



Southern Colorado Corvette Club

SOUTHERN COLORADO CORVETTE CLUB
PUEBLO, COLORADO

Daniels/Long Chevrolet Sponsoring Dealership

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As part of our new club sponsor relationship we are having our May meeting/open house at Daniels Long Chevrolet and they are providing a meal before the meeting starts! Talk about getting off to a fast start.

The dealership is very excited about hosting our meeting and showing off their facilities and introducing some of their staff on the 20th of May. This date is a week earlier than our normal 4th Tuesday of the month date, but due to the Memorial Day holiday this seemed to work better. Club members will be getting our personalized VIP cards at the meeting. These cards will be needed to take advantage of the VIP benefits offered by Daniels Long.

The plan is to caravan from the Love's Travel Stop in Pueblo (exit 104 on I-25) to the dealership. They will have the food ready at 6 PM and our meeting will start at 7 PM. We should plan to meet at Love's at 4:45 and depart at 5 PM. If you can't make the caravan, but still want to come up for dinner and the meeting that is OK as well. In your RSVP let me know if you will be in the caravan or not.

Directions to the dealership are: I-25 northbound to exit 141 (which is Hwy 24 West). Stay in the left lane of the exit ramp and turn left at the light. Stay in the left lane and at the 2nd traffic light (8th street) turn left. Take 8th street about half way up the hill and look on the left side for a sign that indicates the entrance to Daniels Long Chevrolet. ...turn left and park next to the other Corvettes. If you miss this entrance then continue to the top of the hill to Automotive Drive and turn left (there is a Mercedes dealer on this corner), just past the Mercedes dealer on the left is a driveway into Daniels Long....there isn't as much parking on this side but you should be able to find a spot.

Hopefully we can get a good sized group to attend this special meeting.

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Daniels Long Chevrolet Club Member Benefits

- ⇒ \$29.95 oil change (corvettes only. 4 per member, per year)
- ⇒ All parts will be offered at 25% off retail price.
- ⇒ Service and body shop labor will be offered at 15% off retail price.
- ⇒ All new vehicles will be offered at \$100 over invoice. (Based on availability and excludes current model year Corvettes or Duramax diesels).

Their experienced and knowledgeable sales, parts, and service teams have been notified of these benefits for SCCC members. When the VIP membership card is presented, all above pricing and benefits take precedent.

THANK YOU cash program: Contact Mike Neufeld personally, give him your name and VIP membership number along with the name and contact information of the friend or family member interested in purchasing a new or used vehicle, they will reward you with \$100 THANK YOU CASH!

Mark Barton, General Manager



Southern Colorado Corvette Club 2014 Calendar of Coming Events

May 17—LaJunta Auto Cross

May 20— Special meeting @ 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 p.m. regular meeting
Daniels Long Chevrolet, Colorado Springs (see article)

June 14 —Sky Sox Game

June 18 & 19 - Las Vegas Corvette Club Visit

June 21— Soap Box Derby Race

June 24—Regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at Rawlings Library

June 28—Concert Train Ride, Alamosa

July 22- Regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at Rawlings Library

August 15-17 - Harchelroad Motors trip

August 24-27—Lincoln, Nebraska road trip



General Motors Corvette Statistics

It's the first of the month and that means it's time to talk about the monthly sales report from General Motors. From April 2014, Corvette sales continue their near record setting pace as 3,514 Corvettes were delivered last month. That is a 260.8% increase over the 974 Corvettes sold in April 2013. The sales for April 2014 was slightly higher with a 1% increase in sales over the 3,480 Corvettes sold in March 2014.

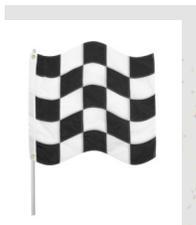
For the Calendar Year (January-April) 11,693 Corvettes have been delivered. That's a 198.7% increase over the 3,915 Corvettes sold in 2013 over the same time period.

April 2014's Corvette deliveries are the fifth highest month of sales since we started paying attention to the monthly sales numbers back in January 2006. Looking through April's historical numbers, 2014's

Bug Remover

Get a squirt bottle and fill with water and add a "Bounce" fabric softener sheet that you use in the clothes dryer. Shake it up and squirt those bugs! Let set for about 5 minutes and spray the affected area with a hose with a spray attachment and....watch the bugs slide right off! Amazing!

One more: WD-40 is the best stainless steel and silver cleaner on the planet!





Presidents Corner

Location, location, location are words used to describe reasons for success in real estate and in business. I think that it also applies to our Corvette Club. We have some of the most spectacular scenery and fun driving roads all within a short distance of Pueblo. Last summer the club drove the Highway of Legends from Trinidad up to La Veta. That was a great trip. There are plans under-way to have a couple of scenic drive outings this summer. Watch for emails or news at an upcoming meeting.

At our last meeting we started the planning for our annual color run. We are planning a four day trip from October 2 thru 5. We will have a tour of the Coors brewery, wineries in Grand Junction, a tour of the Gateway Automobile Museum, and lots of fun driving some spectacular roads. Be sure to save the date as this trip will be one you won't want to miss.

Our new club sponsor, Daniels Long Chevrolet, is hosting an open house with dinner on Tuesday May 20th. We will have our regular monthly meeting at the dealership. They are excited about hosting us and showing off their facility. If you haven't already sent your RSVP be sure to do so quickly.

We are having visitors. Yes, the Las Vegas Corvette Club is coming to town. They will be here on June 18th and 19th. We will be making plans for a dinner on the 18th and a breakfast run and cruise on the morning of the 19th. Let's show them our Pueblo pride and our rides.

It is fantastic to see that over the past few months we have gained some new members. I would like to welcome them to our club and encourage them to attend some of our events. I challenge all members to extend a membership invitation to Corvetter's that you meet.

That's it till next time.

Save the Wave,

Dennis

Creamy Margarita Popsicles

4 limes, sliced
 1 1/4 cup Lime juice, fresh (8 limes)
 Kosher salt or margarita salt
 2 tbsp Orange Juice
 1 (14 oz) can Condensed milk, sweetened
 1/4 cup Tequila
 1 cup water
 12 (3 oz) Dixie cups

1. Combine lime juice, sweetened condensed milk, water, tequila, and orange juice.
2. Line out the Dixie cups on a baking sheet, so it will be easy to transport to freezer. Fill each cup 90% of the way with tequila mixture.
3. Slice limes into 1/4 inch thick rounds. Push a craft spoon through the center of each lime round, so that half of the stick pokes out each side. Top the mixture with the lime sticks. Make sure the lime is resting directly on top of the tequila mixture.
4. Freeze for at least 6 hours, or overnight. When ready to remove the popsicles from the Dixie cups, simply snip a small cut in the rim of each cup and peel away from popsicles.
5. Place the popsicles onto a dish with crushed ice to keep them from melting too quickly. Sprinkle the tops generously with kosher salt and serve.



“PIGS EYE PUTTER”

BY Lucky Schneberger

Like most Corvette fanciers I have enough stories to fill my own book, but like most people “so much to do so little time.”

I purchased my first Corvette in 1968. It's the one I still own to this day some 46 years later. And the one I could write a book about if I only had the time.

This story is about a trip my wife and I made to Colorado from Nebraska to attend the Vettes in the Rockies.

After having driven my car as a daily driver from 1968 to 1976 about 50 miles a day, I kinda retired it to a pleasure type of driver because you see it is an automatic transmission car.

I purchased a 1964 Coupe in or about this time so the 63 remained in the garage and driven mostly just for fun. The 64 was an autocross and driver car, hot motor, Hurst 4 speed shifter etc.

I had finished a frame on type of restoration on the 63 in the year of our Lord 1999 and a year and a half later decided to take it to Vettes in the Rockies. We had attended that show for a few years and we had made many good friends in the Looking Glass Corvette Club.

We won an award at the show so we were on cloud nine as you can understand if you know the magnitude of that show.

We were on our way home happy, excited and full of the good life. We were about 150 miles east of Denver on I 76. Traveling the posted speed of 75 mph. In the lane in front of me about 200 yards I first noticed what I thought to be a piece of rubber, like a fan belt, curved and lying on the pavement. As I got closer and unable to swerve out of my lane into the other to avoid what I thought was just a piece of rubber, turned out to be a piece of steel rod about 3/8 of an inch in diameter. The next thing I knew was I hit it straight on. As we slowed down to assess the damage, that I thought would be a hole in my oil pan, my wife looked down at the center console by the shifter and said to me, “has that always been there.” I looked down and not less than a half inch from the back of my knee, was this bent, hot rod, sticking up out of the floor board. As I coasted to a stop, I tried to put the car in neutral and it would not shift, the rod was jammed between the shifter linkage. I tried to pull it out but it was hotter than you know what. We sat there for a time for it to cool and with a little muscle and a lot of luck I was able to pull it out through the hole it had made in the floor board. As it turned out it was about 3 foot long and had a really nice cure to it and it was a smooth steel rod.

Now you have to know that I am a very thankful type person and also a fun loving kinda guy.

When I got back to Lincoln and told this story to all the Corvette Club members they all thought, Whow was I Lucky.

Now you must know that I have a friend in the Nebraska Corvette Assn. by the name of Bruce, who I refer to as “Brucie the Bruser,” only because when we first meet he introduced himself as “Brucie the Bruser, ruff, tuff, and hard to diaper.” We also have a golf tournament during the year for our club members, and Bruce and I had a bet on about something and he lost. Our bet was a case of beer. Bruce, being the kind a guy he is and a native Minnesotan, settled the bet by buying me a case of all thing, Minnesota's, Pigs Eye Beer. Not the worst tasting beer in the world, but close. Well after having fulfilled my duty of drinking it, with some help I might add, I decided to transform the steel rod and a can of Pigs Eye Beer into the most unusual golf putter you have ever seen.

So for the last 10 years at the annual NCA golf tournament we award to the person who makes the longest put the infamous Pigs Eye Putter. Just goes to show what friends can and will do out of fun and respect for the blessing that we all share.

Save the Wave!



SAVE THE WAVE



CORVETTE RECOVERY RESUMES NEARLY ONE MONTH AFTER INITIAL CARS EXTRACTED

Last week, the construction team began the tedious process of removing dirt from the sinkhole in hopes of recovering the two missing Corvettes, and to unearth the ZR-1 Spyder which previously only had a portion of the left rear quarter visible. With the aid of a heavy duty vacuum and excavating equipment, the team struck gold - or rather fiberglass - on Friday, March 28 with the discovery of the 1.5 Millionth Corvette.

"When we started digging around the Black Spyder, we found a piece of white fiberglass underneath it and we continued to expose that until we saw that it was the 1.5 Millionth car," said Mike Murphy, CEO of Scott, Murphy and Daniel Construction. "We had no idea where it was, we just happened upon it. We hope when we move the white car we find the red car that way, because we've just not had any luck detecting where it is." Murphy indicated that they have utilized metal detectors as well as probing rods, and that they remove layers of dirt as they probe but have not had a lot of luck so far.

On Monday, the team worked to continue removing dirt from around the Spyder, then in the early evening decided to carefully pull the car out of the remaining dirt.

"It was free everywhere except underneath there was a concrete slab wedged. We felt we had it in the best position, just like pulling a gun out of a holster. Everyone felt like it was best to take it so it wouldn't bend and break if we'd had it exposed more," Murphy said.

The team resumed recovery efforts early Tuesday morning, removing a large boulder that was lodged in the cabin of the Spyder and collecting bits and pieces of the car to help with any restoration or preservation efforts. The Spyder was removed from the depths of the hole around 9am CT, and is in worse shape than even the PPG Pace Car.

"We have always feared that as we dig further into the hole, that the cars would continue to be in worse shape," said Katie Frassinelli, Marketing and Communications Manager. "Unfortunately those predictions were accurate. The 1.5 Millionth has both a large boulder and a concrete slab laying on it. We anticipate that when that car is pulled out, possibly on Wednesday, that it's going to be in even worse shape than the Spyder."

While each sinkhole Corvette has a "story," that of the Spyder is one of the most interesting. The ZR-1 was not a convertible, but GM made only a few prototypes that were. This car was a full performance ZR-1 and was originally painted Sebring Silver with a Neutrino Yellow interior. It debuted at the 1991 North American Auto Show before being repainted black and having the interior changed to red.

"They didn't build a convertible ZR-1 to sell to the public. This is actually a car that General Motors took to different shows to show the car off," said Mike Williams, a member of the Museum's Facility team who's father helped build the car. According to a May 1991 article in Vette Magazine, "The ZR-1 Spyder represents the first time a concept car has ever been assembled on a production assembly line."

The car has many one-off features including custom billet aluminum wheels, a custom tonneau cover with waterfall (an influencer of the C5 Corvette waterfall), a chopped windshield half the normal height, lowered seats mounted directly to the floorpan allowing air to flow around your head, narrowed mirrors, side coves and a louvered hood. Mechanically, the Spyder is a stock 1990 ZR-1.

The underside of the Spyder's hood features signatures of all those involved in building the car. "They have not been able to retrieve the hood. We are still hoping they find it, but that's one of the big problems. When we displayed the car we wanted everybody to be able to see the signatures so when the car went in the hood was up, and it just snapped the hood off," added Williams.

Today, the team will be working to remove the boulder and concrete slab in preparation for removal of the 1.5 Millionth Wednesday or Thursday. The Spyder is now on display in the Museum's Exhibit Hall.

Links to photos, videos and information related to the sinkhole are available on the Museum's website at www.corvettemuseum.org. For the latest updates visit the Museum's Facebook Fan page at www.facebook.com/corvettemuseum.

