



Southern Colorado Corvette Club



Wounded Warrior Appreciation

April, 2014

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On February 13, 2014, SCCC received recognition for donations made to the Wounded Warrior program at Fort Carson, Colorado. The donation money comes from the generosity of our members with money collected at our events and meetings. We are proud that our members support such an honorable charity and that we support our troops.



Members pictured:
Bob & Bev Landdeck, Bill & Sally Kenney, Lucky & Jannett Schneberger, and Joe Schiferl

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RMC NCCA Banquet

The RMC NCCA Banquet and Rally was held on March 22nd & 23rd. Twelve cars participated in the Poker Run and Rally organized by Lucky & Jannett. Rick and Florece won 2nd place in the regional Rally. Dennis & Patty and Lucky & Janette attended the banquet held at Lone-



Daniels/Long Chevrolet Sponsoring Dealership

While attending the RMC NCCA Banquet in March, Dennis was approached by Daniels/Long Chevrolet in Colorado Springs offering to be SCCC dealer sponsor. Benefits from this sponsorship would include discounts on service and parts and cash rewards for buyer referrals. The club gave Dennis the O.K. to investigate further and meet with their representative to report back at the next meeting. We look forward to the possibilities and benefits of this partnership.



NCCC Insurance

Enhancements have been made to the NCCC insurance program and members are encouraged to go onto their website to view the FAQ's to better understand these changes. Waiver requirements have been limited to 4 instances and will designate only those participating or working events but will not cover non-NCCC members. In addition, an Enthusiast Category has been activated for NCCC for those not owning a Corvette but remaining active in Corvette clubs.



Southern Colorado Corvette Club 2014 Calendar of Coming Events

April 7, Mon.— Bowling @ 7:00 p.m. Big Daddy's

April 11, Fri.—Sonic Night @ 6:00 p.m. Sonic on 29th & Elizabeth

April 12, Sat.—Drive to Max's in Colorado City.
Meet at the dog track at 8:45 a.m.

April 22, Tues.—Regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at Rawlings Library

May 2-3, Sat., Sun.—Autocross School and Auto Cross @ PPR

May 4, Sun.—Race @ PPR

May 10, Sat.—Fun in the Sun Car Show @ Corvette Center

May 17, Sat.—LaJunta Auto Cross

May 27, Tues.—Regular meeting @ 7:00 p.m. at Rawlings Library

June 14, Sat.—Sky Sox Game

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

June 28, Sat.—Concert Train Ride, Alamosa

Sept. 20 & 21, Sat. & Sun. – Color Run, TBD

Sept. 23, Tues.—Regular meeting @7:00 p.m. Rawlings Library

Sept. 27 & 28—LaJunta Auto Cross





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Presidents Corner

I am glad that spring is upon us and we can get our Vettes back out on the road. The Southern Colorado Corvette Club continues to show the vitality that has made us a great club in the past. We have many fine events already planned for this year and some others that are still being developed. Whether you like to eat, drive, or compete or perhaps all of those you will find an event that appeals to you. I encourage everyone to try to attend at least three events during the year.....try it you'll like it!

During our March meeting the club was presented with a certificate of appreciation along with an engraved plaque from the Wounded Warriors program at Fort Carson. We have tried to expand our support of this worthy organization and they recognize and appreciate our efforts.

Of course the big news is that our club is going to be sponsored by Daniels Long Chevrolet. They are a top notch organization located in Colorado Springs and they currently sponsor the CSCC. They feel that by adding us to their family it will enhance their relationship with Pueblo. We will get some discounts from the dealership on service, parts, and vehicles. But most of all we enhance our clubs image which will help in retention and recruiting of members. Watch for more details on this new exciting relationship.

That's it till next time.

*Save the Wave
Dennis*



Myron Scott, at the time Chevrolet's Chief Photographer, is credited with coming up with the Corvette name, drawing from the small, fast warships of the "Corvette" class.



Nitty Gritty Dirt Band – Concert Train Trip



The Rio Grande Railroad is again having a summer concert train season. One group that is iconic and profoundly influential in American music is the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. They will be performing on the stage in Fir, Colorado on Saturday June 28th.

This band is often cited as a catalyst for an entire movement in Country Rock and American Roots Music. They have multi-platinum and gold records, strings of top ten hits such as "Fishin' in the Dark" and Mr. Bojangles, multiple Grammy, IBMA, CMA Awards and nominations.

The trip consists of a roundtrip train ticket from Fort Garland to Fir, and a concert on a mountain stage. The price for this package is \$59 per person. If we get enough people signed up we can get a 10% discount on our tickets. We are planning a breakfast at Max's in the morning then drive to Fort Garland to catch the train. There are refreshments available on the train, plus there is food and beverage available at the concert site. We will be stopping for dinner on the way home at the La Veta Loco restaurant in La Veta.

Last year we went to see Ricky Skaggs on the train and it was a fantastic and fun trip. The mountain setting is unbelievable. Sign up ASAP as tickets for this event will go fast. Contact Dennis via email to get your name on the list. Tickets are non-refundable.

Smoky Black Bean Soup with Chicken Sausage



1 tsp olive oil
 1 3-oz link precooked spicy chicken sausage, thinly sliced
 1 large onion, finely chopped
 1 red bell pepper, seeded and diced
 4 garlic cloves, minced
 1 tsp. ground cumin
 1/2 tsp. dried oregano
 1 15-oz cans black beans, rinsed and drained
 2 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
 1 canned chipotle chili in adobe sauce, minced
 1/3 cup reduced-fat sour cream
 1/2 tsp finely grated lime zest
 4 tsp freshly squeezed lime juice
 1/4 tsp honey
 Salt

1. Heat oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add sausage in a single layer; cook until lightly browned, about 2 minutes. Turn and cook 1 minute more. Transfer to a plate lined with paper towels.
2. Add onion and bell pepper to pan; sauté until soft, 3 to 4 minutes. Add garlic, cumin and oregano; sauté 1 minute more. Stir in beans, broth and chipotle; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium low and simmer 5 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, combine sour cream, lime zest, 1 tsp lime juice and honey in a small bowl.
4. Transfer 1.5 cups soup to a blender and puree. Stir puree back into soup; add sausage. Stir in remaining lime juice and season with salt to taste. Serve and top with lime sour cream.

Nutrition facts per serving: 258 calories, 20 g protein, 40 g carbohydrate, 6 g fat (2.3 g saturated), 12 g fiber

Makes: 4 servings
 Prep time: 20 minutes
 Cook time: 25 minutes



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 floor pan 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.

