

# **SC<sup>3</sup> VETTE VIBES**

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## **2010 Veterans Day Parade**

By Bob Adams



On Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, a group of us gathered on a cold but sunny morning and staged near the front of the annual Veteran's Day Parade. Free coffee, donuts and even pancakes at the Gold Dust both warmed us and gave us a chance to get to know a bit about other vets and those riding with us. After the parade was over we returned to the Gold Dust for a great lunch and a "thank you" for what they did that morning. While every one of us had a memorable and enjoyable time, and each of us looks forward to doing this again next year, the pictures say it better than my words, so I'll shut up and share some of the pix Kevin and Vicki took for us.

### **Southern Colorado Corvette Club**

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We meet every 4th  
Tuesday at the  
Pueblo Public  
Library,  
100 E Abriendo  
Ave. @  
7:00 P.M.

**Come join us.**



**2010 Veterans Day Parade, cont.**

**Trivia #1**

Vette's have  
been made in  
St. Louis,  
Bowling Green  
and what  
other city?



**Trivia #2**

In what year  
did "Active  
Handling"  
become  
standard  
equipment?

***~ Looking out the Rear Window ~***

By Bob Adams

When I bought my first Vette I thought I had purchased the most beautiful, fastest, best handling and coolest car I had ever owned. And it was all those things. I had a feeling of arriving somewhere. But I was blown away when we went to visit family in Prescott and I got 32 mpg! And coming back when we got caught in a surprise snow and ice storm on Raton, I was amazed at how good the active handling is. And then we got the insurance bill – the same as our Japanese sedan! I hadn't banked on it being practical as well. You see, my first car was a Triumph Spitfire. It was more fun than jumping out of planes, but it certainly wasn't practical. They are cars for people who wrench as well as they drive, who get wet when it rains, who run the heater full bore in July to keep from boiling over, who need a good towing service. None of those bad habits came with this car, but the fun was sure there.

~ *The Heartbeat of the Club* ~

During a meeting in Canon City, I was told to check out the Corvette Club in Pueblo. I ran across the club a couple other times and was invited to come to a meeting. When Vicki and I walked in for the first time, not knowing anything about the club, we were just checking things out. We were pretty busy just getting by with life. We actually thought the meeting was pretty dry and not very interesting, but they did talk about some events coming up that spring which sounded like fun. It was a step into a world we knew nothing of and didn't know anyone there. After the meeting when people gathered around us and welcomed us is when the club came alive. We joined at the next meeting and began to make new friends who shared our passion for Corvettes. I started learning a lot about my car and my appreciation for it just kept on growing.

At first, we wanted to know what the club could do for us. Some events sounded interesting and we began to attend some. Getting to know people at work mostly sucks. It's away from work that you learn who people are instead of what they do. We built a new base of friends away from our jobs. We became happier people instead of just productive people. We liked what the club was doing for us. We even got to looking forward to going to the meetings. OK, mostly we liked after the meetings when we went out to eat together and laugh a lot. The meetings were mostly meetings and the most important parts were what events were coming up. I don't remember laughing much, and they used a loudspeaker instead of just talking to us.

Eventually, we got in with some folks who had some ideas for fun stuff we could do as a club, and we helped them put it together. That became more fun for us because instead of just being there for what we could get, we were finding ways to give something – to help someone else find a way to enjoy their car and their club a bit more. But it took us a pretty good amount of time to get comfortable enough to feel like we had something to give back. One fine mid-summer meeting, I actually raised my hand and volunteered to put together the color run. My offer was accepted and I began to talk with other folks about where they had gone in the past, what they liked and didn't like and what they thought a good, fun run would be like. We really enjoyed doing that and discovered that our date also happened to be La Veta's Fall Festival with lots of food vendors and, of all things, a car show! I already knew of a cool little restaurant in Stonewall with great apple dumplings, but didn't know the owner had a Corvette. What I'm saying is that by putting work into making that run as fun as I could, I got back a lot more than I put in. The club became something more for me – a place to grow.

And so, when I was asked to serve as President, I expected to grow more and have even more fun. When we invest something in life, we always get some rewards. The best

~ *The Heartbeat of the Club* ~

rewards are non-monetary because those are the feelings of satisfaction, of the joy of helping, of being of use. And boy, have I ever received those feelings! And the icing on the cake is that I've been mostly appreciated. Instead of determining what the club should be doing, I tried to get out of your way as much as I could and encouraged you to create your own events, to get together with others and make it happen. You decided where we would put our time and work.

And look where that's gotten us. We're now a club where the title "Activities Chairman" doesn't make a lot of sense. Activities come from the club, not from above. Maybe that position is better described these days as "Activities *Coordinator*". And I think that's a great thing, remembering how much more valuable the club became to me as I started contributing to it.

So, as I come to the end of my term as president of this club, I realize I won't be missed. The club will continue to grow in members, in vitality, in what we do, and maybe most importantly, in how we do it. I won't be missed, because, unlike past officers who seem to have dropped out, having served some sort of sentence, I will still be able to contribute, to find ways to be involved. I'll bet that's true of every member of this slate of officers. We're not the same club now as we were. And we won't be in the future. We're finding what we can give to our community, not just ourselves. Each and every one of us in this club has before them the opportunity to grow this club, and in return do some growing yourselves. You just can't find a better club to belong to! True, we all share a passion and love of Corvettes – that is our common bond. But what we truly have is a group of outstanding people who love to have fun and will find a way to make fun happen, people who love being together and who all have something to give to the whole.

I reckon Jill will become the first woman president of this club, and the timing couldn't be better. We're ready for where she will guide us and she's been ready for this for a long time. The new slate of officers will bring new eyes and new ideas to who we are, what we do and how we do it.

Sure enough, this isn't the end of anything – it's a new beginning. If you think it's been good so far - - you aint seen nothin' yet, baby!!

Bob



## New Presidents Message

By Jill Brake

First, I would like to thank all of the outgoing officers and members who made 2010 an enjoyable club year for this member and hopefully for the entire membership.

Secondly, I enthusiastically approach this responsibility and hope with all of your help to make 2011 a great Corvette year for all of you. I have a great group of officers working with me this year and together we will strive to build on last year's successes and to make 2011 even better.



Some of my **goals for 2011:**

1. To promote the fun associated with the ownership of a Corvette
2. Learn each member's name and face and put them together correctly—difficult, but hopefully not impossible for me.
3. Promote fellowship with other Corvette owners and engage more members.
4. Query as many members as possible to determine what type of club activities appeal to members and offer a wide range of activities.
5. Help to develop an updated contact list for contacting members for impromptu cruises, mystery tours etc.
6. Plan year round activities
7. To have fun every time you drive your Corvette!

## New Presidents Message, cont.

As always I believe our Club should reflect the love and lifestyle of the car, but more than that, a strong sense of camaraderie of belonging to a family of Vette owners. Thank you all for your past and future continued involvement, recommendations and support. If there is something I or the Club can do to help, please let us know.

Remember to **SAVE THE WAVE** \*\*\*\*\* A greeting that is a tradition and just like secret handshakes, it is a part of the Corvette Brother/Sisterhood.

Best wishes to each and every one of you for a blessed and peaceful Holiday and New Year. I hope to see all of you at the Club Christmas Party Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

Till

### Trivia #3

What was the last year for the Callaway twin turbo option?

### Trivia #4

The 1976 Corvette's "Sport Steering Wheel" option used the same steering wheel as what other car?

## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Adams - 4 Dec  
AJ Newman - 27 Dec  
Brian Dougherty - 29 Dec

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Rocky Mangini @ Janet Zachry - 10 Dec  
WI and Trudy Thomas - 27 Dec

### CLUB ANNIVERSARIES (December)

Jeannie Koch - 2008  
Pam Scott - 2008



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## SC3 Calendar December 2010

			1	2 – CSCC Club Meeting	3	<b>4–SC3 Xmas Party,</b> CSCC Parade of Lights
5	6	7	8	9	<b>10 – SC3 Sonic Night,SCSS Xmas Party</b>	11-Manitou Springs Xmas Parade
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## January 2011

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2	3	4	5	6-CSCC Club Meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	<b>25 – SC3 Club Meeting</b>	26	27	28	29
30	31					