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## **Club News**

#### Latest Information

Check the Website for the most current information regarding activities, news, and events at:

http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org

#### Wear Your CCU Name Badge

We have lots of new members in the club, and not so new members who are still getting to know people. The only way they will be able to remember your name is if you wear your CCU name badge. We strongly encourage wearing of name badges to activities and meetings. Please wear your badge!

#### **Events**

Please contact the Special Events Chair, Billie Ramey, regarding upcoming events.

#### Membership

If you change your contact information, please send an email to

ccu.membership@corvetteclubofutah.org.

#### Treasurer

Contact Cyndi Schmidt regarding membership renewals and payments for upcoming events. See Cyndi at our monthly member meetings for club financial break downs by quarter. The club's financial information is available if you are interested.

#### **Embroidered shirts**

Available through Creative Graphics. Contact Andrea Bitton at 801-266-7273 or andrea@cgprinting.com. You can also visit their website at www.cgprinting.com.

# Welcome New 2024 Members

Adam Steidinger & Raquelle Castonguay

**Stephen & Kathleen Doty** 

Mark & Georgia Scates

Doug & Kim Adams

Mike Hellier & Jacqueline DeCastro

**Richard & Raylynne Faddis** 

**Sherry Liguori** 

**George & Nancy Michalko** 

Joe Vervaecke

Lincoln and Lisa Jackson

Jaxon Bennion and Kaiser Gerrard



# **Member Birthdays**

	May		June
3	Jared Ott	6	Jeff Wetzel
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<ul><li>16 Reed Fisher</li><li>Viva Gines</li><li>22 Judy Bailey</li><li>Nancy Michalko</li></ul>	19 21	Fred Allen Liliane Hoefnagel Ben Opfermann	
23 24		24	Brian Zelch  Don Huffman  Stephanie Lawrence
26 27 29	Donovan Johnson	27	Adam Ryan Scott Jensen Brian Hicks Lisa Jackson



Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

# **Presidents Message**

Hi Folks,

Well, we've made it through the off-season and were actually able to make a few trips in our cars. Now that we're going into spring, we'll be planning even more trips and activities so keep an eye on the website. Our event staff continues to excel in getting some exciting trips and activities put together. We'll have some things planned far enough in advance so that any travel arrangements can be made as well as some pop-up events that will be no more than a day outing. So, keep an eye on the website as things get added regularly.

We've also had individual members step up and coordinate some day and multi-day trips that look to be a lot of fun. I'd ask that if you're thinking of something that you would like to do, please reach out to me, Billie, Larry or Debbie and we can surely help get it on the schedule as well as help with any logistics.

As I have mentioned at previous meetings and activities, please make sure you sign up for those events that you plan on attending if a sign up is requested. This not only helps the organizer but also any venue we may be using. You can do so on either the website or Facebook. If for some reason the sign-up link isn't available, you can also call the organizer directly.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at an upcoming event or activity. As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Don



May 2024				
1 - 7	Route 66 2024	Kingman, AZ		
3	Grand Canyon Railway Train Ride	Rt 66, Williams, AZ to Grand Canyon, 9:30 AM		
4	NUOMA Spring Breakout car Show	Performance Ford Truck Country, 1839 West 2425 South, Woods		
11	Dinth day Cariel (Lynah)	Cross, 9:00 AM		
11	Birthday Social (Lunch)	Hug-Hes - 2432 W 1700 S, Syracuse, 11:00 AM		
15	May Pre-Meeting Social	2 ROW BREWING, 73 W. 7200 South, Midvale, Ut, 4:00 PM		
15	CCU Club Meeting	Larry Miller Chevrolet, 5500 South State, Murray, 6:00 PM		
19	Ladies Brunch	The Break Sports Grill, Ivy Place Village, 4760 So. 9th East, Murray,		
		11:00 am		
June	2024			
2	Mountain West Street News Picnic – Final Event	Roy Municipal Park, 5885 South 2200 West, Roy UT, 10:00 AM		
8	Birthday Lunch	The Break Sports Grill, Ivy Place Village, 4760 So. 9th East, Murray, 12:00 PM		
19	CCU Club Meeting	Roy Municipal Park, 5885 South 2200 West, Roy UT, 6:00 PM		
22	Second Annual Corvette Car Show	Fisher House 690 Valdez Dr., Salt Lake City		
29	Corvette Club 60th Anniversary Party	13027 Grouse Pointe Cove, Draper, UT, 12:00 PM		

# **Club Meetings**

# **May Club Meeting**

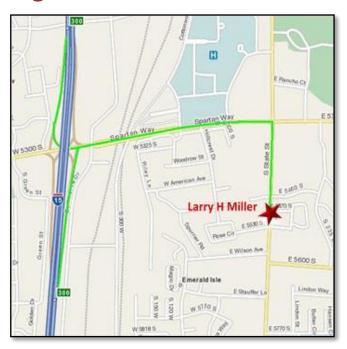
The monthly meeting of the Corvette Club of Utah will be held at Larry Miller Chevrolet. In order to have the best Corvette Club possible, we encourage everyone's participation. We will be discussing upcoming events and having door prizes.

### **June Club Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Corvette Club of Utah will be held at Roy Municipal Park

5885 South 2200 West, Roy UT, 6:00 PM

We're Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



# Save

**8/25—9/2 2024 National Corvette Caravan,** Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY **See the CCU website for all the details.** 

Always check www.corvetteclubofutah.org for updated event information

## Corvette Hall Of Fame Announces 2024 Members-Elect

#### By corvettemuseum | April 26, 2024

Earlier today, the <u>Corvette Hall of Fame</u> announced its 2024 class of members-elect, who will be formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame on Saturday, August 31, 2024. For nearly three decades, the Corvette Hall of Fame has recognized personalities who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments alongside their high standards of integrity and character, reflecting the reputation of Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: Racing, GM/Chevrolet, and Enthusiast. The 2024 class features some of the most prolific names in Corvette Racing and Chevrolet history, including:

#### Racing – Oliver Gavin & Jan Magnussen, Corvette Racing Drivers





Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen became two

of Corvette Racing's brightest stars during a decorated run together in the 2000s and 2010s. Gavin joined the team full-time in the No. 4 Corvette in 2003, and the following year Magnussen became a co-driver with Gavin and Olivier Beretta at Le Mans, Sebring, and Road Atlanta. The trio won Le Mans every year from 2004 to 2006, as well as Sebring once and Road Atlanta twice. For the 2007 season, Magnussen was recruited to drive full-time in the No. 3 Corvette. Together, Gavin and Magnussen have won eight championships driving for Corvette Racing, with 51 wins by Gavin and 34 by Magnussen.

#### **GM-Chevrolet – Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer**



In 2006, Tadge Juechter became the fifth chief engineer of the Corvette, a

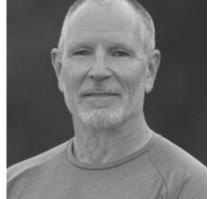
position he still holds today. Educated in mechanical and aerospace engineering, GM hired Juechter after he tagged along to a friend's interview with the company.

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Juechter's professional career with Corvette began in 1993 as a Total Vehicle Systems Engineer. To date, he has worked on five generations of Corvettes. He led the development of the C7 and made a special point to redesign the interior of the Corvette. The mid-engine C8 is the first Corvette Juechter got to create from the ground up. Under his leadership, the reputation of the Corvette as one of the world's finest sports cars continues to grow.

#### Enthusiast - Richard Prince, Automobile Photographer



Richard Prince is a leading automobile photographer whose connections span the globe. While running a Corvette restoration business in 1992, Prince began writing a column for 'Vette Magazine. His growing editorial career led him to expand his photography skills and become the official photographer for Corvette Racing. Prince's photography has appeared in over 400 publications, including Car and Driver, Road & Track, Motor Trend, and Automobile. He also serves as a tech editor for Corvette Magazine, writing several articles including a regular Q&A column. In 1999, Prince published his first book, a C3 restoration and technical guide. More recent works include Corvette 70 Years: The One and Only and Corvette Stingray: The Mid-Engine Evolution.

"Celebrating excellence with our new Corvette Hall of Fame class is not just about honoring the past; it's about inspiring the future," explained Kaye Wagner, Chair, National Corvette Museum Board of Directors. "As we welcome these extraordinary individuals into the Hall of Fame, we recognize their enduring contributions and the standards they set for generations to come."

Founded by the National Corvette Museum in 1998, 2024 marks the 26th anniversary of the esteemed award. Created to recognize the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honor their achievements, nominees are selected by an anonymous panel of Corvette experts. A final group of 100 Corvette professionals makes up the Hall of Fame voting panel, which has inducted only 82 individuals since its inception. Corvette Hall of Fame inductees are featured in the National Corvette Museum Skydome, recognizing their enduring legacy to America's Sports Car. Those interested in attending the induction ceremony of the Corvette Hall of Fame can purchase tickets in May when registration opens for the National Corvette Museum's 30th Anniversary event.



# 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024.

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. An event such as this requires years of planning and coordinating. All help is appreciated! The Museum is located at I-65, exit 28 in South Central Kentucky and is open daily, 8am to 5pm Central Time. Stay up to day with the Museum by subscribing to emails at corvette use-um.org/subscribe.

#### The High Plains 2024 caravan route – Northern Utah, Wyoming & Nebraska

This will be our 3rd time leading a group of corvettes out of Wyoming to Bowling Green. Lynn was the captain in 2014 and Kevin was the captain in 2019. Over the years we have learned how to make this trip more enjoyable. This caravan includes northern Utah, Wyoming, and Nebraska.

August 25th I will be guiding my group from Salt Lake Utah to Cheyenne Wyoming which will be 588 miles. 8 hours 45 min. This route will be US 80 all the way. There is non-ethanol fuel in several places along the route. Looking to stop for lunch in Rock Spring WY. At the same time my Co-Captain, Larry Storo Jr will guide a group from Sheridan to Cheyenne which is 324 miles along I 25 about 5 hours 30 min.

August 26th Cheyenne to Lincoln Nebraska. We will be joining up with the Pacific Northwest group in Cheyenne. Once again US 80 will be the route 447 miles. Tyrrell Chevrolet in Cheyenne will provide Breakfast before leaving Cheyenne in the morning. A stop for lunch is scheduled in North Platte. The city of North Platte NE. and several business owners are going to put together a lunch venue for us.

August 27th Lincoln to Colombia Missouri 320 miles. Early Morning stop at The Museum of American Speed. Avoiding Kansas City, Hwy 77 to Hwy 2, East to I 29 South to St. Joseph. East on Hwy 36 to Macon and South on Hwy 63 to Colombia.

August 28th Colombia to Bowling Green. 400 miles. The final leg. There will be a lot of corvettes along this section. Please watch out for the other guys and be careful.

We can return to Salt Lake as a group (route and details have yet to be determined). Or you can return on your own. Please note that the Corvette Club of Utah will be joining with The High Plains 2024 caravan to Bowling Green. Karl Tobler will be our caravan captain. Itinerary and lodging information coming soon.

# March Birthdays at Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant

The Corvette Club of Utah celebrated the members who have birthdays during the month of March at the Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant in South Jordan. We enjoyed a lunch of fine authentic Mexican food.

Forty seven members and guests attended this event. Although it was a bit cool, the sun was warm. Temperatures were in the mid to upper 40's. It was a nice enough day for the members to bring twenty six Corvettes to this event.

While many people believe the first true sign of spring is seeing a robin, we all know that when members bring their Corvettes to the events (instead of their "grocery-getters") it is spring! Today was the perfect day to bring out those beautiful cars.

Maddie Ott won the birthday drawing. It is always fun to get together and celebrate our friends' birthdays.



#### **April Birthday Poker Run/Cruise**

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, The Corvette Club of Utah held their monthly birthday social with a fun-filled day with a cruise, a poker run, and lunch at the Oakley Diner.

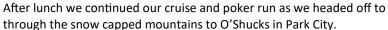
It was a beautiful spring day, with temperatures in the upper 60's, clear blue skies, and a cool breeze. Perfect weather for our first cruise of the year.

The day started with most of the Corvettes meeting at the Smith's parking lot in Salt Lake City. While gathering, the first chips were drawn for the poker run.

From there, we drove to library in Kimball Junction to pick up more Corvettes, which created a long caravan of over two dozen beautiful cars. As we left, we couldn't help but notice how many people were taking pictures and videos of the cars as they went by. It was an awesome sight.

The first part of our cruise ended when we arrived at the Oakley Diner for lunch. They closed their diner to the general public so that we could have a private party. We filled their parking lot with Corvettes. Their service was extremely fast and

their food was very good.



Cheryl Fisher won the birthday drawing. Terri Warburton won \$50 from the poker run (with three aces, queen high) and the remaining \$165 will be donated to the club's charity, The Fisher House.

In all over 50 people attended this event. As the club grows, more and more people are attending and enjoying these events. A special thanks goes to Larry and Debbie Van Wagoner for setting this event up.





# Judy Mary Birrell Larson January 29, 1940 — April 5, 2024

In loving memory of Judy Mary Birrell Larson, a cherished mother, wife, grandmother, and friend, who peacefully passed away at the age of 84 on April 5, 2024, in Salt Lake City, Utah, surrounded by her family.

Judy was born on January 29, 1940, to Earl John Birrell and Greta Mary Petersen. She spent her formative years in Salt Lake City, graduating from South High School. It was

during this time that she met Robert R Larson, whom she later married in the Salt Lake City Temple on September 23, 1960. Together, they raised two daughters and created a loving home in Cottonwood Heights for the past 64 years.

Judy was a devout member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints where she served as the librarian for over 25 years. She loved going and being at church she would often stay after church just helping and visiting.

Judy loved people and socializing and she always had a smile for everyone. She had a talent for gardening and keeping a beautiful yard. She had many good years with her daughters' snow skiing and going to concerts with her girls and later spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She loved to sew and was quite an amazing seamstress. She served as the ceramic leader in her church for many years. Judy loved music and encouraged her girls to participate in dance, choirs and musicals whenever they could. She loved decorating her home for the Holidays and having people over to visit. She also loved her extended family and getting together was very important to her.

Judy loved her grandchildren and did many outings and activities with them she was so proud of each one of them and loved to spoil them.

Bob and Judy joined the Corvette Club and have been active members for the past 20 years where they enjoyed meeting many wonderful people and participating in many car shows and even some parades.

They also belonged to the Utah Water Garden Society and Koi Club for the past 15 years and have enjoyed meeting new friends and visiting many gardens and ponds around the Utah Valley.

Judy is survived by her husband Bob and her daughter Tammi (Greg) and grandchildren Alex, Grahm (Yuri) Mckinley and Elsie and one special great grandchild named Go whom she just thought the world of. She is also survived by her sisters Darlene and Joyce and their husband whom she loved very much. She is preceded in death by her beautiful daughter Bobbi

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to all the neighbors and friends who supported and cared for Judy and her family over the years.

A viewing will be held on Friday, April 19th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, and on Saturday, April 20th, from 11:00 am to 11:45 am, at the Cannon Mortuary, 2460 E Bengal Blvd (7600S), Cottonwood Heights. Funeral services will follow on Saturday, April 20th, at 12:00 pm, at the Cannon Mortuary.

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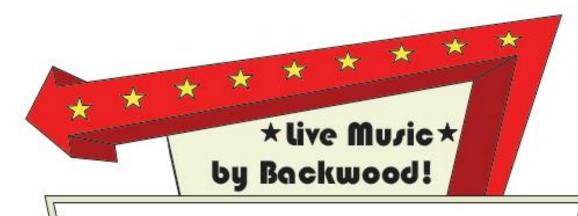




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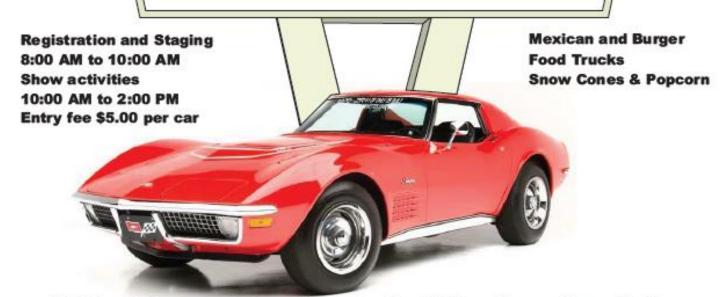


# FISHER HOUSE CHARITY EVENT



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690 Valdez Dr. (Next to the VA Hospital) Salt Lake City



100% of the proceeds will go to the Fisher House Foundation Invite your friends

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