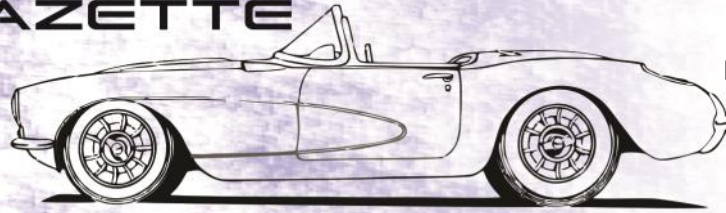




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March—April

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

Richard & Vicki Murray

Brian & Cindy Cossairt

Keith & Karen Fritz



## Member Birthdays

March		April	
1	Dennis Barker Lixmer Rivas	1	Larry Saylor
2	Scott Stanford Kathleen Barker Chuck Baker Brent Maynes	2	Cheryl Fisher Karl Campbell
4	Keiko Dunham	4	David Nagel Robert Hammond
5	Debbie Van Wagoner Perry Palmer	6	Marie Liston Jeannie Hoover Gary Senter
6	Bonnie France	7	Adam Steidinger
7	Erik Johanson Myken Johanson Matilde (Mattie) Ott	9	Brian Welty
9	Stephanie Peterson	10	Kathleen Doty BJ Williams
10	Char Ohlson	11	Michelle Roberts Lee Triplett
11	Luke Whipple		Karl Donaldson
12	Rick Lee	12	Ann Avery Debbie Faerber Randy Roberts
14	Scott Wilde	13	Jaxon Bennion
15	Sally Allen Craig Knudson	14	Chip Capobianco
17	Patti Triplett Kevin West	16	Angie Jolley
19	Kathee Richardson Ken Frailey	18	John Nielsen
27	Janet Tillotson Cindy Cossairt	19	Luke Hoefnagel
31	Bernie Warburton Teddy Lowder	20	John Martinez
		23	Karen DeSmet Keith Fritz Richard Murray Mark Tilley Jason Henry
		25	Penny Rhea
		26	Larry Van Wagoner Gary Taylor
		27	Lynne Hicks
		28	David Williams
		29	Kim Wilde

Our apologies to anyone whose birthday has been missed.

## Presidents Message

Hi Folks,

Warmer weather is on the way and I'm sure everyone is getting the itch to get their cars on the road. Just make sure your tires are aired up and the battery charger is disconnected before pulling out of the garage. If your car needs service please try and use our new sponsor, Riverton Chevrolet. As a member you'll get a discount on any service, parts or accessories, OR that new Corvette you've been dreaming of.

We're starting to get the calendar filled up with events and trips for the warmer months so if you have an idea for a trip or event let Larry, Debbie or Billie know so we can plan accordingly.

For those that weren't present during the January meeting, we were able to present a check to our charity, The Fisher House, for an amazing \$6,471.42. This was \$800 more than last year, which is amazing! Thanks to everyone for making this possible.

We continue to struggle with finding places that can accommodate us for our birthday celebrations and other get togethers so if you have any suggestions, please let one of us know.

I'm looking forward to another amazing year and seeing many of you in the upcoming months. As always if you have ideas or suggestions on how to make the club more fun (I know that's a tall order) I'm always available to listen or help out.

Be safe and let's have some fun in 2025!!!

Don



## Upcoming CCU Events

### March 2025

1	12:00 PM	Smoke Off	Alpine Bible Church, 310 E. State Street, Lehi, UT
8	12:00 PM	March Birthday Social	Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant, 10949 South Redwood Rd South Jordan, UT
15	11:30 AM	50th Annual AutoRama Social	MID CITY PUB & GRILL 7101 S BINGHAM JUNCTION MIDVALE,
19	4:00 PM	March Pre Club Meeting Social	Wicked Peel Kitchen, 7101 S Bingham Junction, Midvale
19	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT

### April 2025

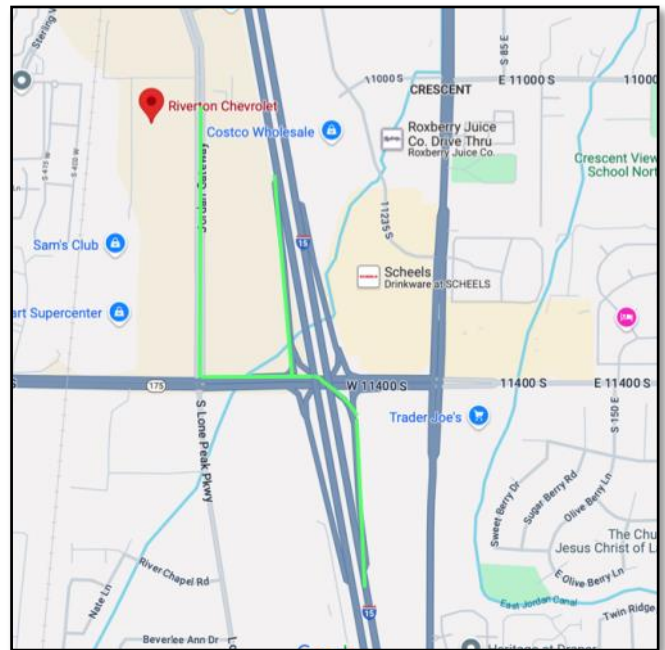
12	9:00 AM	April Birthday & Poker Run	Oakley Diner Main Street and Hwy 224 Oakley, UT
16	4:00 PM	April Pre Meeting Social	Bout Time Pub & Grub, 31 W. 10600 South, Sandy, Utah
16	6:00 PM	CCU Club Meeting	Riverton Chevrolet, 11100 S Jordan Gateway, South Jordan, UT

### **March/April 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.**



## **Save the Date**

Remember "Route 66 2025" is coming up May 1—6 Sign up now!

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

# 1968 Astro II and Engineering Blueprint

January 13, 2025

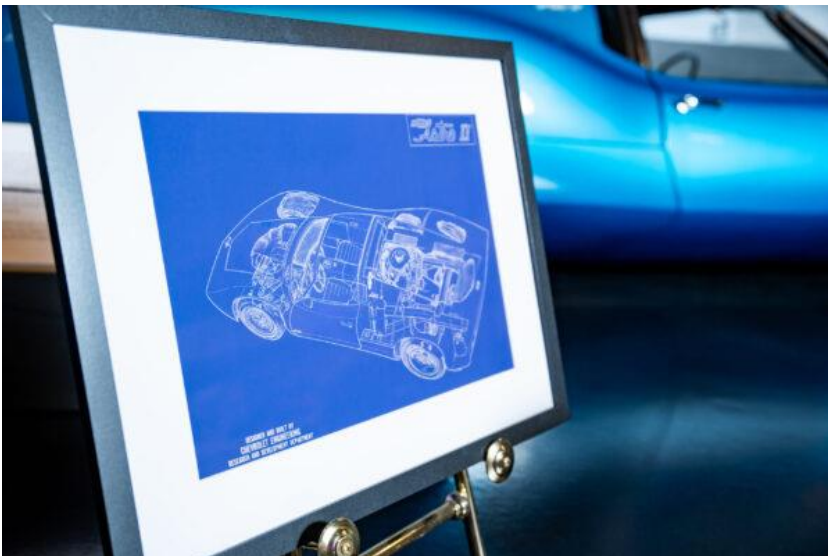
Long before the reveal of the C8 Corvette Stingray, General Motors was experimenting with mid-engine sports car designs. One of these concept cars was the 1967 Astro I, a low, sleek, futuristic-looking automobile created primarily as a styling exercise. The experiment convinced GM to build another mid-engine concept with greater potential to be a production automobile. Initially called XP-880, this next car would eventually become the 1968 Astro II, the first true mid-engine Corvette prototype. It is currently on display at the National Corvette Museum on loan from GM.

Frank Winchell, who oversaw Chevrolet's Research and Development department, led the engineering of the Astro II. Winchell and Larry Nies equipped the car with a 427 cubic inch V8, which produced 400 horsepower. Nies chose to mount this engine backward within the car, allowing more room to install the alternator, water pump, and other equipment. Winchell's team also built the Astro II's steel frame and rear suspension components, supplementing the front half of the chassis with off the shelf parts. To assist with the creation of the vehicle, Chevrolet's R&D department drafted this engineering blueprint for the Astro II's internal components. Donated by Dana Forrester, the blueprint is now part of the Museum's archival collections.



Winchell requested that Larry Shinoda design the Astro II's body. Shinoda previously worked on Corvette concepts like the XP-819 and Mako Shark II. His design for the Astro II features his famous "coke-bottle" styling with smooth fender flares. The car has traditional doors, a larger front storage unit, and a clamshell bonnet for accessing the engine. The rear of the Astro II includes the customary four Corvette taillights, a sugar scoop rear window, and a series of vents for better airflow. Inside, the car is similar to the third-generation Corvette. However, the Astro II did not include the C3's chrome bumpers or flip-up headlights. Shinoda's design blended the front and rear fascia seamlessly into the body.

Ultimately, the Astro II did not go into production. GM was unwilling to risk transitioning the Corvette to a mid-engine layout, particularly since the C3 was selling well. Nevertheless, the Astro II's innovative engineering and influential design make it one of the most successful Corvette concepts ever produced.



# Corvette Club of Utah Awards Banquet

January 25, 2025

On January 25, 2025, the Corvette Club of Utah held its annual awards banquet at the Timbermine Steakhouse in Ogden, Utah. Despite winter gusts and a pending snowstorm, the event was well attended with over eighty members and guests attending.

The Timbermine is known for its delicious food. Members and guests enjoyed meals of rib eye steak, teriyaki chicken, and salmon served with salad, roll, baked potato, and a dessert.

Awards for longevity were given out. Jason and Tammy Henry received their five year pins. Gary and Jo Roeseler received their ten year pins. Lynne and Brian Hicks received their fifteen year pins. Twenty year pins went to Bob Larsen and Bob and Kathee Richardson. Twenty five years pins went to Teddy and Tom Lowder. The Member of the Year award went to Walt Penegar.



A special award was given to Cecil Shern, who has generously donated the use of his car barn over the years for us to hold many of our events.

Quite a few members received a “blooper” award for the various mishaps that occurred during the year. This led to light hearted laughter from the members, who were either enjoying the program or grateful that they did not receive a “special” award.

Overall, it was a delightful evening. The club is grateful for its members who generously give their time and talents to put on an event like this.



## January Birthday Social Tucci's Cucina Italiana

On January 11, the Corvette Club of Utah held its monthly birthday social. It was a typical winter's day, with cloudy skies and snow flurries.

Thirty-six members and guests celebrated at Tucci's Cucina Italiana in Trolley Square in Salt Lake City. We enjoyed fine Italian cuisine from their limited menu.

Karl Tobler won the birthday drawing. Karl was in especially good spirits, as his and his fiancée, Lisa, will be getting married on the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

Even though this was the first activity for the new year for the club, it was well attended. We enjoyed visiting with each other and look forward to the future events the club has planned.

Don't forget to check the club's website frequently for upcoming events. You don't want to miss them!



## February Birthday Social Layton Sizzler

On February 8, the Corvette Club of Utah met at Sizzler's in Layton celebrate those who have birthdays during this month.

It was a gloomy day, with temperatures in the low 30's and on-and-off snow flurries. The dark skies and chilly air made us think that a winter storm was headed our way!

This did not stop forty one members and guests from attending this event. Eight members drove their Corvettes.

Judy Fowler won the birthday drawing.

Activities, such as this, helps keep the club members in touch with each other throughout the year. It won't be long before spring comes and more people will participate in the club's activities and parking lots will be filled with beautiful Corvettes.



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