interior and exterior polymers.

Finally, it lasts several months and can withstand rain, grime, and dirt. Give it a try, I am sure you will be pleased. In fact, it comes with a money back refund if you are not happy with the results. What do you have to lose?!

If you have any questions or would like me to try a particular product, drop me a line.

...Until next time.

### **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 **<u>Power Image (435)673-</u>** <u>0263.</u> See the link below to access the store's landing

page.

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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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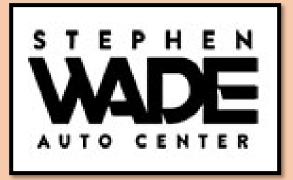




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- Stephen Wade technicians are up to date on the latest service bulletins, recalls, parts changes and service procedures.
- The benefits of timely routine maintenance should not be underestimated. A well-maintained vehicle is more efficient, safer, 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.

#### Stephen Wade Auto Center continue to offer Club Members

#### drastically reduced rates.

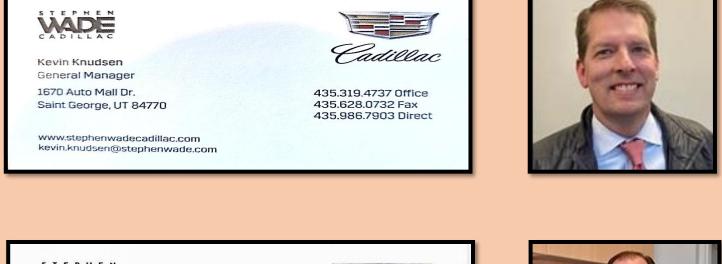
### 2023 Rates

Labor - \$105/hr. (Non-member rate is \$150/hr.) Maintenance – 10% discount (Includes oil & filter changes) Parts – 15% off the MSRP

Other – 10% discount on other menu type items, e.g., Brakes & Alignment Tires – Stephen Wade Auto Center will price match either Discount Tire or Costco. The labor charge for Corvettes is \$50.00 per tire to mount and balance. Non-corvettes are \$25.00 each

## Stephen Wade Auto Center is unable to combine this pricing with other coupons from GM or anyone else.

### Your Stephen Wade Service Team





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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

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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