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Hay-Stacker's Dream

**Steve Peter's muscle car love
comes to a logical conclusion.**



I grew up on a farm outside of Ordway for the first eighteen years of my life. I graduated from Crowley County High School where there wasn't much to do but drag up and down main street and drag race with all your friends.

My first car was a 1968 Mercury Cyclone which had a little over 3,000 miles on it. The only problem with it was it ran a 302 cu. in. motor in it, great on gas, but too slow compared to everything else running around the streets. So within about six month I had a dual exhaust with cherry bombs, mag wheels & bigger tires on it. Of course my dad would shake his head every time I would come home with something different on it. But when I finally came home with two big black stripes on the hood like my buddies '69 GTX, he finally broke down and told me if I wanted a different car I have to trade mine in and pay the difference.

So after looking through all the new car lots from La Junta to Colorado Springs, I came up with a 1970 Dodge Dart Swinger with a 340, 4 speed, bucket seats, bumble bee strip on the rear with the twin factory hood scoops up front. Everything a 16 year old kid could possibly want! So for \$1,000 difference in trade-in between cars, I swear I stacked half the hay in Crowley County to pay for it! Like everyone says about me, I was hooked on muscle cars after that.

My next car was a new 1972 Chevelle. After putting approximately 60,000 miles on it, I talked my dad into letting me rebuild the motor in it so I could make it faster. (*Ed. Note – how did you get a dad like this? Was I just born into the wrong family?*) I ran the Chevelle a couple of years until I came across a 1959 black and silver Corvette. It was flawless! Of course I **had** to have it, so I called my dad up and asked if he would get me a loan at the bank in Ordway, since I was living in Arlington, Texas. His reply was, "Let me get this straight. You want to trade your 1972 Chevelle that you just rebuilt for a 1959 car... OK, let me go talk to the banker. So for the difference of \$595, I traded off my pride & joy for a gorgeous 1959 Corvette.

Long story, getting longer, I traded my '59 Corvette for a 1967 427, 4 speed, A/C convertible 'Vette. When I called my dad up and asked him if he could get me another loan his response was, "Well at least you're starting to trade back up." So at least every month they knew they would get a letter along with a check from me.

Since then I've gone through several other old muscle cars plus a 1965 Corvette Convertible and a 1969 T-Top Corvette.

The main reason I went out and bought the C4 was because Burt Jaco kept bugging me that I needed to buy another Corvette so I could be in the club with him and Sharon. I guess his persistence paid off because when I saw the red on red C4 sitting on the side of Highway 50 for sale it wasn't that I had to talk myself into buying it. The C4 is a little hard to get in but after you get behind the wheel it's a lot of fun!

So I guess that's my story.

Steve "The Stacker" Peters



Ladies Corner

Compliments of Jill Brake

As Corvette has become more user friendly, our women buyers have increased. Guys you know what it means to have that support of your women – and women, you know even more so now, what a thrill it this to drive Corvette.

Today we salute a woman of the past, who loved to drive fast....you bet it included Corvette, check out this article we found and are happy to share

This "Pink Lady" sports car racer made a name for herself in the 1960s driving cars that matched the color of her coveralls and helmet.

If you said "Who was Donna Mae Mims?" — and even if you didn't — here's your chance to meet her.

"I'm Out of Here: Women on Wheels" will tell the stories of pioneering women drivers and their cars, including Alice Huyler Ramsey, who at age 22 became the first woman to drive coast to coast — from Broadway to San Francisco's St. James Hotel — in 1909.

In the days before ubiquitous paved roads, street signs, AAA road service, GPS systems and power steering, this is not as easy as it sounds, as Mrs. Ramsey made clear in her 1961 memoir, "Veil, Duster and Tire Iron." It helped that she was a bit of a gearhead who cleaned her own spark plugs and traveled with shovel, tow rope and block and tackle.

Her trip wasn't a solo flight, although in photographs Mrs. Ramsey and her three female companions — two of her husband's sisters and a teenage friend — do look to have been dressed more for pioneering air travel, in their long dusters and hats with ear flaps. They were dressed for the weather — any weather — in their open-air Maxwell touring car.

Women fortunate enough to drive an automobile in the early 20th century enjoyed a sense of freedom and possibility previously unknown to them.



“There’s something transgressive about women being able to go anywhere they want to go,” said LUPEC member Jennie Benford, recalling Susan B. Anthony’s line: “I think [the bicycle] has done more to emancipate woman than any one thing in the world.”

The idea of a woman driving coast to coast in a car was so remarkable that the owners of the Maxwell-Briscoe Co. of Tarrytown, N.Y., cooked up Mrs. Ramsey’s drive as a publicity stunt to show that anyone could drive a car they promoted as “Perfectly simple. Simply perfect.”



The Vassar grad kept a journal along the way, noting her frequent off-road experiences (roads sometimes were nothing more than ruts through pastures) as well as local curiosities, including the then-novel use of brick as a street-paving material in Cleveland. Pennsylvania’s Lake Erie shoreline is the closest the women came to Pittsburgh.

It’s a route Emily Anderson of Seattle plans to follow this summer as she traces Mrs. Ramsey’s 59-day journey on its 100th anniversary. It was her father Richard Anderson’s idea; the Monroe, Wash., doctor is an antique car enthusiast who searched in vain for a Maxwell DA for the trip. The only one known to exist belonged to a friend but wasn’t for sale, so he built one from scratch, cobbling together many parts from around the world and having others replicated.

Mrs. Ramsey’s book, long out of print, was published by The Patrice Press of Tucson in 2005 in “Alice’s Drive,” a volume that also includes “Chasing Alice” by Gregory Franzwa, who painstakingly defined her route using today’s roads, even tracking down places where the women dined and stayed overnight. Mr. Franzwa, who had a long fascination with Mrs.

Ramsey's trip, founded the revived Lincoln Highway Association in 1992; part of her route later became the Lincoln Highway. Ms. Anderson will use "Chasing Alice" as a guide.

Ms. Benford will present the adventures of four other women on a less celebrated trip, taken by sisters Esther and Mildred Krause and two friends to Yellowstone National Park in 1940. The Krauses were Ms. Benford's next-door neighbors when she was growing up in Elyria, Ohio, and she inherited the journal Esther kept during the trip — "which if I do say so is pretty damn funny" — along with a photo album.

"I think when you see photos of ladies with handbags it's easy to write them off. And the fact that we have words to go with it really brings them alive," Ms. Benford said. Remembering them "fits part of the LUPEC mission. We try to give precedence to the women no one has heard of, women who did interesting things in interesting times."

Also on the bill that evening is a conversation with two local women who were active on the sports car racing circuit in the 1950s, '60s and '70s. Bridgeville's Donna Mae Mims in 1963 became the first woman to win a Sports Car Club of America national racing championship, at the wheel of her pink Austin-Healey 1959 Bugeye Sprite that once had belonged to Dr. Jonas Salk. *She also raced a pink Corvette*, Corvair, Triumph TR3 and MGB.

"On the back of most of my cars I had 'THINK PINK,' " Ms. Mims said. "I liked pink ever since I was a little girl."

She raced for 14 years beginning in 1960. "It was totally exciting. So many things happened that were funny. I've been on my head three times. You're doing 180 and cars are passing you and it's like you're going slow."

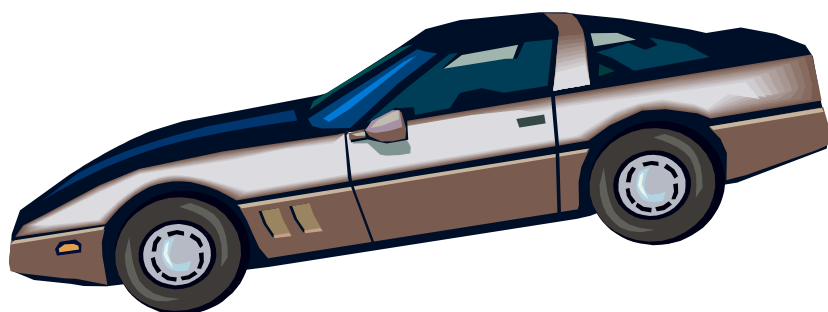
She'll share the spotlight with **Laura Forsyth, the first woman to own a Corvette in the Pittsburgh region and a racer of Corvettes and other sports cars.**

The cocktail that evening? The Golden Cadillac, a martini developed in the 1970s and made with Galliano, white creme de cacao and cream — shaken, not stirred.

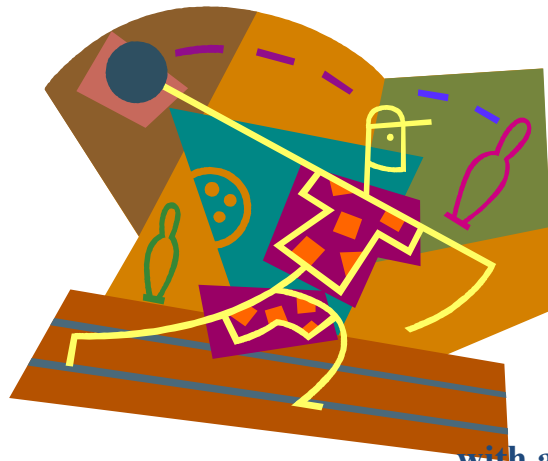
Cheers, ladies. Here's to women in the driver's seat.

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Bowling for Laughs!!!



Last Monday the three clubs got together for our monthly bowling night at Big Daddy's Sunset Bowl. Thirteen bowlers hit the lanes with a rather light Peanut Gallery. For the first time, SC3 walked away empty-handed as the Mustang Club took home the trophy for the best club average. Even though there were only two Mustangers, Loretta and her son, Tyler showed us how to do it. But not to fret, because now the Mustangers hold both the best and worst trophies! Good chance Dan & Kathy will be with us next month and put them up for grabs once again. We had scores from 243 to 63, yet everyone walked away with a smile on their face reflecting a fun night. It was fun to see all the kids turning out and having a lot of fun with this. If you haven't yet experienced it, give this a try May 5th at 7:00 PM – Big Daddy's.



Sonic Night – This Friday, April 8th, 5:30 PM at the Pueblo West Wal-Mart lot, leave at 6:00 PM for Culver's in Colorado Springs.

Mystery Dinner – At Dennis & Patty Clark's home, Sat., April 16th, 5:30 PM.
Reservations are due this Friday - 948-5528 or dcgrove@q.com.

Veteran's Home Cruise – Saturday, April 23rd, 9:00 AM at Pueblo West Wal-Mart lot. We'll head out again to visit the residents of the McCandless State Veterans Home in Florence with the Mopar and Mustang Clubs.

Next Club Meeting – Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 PM at the main library. After the meeting we'll be headed to the Shamrock for food & drinks.

Fun in the Sun Corvette Show – Saturday, May 7th at the Corvette Center. See or call Rik Noring for details.

Southern Colorado Corvette Club Facebook Page

Thanks to Matt Valdez for setting up a Facebook page for our club. This is a great way to share fun things with the club members like photos, upcoming events, how to (tips and tricks), etc. We are just getting started but have had some great postings so far including lots of pictures of our recent drive and dines, Pot Luck Dinner & Dance and our drive to Canon City with the Mustang Club.

The address for our Facebook page is:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pueblo-CO/Southern-Colorado-Corvette-Club/165644620153311>

People who don't have Facebook accounts, can click that link to see what our page looks like, or from the SCCC website home page click the Facebook link. But either way it would be view only...no editing or posting would be allowed. To get a FB account, simply go to <http://www.facebook.com> and sign up.

Check us out on Facebook!

NOTE: In order to update the club page with comments, photos, videos, a person with a FB account, must first go to the club FB page and click the “Like” button.

~ Thanks to Dennis Clark for this article. ~

Three Corvette Colors No Longer Available for MY 2011

Fans of Cyber Gray, Crystal Red and Jetstream Blue will be disappointed to learn that those colors are no longer available for the remaining 2011 Corvette production. The damage from the earthquake and resulting tsunami in Japan is now starting to hit home... according to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal a type of shiny pigment used in these Corvette paint colors is only produced at a single plant in Japan.

GM is not the only automaker to be affected, Ford Chrysler, Volkswagen, BMW and Toyota also use the pigment known as Xirallic to give their vehicles a special sheen.

With the elimination of these three colors from the Corvette choices, a total of seven colors remain.

Read the full article online at: http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2011/03/30/no-more-cyber-gray-or-crystal-red-for-2011-corvette/?utm_campaign=corvetteblogger&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=socialmedia&utm_content=033011_2011colors

Trivia Questions:

- (1) When did the National Corvette Museum open?
- (2) Who was the first Life Time Member - #001 - of the NCM?
- (3) Who were the first people chosen to be inducted into the "Corvette Hall of Fame", and what was the year?
- (4) Who in SC3 are members of the NCM?
- (5) What does an Individual Membership to the NCM cost?
- (6) What is the publication called and how often do you receive it with your membership?

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A special thanks to Lucky for the trivia questions this month!

Also, thanks to *Judy Statler* for suggesting that each newsletter feature a particular generation of Corvettes and ask members who own(ed) that model to write a short story about that car. Since I have Spock's blood in me, we'll start with the C1s next issue. Everyone who owned a C1, please let me know and start thinking about their favorite story about the car. What a great idea! Yeah Judy!

And speaking of C1s, our own Brian Dougherty drives his and we look forward to his story. Hmmmm. Anyone have any favorite stories about him you'd like to share?

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Some Pooley News

Bob, not the best news, but.....maybe someone in the club would like to have it.

Fellow club members: Don't panic; we love the club and intend to remain members. But our Corvette is going to have to go. I'm hardly driving it, as my knee replacement is making it very difficult to get in and out. It really is a great car, and truly needs nothing (well, it could use a garage) and I'm sure the next owner will enjoy it as much as we have.

For sale: 2003 50th Anniversary special edition Coupe. A very rare affordable, drivable example. Most of these are now collector cars, stashed away with low miles and high prices, ranging from \$25 K up to 40. I'm asking just what I have in it....\$18,500. It is in near perfect condition, and has the 12 changer CD, both tops, and all other options. Plus it has been checked out and test driven by Rik Noring, our resident expert. Give me a call or check it out at <http://classiccars.com/listing/189844.html>. Take it for a drive at the next outing!

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What do those letters stand for?

ACURA - Asia's Curse Upon Rural America

AMC - A Moron's Car

BMW - Big Money Waste

CADILLAC - Car And Driver Indicates Lady Luck Abandoned Consumer

CHRYSLER - Company Has Recommended You Start Learning Engine Repair

DODGE - Drips Oil, Drops Grease, Everywhere

FIAT - Fix It Again Tony

FORD - Frequent Opinion: Really Disappointed

GMC - Gotta Mechanic Coming?

GTO - Get Tires Often

HONDA - Hand Over New Dollars to Asians

JEEP - Just Empty Every Pocket

MOPAR - Move Over People Are Racing

MUSTANG - Motor Under Strain, Transmission Almost No Good

OLDSMOBILE - Old Ladies Driving Slowly Make Others Behind Infuriatingly Late Everyday

TOYOTA - The One You Ought To Avoid

CORVETTE - anyone care to take a try?