

Tell Them Valdez is Coming



Greetings on this snowy February day from the Valdez household. Thank you for the opportunity to write for the newsletter. It is my first time writing anything for print.

Our lives in a nutshell. Dick, or Dicky as most people know him by, was born and mostly raised in Pueblo, graduating from East High School. Dick has a daughter, Andrea, from a previous marriage. She presented Dick with his first grandson, Amadeus, in 2009. Dick has owned and operated Dicky's Paint and Body for over twenty years located at 2730 Temple Lane. I was born in Kansas and seemed to live all over that state in the twelve years before we made the move to Colorado settling in the San Luis Valley where I graduated from Monte Vista High School. I came to live in Pueblo as a result of my first marriage. Dick and I both worked at Andrews Produce although not at the same time. However, most of his family seemed to work there when I did and that is how we met. I have worked for a custom embroidery company for the past 17 years as a full charge bookkeeper. The company downsized right before Christmas and I began the search for a new job. Matthew came along in

1991 and graduated from South High in 2010. He has been working with his dad for the last four years but has spent many summers at the shop at younger age. Dick said he was first attracted to Corvettes when a then family member had a '61 convertible with a hard top. They were taking the car down to the metal and starting over with the paint job. When I met him it was sitting in the driveway sometimes. In fact that was Matthew's "first" Corvette. I cannot remember when I first fell in love with Corvettes. I am sure it was in my teen years. Figured they were a very high dollar car and I would never get to drive one. As for Matthew, at six months should say it all since we have pictures of him and Andrea in the driver's seat of the '61.

Dick's first Corvette was a yellow '75 T top purchased in 1996. He kept it for about two years. It wasn't long after he sold it that he started looking for another one. In 2001, he purchased the '81 and promptly repainted it in silver with charcoal stripe on the hood. A few years later, he repainted the car to its original silver color with a quart of coarse aluminum added in and added a Daytona bumper. That long front end made the dips and speed bumps in town not so much fun to negotiate. After the hail storm in 2009 and a little incident with that long front end, it was decided the car would be repainted from the metal out using Inferno Orange metallic. The hood was customized with silver and black.



Along with the new paint job a 350 engine was put in. The first outing in the new colors was the Poker Run the club did in October. The next Corvette was a red '92 replacing the Pathfinder Matthew had been driving. Not too long after they customized the paint job, Dick bought Matthew's dream car, the 2010 Camaro, and the '92 was sold. Last year, Dick finally decided to buy the 2011 Torch Red Grand Sport he currently drives.

Since we can't drive these wonderful cars in the snow that just keeps coming, Dick and Matthew share a pick up truck purchased for shop use and I drive a 2005 Equinox. I love the Equinox with its four doors and room for

Dakota, my Siberian Husky. I have had to take Dakota to the dog park in the '81 Corvette. Yes, it was a sight!

Dick's first Corvette is where I think he fell in love with the color yellow. He has owned a yellow 2007 Saturn Sky and 2004 Chevy SSR. When it came time to paint

the '67 Cougar they were restoring, it was painted in yellow and black. It now wears a small strip of the inferno orange metallic that was used on the '81. The paint was chosen because of the orange on the Camaro. Speaking of new paint jobs, they have repainted the new Camaro. It is now two- tone with orange on top and black on the bottom and black stripes on the hood and trunk. Guess you have to find something to do when stuck inside the shop on cold snowy days. Anyway I can't wait to see it all finished. If the weather would just cooperate, it could be driven again.

We joined the Corvette Club in December. Although I had entered the '81 Corvette in two car shows in 2008 where I met people from the Pueblo and Colorado Springs clubs, we just didn't join up. Jill placed a club card on the Grand Sport one day and Matthew wanted to check out the club. So here we are. We have thoroughly enjoyed the outings we have taken with the club since October and look forward to more. Matthew and I joined the club at Sunset Bowl for the February bowling night and had a blast. It was good to see Matthew not glued to his phone and chatting with the guys instead.

Two of my nephews, Jeremy and Zach, have borrowed the '81 Corvette for proms. Neither one knew they would be able to until the last possible moment. Jeremy arrived at my house to get ready for prom and found it waiting in the driveway all washed and ready to go. I told my sister, I should have had a rolled up piece of paper that dropped to the ground as I supposedly read the rules to him before handing over the keys. He was so excited he forgot his date's corsage at my house.

It was in the delivery of the car to nephew Zach in 2007 that I got my first Corvette wave. As I passed through Walsenburg, I meet a

Corvette and you know what happened! With

Zach, we were trying to get a picture of his face when he came out of the house to see it sitting in the driveway. That plan didn't work so well but boy was he speechless for a little bit. Soon a text went out to his friends showing what he would be driving to prom. It wasn't too much longer after that when we stepped outside to see his friends had arrived. The stories could go on but there just isn't enough room for them.

Guess I will need to save them for scrapbooking!

A lot of club events are planned for this year and we might not be able to attend all of them but we will definitely get to as many as we can.



Barrett-Jackson Las Vegas

A Barrett Jackson car auction is like a huge car show and automotive event with lots of entertainment even if you are not there to bid on your favorite classic car. This year at the Las Vegas event, held the weekend of September 23-25, well over 300 vehicles crossed the auction block. Bids could be placed on a wide variety of vehicles from classic Corvettes and Mustangs to motorcycles to farm tractors and even covered wagons.

This event was held at the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on the south end of the Vegas strip. It was easy to see why Barrett Jackson chose this location to hold one of its auctions. Mandalay Bay was able to house several vendor displays and almost all of the auctioned vehicles in a huge air-conditioned hall, away from the 100+ degree Vegas heat. If one wanted to venture outside, GM and Ford were hosting “Ride & Drive” events in an adjacent parking lot. On one side of the parking lot driving (a very short drive) three Ford products earned the participant a relatively high-speed ride in a racing Mustang. On the other side of the parking lot driving three GM vehicles was rewarded with a ride in a Ron Fellows Driving School Corvette C5 Z06. The lines at the GM tent seemed definitely longer.

Back inside, the Corvette nameplate was well represented on the auction block. A total of about 36 Corvettes were sold during the three days of the auction. The years represented ranged from 1954 to 2007. Below is a short sample of the Corvettes that were sold. Some prices are very high but others seem almost like bargains.

- **Lot 30.1** – 1978 Pace Car, automatic, 55,000 miles, original unrestored, interior showing some wear. Sold for \$11,000
- **Lot 50** – 1976 coupe, small block automatic candy apple red with gray interior. Sold for \$37,400



Lot 30.1

Lot 50

- **Lot 58.2** – 1990 ZR1, 350/375 hp, 6 speed, black leather interior. Very little wear. Sold for \$20,900.
- **Lot 58.3** - 1990 ZR1, 350/375 hp, 6 speed, black leather interior. Also showing very little wear. Sold for \$26,400.



Lot 58.3

Lot 58.2

- **Lot 331** – 2003 50th Anniversary coupe, automatic, one of 4,805, like new with only 317 miles, heads-up display, F55 suspension, and 12 CD changer with Bose sound system. Sold for \$42,900.
- **Lot 345.2** – 1970 numbers matching coupe with 454 cid/390 hp big block and automatic. Black interior with power windows and tilt/telescoping steering wheel. Sold for \$44,000.



Lot 345.2

Lot 331

- **Lot 361** – 1961 roadster, 283 cid/230 hp, automatic, power windows, one of only 442 to have an automatic powered top. Complete restoration. Sold for \$79,750
- **Lot 371** – 2001 custom with C1 nose and tail features, Borla exhaust, 350cid/345 hp, automatic, heads up display, 29,000 miles, #112 out of 178 modified by Advanced Automotive Technologies. Sold for \$132,000



Lot 361



Lot 371

- **Lot 373.1** – 1981 automatic, camel interior, essentially new with 4 miles on the odometer. Holds some collectible status because it is the last Corvette built at the St Louis assembly plant, July 21, 1981. Sold for \$150,000
- **Lot 387** – 2007 Lemans blue, tan interior with heated power seats, automatic with steering wheel mounted paddle shifters. Less than 2,000 miles. Looked new except for billet grill. Sold for \$40,700



Lot 373.1



Lot 387

- **Lot 400** – 1970 custom modified using Motion Performance components. 454 cid., 4 speed, full 700 hour restoration. Sold for \$33,000.
- **Lot 406.1** – 1991 ZR1, 6 speed, red leather interior, very good condition but mileage unknown. Sold for \$23,000.



Lot 400



Lot 406.1

- **Lot 629** – 1969 Roadster, black interior, 4 speed. L88 “recreation”, originally built with at 427 cid/390 hp engine. Complete restoration 2 ½ years ago. Sold for \$27,500.
- **Lot 644.5** – 1967 427 cid/390 hp L36, side exhaust and radio delete. Fully restored with “period correct engine, transmission and rear end. Sold for \$99,000.



Lot 626



Lot 644.5

Article by Kevin Koch

Ladies Corner



Hi ladies, please let me introduce myself. I'm Vicky Vette, such a fan of Corvettes that I officially changed my last name from Pylowski to Vette some years ago. Since none of the ladies of the Southern Colorado Corvette Club have offered any articles for this month's newsletter, I've offered this month's article and your editor has graciously agreed to let me "fill in" this month.

Now, I could write about how a Vette is built, like changing the oil yourself without getting any nasty old stuff on your party dress or breaking a nail. Instead I'd like to talk about something all we women can identify with – living with **The Men Who Love Corvettes** (TMWLC).

They are a strange bunch – prone to hanging pictures of cars in their garages. In fact, the whole thing about them "owning" the garage and making it their "Man Cave" is strange. Like we don't help them clean their pretty little cars. They like to drive with the top off, even when you have to have the heater blowing as hard as you can just to keep the frost off of us. They still like surfer music even though they've never owned a surf board, much less gotten one wet. And speaking of getting wet, they think they are utterly irresistible to women when they put on their Corvette cologne and cruise with their silly little gloves on like they were just competing at Le Mans or something. They can go through a newspaper in one minute, yet spend an hour a page in a sports car magazine comparing a Vette with any other car on the planet. Then, with all the weight of their technical training, explain until tomorrow why the article is bogus when the Vette wipes out the competition on the track and on the road, yet finishes behind some sexy European machine costing four or five times as much. Like we care or something. We just know we like Corvettes and we don't

feel the need to prove that to anyone. Nor do we need to convince someone else about why they, too, should love Corvettes with every beat of their heart. And while I'm on it, what's with the one pitiful cup holder? If the Japanese can put dozens of them in every mini-van, couldn't GM do better? Really?

Well, I'm now going to share with you why this is so. Men are medically-proven to be brain damaged. We've all known about how a developing baby at about 3 weeks has its sex determined, and how when the Y chromosome is chosen, the flood of testosterone stops connections between the halves of the brain – while we continue to develop normally. But there has been a recent discovery in brain research which results from that testosterone bath. There is a here-to-for unnoticed cortex in the male species, known as the T-Cortex – short for, you guessed it, the Testosterone Cortex. That part of the male brain is apparently the cause of all sorts of abnormalities in the thought process, and indeed even the draining of all blood from the brain on certain occasions. That in itself is a testament of the priorities the T-Cortex places on higher functions, like listening, and remembering their children's birthdays. Heck, even remembering to turn off the TV before falling asleep!

Obviously, I could go on and on, but what we need to take away from this is a new appreciation of why TMWLC are as they are. They are definitely lovers, it's just necessary for us to help them get their priorities correct from time to time, whether that be by perfume and translucent nightwear, or by a 2 X 4. Knowledge is power. Now we know more about them than they of us. Of course that is the way it has been since Eve wondered what Adam was playing with. But now we know enough to be able to appreciate how hard they try to be good to us and love us in spite of their handicaps and the beauty of Corvettes! It must be tough being a guy.

Power to the Women!!!!

Bowling for Laughs

The first Monday night of each month is becoming a heartbeat of the club as the silly faithful gather at Sunset Lanes for



an evening of - well - of laughter and fun. Oh, and some bowling goes on as well. The snow and cold kept the Mustangers away,



and just a couple of Mopar folks showed up but had to leave just before we got started when one of them received a call that his mom's house was filling with water and he had to get

there pronto. Bummer. So it was left up to SCCC to have all the fun. We were pretty good at that, by the way. Scotty rolled our gathering's first 200 game, a 202 and Bill rolled in the 170's all night, plus Ann gave a

good run at that elusive 500 series with a fine 487.

If you haven't yet seen Matthew bowl, you've missed something. With no respect to "how it's supposed to be done", he does mighty fine as well and is sooo

entertaining! With the introduction of the trophies, one for best club, the other for, well, you can guess, we proudly took both home. There were some battered and bruised pins left behind, and I'll bet the echo of our laughter can still be heard. Eight of us bowled and three of us just showed up to warm up a cold night. As we left, we all were smiling and looking forward to March 7th. Hope to see you there!



SC3 Meeting Highlights *January 2111*

This was Jill Brake's first meeting as President.

Treasurer's Report from Dennis Clark was reported via internet from Mexico (so sad!) and showed a balance in the club acct as of December 31 of \$4,025.74.

Past Events from December were celebrated and a special thanks to Dan and Darla Duboy for the wonderful Christmas Party.

Club Bylaws were amended. Of note, dues for the club will be due by Oct 1st and are subject to a \$10 late fee if after this date to offset the additional cost of NCCC membership dues paid later than Oct 1st. For detail of the all the amendments approved, contact Vicki Adams, Secretary.

Upcoming Events in near-future:

Jan 30th – Breakfast at Max's in Colorado City at 8:45 a.m. Contact Bill Kenney for details.

Feb 3rd – Dinner at Zio's in Colorado Springs at 6 p.m. Contact Bill Kenney for details.

Feb 7th – Bowling at Sunset Bowl at 7 p.m. with Mopar/Mustang Clubs

Feb 11th – Sonic Night meet at 6 pm at the Elizabeth/W 29th St. Sonic. Will try to pick a destination restaurant in advance so if you can't be at the Sonic, you can join us at the restaurant. Contact Jill Brake for details.

Feb 26th – Dinner at Airplane Restaurant in Colorado Springs at 6 p.m. Contact Bill Kenney for details.

Feb 28th – Regular SCCC meeting at Main Library at 7:00 p.m.

Mar 7th – Bowling at Sunset Bowl at 7 p.m. with Mopar/Mustang Clubs

Mar 12th – Potluck and Dance at Eagles Club. Contact Dan/Darla Duboy for details.

Mar 22nd - Regular SCCC meeting at Main Library at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events – later in year:

May 25th & 26th – Tour of National Corvette Museum and Corvette plant in Bowling Green, KY. Contact Lucky Schneberger for details.

Jun 4th – Car show with Mopar and Mustang clubs at Dog Track. Contact Bill Kenney for details.

Aug 20th & 21st – Car show at Harkelroad Motors in Imperial, NB. Contact Lucky Schneberger for details.

Reminders:

Wounded Warriors Donations – Periodic donations of men's, women's and children's clothing will be collected and delivered to this organization. Contact Bob Adams if you have anything that you would like to donate.

Newsletter – a new column from the ladies in the club will be featured each month. It can be recipes or any article of interest to the ladies and by the ladies. Please contact Bob Adams with your contribution.



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March, 2011

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6	7 Bowling @ Sunset 7:00 PM	8	9	10	11 Sonic Night, 6:00 PM	12 Pot Luck & Dance @ Eagles, 6:00 PM to 9:00
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