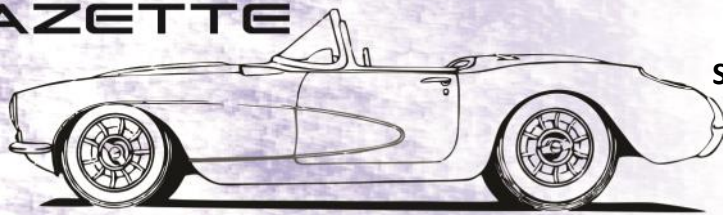




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Club News

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 2025

Members

Andy & Cathy McDermont
 Barry & Denise Ballard
 Blair Kerby
 Brad & Toni Hayashi
 Brian & Cindy Cossairt
 Bryan & Rachel Jorgenson
 Craig & Karla McManama
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 Josh Born & Melissa Jewett
 Keith & Karen Fritz
 Mark & Bernadette Sculley
 Peter Bowman
 Richard & Vicki Murray
 Robert & Cheryl Kroll
 Robert & Cooper Scranton
 Robin & Allison Dieterle
 Royal Lamb
 Scott & Judy Campau
 Scott & Lisa McDonald
 Scott Pannier
 Steve Coonradt & Dawn Degen

Member Birthdays

September

2 Donna Sine
 4 Wanda Williams
 Erin Ethington
 5 Gabriele Hackbarth
 6 Jim Rohbock
 Jodie West
 Josh Born
 7 Betsi Green
 8 Walt Penegar
 Steve Coonradt
 9 Nola Emery
 10 Audrey Frailey
 12 Marlene Day
 13 Joanne Munson
 14 Bruce Bailey
 Steve DeSmet
 15 Jason Scott
 17 Blair Kerby
 Samantha Gibson
 18 Billy Sheffield
 19 Curtis Wood
 20 Nancy Moench
 Steve Kalm
 21 Laura Visaggio
 22 Patricia Wood
 26 Mike Hellier
 27 Vickie Honey
 28 Bernie Poelzl
 Kevin Jolley
 29 Ira Heitner
 30 Robert Liston

October

1 Nancy Capobianco
 Paul Avery
 4 John Riddle
 5 Kery Oldroyd
 Mario Valencia
 Don Schmidt
 6 Robert Anderson
 7 Claudia Ruseler
 9 Robert Kroll
 10 Beannie Riddle
 Joe Shern
 John Ledkins
 Brad Hayashi
 11 Marcie Palmer
 13 Michael Sine
 14 Joel France
 Bev Shern
 17 Darrell Moench
 20 Denise Ballard
 Dawn Degen
 21 Carol Salzetti
 25 Horst Hackbarth
 Christie Smith
 26 Trudy Andrewsén
 27 Lance Andrewsén
 28 Dennis Salzetti
 Gin Strong
 Ed Pavlisin
 Jacqueline De Castro
 29 Lloyd Laycock
 31 Jalee Cox
 Andy McDermont

Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

Presidents Message

Hello Fellow Members,

Summer is rapidly coming to an end, hard to believe how fast the days go by. These past couple of months have been filled with activities and events with very good participation. This included our participation in our Sponsor's annual car show. I visited with Logan while at the show and he was very grateful for the number of members who brought their cars out for this event.

I would like to take a moment to recognize the great job that our event chairs, Larry, Debbie and Billie have done this year! They have been able to put together some great events and activities.

I've received some indications that a number of our officer and chair positions will not be looking at continuing in their positions next year. Officer nominations are held during the October member meeting. This would be a good time to start thinking about if you would like to be more involved in the planning and operation of the club. It can be daunting at times but it's very rewarding and it is always good to get some new perspectives and ideas into the leadership team.

The remainder of this year's monthly club meetings will be held at Riverton Chevrolet so come and join us for the meetings and if you'd like, the pre-meeting socials that are now being scheduled again. The website will be updated to provide this information. These pre-meeting socials offer a great opportunity to visit with other members.

As the weather starts to get colder just remember that there are still a lot of things that we can do, even if our cars aren't involved. If you have an idea for an offseason activity please let Billie, Larry or Debbie know as we are always looking for fun things to do together.

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

September 2025

9	8:45 AM	Flaming Gorge September 2025	Vernal, UT and Flaming Gorge
13	12:00 PM	September Birthday Social	Wicked Peel Kitchen, 3956 W Innovation Dr. Suite
17	4:00 PM	September Pre Meeting Social	Bout Time Pub & Grub, 31 W. 10600 South, Sandy, Utah
17	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT
20	9:00 AM	Crossaction Computer Specialists Car Show	3901 Riverdale Rd., Ogden, UT
9/30 - 10/3		Grand Teton Colorama Cruise and Boating and Aerial Tram Photo	Jackson, WY

October 2025

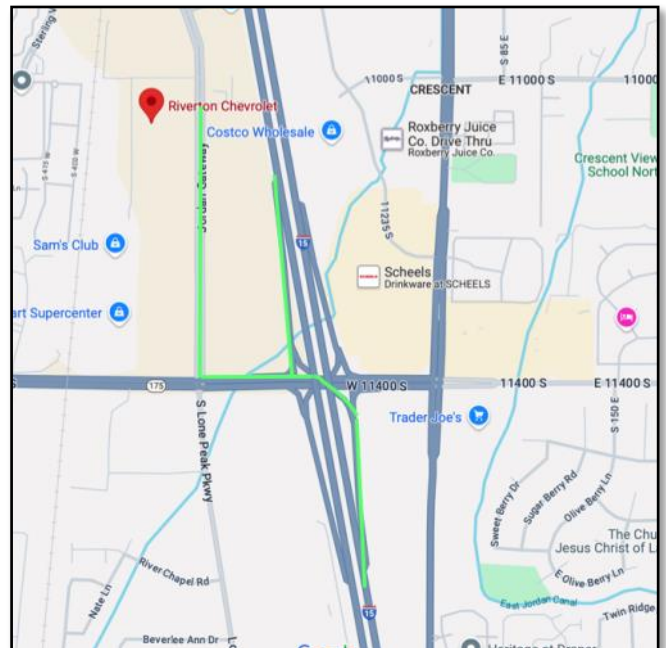
11	11:00 AM	Birthday Social Lunch	Joy Luck, 566 West 1350 South, Bountiful, UT
15	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT

September/October Club Meetings

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.



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Zora Arkus-Duntov's Personal Corvette to Debut During National Corvette Museum's 31st Anniversary Celebration

July 16, 2025

After a meticulous, multi-year preservation effort, the only Corvette ever owned by Zora Arkus-Duntov—the legendary “Godfather of the Corvette”—will make its public debut during the National Corvette Museum’s 31st Anniversary Celebration, August 28–30, 2025.

Zora’s personal 1974 custom two-tone blue Corvette Stingray, a retirement gift from Chevrolet, has been reserved with precision by the Museum’s Collections and Preservation team. The body was carefully separated from the chassis, allowing complete access to the frame, suspension, and underbody. Each component was documented, cleaned, stabilized, and reinstalled to ensure its authenticity. Even the creased leather armrest on the driver’s side—worn from years of Zora’s elbow resting as he drove—was intentionally left untouched.

“This car represents Corvette history in its purest form,” said Robert Maxhimer, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Education at the National Corvette Museum. “Preserving Zora’s personal Corvette is the first of many in-depth preservation projects that will ensure our collection lasts for generations.”

Zora Arkus-Duntov, inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 1998, played a pivotal role in elevating the Corvette into a world-class performance vehicle. His personal 1974 Corvette Stingray features a 454 big block engine, automatic transmission, air conditioning, power steering and brakes, and aluminum wheels.

Originally silver, then later painted green, the car eventually received its iconic custom two-tone blue livery when Zora asked a friend for a new paint job. The final result, including his initials “ZAD” on the doors, was a surprise—but one Zora appreciated. His wife, Elfi, marked the occasion with a painting of Zora standing beside the car. A decal reading “Zora Arkus-Duntov Engineering Center” remains on the rear deck, serving as a subtle tribute to his legacy.

The preservation will be the centerpiece of a reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame exhibition, launching during the Anniversary weekend. Attendees will enjoy exclusive insights into the restoration process through expert-led sessions featuring the Museum’s new generation of preservation professionals.

The National Corvette Museum’s 31st Anniversary Celebration takes place August 28–30, 2025, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



July Birthday Social

Taggart's Grill

On July 5th, The Corvette Club of Utah met at Taggart's Grill to celebrate those who are having birthdays during the month. Fifty five members and guests attended this event. The parking lot was filled with twenty three Corvettes, drawing the attention from the public.

As always, the food from Taggart's was delicious. The staff was well-prepared and the meals were served quickly. Dan McNeece won the birthday drawing.

After the meal, many of the members went on a cruise, which was led by Joe Shern. The cruise went by East Canyon Reservoir and along the curvy roads of "not-so-famous Utah Route 66." They stopped at the top of Big Mountain Summit and finished by going through Emigration Canyon.

It was a beautiful day to get together to visit with each other and to show off our cars. Life doesn't get much better than this!



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August Birthday Social

Red Robin

The August birthday social was held on Saturday, the 9th, at the Red Robin in Layton. It was a beautiful day for this event, with temperatures in the low 70's. Forty-one members and guests attended this event.

Twenty-five Corvettes filled the parking area closest to the restaurant. This drew a lot of attention from the manager, who wanted to know if we were there for a photo shoot or to put on a car show. Then he remembered that we were there to eat.

He knew we were coming, but evidently did not realize that we were bringing that many Corvettes. The regular patrons stopped to take pictures of the cars and to drool over them.

As always, the food was delicious and there was plenty to eat. The servers were fast and brought large platefuls of food immediately.

Judy Ledkins won the birthday drawing. She insisted that she "does not acknowledge birthdays."

Events like this provide a wonderful opportunity for the members to visit with each other. Naturally, we love to eat and show off our cars (but not necessarily in that order).



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July Club Meeting Falcon Park

On July 16, the Corvette Club of Utah held their monthly meeting at the Falcon Park, in Sandy. It was a hot evening, with temperatures in the low 90s.

Fifty seven members and guests braved the warm evening to attended this event. The meal was catered by Cafe Rio. Everyone enjoyed the pork, chicken, and beef soft tacos, beans, rice, salad, and chips and salsa.

The parking lot was filled with thirty beautiful Corvettes. The public loved looking at the cars. With so many Corvettes parked together, it seems more like an impromptu car show.

Everyone had a great time socializing and look forward to next month's meeting and picnic. Putting together an event like this is a lot of work and the club appreciates the work that was put into it.



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August Club Meeting Murray Park

On August 20, the Corvette Club of Utah held its monthly meeting at Murray Park, in Murray, Utah. The club treated 60 members and guests to a pizza party.

The parking lot was filled with over 38 Corvettes. This drew a lot of attention from other park attendees who walked around the cars, many of the taking pictures. It was a warm evening, with temperatures in the low 90's.

The club is growing at an incredible rate. Five new members came to the event: Doug and Emma Page, Scott and Lisa McDonald, and Tom Webb. Each of them gave us a short story about themselves and the Corvettes. We are excited to have each of them join our club.

Events, such as this, gives the members an opportunity to visit with each other at a leisurely rate. Although we are sad that the summer picnics have come to an end, we are excited to return to having our monthly meetings at Riverton Chevrolet.



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17th Annual Tooele Corvette Car Show

June 30, 2025



On June 30th, the Corvette Club of Utah participated in the 17th Annual Tooele Corvette Car Show. Fourteen members brought their Corvettes to the McDonald's in Lake Point so they could caravan together to the car show. While waiting for others to meet there, many members took time to clean off their Corvettes to make sure they were in pristine condition for the car show.

Chip Capobianco said that he had cleaned off his car before he left home, but it had rained as he was drove through Park City, leaving his car covered in water spots and road dirt. Unfortunately, he did not bring his car cleaning kit. He said that he deserved the award for the filthiness car. Luckily, for him, a Corvette doesn't have to be clean to be a beautiful car!

The members and their cars made an impressive sight as they drove into the park to meet with the rest of the club. The car show was held in the city park by the Pratt Aquatic Center. The weather was perfect for this event. While the temperatures were in the low 90s, there was a breeze that kept everyone cooler that expected. In all, forty members parked their Corvettes on the grass and under the trees, so they took full advantage of the shade.

During the car show, the city of Tooele held a karaoke contest. Many members of the public took part in this popular event. Singers of all talent levels sang country, show tunes, pop, and classic rock. There were a couple of Elvis wannabe's. Regardless of their singing abilities, they were loud and proud.



The city of Tooele also treated the public to supper of hot dogs (as Steve DeSmet calls them "Tube Steaks"), chips, water, and a cookie. While it wasn't the fanciest of meals, it filled us up.

David Hoover won the Queen's Choice Award for his copper colored 2008 Corvette. Miss Tooele fell in love with David's car because the color matched the trophy she resented him with.

Events like this give our members the chance to show off their cars and build stronger relationships with the community. Club members Reuben and Susan Trujillo organize his event every year and we appreciate their hard work. We look forward to participating next year.

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July 4th Sandy City Parade

On July 4th, the Corvette Club of Utah participated in Sandy's parade. The city did not limit the number of Corvettes we could bring, so the members brought an impressive twenty-nine cars. Fifty five members showed up for the parade.

It was a cloudy evening, so we kept our eyes on the sky. While in the staging area, it began to sprinkle. Members quickly put their tops up and rolled up their windows. Just as quickly as it started to rain, it stopped. Members once again took the tops of their cars, rolled down the windows, and wiped their rain off their cars.

Just when the members got their cars wiped off, it started to rain again. This weather pattern continued off and on until the parade started. Then, it rained hard.



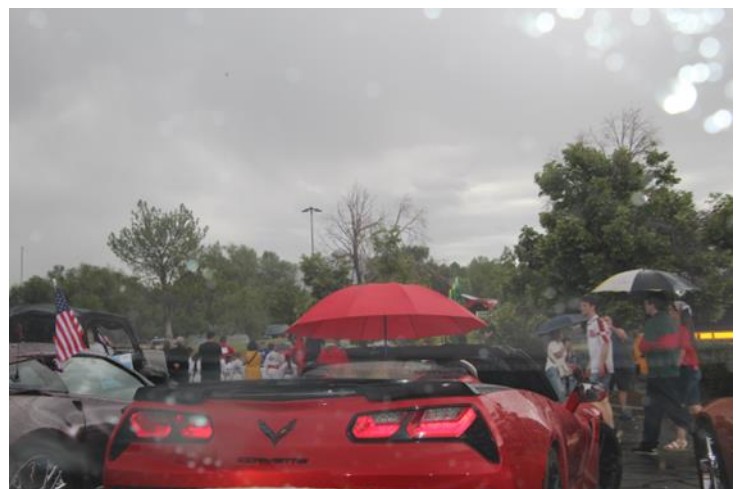
One couple could not decide whether to put their top up or leave it down, so they compromised and left the top down and put up an umbrella. Luckily, their umbrella matched their Corvette! This did not last long, as the rained continued, so they took down their umbrella and put up their top.

The bad weather did not deter the eager parade goers, as they lined the streets, yelling for the drivers to rev their engines. It was quite obvious that they love Corvettes as much as we do.

The city of Sandy gave the club a generous check. The funds will be donated to the Fisher House. We love participating in the Sandy parade, as it helps build community relationships.

After the parade, the bad weather ended and we drove to Robert and Gin Strong's house for a delicious meal of fall-off-the-bone, lip-smacking, finger-licking smoked ribs, baked beans, chips, fruit, and drinks. Gin made a cake especially for the event. We are grateful to have members like the Strong's, who share their home and food with the club.

Despite the weather, this was a perfect day to share with friends.



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3rd Annual Corvette Club of Utah/Fisher House Car Show

July 12, 2025



On July 12th, The Corvette Club of Utah hosted their Third Annual Corvette Car Show at the Fisher House in Salt Lake City. The car show was not restricted to Corvettes, as other makes of cars were welcome to enter.

Overall, there were over 45 Corvettes, (including two Indy Pace Cars) and six cars of other makes. In all, there were 56 entrants. The car show was very well attended.

It was a beautiful, sunny day for a car show. The temperatures were in the low to mid 80s, and there was a slight breeze which kept it cooler than in years past.

“Vintage” a classic rock band from Salt Lake City entertained the public with a variety of songs from the Beatles, the Eagles, Eric Clapton, CCR, John Denver, Jim Croce, Elvis, and others. They were great addition to the car show and the audience really appreciated them.

A lunch of hamburgers, hot dogs, corn puffs, and water were provided by the Christian Motorcycle Association, a non-denominational group that shares the gospel by changing one heart at a time. Like our club, they are proud supporters of the Fisher House. Snow cones and popcorn were popular with the attendees and were provided by the Fisher House.



A raffle was held as a way to raise money for the Fisher House. Items, such as car cleaning kits, dinner theater tickets, a Lego Corvette, tires for a C8, a Trader Joe’s gift bag, restaurant gift certificates, and more. Between the car show entry fees and the raffle \$1600 to \$1700 was raised, with all proceeds going to Fisher House.



Prizes were given to the car that traveled the furthest distance to the car show, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd most popular car. Larry and Debbie VanWagoner won first place with their vintage 1959 Corvette.

Although event like this are a lot of work to put together, we love helping the Fisher House appreciate all they do for the community. We also appreciate the generosity of its members and car show attendees. Without them, this car show would not be as successful.



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2025 Riverton Chevy Car Show

August 8, 2025

This was the dealership's 9th annual car show and the first since becoming the Club's sponsor. This show is open to any class of vehicle and is hosted by none other than JC Hackett, also MCed by famed radio disc jockey Jon Carter. Complimentary corndogs, street tacos, drinks and Creamies were available for the participants and those just coming out to enjoy the show.



The weather that evening was near perfect for a car show with temps in the 80's and a light breeze.

Prior to the show, Logan Page had asked me if 20 spots would be adequate to set aside for the Club member's cars. I said "probably", which was based on the number of members I remembered from last year. Boy, was I wrong! Out of the 255 registered cars that were there for the show we had 45 Club member's cars. Logan was very impressed and really appreciated the support from the Club. In all, there were about 70 Corvettes present.

New for this year, trophies were given out for the loudest car, two of these went to Camaro's and the 3rd to a rat rod. Other awards were given out for various makes and models with a 1962 Corvette winning the best Corvette, the winner wasn't a member of the Club...yet. The Dealer's Choice award this year went to the owner of a beautifully restored 1954 Corvette, owned by none other than Club member Steve Kalm. Congrats Steve!

Hope to see an even better turnout next year!



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Rat Fink Museum & Poker Run

July 26, 2025

On July 26th we had over 50 members and 34 cars assembled at the Thanksgiving Point water tower, to prepare for a run down to the Rat Fink Museum and Gift shop in Manti, UT. The first card for our poker hands was drawn here with everyone still having a chance of winning.



The group traveled south with a stop in Fairview to use the facilities and to draw another card. From there we traveled down

to Manti and the Rat Fink Museum. We were greeted by Trixie Roth who welcomed us with open arms. She gave us an overview of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth's life and a tour of the museum pointing out some of his past creations and some that he had been working on when he passed. We spent a couple hours here and then drew the 3rd card, the number of people with a chance to win dwindled quickly.



From there we headed towards our late lunch stop. We made another stop in Nephi to use the facilities there and draw the 4th card. Even more people were eliminated from contention.



The lunch stop was at a very nice Mexican Restaurant in Santaquin which one of our members who lives there recommended, (Thanks Paul, it was

great!). We also drew the 5th and final card, when the hands were compared Steve Desmet won the \$50 pot with trip 10's. The remainder of which was collected, \$220, will be donated to our charity. A BIG shout out to Larry and Debbie for getting this on the calendar!



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