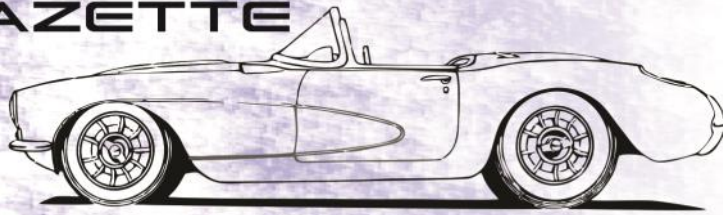




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May—June

CORVETTE CLUB OF UTAH

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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](mailto: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](mailto:andrea@cgprinting.com). You can also visit their website at [www.cgprinting.com](http://www.cgprinting.com).

## Welcome New 2025 Members

Scott Pannier  
Douglas Bull & Rebecca Dixon  
David & Deborah Mancuso  
Josh Born & Melissa Jewett  
Peter Bowman  
Richard & Vicki Murray  
Brian & Cindy Cossairt  
Keith & Karen Fritz  
Scott & Judy Campau  
Brad & Toni Hayashi  
Blair Kerby  
Royal Lamb  
Barry & Denise Ballard



## Member Birthdays

May	June
3 Jared Ott	3 Judy Campau
4 Herm Ruseler	6 Jeff Wetzel
5 Mark Koncar	7 Karen Fritz
9 Larry Elmer	11 Georgia Scates
10 Roger Dunham	12 Will Gardner
11 Don Jones	14 Norm Bates
13 Karen Koncar	15 Louise Johnson
Scott Pannier	18 Don Kent
16 Reed Fisher	Willie Montoya
Viva Gines	19 Fred Allen
22 Judy Bailey	Liliane Hoefnagel
Nancy Michalko	20 Melissa Jewett
23 Bonnie DeBoer	21 Ben Opfermann
24 Steve Folster	24 Brian Zelch
Billie Ramey	26 Don Huffman
Kaiser Gerrard	Stephanie Lawrence
25 Peter Bowman	Adam Ryan
26 Donald Dingbaum	27 Scott Jensen
27 Donovan Johnson	Brian Hicks
29 Norman Ristau	29 Lisa Jackson
29 Janice McCrady	



Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.



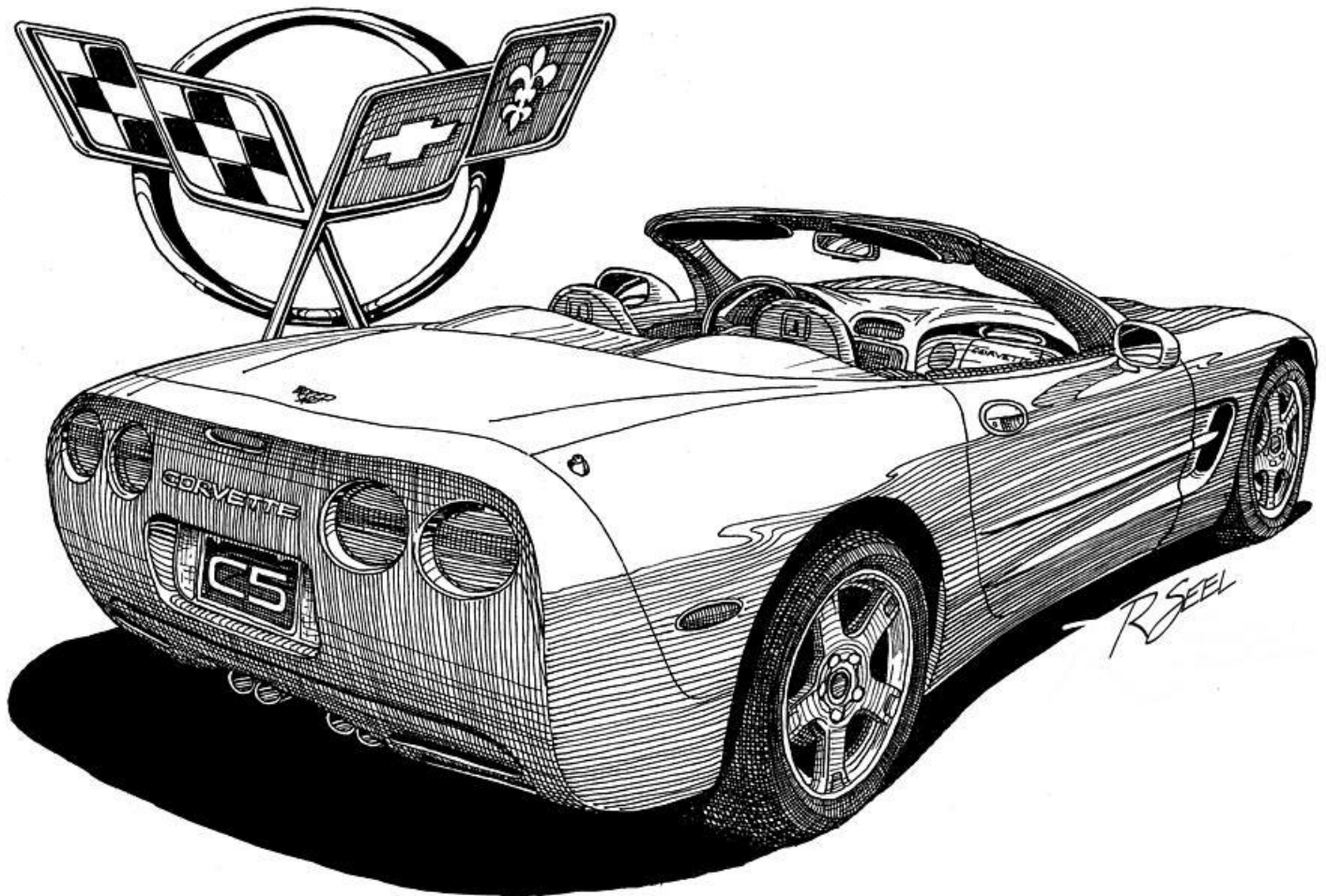
## Presidents Message

Hi Folks,

Well, we've made it through the off-season and actually had an incredible turn out for our first real driving event. Guess everyone was glad to see some great Corvette weather! The number of events and activities that are coming up in the next couple of months is actually very impressive. There should be a little something for everyone, this includes extended trips, overnight trips, day trips and car shows. Keep an eye on the website as Larry, Debbie and Billie are always adding something. 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 and we can surely 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



## Upcoming CCU Events

### May 2025

5/1 - 5/6		Route 66 2025	Kingman, AZ
10	11:00 AM	Birthday Social (Lunch)	Hug-Hes - 2432 W 1700 S, Syracuse
21	4:00 PM	May Pre Meeting Social	Black Sheep Bar and Grill, 1520 West 90th South, West Jordan
21	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT
26	9:00 AM	Annual Cruise with The Mustang Club	Elberta, Eureka, Tooele

### June 2025

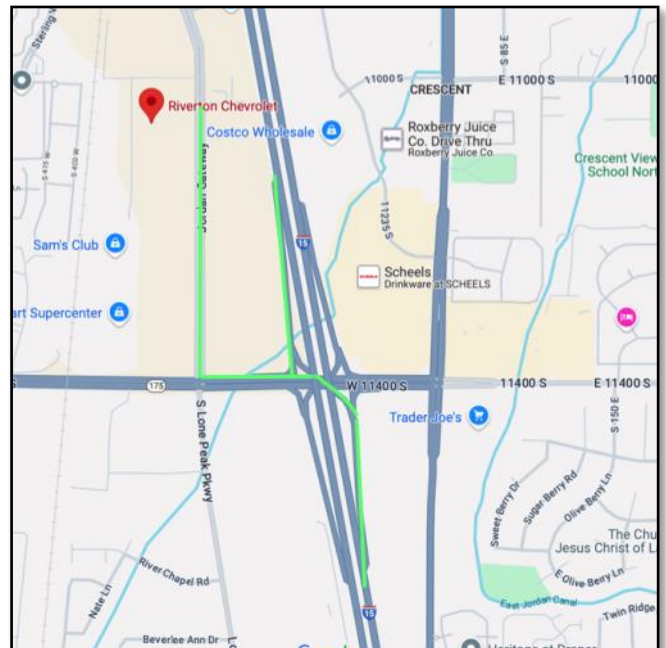
14	12:00 PM	June Birthday Lunch	The Break Sports Grill, Ivy Place Village, 4760 So. 9th East, Murray
18	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Roy Municipal Park, 5885 South 2200 West, Roy UT
21	10:00 AM	Children's Service Society of Utah Car Show	655 East 4500 South Suite 200
28	12:00 PM	Celebrate National Corvette Day	13027 Grouse Pointe Cove, Draper, UT

### May Club Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Corvette Club of Utah will be held at Riverton 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.

**We're Looking forward to seeing everyone there.**



## Save the Date

Remember "Idaho Vette Fest" is coming up July 18—20 Sign up now!

Always check [www.corvetteclubofutah.org](http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org) for updated event information

# 2025 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

April 25, 2025

The [Corvette Hall of Fame](#) proudly announces its 2025 class of members-elect, who will be formally inducted during a ceremony on Friday, August 29, 2025, as part of the National Corvette Museum's 31st Anniversary Celebration.

Established in 1998 by the National Corvette Museum, the Corvette Hall of Fame stands as the highest honor in the Corvette community. For 27 years, it has recognized trailblazers whose passion, integrity, and accomplishments have shaped the history of America's Sports Car.

Each year, inductees are selected from three categories: Racing, GM/Chevrolet, and Enthusiast. The 2025 Corvette Hall of Fame class includes:

**Racing – Kim Baker, SCCA Corvette Racer**



Kim Baker was a standout driver in the SCCA's professional endurance racing division throughout the 1980s. Growing up in Western Massachusetts, he began his motorsports journey by competing in autocross events as a teenager. His SCCA career took off in 1984, shortly after he started racing his new C4 Corvette.

Over the next several years, Baker built his team, Baker Racing, into a dominant force in the SCCA Endurance Championship, capturing the title each year from 1985 through 1987. Two key factors behind his success were his experience as a Corvette test driver and his strategic partnership with Goodyear. Baker's standout performance in 1985 earned him multiple bonuses from Goodyear, support he turned into a full sponsorship the following season.

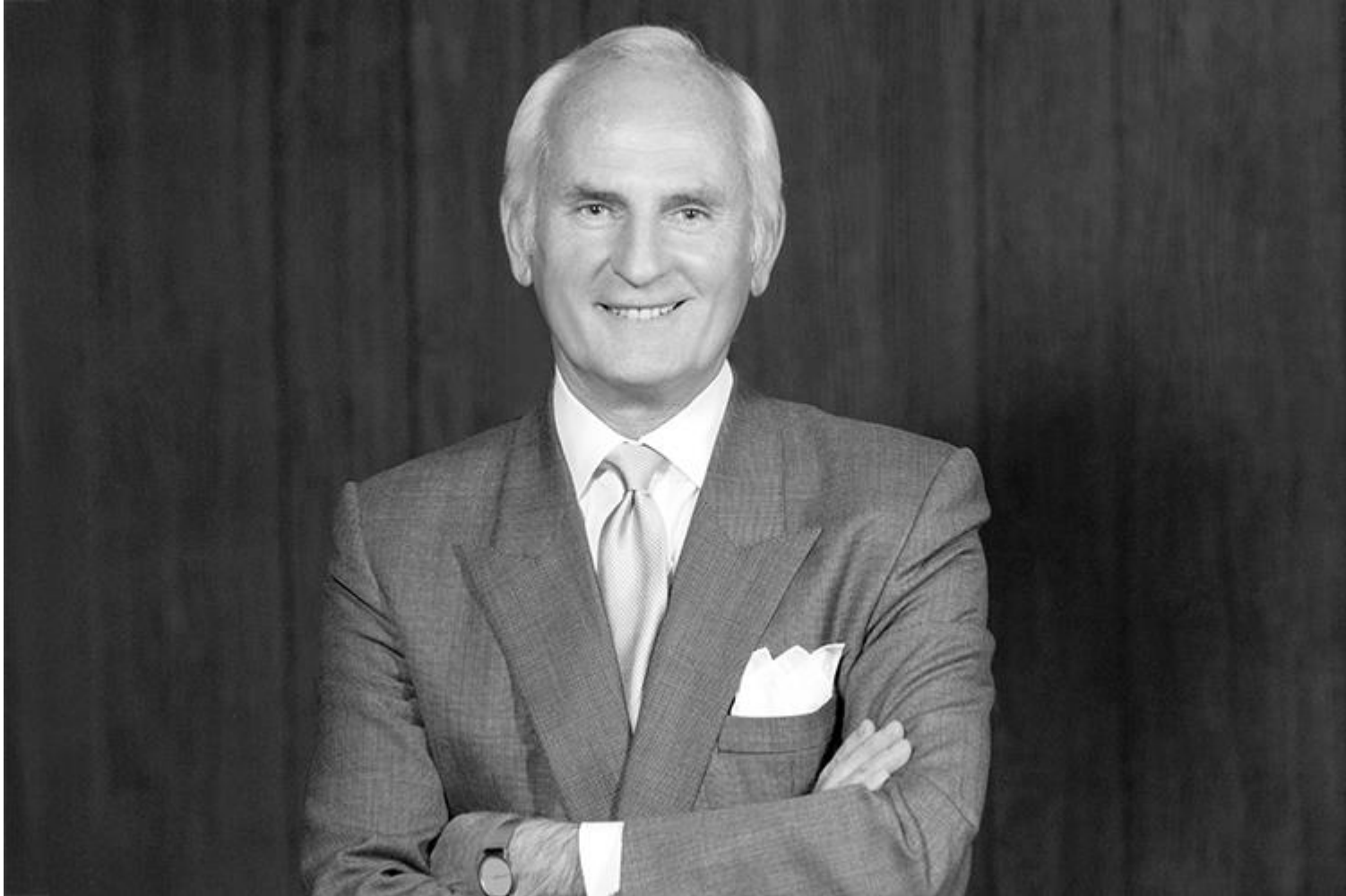
Corvette became so dominant in the Endurance Championship that in 1988, the SCCA banned Corvettes and Baker Racing from competing in the division. Undeterred, Baker continued racing in other series and remained involved in Corvette performance testing. He contributed to the pre-production testing of the ZR-1 in 1989 and was a member of Tommy Morrison's world-record-setting ZR-1 team.

Although Baker later explored stock car racing and other forms of motorsports, he and his team are still best known for their dominance in SCCA endurance racing and for enhancing the performance reputation of the C4 Corvette.

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GM-Chevrolet – Chuck Jordan, General Motors VP of Design



Chuck Jordan had an affinity for sketching cars as a boy, and his passion for automobiles led to a 43-year career with General Motors, beginning in 1949. As a protégé of Harley Earl, Jordan held design roles with Cadillac, Opel AG, Oldsmobile, and Buick. In 1986, he became GM's Vice President of Design, where his leadership revitalized the creative energy of the design staff.

Guided by the mantra "no dull cars," Jordan championed the fun and excitement of automotive design, embracing both production vehicles and concept cars. Among his early contributions were the iconic Cadillacs of the late 1950s, recognized for their sweeping fins and bold chrome details. He also played a role in the design of the 1958 Corvette. In the later years of his career, Jordan oversaw the design of vehicles such as the Pontiac Firebird, Buick Reatta, and Cadillac STS. As Vice President of Design, he directed the creation of several concept cars that had a significant impact on the Corvette's evolution, including the Corvette Indy, the CERV III, and the Stingray III.

Jordan also influenced the styling of the C2, C3, and C4 production Corvettes and was a vocal advocate for preserving the Corvette program during the development of the C5. Deeply passionate about automotive design, he was admired and respected by colleagues across the industry. After retiring from GM, Jordan continued to inspire future designers by teaching automotive design to high school students in his native Southern California.



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Enthusiast – Charley & Jim Robertson, Corvette Racing Ambassadors



Jim and Charley Robertson are well-known figures in the Corvette Racing community. They are on a first-name basis with drivers, team members, GM executives, and many fans. At any given race, you can find them volunteering in the paddock or corrals, helping to streamline autograph lines, and even gathering extra posters for charity auctions. Beyond race day, Jim and Charley play a vital role in organizing special events and strengthening the bond between Corvette Racing and its fan base. If you're on Charley's email list, you're always in the know with the latest team news. Her social media channels are a trusted source for racing updates and fan engagement. Although their efforts might resemble those of a professional PR team, their commitment is entirely volunteer-driven and powered by a deep love for the team and the Corvette community. The Robertsons are also active members of the Circle City Corvette Club, based in Dothan, Alabama. Through the club, they launched an annual auction of Corvette Racing memorabilia donated by the team. The proceeds benefit both local charities and the National Corvette Museum. "Each inductee in this year's Hall of Fame class represents a distinct and powerful thread in the fabric of Corvette history," said Bryce Burklow, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. "From track dominance to design innovation and fan-driven passion, the 2025 class exemplifies what it means to contribute to the Corvette legacy. These individuals have not only elevated the brand, they have helped define what Corvette means to generations of enthusiasts around the world."



## March Birthday Social

### Mi Ranchito

On Saturday, March 8, the Corvette Club of Utah met at Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant in South Jordan to celebrate those who had or are having birthdays during the month.

It was a beautiful, sunny day, with temperatures in the mid 40s. Forty seven members and guests attended this event. Twenty Corvettes filled the parking lot. This drew a lot of attention from their regular clientele.

Teddy Lowder won the birthday drawing. Its always wonderful when we can get together for any occasion. Members are encouraged to watch the website, as new activities are constantly added to the club calendar.



Always check [www.corvetteclubofutah.org](http://www.corvetteclubofutah.org) for updated event information

## April Birthday Social Poker Run/Oakley Diner

On April 12, the Corvette Club of Utah held their first cruise of the year. It was held in conjunction with the April birthday social and a poker run. Most of the cars (and their drivers) met at the Smith's parking lot in Murray.

From there, they drove to the Summit County Library to meet the remainder of the group. In all, 38 Corvettes participated in this event, along with 70 members and guests.

We all enjoyed the perfect weather, with temperatures in the mid 60's and a slightly overcast sky. At noon, we stopped at the Oakley Diner for a delicious lunch. The diner was closed to its regular customers so we could have the restaurant to ourselves. Our cars filled the parking lot, which drew a lot of attention from those who drove by. B. J. Williams was the winner of the birthday drawing.

- The ever-popular poker run was highly successful, with Nola Emery winning \$50 for her drawing to an inside straight, queen high. The rest of the proceeds from the highly successful poker run (\$325) will be donated to the Corvette Club's charity, the Fisher House.

It was a beautiful sight seeing all those Corvettes driving over the winding roads by the snow-capped mountains. The cruise ended at O'Shucks in Park City for a quick get together before leaving for our homes.

Today's activity was an excellent example of what our club is all about, friends getting together, showing off our gorgeous Corvettes, supporting our charity, and enjoying the beautiful scenery Utah has to offer. It doesn't get any better than this. We are certainly living the dream!



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# **CORVETTE CLUB of UTAH CAR SHOW & VETERANS**



## **FISHER HOUSE CHARITY EVENT**



**Saturday July 12th, 2025**  
**ALL CARS WELCOME!**  
690 Valdez Dr. (Next to the VA Hospital)  
Salt Lake City

**Registration and Staging**  
**8:00 AM to 10:00 AM**  
**Show activities**  
**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**  
**Entry fee \$5.00 per car**

**Hamburger - Cheese Burger**  
**- Hot Dogs - Drinks \$10**  
**Snow Cones & Popcorn**



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



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