

August 2003
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We'll be meeting at Tom and Priscilla Roger's home for our next general meeting on August 12th.

See Tom's note inside—it includes directions and meeting/food information.

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Black Hills Corvette Classic

Glenn and Jo Ann Syron

On our long and meandering way back from Bowling Green we had the opportunity to attend the 32nd Annual Black Hills Corvette Classic in Spearfish, South Dakota. We had attended this event 11 years ago, but this year's event was even a better show. This event is sponsored by Sioux Falls Corvette Club, and they did an excellent job.

We did not attend the cruise from Sioux Falls to Spearfish on Thursday, but got there for the start of registration, which was organized so well there was little or no waiting in line. After registration and while the show & shine was being held we were treated to a great barbecue, including beer, wine, DJ music, and door prizes (we won a vendor gift certificate).

The next day's activities included 3 tours, a fashion show, and auto-cross. We went on a tour of Spearfish Canyon with a stop for a breakfast buffet, which was excellent, at no additional cost.

From 5:00 to 8:30 Friday evening the streets of Spearfish were lined with Corvettes. From there we went back to the convention center for live entertainment and a \$1000 Cruise give away.

On Saturday people had a choice of drag races, poker run, craft fair, or all three. The final event was Saturday night banquet. The food was excellent and approximately 1,000 people were served buffet style in 20 minutes. This event might be something to think about for a future group tour. If the dates for Black Hills Classic and Boise Vette Fest remain the same we could do both with a tour of Yellowstone sandwiched between!

We did a couple of other things on our trip back that I might recommend if you get the chance. St. Louis at the Arch on the 4th of July is a fantastic, old fashioned picnic, big city style. Families brought their chairs and coolers and spent the day. If you are in St. Louis you must visit Hannibal, home of Mark Twain. In the Ozarks there are many things of interest, but if you get to Branson and don't want to spend all your time seeing country music shows, Silver Dollar City and The Shepherd on the Hill attractions are worth the trip alone.

2003 Events

August

Dates	Club	Details
Aug. 1-3	MHC	Event at the Mountain, Mt Hood Corvettes
Aug 1-4*	BCCC	16 th Annual "Thunder in the Mountains" at Whistler B.C.
Aug 8-9		Cruise the Gorge - The Dalles, OR.
Aug 10		Polk County Fair The fair is 50 years old this year. The organizers would like to have a Corvette show on Sunday, August 10. Everyone would be offered free admission to the fair, they would like you be there by 10:00 am. Contact Tina Anderson at pcf@open.org or by phone at 503-623-3048.
Aug 13-16*		"The Albany Traffic Jam" including "DARE to Cruise Albany". The club that receives the most participants award on Saturday will win a free catered barbeque on the date of our choice! Make sure to get your registration forms in as soon as possible. Joyce Theriot has the event flyers if you need one. Remember that the club with the greatest participation wins a catered barbeque from the Albany Traffic Jam. So, even if you can only attend part of the 4 days, we need your participation!
Aug 23	CCC	Presidents' (President and Vice President) Mystery Cruise This event will be a one day cruise, with the option of being two days, more information will follow.
Aug 22-24	CSEI	Wild West Vette Fest, West Yellowstone, MT Event will be held at the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort 800.646.7365.

September

Dates	Club	Event Details
Sep 27	BSCC	Chinook Winds Car Show

October

Dates	Club	Event Details
Oct 10-12	CCC	WOW—Women Only Weekend, Black Butte Ranch

BSCC	Beaver State Corvette Club, Albany
OCC	Oregon Coast Corvettes, Newport
HDCC	High Desert Corvette Club
SOCA	Southern Oregon Corvette Assoc.
VC	Valley Corvettes, Boise, ID
CSEI	Corvettes of SE Idaho
PCCC	Pacific Coast Corvette Club, Coos Bay
CCC	Cascade Corvette Club, Eugene
N.C.M.	National Corvette Museum
MHC	Mt. Hood Corvettes
RCCC	River City Corvette Club
BCCC	British Columbia Corvette Club



Hopefully, everyone will find something that interests them this summer. There is a wide variety of things to do, both near and far.

The Bowling Green trip from 6-20-03 to 7-11-03 (AKA, the 50th anniversary of the Corvette)

Pete and Angie Lightcap

Our trip was from Eugene to Bowling Green and returning by way of Route 66. In our group there were Pete and Angie, Ralph and Marveen, Craig and Barb, Jeree and Jackie (Barb's mother and aunt), Al and Mary, Kandi Judy and her daughter, and Fred Weller. We left Friday afternoon for Sandy, OR where we stayed for our first night. Saturday morning we met everyone else at Suburban Chevrolet where we had coffee and donuts, this is where the caravan started. We headed for Pendleton where we had lunch at Comrie Chevrolet, after lunch we started for Boise, ID, where we had a bar-b-que at Edmark Chevrolet. Sunday Morning we left for Salt Lake City, UT with a stop at Twin Falls, ID, where the Snake River Corvette Club had lunch for us at the bottom of the Snake River canyon. We had a spectacular show, where 2 stunt men jumped (parachuted) from the bridge to the canyon floor. We then left for Salt Lake City where Gus Paulos Chevrolet had food and entertainment for us.

Monday morning at 5:30 we lined up in the pouring rain ready to leave for Denver, CO with a stop at Grand Junction, CO. for lunch. By the time we reached Denver it was already getting warm. On Tuesday morning we left for Kansas City, MO, this was the longest day of our trip, 600 miles and all went well despite the heat of 95 and 100 deg.. We left KC, MO. Wednesday morning and arrived in Bowling Green, KY in the late afternoon. When we arrived it was very hot and humid. By now there were over 11,000 people and 6,000 Corvettes in Bowling Green. We stayed in Franklin, KY 25 miles south of Bowling Green where we joined up with Jim and Nancy, Chris and Dennis, and Jim and Sally.

Thursday morning we toured the plant where the Corvettes are assembled and tested, later we went through the National Corvette Museum and the museum store where of course you have to buy at least 1 or 2 or maybe even 3 things. There were a lot of vendors displaying their products and ideas outside of the museum along with many food vendors.

Friday and Saturday we spent all day in Nashville, TN at the Cumberland stadium where General Motors had a large celebration going on. Saturday night we were entertained by ZZ Top. Some of the people stayed and some of people left after the 3rd song, (we left so as to save some of our hearing). Sunday we went back to the NCM in Bowling Green where we had hot dogs and apple pie and sodas and listened to music and relaxed in the shade, it was still very hot and humid.

Monday morning 6-30-2003 was the last day of the celebration in Bowling Green, they had a cake cutting ceremony and talked about the first Corvette that came out on 6-30-1953 some 50 years ago. After the celebration we headed out for our trip home, with our first stop at Sikeston, MO, there we met up with Roman and Judy Basniack, Joe and Trudy Watson, and Dave and Tanya Laduca from the Salem area.

Tuesday morning we headed for Branson, MO. We made a quick stop at a Wal-mart and while we were there a couple from New Hampshire in a Corvette pulled up. We found out they were heading for Route 66 also, so we invited them to travel with us, their names are Ed Budd and Nancy Coleman and they are very nice and very interesting also. They traveled all the way with us to Kingman, AZ. We arrived in Branson in the early afternoon, that night everyone kind of did their own thing. Wednesday we left for Edmond, OK. This is where we started our Route 66 part, our first stop was in Galena, KN on Route 66. This is a very old town with a lot of history. Next we stopped at the Will Rogers museum in Claremore, OK on Route 66, from here we went to Edmond, OK.

Thursday morning we headed for Tucumcari, NM, with a stop in Clinton, OK at the home of the Route 66 museum on Route 66, we spent a good couple of hours there. We then left for Tucumcari, NM and when we arrived it was at least 100 deg very hot and dry, no more humidity. Friday morning we left for Albuquerque, NM where we stayed 2 days, Friday and Saturday. Some traveled up to Sante Fe on the old Route 66 road. We also wandered through old town in Albuquerque, and through the old shops and the square in the center of the town. From the 4th floor of our hotel we could see the fireworks all over the city.

Sunday we left Flagstaff, AZ, some went on Route 66 and some of us went through the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest, since it was 105 deg outside a lot of viewing was done from inside the Corvettes. Monday morning we headed for Kingman, AZ, with stops along the south rim of the Grand Canyon. On our way to Kingman we traveled on Route 66 for about 100 miles. On Route 66 we went through the town of Seligman, AZ, this is a very interesting place and so are all the people here. We left and headed west on Route 66 for another 50 or 60 miles where we came to a town called Hackberry, AZ. Actually there are only a couple of buildings, a general store with 2 gas pumps out front and a 57 red and white Corvette parked at the gas pumps. Inside the store is a lot of memorabilia on Route 66 and you name it and it's there. You can stand in the middle of the road and look both east and west and see nothing for miles but sagebrush and of course there are rattlesnakes.

Tuesday we left Kingman, AZ. And headed for Las Vegas for 2 days where we just relaxed in 110 deg of dry heat and then onto Reno for 1 day. Friday morning we left for home and this was end of a 3-week vacation for all of us. On this trip we met a lot of nice people and saw some wonderful sites, we said good by to our new friends Ed Budd and Nancy Coleman in Flagstaff, AZ and wished them well.

Corvette Jubilee 2003

Carol and Jerry

On Friday afternoon July 25th, 7 cars left from Veneta for Coos Bay via Florence. Another group left from Cottage Grove, traveling through Drain.

Friday evening we all congregated in the Hospitality Room and made various dinner plans. Some people discovered their new favorite Italian Restaurant while others enjoyed the local seafood.

Saturday morning, coffee and doughnuts were provided, then we were off on the poker run. The route took us through Shore Acres Park and Cape Argo Park, with a photo stop at Sunset Beach. What beautiful scenery.

We arrived back at Ken Ware Chevrolet just in time for lunch and a Show N Shine. Several trophy's were awarded to CCC members, included a 2nd place for the Blooms, a 1st place for the Garboden's and 3rd place for the Gray's.

Saturday evening, there was a cruise that went by the motel and was open to all Corvettes. More food and some gambling was enjoyed by others.

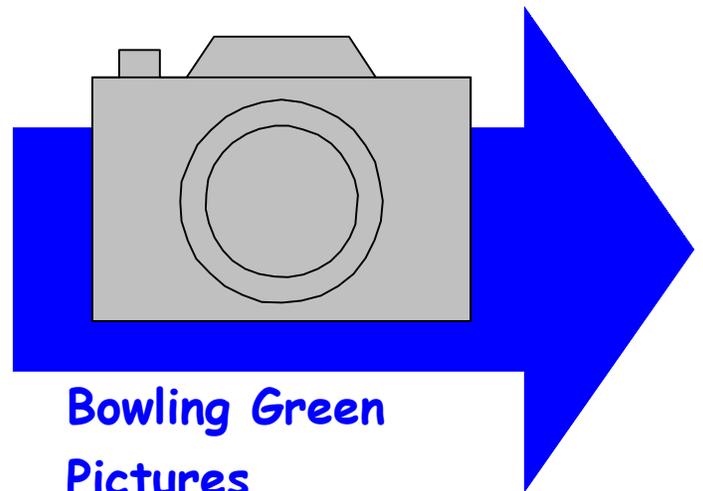
Brunch was provided on Sunday morning, followed by raffle prizes and awards. CCC won the Participation Award and club members cleaned up on raffle prizes.

Upon departing, club members took various routes home, but I think they all included a stop somewhere for ice cream.

The Pacific Coast Corvette Club did a great job of putting this event on. They obviously had a lot of participation from their members to do such a good job. We're already looking forward to next years event.



Amazing! Sally and I had to drive all the way to Bowling Green to find our twin!



Bowling Green Pictures

Jim Cooper

The next few pages are some of the photos that we took on our trip to Bowling Green. The remainder of the photos that we took have been posted on the Cascade Corvette Club's web site. You are more than welcome to view them at: <http://www.cascadecorvetteclub.com>.

Once you're on that page, simply select the link for "Photo Albums". That will take you to the web page containing the Bowling Green Trip (and more!).

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If you have any thoughts, comments, suggestions or ANYTHING, let me know. This is YOUR newsletter. Let me know what I can do to improve it!



The “Great Cattle Stampede of 2003”. Okay, it was just a small cattle drive. But, this little fella started to get very friendly with Dennis Hough in their red hardtop!



This was our lunch stop in Idaho at the Snake River Gorge. This club had our lunch stop orchestrated beautifully. Also, it was a beautiful backdrop for all of these great Corvettes!!



A view of the lunch site as we were exiting.



Here's Bob Gunderman (our Caravan Leader) at the Corvette Museum



A panorama of *some* of the cars in the lot at the museum.
(BTW, The arrow's pointing at our purple car!!!)



Here we are in front of the Museum on the last day of the celebration.



On our way home! Since we were in the “neighborhood” we stopped at MidAmerica for some gas.



Even cooler.....on our way out of MidAmerica, we ran into Mike Yeager, who invited us up to his place for drinks!



Here we are in front of Mike's "Bowtie Swimming Pool".
(BTW, that's the Pool House in the background.)



The next morning we had to stop and get a quick picture of his house.
Sweet!