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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 individual to the foregoing purposes."

Meeting Information

Monthly business meetings are scheduled the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting:

7:00 P.M. Thursday April 4, 2019

Meeting Location Daniels Long 670 Automotive Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 719-632-5591



Hello Corvette Enthusiast,

Board Meetings

Meetings are held the Tuesday prior to the business meeting. The next board meeting:

Tuesday April 2, 2019

Gwenda Valentine's 2227 Shalimar Dr

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

After the April Meeting, join us for dinner, dessert, or just drinks! Paravicini's Italian Bistro 2802 Colorado Ave

86 Members Present at March Meeting

Bob Landdeck

Don Adametz John Ames Steve Bello Barrett Benson Winnie Bochnak Tad Brown David Browning Mike Burks Chris Capshaw Pete Claus Tim Collins Elaine Collins Jim Connors Sarah Connors Gail Creighbaum Brian Dahl Terry Darby

Mike Dittman Diana Dittman Brian Dougherty Bob Druitt Di Druitt Jerry Fox Maureen Hall Dee Hamilton Russ Hamilton Johnny Harris Reggie Henley Barb Hoeppner Tom Hoeppner Walt Jenkins Pete Kulzer Bev Landdeck

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Guests Present

Guest Name	Corvette	Meetings Attended	Sponsor
Gary Wendorf	2010 Black C6	1-Mar (Prev Mbr)	Tom Sponsors
Clark & Evelyn Ross	2008 Red Z06	2-Feb/Mar	Gerry Turner
Nik Foster	2016 Z51 3LT	2-Feb/Mar	Don Adametz
John Bechtelheiimer	1981 Dark Red Coupe	2 –Dec/Mar	Roger Miller
Alfred Green	2017 White StgRay 3LT	1-Mar	Gerry Turner
Mike & Tracey Hayes	2014 Red StgRay Z51	1-Mar	Tom & Vicki Ury
Travis Condon	2003 Red Z06	1-Mar	Mike Hayes
David Lindblad	2008 Red Conv	1-Mar	Wade Williams
Dan Kaplow/Janet Coleman	2012 Grd Sport Coupe	1-Mar	Tad Brown

March Meeting Minutes

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

Corvette "Court"-Merchandise- Bruce Unger Bruce advised that the IPO Hoodies sold out and next month additional hoodies will be available. Chris Chapshaw thanked Bruce and Judy for their efforts.

Treasurer's Report- Anita Smith reported that the club is doing well and provided values in accounts and budget information. She also advised that down payment to PPIR and down payment for year 2019, December Holiday Party were made.

February Meeting Minutes

Corrections to the February meeting minutes as printed in the March newsletter were requested. None mentioned, accepted as printed. Chris Capshaw added anyone is able to submit an article for the newsletter and have to submit to Gwenda by the 10th of the month for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Past Events -

New Member Night - Chris reported that the Board met with new members and had discussions on how the club works and had discussions on club history.

National Museum Update – Barrett Benson advised that he did not have raffle tickets to sell and advised that the KY Legislature passed a law that raffles cannot be conducted outside of the state (except within KS and MT). They are diligently working to add additional states.

- April 2019, drawing will be for a '19 Red Coupe.
- Caravan registration link will be in the newsletter
- Gas to Space Station How NASA Conquered Orbit (Derek Moore) Monday's on YouTube is worth looking at (link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch</u> ?v=KCWt6ddexUs).

New Car Upgrades-Special News

Tim and Elaine Collins welcomed a new granddaughter. Congratulations!

- Mike Neufield asked to address the club and announced that he is leaving Daniels Long to work in the family business. Stated he enjoyed the past seven years and will continue to stay in touch with the club. He indicated that Mike Manning will most likely step in for club business in the future.
- **Wayne Umland's** snazzy coat explanation: Walt Jenkins won Regional Championship and wore a great red jacket. Wayne decided he was going to get a really cool jacket too and wore a homemade "Novice Champion" pink bathrobe with Corvette icon patches attached.

Rocky Mountain Region and NCCC Update –NCCC Updates

Walt Jenkins spoke for Lorren Loewen and reported that the volunteers are still needed for the National Convention.

- National Convention day passes went on sale March 02.
- Currently 360 preregistered (this is a low number from the Rocky Mountain Region)

Walt Jenkins announced NCCC application for scholarships are now being accepted. A three year membership in NCCC is required for scholarship eligibility

Upcoming Events: Check the Events Calendar on the CSCC webpage for even more Regional events, specific information, updates, and online registration.

Cone Zone Autocross School and Autocrosses – Sunday April 14th – Tom & Vicki Ury Vicki reported that this is the premier event of the year. Techniques class starts at 7:30 a.m., autocross 1 starts at 10:30 a.m., autocross 2 & 3 will be held in the afternoon, starting approximately 12:30 p.m.

Car Show Preparation Garage Night – Thursday April 18th – Chris Capshaw & Rick Prescott

Chris advised the theme is 'Getting Car Ready for Car Show'. Come here tips from previous winners and see a demonstration by Adams Polishers. Event will be held at Rick Prescott's at 7:00 p.m.

Sat – May 11 – CSCC Sanctioned Event; Fun in the Sun Concours Car Show; Chris Capshaw/Rick Prescott

Guests Introduction: Tom Phillips introduced five new first time attendees: Al Green ('17 Stingray); Mike and Tracy Haynes ('14 ZR1); Travis and Michelle Condon ('03 Z06) 30 years retired military; David Lindblack ('08 C6) and Daniel ('12 Grand Sport) that he purchased in North Carolina.

Three second meeting attendees: Nic Foster ('16 White Z51); Clark and Evelyn Ross (''08 Red Z06); John Beckleheimer ('89 Metallic Red) that he is working to get road worthy.

Tom introduced Gary Wendorf ('73 C3) restoring and '10 (Black, custom paint C6). Owns Jet Auto Care. Tom nominated Gary for membership, seconded by Chris and Gary was voted in for membership.

Door Prize Winners:

Thank you for door prize contributions from Daniels Long and Corvette Center,

- Bruce Unger (hat)
- Pete Claus (shirt)
- Rick Prescott (model car)
- Pete Olejnik (model car)

<u>Webmaster</u>: Walt Jenkins announced Race numbers available (\$30/pair).

Website Updates: Please report change of address/phone number to

Gwenda or Anita.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Minutes by: Monica Ousley





April 18th at 7:00 pm

Come on out to the home of Rick and Ann Prescott, at 9416 Cairngorm Way, and enjoy an evening learning how to prepare your Corvette for a car show. Club experts will be giving away their secrets, so you don't want to miss out. RSVP to 719 440 9039 or email <u>capshaw1@comcast.net</u>.

Directions: At the south edge of Black Forest Take Woodman to Black Forest Rd Turn North on Black Forest Rd Right Turn on Forestgate Left Turn on Cairngorm Way (roundabout – 2nd exit) House on immediate left corner; (house can be seen from corner of Black Forest Rd and Forestgate)



New Member Welcome

by Chris Capshaw

On February 21st, new club members who joined the club during 2018, as well as January and February of 2019, had an opportunity to socialize, learn some club history, and meet with our board members. The many types of events our club offers, the hierarchy of how our club interacts with the Rocky Mountain Region and NCCC were explained, and all questions answered. New members and board members alike, enjoyed watching vintage video footage from the club's early days, as well as club members enjoying themselves.







Rocky Mountain Region 2018 Championship Awards Banquet - March 9

The annual banquet was held at Carlos Miguel's, Castle Rock. Representing clubs from across the Region, approximately 46 attended to congratulate the 2018 high point achievers with awards in auto crossing, rallyes, and car shows. Photos of individual winners can be viewed on the CSCC website. 2018 Regional Standings were posted in the March newsletter.



St Patrick's Day parade - March 16

by Monica Ousley

The Luck of the Irish allowed for a beautifully sunny day for this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade. CSCC had eight cars participate despite the fact that Mother Nature sidelined some participants as their 'vettes were snowed in and could not make it to the event. After the parade, camaraderie was shared as participants met for lunch at Rudy's Bar-B-Que. Participating in the parade: Todd Barnhardt, Chris & Jonathan Capshaw, Philip Moore, Dick & Patty Strauch, Gary Wendorf, James & Kelly Zajicek. Thank you to all that joined us and look forward to seeing you at the next event.



Get to Know Your Fellow Members An Interview with Bob & Di Druitt by Diana Dittman

How long have you been a CSCC member? **Since Oct. of 2017**

What Corvette(s) do you currently own? A 2010 Black ZR1 and a 2008 customized black coupe named Lola. She is a ZR3 Dale Earnhardt tribute car; a custom one - off version, supercharged, and putting out more HP than the ZR1....also she's named "Lola" because she walks like a woman and talks like a man...love the sexy curves of the C6 generation :-)



Marital Status? **Been married for 27** years, will be 28 years on July 4th. Bob says they wanted to start out their marriage with a bang.

How did you meet? Di was a long distance truck driver and was a customer of Bob's who worked for Kenworth trucks in Grand Junction at the time. She had ordered a part for her big rig, but it was the wrong part. So she was mad, got in her pickup truck and drove to Grand Junction. Bob took her into his office and calmed her down. Di then said, "So, where are you taking me to lunch?" They hit it off and ended up talking for a few hours. They tried the long distance dating, but it wasn't really working out. Di then said she asked him to go on a long haul to Texas with her. After a whirlwind 3 month romance, SHE asked him to marry her. It obviously worked out well since they are going on 28 years of marriage! (Di said that Bob checked off all of the boxes on her list of what she wanted in a man). Woohoo, go Bob.

Where are you from? Di was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her family then moved to New York and back to Missouri and then ended up in Boulder when she was 11 years old. Bob's parents were from England and Ireland. He was born there and when he was 2 years old they moved to Denver.

Employment? Bob joined the Marine Corps at age 17. He put in his four years and then started working for Kenworth trucking. He worked out of the Denver location for 33 years. During this time he would be sent all over Colorado and other states (including Arkansas, Texas, and Wyoming). He was called the fix it man and helped locations that were struggling. He is currently at Peterbilt in Pueblo and has been there for 5 years.

Di went to business college in Boulder and worked for an insurance agent for just a little while. She then became a long distance truck driver at age 21. She did that for 25 years. Then she worked at a company called Mesa for 17 years. She did planning and dispatching. She now has her own company called Livewire Logistics (she got the nickname Livewire during her trucking years) and does freight management for high end hospitality projects.

Kids? Bob has a 33 year old daughter who lives in Denver. He has three Grandkids.

Pets? They have a rescue dog, a terrier mix named Riley. Bob calls him the FOG (freakin' old guy) dog. He's old , but not sure how old.

Favorite club activity? **They enjoy car shows, rallyes, autocrosses, and the social activities.** Hobbies? Their Corvettes are one of their hobbies. They are also avid Harley riders. They love to tour on their "bikes" and every year they go to Sturgis. They each have their own Harley. They also do side by side rock crawling with their 4 wheel type buggy in Moab, Utah. Di is in the Well Armed Women's Group. They meet once a month and go shooting. She is also in the Winchester Marksmanship qualification training.

What is the best vacation you ever took? Two trips (among many) are their favorites. They did a Harley ride from Arkansas to Key West and saw all of the sights along the way ending up at the southern most point in the U.S. They also enjoyed a Harley ride to Glacier National Park. It was just beautiful.

What is your dream corvette? **They** own it, the ZR1.

How did your love of Corvettes come about? Bob said that they never really set out to own a Corvette. "It just kind of fell out of the sky and into our laps." While working at the trucking company a guy came in and wanted to trade a Corvette. Bob bought it. He took it home and once Di took it for a spin she fell in love with it.

Anything else you would like to add? Owning the Corvettes and joining the different Corvette clubs (they are members of CSCC, SCCC, and CAR) has enriched their lives so much. They enjoy the people and friendships that they have made. Their social calendar is full!!

Thanks for the interview Bob and Di.

For Sale – CSCC Member Ad - revised

Set of 4 1964 Corvette Wheels and Hubcaps \$200

Set of 4 1969 Corvette Rally wheels Center caps and Beauty rings \$300

Call Dick Strauch (719) 634-0966

For Sale – CSCC Member Ad

Pre-owned C7 Corvette Z06 2015+ GM Nickel Pearl Painted Wheels Two 19x10 and two 20x12 Great condition

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NOTE: Fits the C7 Z06 Corvette ONLY. No Center caps. \$2750 new. Contact Steve Smith 719-351-201



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Autocross Anyone? Part V

This is a continuation of the article, by Vic Nightscales, that we started last month. Here is the last part of his article. I throw in my \$.02 at the end.

Part V: Cornering theory for Autocross

There are many excellent books on cornering and tire-traction theory, one of the best being the late Carroll Smith's "Drive to Win", published in 1996.

In the foreword, Danny Ongais says it all, "I knew how to race. Carroll Smith taught me how to drive race cars." It's going to be a challenge without a drawing board, but I will try to summarize what I believe are the basics for autocross. Use all of the pavement allowed by the cones. Don't take the exact line of the cones, but try to smooth out the path if it provides a shorter line through the course. Your car's track is less than 6 feet wide and a typical lane might be 10 feet wide (or much more), so use the extra room to improve your car's path through the course.

Where a gate allows you to accelerate, focus on trying to accelerate at the earliest possible point. Don't jump on the gas, but press the gas pedal progressively as you unwind the steering wheel. Jumping hard on the gas while the wheel is turned can cause your car to spin, so smoothness is worthwhile—even though spins really impress the spectators.

Where you need to brake into a gate, get the bulk of the braking done while travelling in a straight line before gradually releasing the brake pedal while winding the steering wheel into the gate. By maintaining some braking pressure, you maintain more load on the front wheels, and this helps the car turn. If you release the brakes suddenly, the front end of the car bounces up, unloads the front wheels, and you lose grip into the turn. Thus smoothness in releasing the braking pressure helps your car go faster into the turn.

Driving at the limit requires you to smooth out the transitions from braking to cornering to acceleration. Think of the brake pedal and gas pedal as being tied to the steering wheel. Maximum braking and acceleration can be done when the wheels are in a straight line. As braking pressure is gradually released the steering wheel can be gradually unwound, the gas pedal can be gradually pressed, until you have full acceleration with the steering wheel completely unwound.

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Whenever you are not on the track, observe your fellow competitors lines and techniques and compare them with your own.

Where are they gaining time on you?

What changes in your line or technique can you try?

If you understand the basic dynamics of the car, you will be able to analyze these factors better.

Practice makes perfect.

Seat time at autocrosses will allow you to improve your technique at the wheel.

Have fun with a personal contest to improve your times at autocross.

Ed. Note: At my age, this kind of racing is affordable, is very safe for your car, and is one of the very few things that give me an adrenalin release. My heart is usually beating out of my chest after a run as it sometimes scares the crap out of me. I like that. At the Cone Zone Autocross coming up, come on out and go for a ride at least. Some people cannot ride well and can become queasy, but are fine when they are driving. Come find out which one are you? My car is no. 14 and the right seat is usually available. We have helmets for you. There are no fees to be a rider or spectator.



If you would like to write an article, complain or comment, please contact me at <u>tfury@comcast.net</u>. Disclaimer: Comments made in this article are not necessarily fact-checked and may only be the writer's opinion. Believe me at your own risk.

Tom Ury



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5 YEARS LATER – THE SINKHOLE

Can you believe it? It's been 5 years since the Museum's sinkhole dramatically appeared on February 12, 2014! In the following years, NCM has steadily recovered by rescuing all eight Corvettes from that over-30-foot fall, while experiencing a 67% jump in visitation to the Museum.

Each year NCM has commemorated the anniversary of what could have been a permanently devastating day. Instead, a special 'Corvette Cave-In' exhibit opened in 2016, kicking off an in-house restoration of the 1962 black Corvette by Dan Decker in 2017, then revealing the '62 "good as new" in 2018.

Progress has continued, with three of the eight Corvettes now restored, and five un-restored Corvettes now exhibited near the area where they were swallowed. While most of the sinkhole has been filled, a few visible signs remain: a Tour-viewing window over a 4-foot-diameter manhole, and an outline marking the hole's perimeter on the Museum's Skydome floor.

For the 5th Anniversary commemoration, the Museum offers "the curious" a look at what lies beneath their feet. Working with LifeLike Image Works, a 360-degree interactive Tour of the cave's south side has been launched on NCM's website, where visitors can virtually explore nearly every inch of the cave, enhanced by VR goggles. You can take the free Tour at www.corvettemusuem.org; click on Explore-Exhibits menu, then select the Corvette Cave-In link.

In person, you can tour the on-site interactive exhibition demonstrating how the sinkhole occurred, the Corvettes affected, caves and karst landscapes, a time-lapse video of building repairs, and even a live web cam inside the cave. Don't miss it on your next trip to the National Corvette Museum!

NCM REGISTRATION – 25th CELEBRATION Online registration for the 2019 Labor Day weekend opened September 12, 2018. While most of the events have been sold out, additional events are being added, and you can still attend the celebration and the many seminars and exhibits!

For **Colorado caravan registration** contact <u>keith@keithbennett.org</u>.

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NCCC Rocky Mountain Region Website

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This link is also available on the CSCC web site.

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