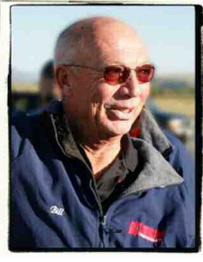


Memorial Day



JUST SAYIN

The DTRC PRESIDENT

Hi all,

We're really getting in to the Corvette season. Tomorrow is May day which tells me that around the corner are "Corvette Days". I missed the mystery meal last weekend, but I understand everyone had a great time. Congrats to Walt and Michelle. I know several members have been looking at the Anniversary they bought, I'm envious!

I for one am really looking forward to our trips the end of this month and the first of June. It appears we have a great group going! I think we have around 13 cars (appropriate number for Roswell) going to New Mexico and around 5 or 6 going to the Columbia Gorge etc. With Les and Leo doing the planning I am confident things will go RREEAALLLY good.

A little bird told me that Leo got a short throw shifter and Walt is in the market. Hey, if we help the next person in line install a shifter, before long we can form an assembly line and do these things in minutes. Leo can take the hot ones out then we can each do our part to put the new one in.

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DOWN the ROAD

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When people lose someone close to them it makes one stop and ponder life. I won't get on a soap box here, but I would like to remind everyone how fragile life is. We all (over time) start taking every day for granted. My brother in law that just passed away last weekend was a retired Lt. Col. In the Air force. He was in very good condition and worked each day to keep his health. He and his wife my sister, were enjoying retirement in a big new motorhome and had many travel plans scheduled. Rick got up early last Thursday as he had a doctors' appointment to get a checkup. He sat down in his chair as he did every morning and never woke up again. Point being, you never know. Enjoy life everyday with family and friends. *Every "problem or dislike" you may have today may not mean anything tomorrow.*

Just sayin
Bill



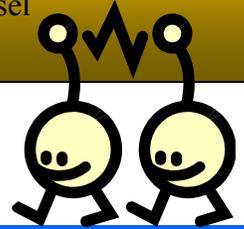
A Few Mystery Meal Attendees

Dave and Nancy Burritt

Mike Malouf

Michele Wensel

Walt Curtis



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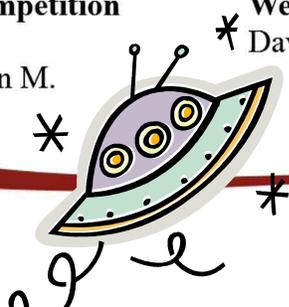
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April Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Members: 26 friendly faces & 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- The DtRC autocross will be held on August 17th. The club voted in favor of having a high speed race contingent on a 10 car minimum sign up. The club did agree on if a driver signs up for the high speed race they must participate in the low speed race to become familiar with the track. Race prices will be determined at a later date. However, insurance is an issue and the club is working with NCCC for guidance. Rules state for high speed races the club must have a wrecker and ambulance at the track during the high speed race. Dave B. has already contacted a wrecker that has agreed to attend the race at no charge to the club. However, ambulance services will be \$100 an hour. We have set the limit to 50 drivers for low speed. For the high speed race there will be a minimum of 10 cars & a deadline will be set. The club members will support the track corners. Following the low speed race, there will be two high speed races. Mustangs will be welcomed if the insurance will cover them.

On June 21 members will tour T-Bone Museum located in Longmont. Time and staging will be coming out soon.

A big THANK YOU goes out to Jani for updating the club member directory.

Vice President's Report- Dealer Appreciation Show; June 28th: Sponsored by Emich Chevrolet. This is a Corvette only show. Show hours: Registration 8-9am; rags down 10am; People's choice judging 10-12:30pm; Awards at 12:30-1pm. Leo will order trophies. Members have been passing out the car show fliers.

Cruise night at Sonic June 6th; July 18th; Sept 19th. On June 6th, the cruise night rep has offered to feature our club cars in the front parking area of Sonic. Cruise night location: NE corner of Hampden & Tower. Staging and time will be determined at a later date.

Golden Super Cruise is on May 3rd.

Leo has planned a weekend getaway in September to Cumbres & Toltec Railroad train ride. Remember to make hotel and train reservations because he will have to release the rooms soon and the train seating is limited. Stop thinking about it and just DO IT!

Governor's Report- Driving school by TORCA has been cancelled. There is a lot of auto-cross races and car shows this year. Check out the NCCC regional website for the autocross dates. There is something going on every weekend; pick your flavor.



Museum Ambassador- Saturday is the drawing for the red Corvette. Good luck! The engineers have realized there is a cave underneath the NCM. They are trying to decide what to do with the hole; either make it an attraction or repair the hole. The damaged cars will be on display. NCM visitation has increased by 56% since the sink hole devastation.

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

Membership Committee- Nothing to report.

Merchandise Report- Nothing to report.

Social Committee - On April 26th; Tony and Collette is hosting the first 2014 mystery meal. Collette gave a short briefing, saying "it's a mystery meal"...we tried to get information out of them, but they wouldn't give us any clues. Her only advice is to bring chairs and radios. Where are we going?

Special Projects- Rally Master Les Rhoades updated the members on the results on the April Fools Rally. DtRC had another successful Rally with 19 cars. Hopefully next year we will have a better weather forecast and get more cars participating in the Rally.

The New Mexico trip in May is just around the corner and everyone is very excited. Start working on your mind prevention devices now, don't leave home with it; you need to be protected!

Next Meeting & Club Dinner –

Meeting: May 23, 2014; Emich Chevrolet; 7pm.

Dinner: The club will meet for dinner at 5:30; Dickey's BBQ 3140 S. Wadsworth Blvd. Lakewood 80227

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by: Kelly Rhoades



Barrett Benson
Email: bsqaured@q.com



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SINKHOLE RESCUE COMPLETED

As I reported last month, 5 of the 8 Corvettes were retrieved from the sinkhole at the National Corvette Museum (NCM). Now there's good and bad news concerning the remaining three vehicles!

The good news is that the three remaining Vettes have been rescued: the prototype Black 1993 ZR-1 Spyder on April 1, the White 1½-millionth Corvette on April 3, and the Red 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 on April 9. Bits and pieces of the Corvettes were also recovered to aid in the restorations. During the tedious process of removing sinkhole dirt with a heavy-duty vacuum and excavating equipment around the visible portion of the Spyder's left rear quarter, the 1½-millionth Corvette was discovered. The 2001 Z06 Red Mallett Hammer was found on April 8, upside down with nose pointing toward the Spire above.

The bad news is the three Corvettes are in very poor shape. The Spyder is in worse shape than the previously recovered 1984 PPG Pace Car, and the 1½-millionth Vette is in worse shape than the Spyder. (The photographs I showed at last month's meeting show the extent of the damage to all 5 previously rescued Corvettes.)

As all Corvette enthusiasts know, the ZR-1's were not convertibles, but GM made a few convertible prototypes to take to various car shows. The Spyder, originally a full performance 1990 ZR-1 painted Sebring Silver with a Neutrino Yellow interior, debuted at the 1991 North American Auto Show before being repainted black with interior changed to red. It has many one-of-a-kind features including custom billet aluminum wheels, tonneau cover with waterfall, a windshield half the normal height, lowered seats mounted directly to the floor, narrowed side mirrors, and side covers. The first concept Corvette built on the assembly line, the Spyder's louvered hood was signed by everyone involved with building the car. One of my favorite Corvettes displayed at the Museum, I made it a point to admire the Spyder on every visit.

The Mallett Hammer took a lot of punishment from sinkhole rocks, and was found with only frame-with-wheels-attached. The donor had purchased it new and highly modified it before giving it to the Museum in December 2013. Present during its removal, he said it looked like a piece of tin foil as it was recovered and placed on a flat bed truck.

The "Great 8" display of the sinkhole Corvettes officially opened April 14 for viewing through the Museum's 20th Anniversary Event August 27-30, 2014.

Links to photos, videos, and information related to the sinkhole are available on NCM's web site, with latest updates on the Museum's Facebook Fan page at www.facebook.com/corvettemuseum

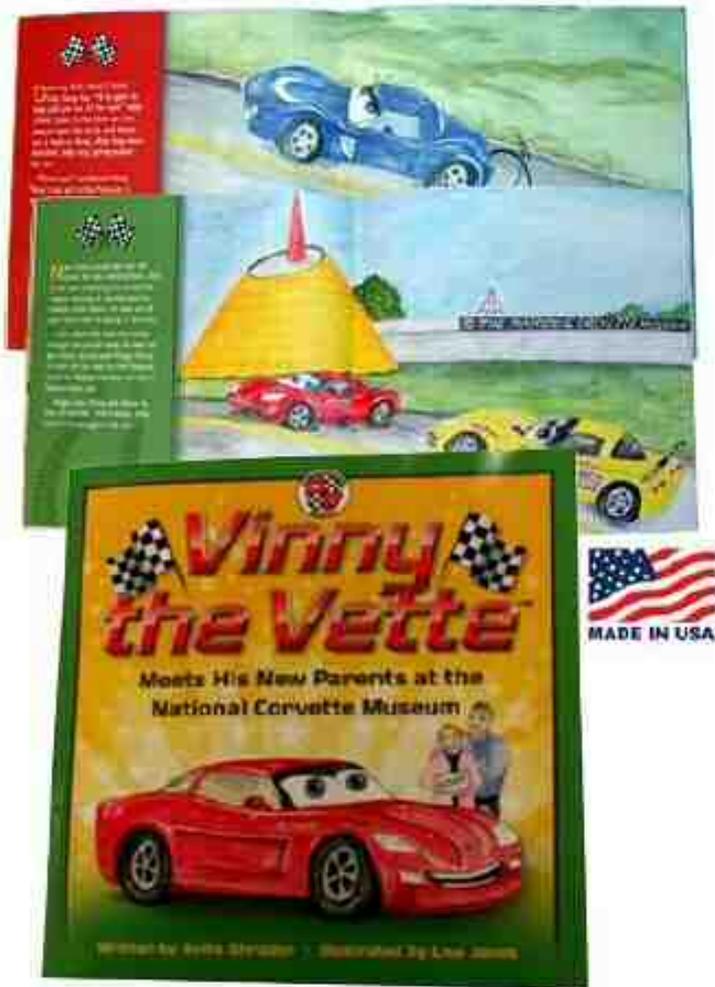
NCM 20th Anniversary Celebration & Caravan, Labor Day weekend, Richard Loch is the Colorado Captain. Info and event agenda at: www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/celebration/20info.shtml



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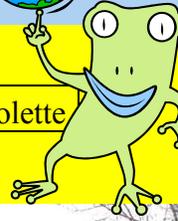
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D&RC's **mystery** **meal**

GUMBALL RALLY



Club News: Gumball Rally Mystery Meal



Tony & Colette

A big note of thanks to Colette & Tony for hosting the first Mystery Meal for 2014!! (Saturday evening April 26th) Our adventure took us through Parker (starting at McDonalds') and Castle Rock and the final destination to all our surprise was Colette's home. She opened up her home to all of us with an amazing food buffet (Lasagna, salads and yummy deserts) and then we watched the "Gumball Rally" on the big theater screen. A lot of thought and hard work went into this night and we all had a great night of friendship and laughter. What a great way to start out with the mystery meals!!

Leo (DtRC VP)



The Dark Knight

DtRC's First C7



Mike and Mary Davis

Mary made me do it! 2014 STINGRAY.
As some of the club saw this last Sunday, we got one. What a deal from Emich Chevrolet.

First, let me say, what a phenomenal car; so many electronic gadgets to try to figure out, it's confusing



The ride is so much more comfortable than our old C6 Z06, very close to the power and so far the speed, (3.6 vs 3.8 sec. 0 to 60). You cannot tell the difference.



DOWN the ROAD



Ours is the "3LT" preferred equipment package, lots of extras, NAPA hand stitched leather dash & interior, heated & cooled seats, power heated o/s mirrors, and, an awesome 10 speaker Bose surround speaker system.

Not near as much road noise even with the run-flats, (Michelin as standard tires). So far with the paddle shift, (still getting used to it), I can smoke the tires at 60 m.p.h. (oops)..

We have only driven it about 125 miles... I can hardly wait for more summer weather and long road trips in my retirement years.



SPECTER WERKES - C6 Corvette GTR



A Corvette that was once coveted by DtRC club member Muff Davis is now in his private collection. The exclusivity of the C6 GTR is undeniable.

Two dealers participated in the development of these specially designed automobiles and as such, were the only ones to carry them - Purifoy Chevrolet in Fort Lupton, Colorado and Cauley Chevrolet in West Bloomfield, Michigan



The C6-based Corvette GTR retains the intrinsic character of the Corvette, augmenting it with appearance, performance and luxury enhancements. It is an exclusive sports; exceptional whether on the street or track.

After 29 C5 builds it was time to go back to the molding table to refine the C6 GTR. The GTR package was available on all C6 Corvette models offering enthusiasts everything they're looking for in a Corvette sports car. The GTR's widened bodywork is complemented with the use of exposed carbon fiber details. Each vehicle is hand-built, numbered and fully documented.



Standard and optional GTR features include:

Unique GTR bodywork, including:

**Front fascia, carbon fiber splitter, extractor hood, front fenders, doors, rocker panels, rear fenders, rear fascia, carbon fiber rear diffuser, carbon fiber mirror caps, Cleartastic paint protection, paint and assembly*

**Custom GTR headlamp bezels with exposed carbon fiber appearance*

**Unique tail lamps and center high-mounted stop lamp*

**Michelin Pilot Sport 2 Zero Press tires; 285/30ZR19 (front) and 335/25ZR20 (rear)*

**Forgeline or HRE wheels; 19-inch in the front and 20-inch in the rear*

**StopTech ST60 front brakes and ST40 rear brakes*

**Carbon fiber fuel rail covers and carbon fiber, low-restriction air box*

**Hotchkis stabilizer bar kit*

**GTR-embroidered seats and serial-numbered dash plaque*

**CORSA/Specter stainless steel performance exhaust system*

**GTR badges*

Distinctive design:

Styling that accents the Corvette's original design is a hallmark of Specter Werkes/Sports and the C6 GTR takes that philosophy to the next level, with a completely redesigned body. "The GTR's design sharpens and embellishes many of the Corvette's design cues, but doesn't eliminate them. The GTR's bodywork is 4.5 inches wider at the rear fenders (2.25 inches per side) than a regular-production C6 Corvette and 1 inch wider than the Corvette Z06.



On the outside, C6 GTR #1 is painted a gorgeous BASF liquid silver color, the richness of which appears wet to the touch.

GTR #1 details

C6 Corvette GTR #1 is powered by Specter's Matrix II engine package for the LS3 engine. It is a "stroker" engine package that boosts displacement from 376 cubic inches (6.2L) to 416 cubic inches (6.8L). That is achieved with a Callies 4340-forged crankshaft that delivers a 4.00-inch stroke. Forged rods from Manley and forged pistons from Mahle round out the rotating assembly.

The camshaft is a special grind from Comp Cams and the LS3 heads' combustion chambers were enlarged from 71cc to 72cc in order to maintain an 11:1 compression ratio. With stainless steel long tube headers and a low-restriction air intake, the engine is rated at 535 horsepower and 530 lb-ft of torque. The engine also features carbon fiber fuel rail covers and a yellow-painted intake manifold.



WHITE LIGHTNING 2013 CORVETTE Z06



Walt Curtis and Michele Wensel stun DtRC members at the Mystery Meal Cruise by showing up in their shiny new White Lightning Z06 Corvette, which they had just purchased from the club sponsor, Emich Chevrolet.



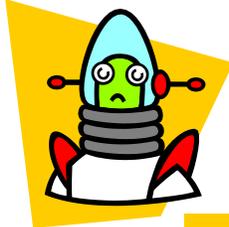
In 2013 Corvette celebrated its 60-year history and to mark this milestone this Corvette is adorned in the Corvette 60th Anniversary appearance package; this package boasts an Arctic White exterior and a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede-microfiber accents. The exterior also features a classic track-ready appearance with full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue

The package also includes gray-painted brake calipers, a ZR1 rear spoiler and 60th Anniversary badging on the wheel center caps, steering wheel and seat head restraints.



Lets not forget the Z06 is powered by a 7.0-Liter monster engine pumping out an amazing 505hp.



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
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5/03/2014 M.A.D. CAR SHOW Loveland
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 Metrolux Hope Center 1380 Denver Ave Loveland, CO 80537
 Time: 9am -2pm

5/10/2014, Saturday
Fun in the Sun, Corvette Show
 Colorado Springs Corvette Club
 18510 Midway Ranch Road, Fountain, Colorado 80817

5/16-17-18/2014 6th Annual Pagosa Springs Car Show
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5/16/2014 Friday Cruise-In, Burger King
 7650 W. Quincy (Wads & Quincy) Time: 4-8pm

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 Under the shade trees at the Boulder County Fairgrounds
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5/18/2014 Sunday OutRock Car Show Series,
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 Saturday, July 19th 5pm - 10pm (Night show and Concert!)
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www.ColoradoCarShow.com Call: 720-270-1875

5/24/2014 Saturday Cruise-In Great Scott's Eatery – Hwy 36 & Pecos
 1551 Cortez St Denver, CO 80221 Time: 3-7PM

5/26/2014 Monday Applebee's Restaurant Memorial Day
 Car Show 10625 W Colfax Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
 Time: 10-3pm Presented by: Street Rodders for Life



Get proactive and do some search on these web sites.
 If you find an interesting event you think the club would want o know about please send the information Jack Tryon or me...the newsletter editor



www.carshowhq.com



www.blacktoprebels.com

5/31/2014 Saturday - Coal Mine Centre - 2nd Annual Summer Auto Show & Shine Coal Mine & Bowles - Littleton Time: 1-4PM

5/03/2014 Saturday, Cars N' Coffee , **First & Main Car Show**
 Time 8:00a to 10:00a 3650 New Center Point, C-springs 80922
 @ Dick's Sporting Goods , First Saturday of the month May - October Staging is from 7-8am and the car show is from 8-10am.

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
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Saturday June 28, 2014
Dealer Appreciation Show

This show is in lieu of the Heritage Square Show

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All time are Mountain Daylight Savings Time.



DtRC Memorial Day Weekend Road Trip

Friday May 23 - Monday May 26, 2014

TAOS, SANTA FE, ROSWELL, CARLSBAD CAVERNS

The time is soon upon us so please prepare your UFO Mind Control Prevention Helmets. We still need recommendations for restaurants. Currently we have 13 cars signed up for this trip.

Contact Les Rhoades for a complete itinerary and lodging information; Email rhoadester@comcast.net



Day 1

Denver/Castle Rock to Santa Fe NM via Taos

Rally Point is at the Castle Rock McDonalds at the Outlet shops. (departing at 9am)

Address: 4999 Factory Shops Blvd, Castle Rock, CO 80108

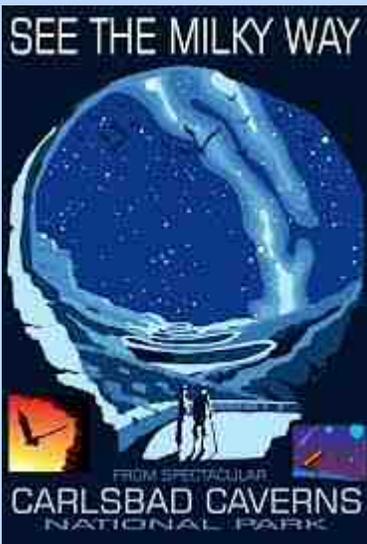
Day 2

Visit Santa Fe and surrounding area, Pueblos like Puye Cliffs, Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Canyon Road Art Galleries, 1878 Loretto Chapel, **Bandelier National Monument** then drive up Scenic Route 68 to Gas Station museum in Embudo



Day 3

Continue to Carlsbad Caverns via Roswell with lunch stop there and museum visit. Lodging in Roswell NM



Day 4

Return to Denver;

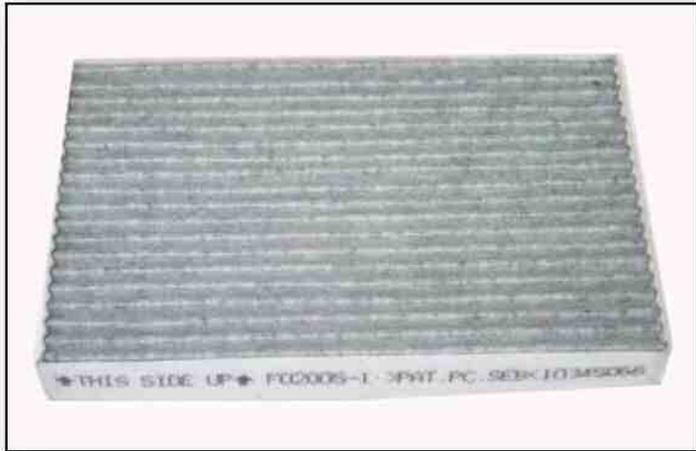
We will be take a side drive from Trinidad to Wallenberg via the Scenic Highway of Legends, Highway 12. *(article on next page)*

Read all about the highway here: www.trinidadco.com/main/highway-of-legends



DtRC Technical News:

2005-11 Corvette Cabin Air Filter Replacement



The C6 Corvette has many features to aid in the comfort of the driver, and this makes the car an ideal long distance or daily driving vehicle. As a result, many C6 Corvettes are put into daily use and they require more maintenance than cars that see occasional weekend duty.

Everyone knows the engine air filter is usually high on the list for inspection and replacement to optimize performance and fuel economy, but what about the occupants inside the cabin?

Fear not, Chevrolet has included a cabin air filter in C6 Corvettes for this very reason. But to say it gets overlooked during routine maintenance is an understatement. Replacement of this filter is easy.

Particle filters capture particles such as dust, soot and pollen. They protect the cars heat and AC system. Carbon filters capture particles plus unpleasant odors and toxic gases such as ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide.

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The cabin air filter is located above the battery inside the firewall. There are 3 spring clips on the top of the cover, immediately below the weather seal.



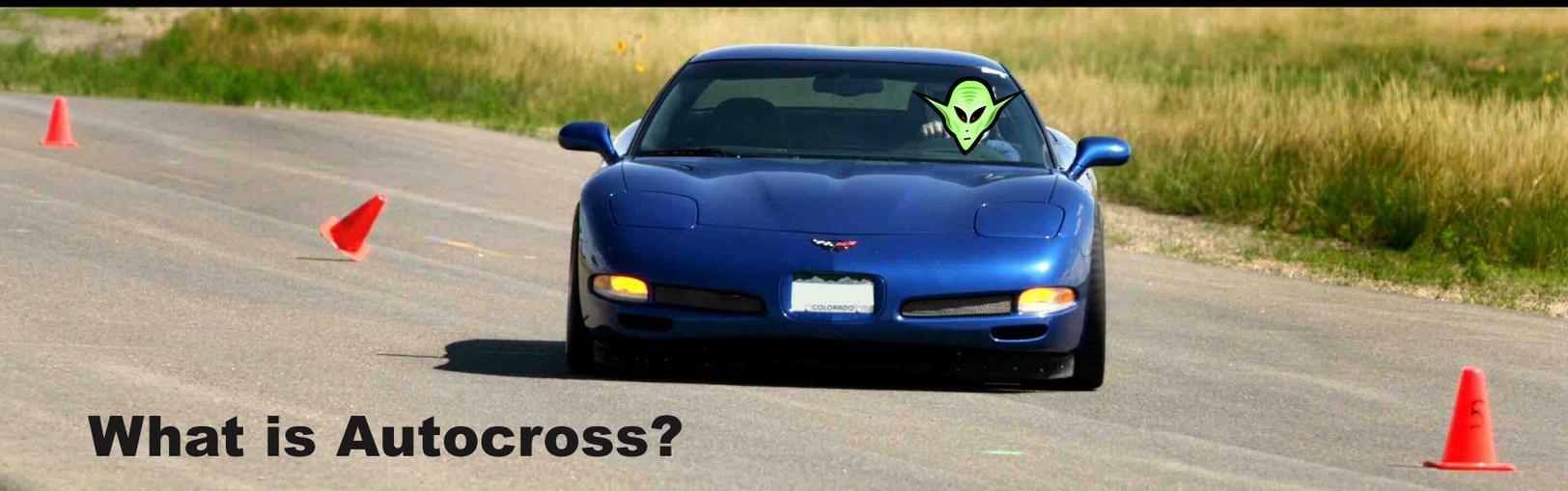
Lift the springs and remove the hatch. Pull gently on each side of the filter. It is a tight fit, but it will gradually work its way out.



The filter is almost completely outside of the housing in this image. (above) Note that the dirty side of the filter is facing upwards. There are also markings indicating direction on the side of the filter element.

A closer inspection reveals that it is time for replacement. This filter is full of dust, debris and probably pollen. To install the new filter, reverse the steps above.

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What is Autocross?

The NCCC, or National Council of Corvette Clubs, holds competitive events all over the country on a regular basis. Autocross is a precision sport; You must be precise and consistent, all the while driving so fast you can barely concentrate.



Each driver is individually timed to the thousandth of a second, over a short road course clearly defined using traffic cones. Cars compete one at a time, in a class with similar cars. An event can be held on any flat paved surface, usually a parking lot, airport apron or runway.

Autocross emphasizes driver skill and vehicle handling rather than just speed. The corners are tight, and there are lots of them, so the driving is exciting and challenging. Autocross speeds do not exceed those normally encountered in highway driving.

The skills you learn and practice here are smooth transitions, enhanced braking, and skid correction, Autocross is also a very social sport, filled with some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet. The camaraderie of the drivers is a special part of autocrossing that is profoundly satisfying.

Cars are divided into categories and classes. Classes separate cars by performance and according to their level of preparation. Unmodified cars compete in classes in the Stock category. Cars with modifications to the suspension, intake or exhaust system, or different wheels and tires compete in Street Prepared. Cars with engine modifications and racecars compete in the prepared category. Cars with different engines and open-wheel cars compete in classes in the Modified category. The complete descriptions of classes and preparation allowances are spelled out in the Autocross rulebook.

With so many NCCC regions, rules and programs may differ somewhat between the regions. For instance, some regions have an extra class for their national-caliber drivers, some regions drive in morning and afternoon heats.



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Is the Corvette a good autocross car?

The Corvette is an awesome car. Probably one of the best cars you can run at autocross or track. Just keep in mind some points: Autocross tracks generally will favor smaller cars. So, don't feel bad when smaller, more nimble, less powerful cars beat you. The keys to going fast at an autocross are autocross tires, practice, and smoothness. Autocross tires shave off multiple second chunks off your times. All other mods combined will barely give you a single second on most cars.



Practice will reduce your times. Driving smoothly with small input into the steering wheel and pedals separates the quick times from the slower numbers. If you do decide to make mods to go faster at the autocross, don't waste your money on power. Get some sway bars, springs, and adjustable shocks (after the all-important tires!). You just have to take my word for it, more power is not what the Corvette needs at the autocross track. Adding 30 HP won't make you faster.

The darn thing about the Corvette is the vast majority of us are not nearly as good a driver as it is a car (this is a tough pill for most of us). Don't bother with the mods to the car. Make the mods to the driver! How? Practice, practice, practice. I guarantee you will improve your times dramatically at the track or the autocross by getting some instruction.

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A welded-tube SRIII Motorsports Frame; the welds were grounded down and sanded, and are almost as smooth as the outside of the car. So the underside of the car looks as amazing as the top side.

Check out the suspension pieces by Heidts; featuring the Super Ride IRS with inboard disc brakes, and the Ridetech air suspension system. There is up to a 5-inch change in ride height with the air suspension. The hood opens by raising up and coming back toward the windshield.

*Another cool [ebay](#) find by our Newsletter Editor
item number: 151279257573*

There has to room in this world for Corvettes that don't meet NCRS standards, but how is the recent resurgence of the RestroMod vehicles received by the general Corvette community? I'll let you be your judge. As a previous owner of an original award winning 1972 Corvette I have mixed feeling about this particular RestroMod because I particularly miss the iconic egg crate gills behind the front wheels.

Edited from the original listing; This is Custom Built 1 of a kind 1972 Restro-Mod "Shark". It has a tube chassis and a supercharged LS2 engine pumping out over 550+ HP. It took over 4 years to build and the owner says it would now cost over \$400K to recreate it today. An apparent Museum Quality Show Car that has been featured in 8 National Magazines. It was at the 2012 SEMA show in Las Vegas, sponsored by Meguiar's Wax.



Specifications:

- LS 2 Engine - 10.9:1 Compression Ratio 550+ HP
- Tremec T56 six-speed manual Transmission
- Magna Super Charger, 7 psi max boost
- Electric Doors, Power Windows, Power Brakes
- Vintage Air System
- American Racing Billet Aluminum Torque Thruster II Wheels (Front 17" / Rear 18")
- Tires – Nitto NT55; 235/40ZR17, 275/40ZR18
- Stainless Steel Headers by Street Performance



At first it looks like almost any other '70-'72 Corvette Stingray convertible. Then you notice the fender vents are gone, the five-spoke American Racing Torq-Thrust IIs are bigger than the stock rally wheels and the chassis bristles with chrome and stainless-steel hardware. The bumpers were fitted onto the body.



Funny Caption Contest

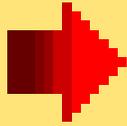


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** You are welcome submit a photo for the contest.*



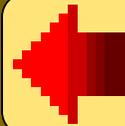
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The April Funny Photo:



Anonymous:

“You don’t judge a man by how many Corvette’s he owns, but rather on the size of this plow”

Bill:

"Laugh if you want guys, but it works. Not a single bug on my car!"

Les:

“Leo’s shade tree idea for a bolt on a ZR1 style splitter”



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

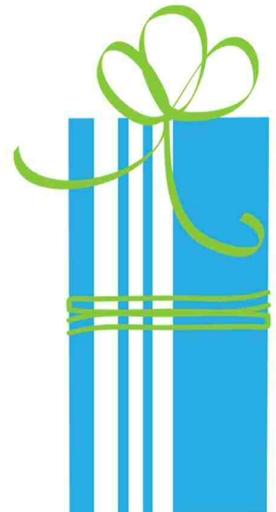
September
2- Les Rhoades
6-LaNae Steinhaus

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



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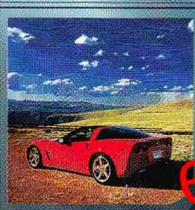
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