

# JUST SAYIN

The DtRC PRESIDENT



Established 1999

Happy June everyone!!!

It is hard to believe that we are already about half way through 2014. The Corvette season is starting off with a bang. We had a great trip to Taos, Santa Fe and Roswell. We had 13 cars and no issues what so ever other than everyone being totally worn out each evening.

There are a whole lot of events coming our way. In so far as Down the Road Corvettes we have a couple of road trips, dealer appreciation show and the Auto Cross. There are other organizations and clubs filling in all the gaps between our events. If you plan on attending an event put the word out and you may have company.

It is sure a pleasure having so many friends in DtRC that enjoy doing things together without any of the politics that usually come with a group of people! This "lack of politics" does not come natural. It seems we have evolved to the point that everyone just plans on having a good time. I have had many members say that we should not grow any larger that we have the perfect group now. I tend to agree but when people read our docket or visit our Facebook site they feel this is something they would like to be part of. I think growth is inevitable. With this in mind I feel it is up to us as existing members to make sure we keep all politics out of our club by continuing our close friendship and open communications with each other. In my opinion, if we allow growth to change our group we are doomed to lose the unique club we all have so much fun with now.

Just Sayin  
Bill

**Next Meeting:** , June 26, 7 pm  
4th Thursday of the month  
**Emich Chevrolet**  
2033 S. Wadsworth Lakewood CO

**Dinner before the meeting:** 5:30 pm  
**El Tapatio**  
3601 S. Wadsworth Blvd.  
Lakewood, CO 80235



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[www.downtheroadcorvettes.org](http://www.downtheroadcorvettes.org)

**Visit DTRC on facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/downtheroadcorvettes](http://www.facebook.com/downtheroadcorvettes)

**Visit the Rocky Mountain Region NCCC:**  
[www.rmrnccc.org](http://www.rmrnccc.org)

**Visit NCCC on the web:**  
[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)





*Kelly & Ingrid photo bomb LynnAnn and Leo at Pecos NM*

Barrett Benson  
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corvettemuseum.org  
1-800-538-3883



### ***RANDOM NOTES***

Chevrolet announced that the new 2015 Corvette Stingray will be available in two new design packages: the Atlantic luxury convertible and the Pacific performance coupe. Both options are exclusively offered on Z51-equipped Corvettes in the 2LT and 3LT trim options. The details can be found at: [corvettemuseum.blogspot.com](http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com).

Michelin Tire is now the official tire of the Motorsports Park and Museum. Every new C7 Stingray and Z06 Corvette rolls out of the Bowling Green assembly plant exclusively on Michelin tires. To date, there are already more than 130 days booked at the Motorsports track for the first year. Michelin plans on using the track for product launches, testing and consumer activities.

Color Update: Shark Gray will be a new C7 color offered on 2015 models.

I will have raffle tickets for a Torch Red 2014 C7 Coupe at the next meeting. The drawing will be held on August 30 at the museum's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event. Tickets are \$10 each.



**NCM 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration & Caravan**, Labor Day weekend, Richard Loch is the Colorado Captain. Info and event agenda at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/celebration/20info.shtml>

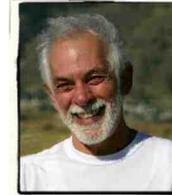


## 2014 DOWN THE ROAD CORVETTE CLUB OFFICERS

**President**  
Bill Schultz



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## 2014 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Dealer Representative**  
Leo Lamanuzzi

**2014 Rally Committee**  
Les and Kelly Rhoades

**Membership & Directory**  
Cathy S. & Nancy B.

**Social Committee**  
Cathy S., Dave C., Jani, S.

**Roving Reporter/  
Photographer**  
Bill S. Mike M. Les R.

**Corvette Museum  
Ambassador**  
Barrett Benson

**Autocross Competition  
Director**  
Dave B. & John M.

**Webmaster**  
Dave Burrit & Ingrid Tryon

**Facebook Cop**  
Ingrid Tryon

# May Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Club Members: 26 & Guest: 0



## Old Business

**Minutes Report:** The minutes report was read and approved.

**Treasure Report:** The treasure report was read and approved.

## New Business

**Auto Cross Report-** Flyer is now uploaded on our club website. So far we have 10 registered for the low/high-speed races. The wrecker and ambulance have been reserved for August 17, 2014. The club members will support the track corners. Details regarding offering food will be discussed at the next meeting. Dave B. will reach out to Walt Jenkins regarding auto cross details/documentation required by DtRC.

**Vice President's Report-** Emich Chevrolet is very excited and is looking forward to the June 28<sup>th</sup>, Dealer Appreciation Show (Corvettes only). Show hours: Registration 8-9am; rags down 10am; people's choice judging 10-12:30pm; Awards at 12:30-1pm. Emich will provide, music, BBQ lunch and DtRC is supplying the drinks. DtRC will present a club trophy for Best of Show and Emich will present a trophy for Best of Show. Leo requested volunteers to support all positions to make this Dealer Appreciation Car Show a success. Every member raised their hand to volunteer. Thank you DtRC!!! Leo has ordered 1st, 2nd & 3rd place trophies for each generation C1-C7, including custom & modified, Best of Show for DtRC and Emich. He assigned club members to present C1-C7, modified and custom trophies. DtRC voted to pay for the club choice Best of Show trophy with Emich paying for all other trophies. Mary suggested (and club voted) that all club members bring bake goods. Great idea Mary!

VP reminded us about the cruise night at Sonic on June 6<sup>th</sup>; July 18<sup>th</sup>; Sept 19. Location: Sonic, NE corner of Hamden & Tower.



Leo has planned a weekend getaway in September to Cumbres & Toltec Railroad train ride. This trip will be so much fun.

**Governor's Report-** Nothing to report.



**Museum Ambassador-** C7 Corvette tickets for sale, drawing 8/30/14. The Museum is now giving tours of the sink hole.

**Dealer Report-** Did not attend meeting. Emich Sales Representative, Ryan Nordbrock.

**Membership Committee-** Nothing to report.

**Merchandise Report-** Nothing to report.



**Social Committee -** Coop suggested a Corvette night in August at the Colorado National Race Track. He will reach out to the track owner and propose this idea. It was also suggested that we offer this to all Corvette clubs. Fingers crossed we get the green light! During half time two Corvettes would drive one lap with the winner advancing until the end. And the checkered flag goes to?

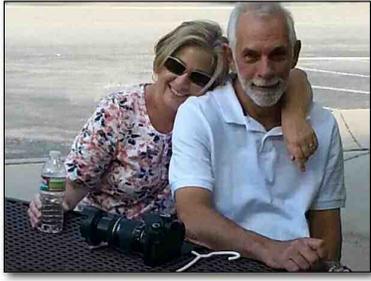
On June 21<sup>st</sup>, the T-Bone Museum located in Longmont has opened their doors for us to tour the museum. Muff will send out an email with details. Thanks Muff for organizing this tour.

**Special Projects-** We leave Friday May 23rd on the New Mexico trip and everyone is very excited. Everyone was remember to bring their mind control prevention devices; you need to be protected! Jack passed out alien hunting permits. Present this card if you encounter an alien. Meeting at the McDonald's in Castle Rock; departing at 9ish. Don't forget your radios, cameras, smiles and fun.

**Next Meeting & Club Dinner –** June 26, 2014; Emich Chevrolet; 7pm. The club will meet for dinner at 5:45; (details coming soon)

**Meeting adjourned**

Submitted by: Kelly Rhoades



# Down the Road with DtRC Members



## Leo & LynnAnn Lamanuzzi

We both joined DtRC the summer of 2012. We ran into Dave Cooper and Jani Shoemaker in Littleton while they were meeting to exchange flyers for the Father's Day Show up at Heritage Square. We spoke about our love of corvettes and found ourselves at the next meeting. From that point on we knew this is what we wanted to become a part of to share and do things with a fun loving group of people. It did though cost a "trade in" of our previous corvette for a newer one that Leo saw on Emich's showroom floor!!

We have been happily married 38 years this coming



October. We met at a local bar in Worcester (pronounced Woo-stah), Massachusetts. Both of us were born and raised in Worcester. After we married in 1976, we moved to West Springfield due to Leo's job in Springfield, MA. Leo started out on the freight side as a Conductor with Penn Central, which became Conrail which is now CSX for fifteen years and then transferred over to passenger service retiring from Amtrak with 37 years of service saying that it was time for someone else to have some fun. LynnAnn transferred from Worcester to Springfield to continue working for Verizon in the Engineering & Construction Department. In 1996, LynnAnn was able to retire from Verizon. Once leaving Verizon, worked six years for Plotkin & Associates, an acquisition firm, which developed CVS Pharmacy and Dick's Sporting Goods Stores. Her last job was working at Cerrato's Italian Bakery preparing pastries, cookies and cakes along with customer service.

Each year we always came to Colorado to visit family and fell in love with Colorado and all it has to offer. So when it was time to retire we packed up and moved to Littleton about 3 years ago. We have had five cats and two Siberian Huskie dogs Nikko and Klondike.

Our first corvette was a 1987 Silver Beige Metallic coupe and then a 1999 Silver Platinum coupe. Currently we own a 2011 Blade Silver Grand Sport 6- speed (MGW shifter). We also own a Marina Blue 4- speed 1967 Coupe small block. LynnAnn's future Corvette hopes to be a 2015 Stingray and Leo agrees with that choice. Favorite club activity is just about everything we can dream up; we have fun no matter what we do.

Leo's hobbies are model trains ever since he was five years old. He enjoys working on them and running them, and has always had a love of cars. LynnAnn enjoys cross stitching, walking and loves all kinds of animals and wildlife.

One of our favorite vacations was a trip to Jamaica where we rented a villa with three other couples. LynnAnn also celebrated her fiftieth birthday at C Lazy U Ranch in Granby, Colorado and little did she know at that time she would living in Colorado now. We both would have to say that the Boise trip in 2013 ranks high among our trips so far.

Leo's love of corvettes came about when he used to work in a gas station and watch the trailers haul the midyear Corvettes past the station being delivered to the dealers in Worcester.



## CAR SHOWS — RALLY'S — PARADES — STUFF TO DO!



### Rocky Mountain Region NCCC Events Calendar

Web link: <http://www.rmrnccc.org>

**First Saturday of every Month**  
**Golden Super Cruise Golden, CO**  
[www.goldensupercruise.com](http://www.goldensupercruise.com)

**6/04/2014 - Man Caves Ground Breaking ceremony**  
 Bring your exotic / collector car and help us celebrate! This is a Wednesday at 11am across from the Broncos practice facility. This is where our new facility will be!  
[www.getmancaves.com](http://www.getmancaves.com)

**6/07/2014 - CASA Driving Challenge at PPIR**  
 Think your a good driver or maybe just want more experience? This event was a blast last year!  
[www.casadrivingchallenge.com](http://www.casadrivingchallenge.com)

**6/08/2014 - Colorado Concours / Exotic Car Show**  
 500 Exotic cars at Arapahoe Community College  
[www.coloradoconcours.com](http://www.coloradoconcours.com)

**6/21/2014 - Summerfest at The Landmark**  
 200 Exotic / Classic cars to benefit Rolling Dreams.  
 Live Music, 35 Restaurants, Free drawings, and more!  
 Cost: Suggested donation of \$25 per vehicle  
[www.dtchamber.com](http://www.dtchamber.com)



Parker Days Car Show - June 15th, 2014



# CAR SHOW

**When:** Staging starts at 7:30am and the show runs from 9am to 1pm  
**Where:** Pikes Peak Dr. and Court in Parker (see map for details)  
**Cost:** \$20 car entry - All proceeds benefit the Parker Task Force, \$5 raffle tickets, free general admission.

**50/50 Raffle**  
to benefit the Parker Task Force



Prizes will be given out for the following categories:

- Best 1940 and earlier
- Best 1941 to 1959
- Best 1960 to 1972
- Best 1973 to 1995
- Best 1996 or later
- Best motorcycle
- Best wheels
- Best paint
- Best project car
- Best looking engine bay
- Best truck
- Sponsor's Choice

Sponsored by the Parker Car Club



If you find an interesting event you think the club would want o know about please send the information to Jack Tryon or me...the newsletter editor



[www.carshowhq.com](http://www.carshowhq.com)



[www.blacktoprebels.com](http://www.blacktoprebels.com)



HIGHLANDS RANCH  
Cultural Affairs Association

Announcing...

## The HRCAA Annual Classic Car Show

Saturday, June 14 • 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  
 Cherry Hills Community Church  
 (3900 Grace Blvd., Highlands Ranch 80126)

Save the Date Today!  
[HRCAonline.org/vendors](http://HRCAonline.org/vendors)



**6/28/2014 Saturday, Corvette Summer Car Show**  
 Emich Chevrolet 2033 S. Wadsworth. Lakewood, CO 80227  
 Dealer appreciation show presented by Down the Road Corvettes.  
**Free registration** day of event, **Free lunch** and beverage for car show participants, People Choice Awards  
 All classes: C-1-C7; stock - custom and modified classes.  
 Registration: 8am-9am, Show Time: 10am-1pm, Rags down and peoples Judging: 10am-Noon, Awards Presentation: 1PM  
 NCCC sanctioned event: RM-150-004  
[www.downtheroadcorvettes.org](http://www.downtheroadcorvettes.org)  
 Denver Colorado's Premiere Corvette Club

**6/29/2014 Sunday OutRock Car Show Series,**  
 Castle Rock Outlets **Time:** 10am - 4pm  
 Sunday, June 29th 10am - 4pm (Mustang / Corvette Clubs)  
 Saturday, July 19th 5pm - 10pm (Night show and Concert!)  
 Sunday, August 24th 10am - 4pm  
[www.ColoradoCarShow.com](http://www.ColoradoCarShow.com) Call: 720-270-1875





# DOWN the ROAD CORVETTES



## 2 LOW & 2 HIGH SPEED AUTOCROSSES

**ROAD TRACK FUN!!!**

**Sunday, August 17, 2014**

**NCCC SANCTIONED!**

*Cars will be classed per the 2014 NCCC Rulebook*

**Low Speed Race 1&2**

**High Speed Race 3&4**

**Online only pricing: 1 race: \$35, 2 races: \$60, 3 races: \$85, 4 races: \$105**

**Onsite Day of event: 1 race: \$45, 2 races: \$80, 3 races: \$105, 4 races: \$145**

RM-150-006 & RM150-007

RM-150-008 & RM-150-009

**Registration opens:** Now & closes at 9:00AM before 1<sup>st</sup> race drivers meeting

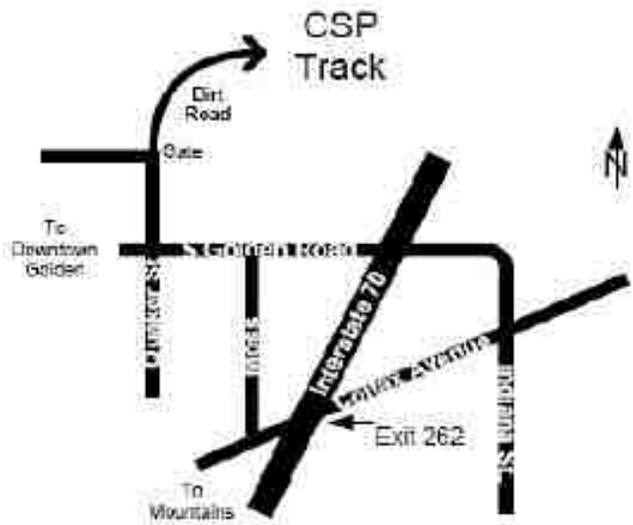
**When:** Tech/Registration 8:00AM Sunday, August 17, 2014 *Mandatory* drivers meeting 9:15AM

**NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AFTER 9:00AM**

**REGISTRANTS FOR SECOND RACE & HIGH SPEED RACES MUST PRE-REGISTER ONLINE**

- We reserve the right to cancel the high speed events if we do not get enough participation. Refunds will be given for those who registered for the canceled high speed events.
- NCCC high speed license is required to participate in the high speed races
- If you wish to participate in the high speed event(s), you must participate in at least one of the low speeds.
- Races are limited to 45 cars per race. We will take alternates in case people cancel.
- Corner workers will be provided to facilitate getting the races done in a timely manner.
- Non-NCCC member participants and workers are not covered by NCCC insurance.
- Snell app. helmets, no older than 10 years from date of mfr are required as per NCCC rules and insurance
- Permanently mounted 5BC rated fire extinguishers required in all HIGH SPEED vehicles, suggested in all others.
- Closed exhausts only.
- Event will be governed per 2014 NCCC National Autocross Rules and Guidelines.
- If you act or drive in an unsafe manner, you may at our sole discretion be asked to leave. No refunds will be granted.
- Restricted to Corvettes and last year's participants only until 7/1/14. After 7/1 we will allow Non-Corvettes to register.
- Refund policy: Cancel by 7/15 for full refund. By 8/1 50% refund, after 8/1, 50% only if we find a substitute for you. If any race is not held, we will refund your money via PayPal. See website to register or for more information.

**Directions to the Colorado State Patrol Track, Golden, CO**  
 Take I-70 West to Exit 262, Colfax Avenue. Turn Right, West on Colfax. Make a right at Moss Street or the light and proceed North to S. Golden Rd. Left/West on S. Golden Rd. and make a right on Quaker. Proceed up the hill and through gate at "hard left." The road turns to dirt at this point. Take it slow and follow signs to the track.



**Low Speed Chairs**  
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 dave@dburritt.com

John Maxwell 303-709-9388  
 johnm@johnmaxwell.net

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**DtRC GOVERNOR:**  
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 15875 Quandary Loop  
 Broomfield, CO 80023

**Rocky Mountain Region - National Council of Corvette Clubs**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE AVAILABLE AT: <http://www.downtheroadcorvettes.org>**

Free   Registration

  Free Lunch & Beverage

# CAR SHOW



  Music

Peoples Choice Awards C1-C7   
Stock - Custom - Modified

## Saturday June 28, 2014 Dealer Appreciation Show

This show is in lieu of the Heritage Square Show

Map	Location and Sponsor	Hosted By:
	  <p>2033 South Wadsworth Boulevard, Lakewood, CO 80227</p>	



**Sponsored by Emich Chevrolet**  
**NCCC sanctioned event: RM-150-004**  
**Free event registration day of show**  
**Free lunch for car show participants only**  
**Registration: 8am-9am**  
**Show Time: 10am-1pm**  
**Rags down and peoples Judging: 10am-Noon**  
**Awards Presentation: 1PM**



# Top of the Rockies Corvette Association

Presents

## Two National Sanctioned Low-Speed Autocross Events

Sunday, June 22, 2014

Front Range Airport, Watkins, CO

I-70 exit 299 (N Manito Rd/Oo Rd 28) north. Take the first right past CO 36/E Colfax Ave and the railroad tracks.

This is the entry to the airport property. Follow the road east and then north.

\$30 PER DRIVER for one event or \$50 PER DRIVER for both events  
if pre-registered online by midnight, June 15<sup>th</sup> (pay at event)

\$5 more per event if registering after June 15<sup>th</sup>

Trophies are available for \$15 per driver per event and must be paid for before the event begins

- Events run per NCCC National competition rules and classes.
- Non-NCCC member participants and workers are not covered by the NCCC Insurance!
- Snell-approved helmets (SA) or (M) no older than 10 years from date of manufacture are required per NCCC rules and insurance.
- Car numbers on both sides of car in contrasting color to car body.
- These will be work/run events. All participants will be required to help out.
- Registration opens June 1<sup>st</sup> and closes June 22<sup>nd</sup> at times listed below.
- Lunch break as time allows.
- **Pre-registration requested for all racers. Onsite registration & tech will only be open in the morning.**  
Registration link available at <http://www.torcavettes.com>

Sponsored by



Morning Autocross – RM-176-006		Afternoon Autocross – RM-176-007
Registration/check-in	7:00 – 8:15am (MT)	Lunch as time permits
Tech	7:00 – 8:15am	No afternoon registration or tech.
Course walk	8:00 – 8:45am	Afternoon course walk, drivers meeting, and race following lunch.
Drivers meeting	8:45am	
Course is hot	Following meeting	

### Event Chairs:

Ron Bauer – [Ron@Bauer Racing.com](mailto:Ron@Bauer Racing.com)  
Scott Morton – [scottmorton65@msn.com](mailto:scottmorton65@msn.com)

Governor: Barb Zomes | [governor@torcavettes.com](mailto:governor@torcavettes.com) | 719-210-8802



Map  
To  
Site



### Suggested items to bring

Portable shade

Bag lunch and lots of water

Sunscreen

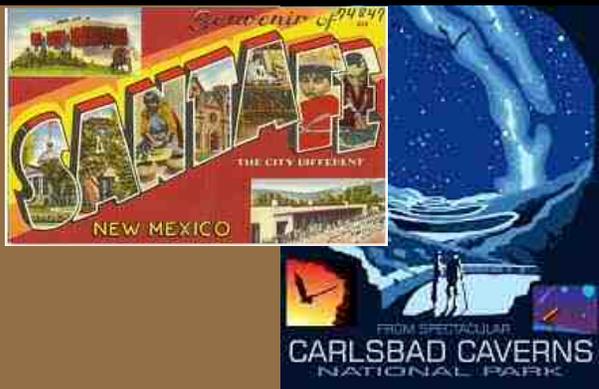
### Lunch

A 45 minute lunch break will be provided if time allows it.

Afternoon schedule may vary.

**No alcohol on airport premises  
at any time!**

SEE THE MILKY WAY



## Club News:



# DtRC Memorial Day Weekend Road Trip

Friday May 23 - Monday May 26, 2014

Thirteen club Corvette's roared down I-25 for a wonderful 4-day adventure. Although at times our views were obscured by the flickering of wipers blades the sun was shining on us most of the time. The smiles and laughter from everyone was our highlight of the trip. Radio chatter was a blast as directions, comments and stores were made by everyone. I remember screaming into the radio at one of the Rest Stops telling Leo to turn left. Also, the Little Sturgis bike rally (Red River) caused a nonstop radio fest.



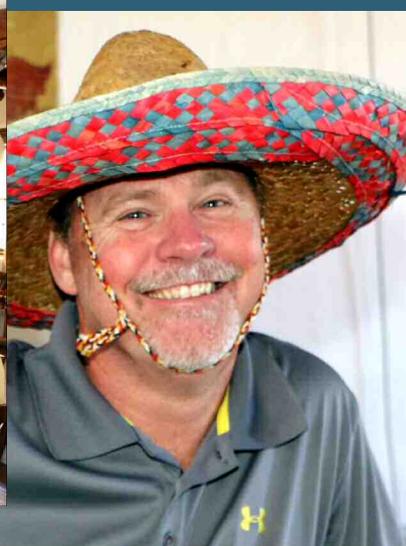
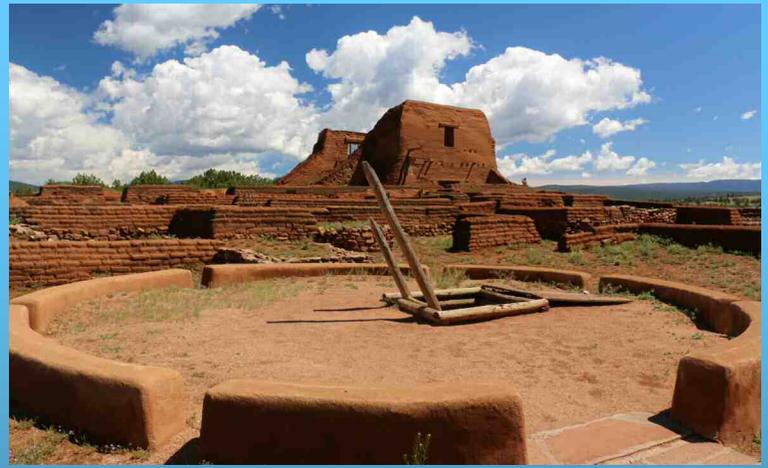
The Alien Zone in Roswell was a real treat and just what I expected. I want to thank Jack Tryon for paying for everyone's admission to the Area 51 giggle fest at the Alien Zone. That was a very generous thing to do for all of our club members. Those darn aliens were everywhere.

### Day 1

Denver/Castle Rock to Santa Fe NM via Taos ( Stopped at George's Dinner for Lunch) From Quests NM we drove the "Enchanted Circle Scenic Byway " to Taos. After coffee and treats we followed the road soaked Reo Grande River Scenic Route 68 to Santa Fe.



**Day 2** Everyone visited Pecos Ruins and Mission at the Pecos National Historical park, which included a short movie presentation and 1-mile self guided walking tour. Lunch was had at Frankie's, a local Peco's restaurant. (Mike got his pancakes and everyone else ordered a normal lunch) after lunch we drove twelve twisting miles "one-way" up route 63 for an ice cream break. Back in Santa Fe with rain pounding down, some folks went shopping, viewed a movie, and others lost a few dollars at a local casino.



**Day 3** We continued to Roswell with a lunch stop at Sonic before visiting the Alien Zone Area 51 giggle and funfest. After lunch eight cars went to Carlsbad Caverns and three cars toured part of the “Billy the Kid National Scenic Byway” on route to Ruidoso for shopping and Dinner.





# Carlsbad Caverns



Day 4 Lunch in Trinidad CO @ The Cafe



Side trip up RT 12 in CO, Highway of Legends



# DtRC Technical News:

## Get Aligned for a Better Ride

Jack, Les and Leo all recommend this local shop: (C6 Models)  
Elroy's Son Alignment,  
1470 Chase St, Lakewood CO 80214

*Thanks to Jack for this information*



### Performance Street

Front	min	max
Camber (deg)	-0.7	-0.9
Caster (deg)	7.5	8.5
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17")	0 (0°)
Rear		
Camber (deg)	-0.4	-0.6
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17")	0 (0°)

#### Notes

These settings will provide good performance and good tire wear.



**PFADT**  
RACE ENGINEERING

### Performance Street - Track Use with Street Tires

Front	min	max
Camber (deg)	-1.1	-1.3
Caster (deg)	7.5	8.5
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17")	0 (0°)
Rear		
Camber (deg)	-0.7	-0.9
Total Toe	-1/8" (0.33")	-1/16" (0.17")

#### Notes

These settings will provide good all around performance. The tires will wear the inside edges in street use and the outside edges on the race track. This is a good dual purpose alignment.

### Performance Street - Track Use with Race Tires

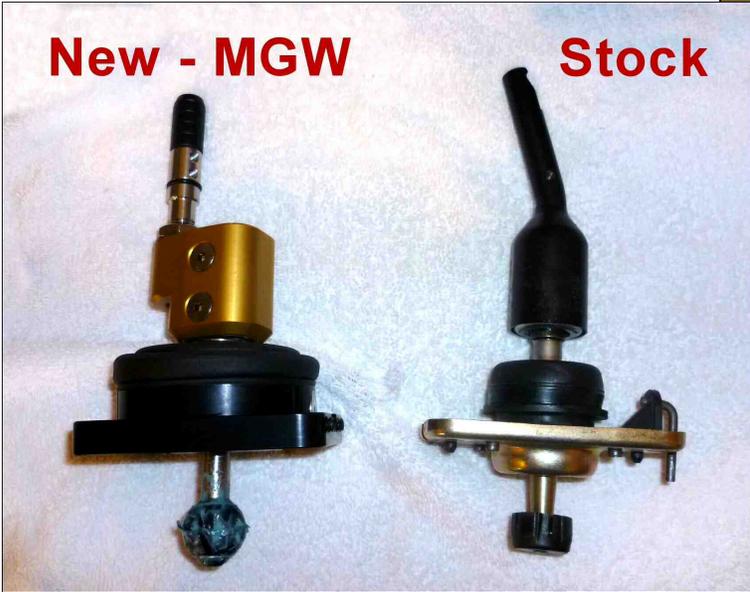
Front	min	max
Camber (deg)	-1.6	-1.8
Caster (deg)	7.5	8.5
Total Toe	-1/16" (0.17")	0 (0°)
Rear		
Camber (deg)	-0.9	-1.1
Total Toe	-1/8" (0.33")	-1/16" (0.17")

#### Notes

These settings will provide great track performance. The tires will wear the inside edges in street use, and the car may tend to grab the lanes of the road. Race tires will wear well at the track and provide high levels of grip. This alignment is compromised towards track use.

# Performance Shifting Made Easy

Our club president Bill Schultz has started an avalanche of C6 Corvette shifter modifications within our club. Recently Bill installed an MGW shifter in his Corvette and we featured an article about it in our February newsletter. Since then Bill and Leo helped me install a new MGW shifter in our 08' Corvette with dramatic results. Recently a group of us got together at Leo's house to install his new MGW shifter in their Grand Sport. Once you try this thing and compare it to the stock shifter I'm sure you will agree it's time to upgrade one of the most used mechanical features of your Corvette. How many shifts do you make in one short drive down the road?

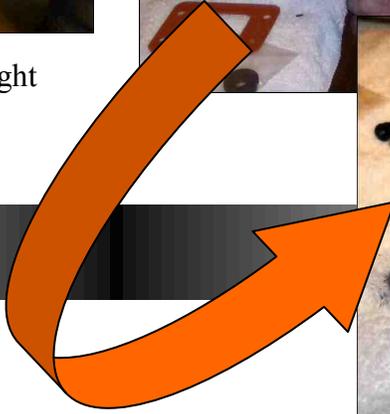


The MGW shifter assembly comes complete with billet shifter and custom lower billet box. This combination provides a precise smooth throw and minimal amount of shift effort with no sloppy play like the stock shifter.

Seeing the new and old shifter side by side leaves no doubt that you'll feel the difference

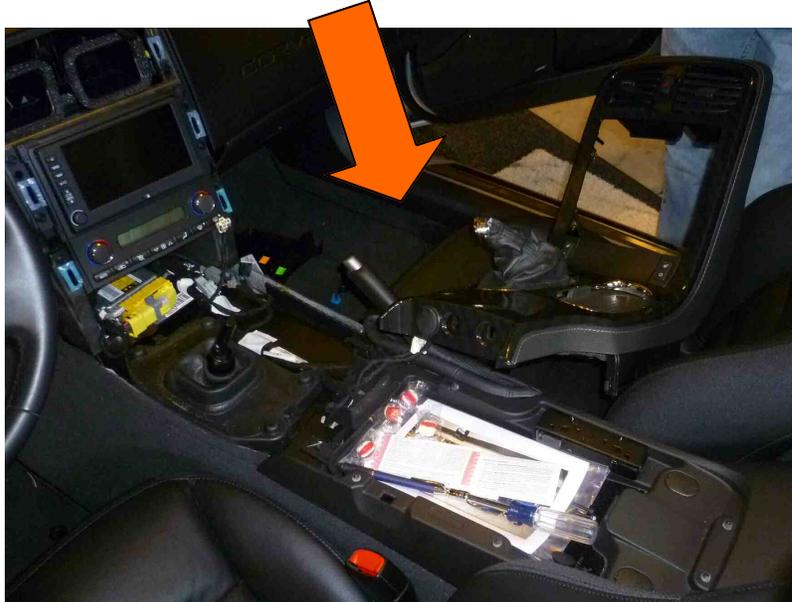


Compare the lower box: Stock left and MGW right



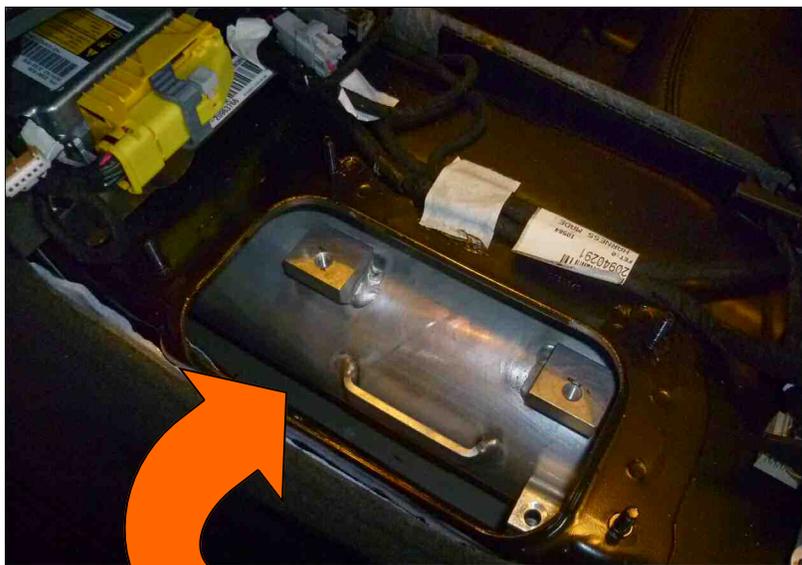
# Part 2 of 3 Continued: Performance Shifting Made Easy

Center console removed to expose shifter



New MGW lower box installed

Shifter removed; showing notable hot section of the torque tube



New shifter installed with shift knob adjustment underway



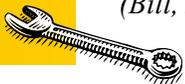
DtRC Brain Trust make final adjustments and boot install (Bill, Leo, Walt, Mike and event photographer Les)

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## Part 3 of 3 Continued: Performance Shifting Made Easy

On Saturday May 17th we ( Jack, Walt & Les) installed another two more shifters; Jack's 2007 Coupe and Walt's 2013 Z06.

It took about 2 hours to replace Jack's shifter because the lower box had to be removed twice to find a dropped trox adapter and one Allen wrench. The second shifter replaced in Walt's Z06 only took just over an hour to complete. I think we have it all figured out now and should make future replacements go a little quicker than the brain surgery 3-hour install we performed on Leo's Grand Sport.

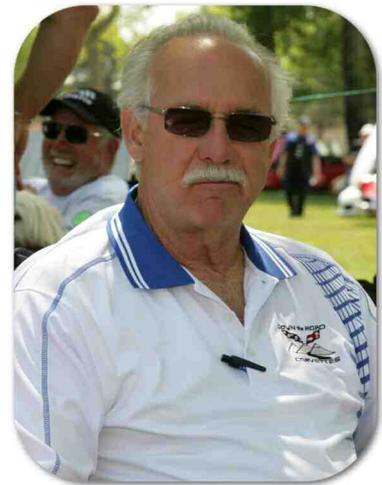
After removing the lower shift box from Jack's Corvette we noticed the box was filled with worn bushing material. The front bushing was 90% worn away causing an ungreased metal on metal sliding action with each shift. (see photo below)



There is no difference between the top shifter from Jack's 2007 base coupe to Walt's new 2013 Z06.. You can see not everything gets a performance increase when you move up in the Corvette line.



# Sunday May 18th TORCA "Show Us Your Vette" Car Show



*Too much fun!*





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*Corvette's and Good Friends*





Door Prize Winners

&

Car Show Winners

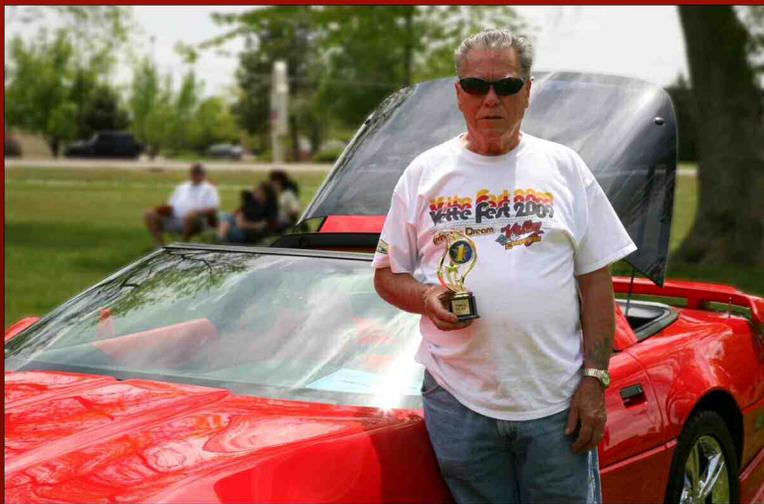




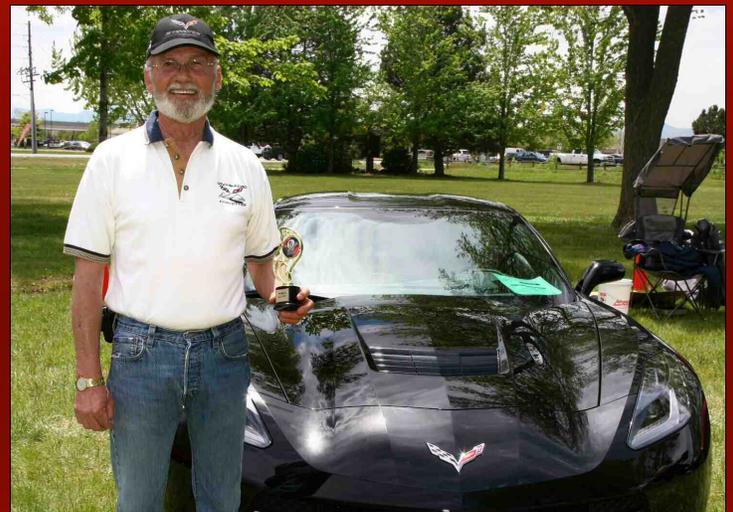
Jackie Malouf — 1st Place



Mike Malouf — 1st Place



Dave Chadwick — 1st Place



Mike Davis — 2nd Place



**CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!**



Fred "Muff" Davis — 2nd Place

# Recall News

**DETROIT** – General Motors said Thursday it has informed the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of five safety recalls covering about 2.7 million vehicles in the United States.



The recalls cover:

- 2,440,524 previous generation passenger cars for taillamp malfunctions
  - 111,889 previous generation Chevrolet Corvettes for loss of low-beam head lamps
  - 140,067 Chevrolet Malibus from the 2014 model year for hydraulic brake booster malfunctions
  - 19,225 Cadillac CTS 2013-2014 models for windshield wiper failures
- 477 full-size trucks from the 2014 and 2015 model years for a tie-rod defect that can lead to a crash

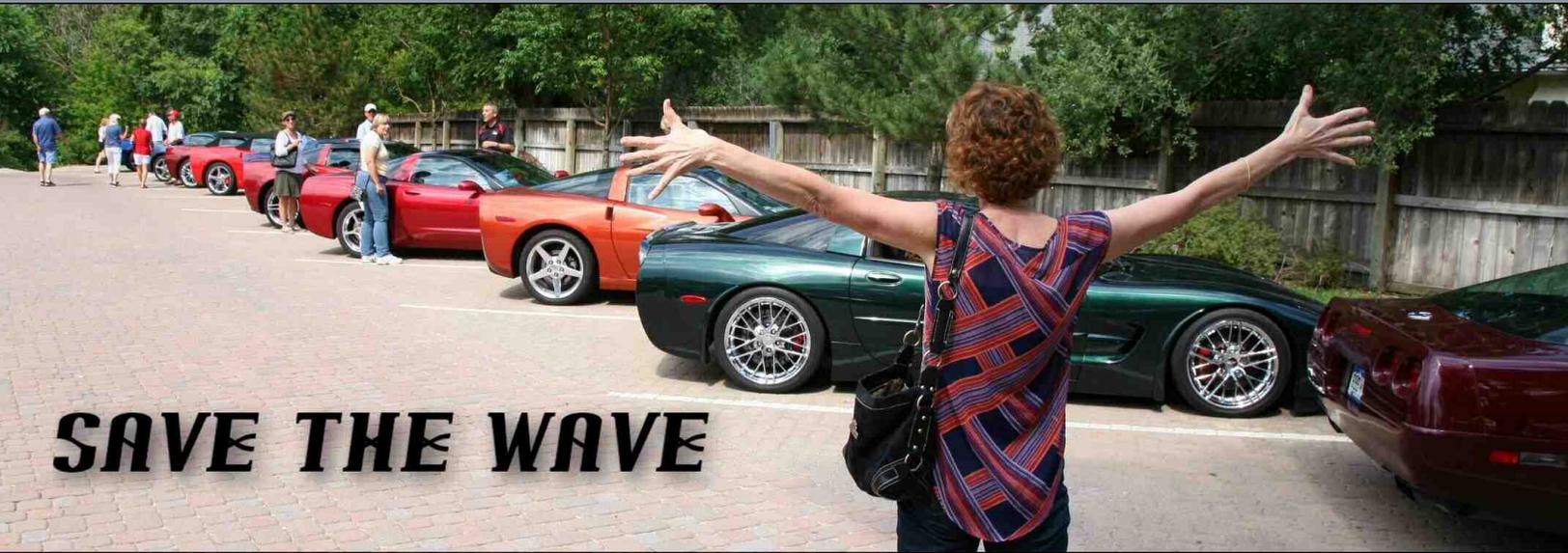
“Customer safety is at the heart of how GM designs and produces vehicles, and these announcements are examples of two ways we are putting that into practice,” said Jeff Boyer, vice president of GM Global Vehicle Safety. “We have redoubled our efforts to expedite and resolve current reviews in process and also have identified and analyzed recent vehicle issues which require action. These are examples of our focus to surface issues quickly and promptly take necessary actions in the best interest of our customers.”

The second safety recall covers 111,889 Chevrolet Corvettes from the 2005-2007 model years for potential loss of low-beam headlamp operation. Models from 2008-2013 will be covered under a Customer Satisfaction Program. All repairs will be at no cost to customers.

When the engine is warm, the underhood electrical center housing could expand, causing the headlamp low-beam relay control circuit wire to bend slightly. After the wire is repeatedly bent, it can fracture and separate. When this occurs, the low-beam headlamps will not illuminate. As the housing cools and contracts, the low-beam headlamp function may return. This condition does not affect the high-beam headlamps, marker lamps, turn signals, daytime running lamps or fog lamps. Loss of low beam headlamps when they are required could reduce the driver’s visibility, increasing the risk of a crash. GM is aware of several hundred complaints as result of the condition but no crashes, injuries or fatalities.

*NM 285 from Santa Fe to Roswell*





# SAVE THE WAVE

Have you ever wondered where the slogan, "Save The Wave" came from and what it means? Below is an article that first appeared in the August/September 1969 issue of Corvette News. The article was entitled "Save The Wave". Remember, this article was written and published in 1969 !

## SAVE THE WAVE

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's an instant wave of recognition he or she receives when he meets one of their ilk on the road. The first time it happens, they will be taken by surprise. He immediately thinks:

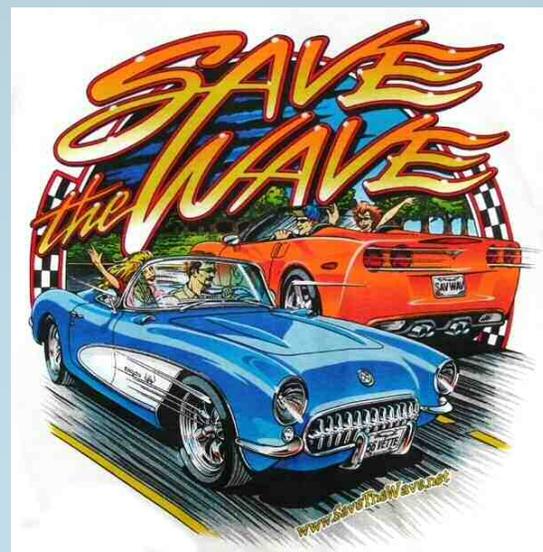
1. He has been mistaken for Sterling Moss.
2. His lights are on.
3. He has just been given the bird.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hoo" to the ultra cool "two finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither a too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh brother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non wavers, usually settling on the "Wave"? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, you wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any answer.

Girl Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. Immediately faced with this quandary; Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies prefer to suffer the latter rather than take a chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is no excuse, however, for a guy who refuses to return the wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy.



# Pit Stop Snacks

**January**  
Bill and Cathy

**February**  
Kelly & Ingrid

**March**  
LynnAnn

**April**  
Barrett

**May**  
Russ & LaNae

**June**  
Bill & Cathy

**July**  
Lewis & Cindy

**August**  
Dave & Wanda

**September**  
Tony & Colette

**October**  
Mike & Jackie



## Club Members Birthdays

**January**  
6 - Ingrid Tryon  
15-Russ Steinhaus

**February**  
12 - Mike Davis

**March**  
27-Cynthia Kilbourn

**April**

**May**  
1-Wanda Chadwick  
7-Lewis Kilbourn  
19-Gail Krusen  
31-Barett Benson

**June**  
3-Nancy Burritt  
3-Walt Curtis  
13-Dave Cooper  
18-Mike Malouf

**July**  
1-Mary Davis  
2-Bill Schultz  
11-John Maxwell  
19-Dave Chadwick  
28-Don Roach  
31-Jani Shoemaker  
31-Mike Shoemaker

**August**  
17-Bruce Kinney  
17-Kelly Rhoades

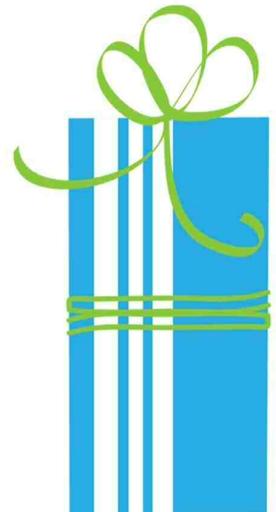
**September**  
2- Les Rhoades  
6-LaNae Steinhaus

**October**  
2- LynnAnn Lamanuzzi  
12-Cathy Schultz  
26-Muff Davis  
26-Jackie Malouf  
28-Michele Wensel  
28-Terry Cooper



**November**  
2-Tanya Roach  
4-David Burritt  
17-Jack Tryon

**December**  
16- Tony Abeytha  
19-Colette Moger  
19-Leo Lamanuzzi



# Classified Listings



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