



SCCC News

MARCH, 2011

Hello, from the Schiferl household!

Joe was born in Holyoke, CO, and moved to Pueblo in second grade. He has always been a car buff and nearly bought a 1963 split-window Corvette in the late 1970's. His first car was a 1957 turquoise and white Chevy. His next car was a 1970 Roadrunner with a 440 mag six-pack.

I (Mary) was born and raised in Pueblo County. Joe and I met in junior High (Pleasant View). We lost track of each other for a few years, then met up with one another through a mutual friend. We began dating in 1979, and married on January 23, 1982. We have three grown children, Larry, Anna and Joie. Joie and her husband, James, blessed us with James, Jr. and Daniel.

Joe has worked for Bassett Construction Co. for 27 years. He has been a superintendant for the last 16 years. I have had several jobs during our marriage, but currently volunteer at church, and watch the grandsons when needed.

When Joe and I started dating, he drove a 1967 Camaro Rally Sport (lime green). He helped to find me a white 1968 Camaro Coupe for my first car.

After we married and started a family, I felt my Camaro was too small to hold three car seats and Joe and myself, so we sold it. He eventually sold his and bought a 1953 Chevy five window pick-up. I call it the "project truck".

We have owned numerous other vehicles through the years, but Joe's heart has always been looking for a Vette. Every time he saw one he would say, "Buy me that!"

After we paid off our house, he researched, test drove and found one he couldn't live without. So after we test drove it (not a C-3 he was looking for) he was in love. I decided it didn't ride like a lumber wagon, like previous test drives. So, as he looked at me with those pleading puppy-dog eyes, I melted. Now we are the proud owners of a 1998 C5 coupe, black as night.



All three of our children and our son-in-law have driven it, and all agree it is great! Even our grandsons like to ride in the “two people” car!

We routinely go out to eat on Friday nights. One Friday, we ran into Burt and Sharon Jaco. Joe and I had gone to school with Sharon, and Joe knew Burt from construction. Our kids had also gone to school together.

Burt invited us to come to the Veteran’s Day Parade and learn about the club. We did, and met many really neat people and decided to join.

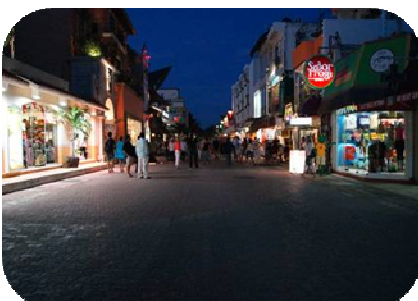
We are very much looking forward to doing some travelling, and just having lots of fun with this group!
Joseph (Joe) & Mary Schiferl

Viva Mexico!

A tradition that started in 1997 was continued this winter as it has for the past 15 years, when Dennis & Patty Clark traveled to Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They are beginning to act like the Swallows of Capistrano....returning each year at the same time and to the same location.



Playa del Carmen is located on the Yucatan peninsula about 45 miles south of Cancun. The island of Cozumel is ten miles east of Playa del Carmen and can be seen easily without binoculars. “Playa”, as it is called by those who live there or frequently travel to the area, was in 1997 a small fishing village that was starting to show signs of growth. There were some newer hotels being built and some private condominiums, but for the most part the town was still pretty primitive. The main street “5th Avenue” is now and was then a pedestrian only street with restaurants and shops lining each side.



Back in 1997 the street was not paved and there were holes and open ditches in the middle of the street where drainage pipes

were located. These ditches had wooden planks stretching across them for the people to get across. Too much tequila could make for hazardous walking conditions when trying to get back to ones room. The streets are all paved now, but still too much tequila can make for hazardous travel.....and a good time!

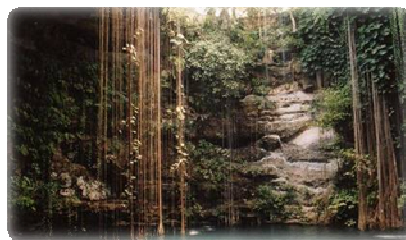


Today Playa is a city. The 2010 census indicated 159,000 people live in the city, a 17 % growth rate from just 5 years ago. In 1997 finding a grocery store was a chore, now there are now many multinational corporations that have stores or locations in Playa. Examples are: Sam's Club, Costco, Wal-Mart, McDonalds, Starbucks, Office Max, Dominos pizza, and Burger King. There are a couple of new hospitals, one that is exclusively for "gringos", it is very nice and modern.

The Yucatan peninsula was once the home to the Mayan civilization. There are ancient Mayan cities which are now in ruins that can be visited. Some of the more famous are Chichen Itza, Tulum, and Coba. Each of these cities has pyramids and buildings that have been excavated. In Coba you are still allowed to climb to the top of the pyramid, it is the tallest one on the peninsula. There have been lots of books written about the Mayans and what might have happened to them. Their civilization was one of the most advanced on earth and then in 822 AD they just disappeared or vanished. There are Mayan ruins all over the peninsula and many are tourist sites, but we can just walk around near our condo and there are many ruins that can be seen.



There are no above ground rivers on the peninsula as all of the rivers are underground. There are thousands of cenotes on the peninsula. A cenote is an opening on the surface of the earth that allows access to the underground rivers below. We visited a very large cenote last year that had stairs three stories down to get to the water. We swam in the cenote for about a half hour then went back to the top where they had a locker and shower room.



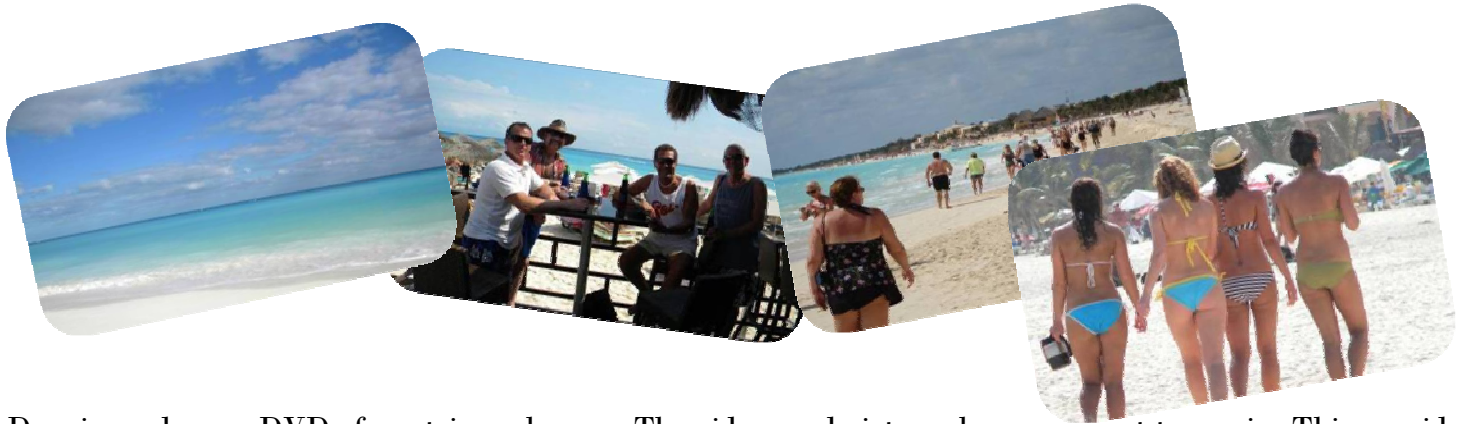
The condo complex where we stay is right on the beach. It is located near the ferry terminal that connects passengers to Cozumel.



We are within walking distance to over 500 restaurants. The food in Playa is absolutely the best, it is unlike any other place we have ever been. There are many Europeans that vacation in Playa, so there are German, Italian, and French restaurants as well as the Mexican ones. Seafood is abundant in Playa with fresh fish every day. You can have grouper, lobster, shrimp, etc. in a taco, on a salad, or cooked just the way you like. You really have to try hard to find a bad meal in Playa. Some tourists like the “all inclusive” resorts, but we have found that the restaurants in Playa are so good that going “all inclusive” causes you to miss one of Playa’s best features.



Of course the biggest reason to come to Playa is the beach. The beach in Playa and the inviting Caribbean Sea are very beautiful with the cool white sand and the bright turquoise water making for a postcard setting. We swim in the Caribbean most every day. The water is sometimes cool but mostly it feels somewhat warm. The air temperatures in January and February are from the high 70’s to the mid 80’s. A pleasant breeze blows during the day to make your time in the sun very comfortable. There are lots of people walking up and down the beach all day long. Many are just walking, but some are in search of their favorite beach bar or restaurant.



Dennis produces a DVD of our trip each year. The videos and pictures he uses are set to music. This provides for a fun and unique way to view our vacation memories. If you haven't seen one of these DVD's just ask Dennis he will lend you a copy or if you're at his house show it to you.



If anyone is interested in coming down to Playa for a stay either while we are there or at a different time let us know. We can assist with rental reservations and ground transportation. It would be lots of fun to have some of our Pueblo friends come down and join us and enjoy the beauty of Playa.

We have already booked our trip for next year and soon we will start to count down the days until we return to Playa.



SCCC Takes Flight

On Saturday evening February 26th 18 members and 2 guests left Pueblo at 6 pm and traveled to Colorado Springs to have dinner at the Airplane Restaurant. Our pilot for the evening was Bill Kenney. The menu at the restaurant is extensive and the food was very good. Everyone who attended had a good time and we all thank Bill for setting up this great cruise and dine.

Upon arrival we were seated inside the airplane fuselage. The airplane is a Boeing KC-97, one of the largest piston aircraft ever built by Boeing. The KC-97 was used a tanker to refill other aircraft during flight. You can walk to the front and see the cockpit and also at the rear of the plane view the small area where a crew member would work to extend the boom to another aircraft for refueling.



Of note, Bob claims he's taken off in KC-97s flown by the Tennessee Air National Guard five times – but never has landed in one. Hmmm?

From the Ladies!

by Patty Clark

Here is the recipe for those delicious and hard to eat just one, pretzel snack candies. I brought these to the pizza and beer party in January and they were a big hit. They are very easy to make and even easier to eat! Also I have included a compilation of important information about the proper adjustment of your car's mirrors.

ROLO PRETZEL CANDY

Rolo Candy

Pecans

Mini Pretzels (shaped like a knot)

Line cookie sheet with foil and place pretzels on the foil. Place a Rolo candy on top of each pretzel. Bake @ 250 for 4 minutes. Take out of oven and place ½ pecan on top of each softened Rolo and press. Allow to cool until firm.

A Tip for all Drivers

How to properly adjust your mirrors

You've been driving for many years. You *know* how to adjust your mirrors. But do you? Chances are you don't have your side mirrors adjusted properly.

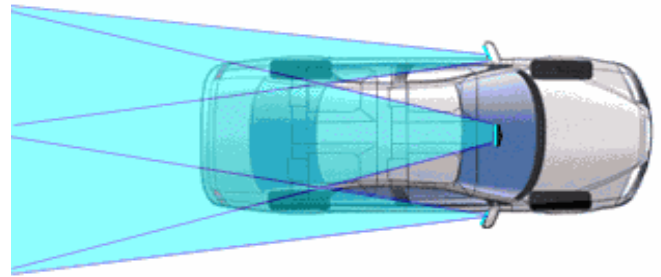
Interior rearview mirror - The positioning for the inside rearview mirror is fairly obvious; you should be able to see out of the rear window from the driver's seat. Be sure the day/night switch found on most rearview mirrors is in the day position during daytime operation. The night setting reduces the headlight glare from cars behind you and helps you see better.

Exterior rearview mirrors - As for the side view mirror or mirrors, most people adjust them so they

can see the side of the car on the inside edge of the mirror. Many drivers do not turn their outside mirrors out far enough and simply duplicate the same scene in all three mirrors. If you adjust your mirrors using those criteria, are you aware of the huge blind spots that you've created?

Consider the view when the side view mirrors are set up as just described. Essentially, you have created "tunnel vision" to the rear. Your side view mirrors overlap much of what your inside rearview mirror sees and you've also created blind spots.

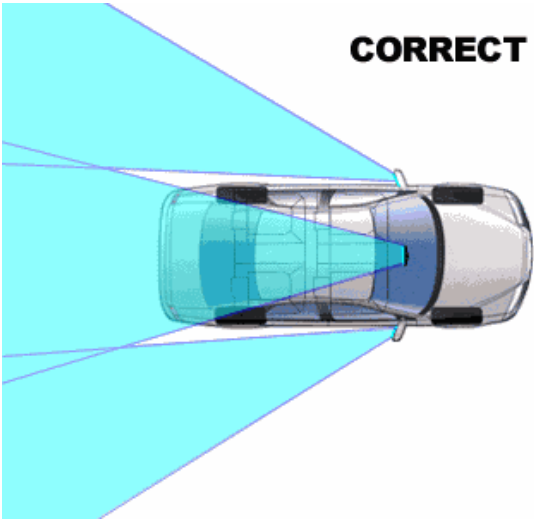
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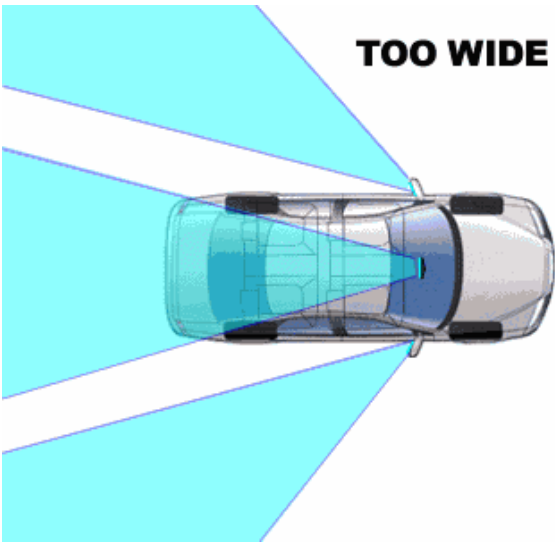
What is the solution to tunnel vision and blind spots? Simply adjust the side view mirrors just beyond the point where you could see the side of the car on the inside edge of the mirror. With this setup, you almost completely solve the blind spot problem. It takes a little while to get used to, but it is an improvement.

Some quick tips: For the driver's side mirror: Place the side of your head against the window, then adjust the mirror until you just barely cannot see the side of your car. For the passenger's side mirror: While sitting in the driver's seat, lean to the right so that your head is in the car's centerline. Adjust the mirror until you just barely cannot see the side of your car. Rule of thumb: If you can see even a glimpse of the sides of your car in your outside mirrors they are turned too far inwards.

CORRECT



TOO WIDE



Using your mirrors on the road- Not checking your blind spots - those areas just outside the field of vision - can have disastrous effects when merging onto the highway or changing lanes. One of the ways you can protect yourself is to make sure your vehicle's side and rearview mirrors are positioned for maximum road view. If all three of your mirrors are aligned correctly you should be able to see a vehicle leaving your rearview mirror seamlessly transfer to one of your side view mirrors without any delay.

With mirrors in their new position, you have to turn your head *less* (but you should still look to be sure) and you can see *more* while essentially eliminating your blind spots. It does take some getting used to – I really like it so give it a shot!

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Bowling for Laughs

The first Monday night of each month has become 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. Our next bowling night is next Monday, the 7th. We will have to defend the Best Club Trophy we walked away with in February. Oh yea, we also walked away with the Worst Club Trophy. But the weather next Monday isn't supposed to be sub-zero and feature bursting pipes like last month, so we think there will be plenty of competition from the Mustang and Mopar folks.

And if you don't bowl?
Who cares? There's a good turnout of folks who enjoy the evening of fun and laughter and sit in the peanut bleachers. It truly is all for the fun of it.

How 'bout making this a part of your monthly rhythm?



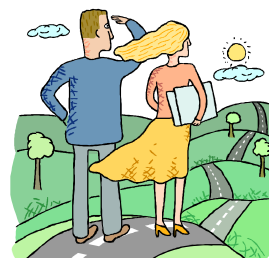
Bowling For Laughs this Monday, the 7th, 7:00 PM at Sunset Lanes with the Mustang & Mopar clubs.

DRIVE 'N DINE TO ZIO'S RESTAURANT IN COLORADO SPRINGS NEXT THURSDAY, THE 10TH. MEET IN SAM'S CLUB PARKING LOT AT 5:30 PM FOR 6:00 DEPARTURE. THIS WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF OUR MARCH SONIC NIGHT.

Pot-Luck and Dance at Eagles Saturday evening, the 12th. Gather at 6:00 PM for the food, stay until 9:00 for the dancing! This is the same place as the Christmas party, above the 4th St. bridge, just west of Lincoln at the first light. All the service will be provided just bring something to share and be prepared for FUN!

Next Meeting is Tuesday, the 22nd, 7:00 PM at the Main Library. We'll be going to The Shamrock for our after-meeting food & fun.

Looking Ahead to April & Beyond...



Bowling is Mon. the 4th.

Sonic Night for April is Fri. the 8th.

Mystery Menu is Saturday, April 16th, 5:30 PM at Dennis & Patty Clark's home, 35097 Hidden Mesa Dr. on the mesa just this side of County High and south of the highway. More details next month, but it will be a mysterious and delightful meal, no matter what you may guess from the wacky menu! It's being provided by the Clarks and Brakes. Thanx!

April Meeting is Tue. The 26th.

Fun in the Sun Car Show at the Corvette Center is coming up on May 7th. Is it too early to start cleaning the car?

May is also the month we'll be heading for the Corvette Factory & Museum tours. See Lucky for details.



"Politicians are like diapers. They need to be changed often. And for the same reason.