



# Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.  
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**Group Photo at Mr. Rushmore.**

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The Vette Set Gazette is a monthly publication of The Vette Set, Inc. Articles from members are always welcome, and are to be submitted to the Newsletter Editor by 6:00 P.M. Sunday, following the general monthly meeting. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum located at 610 Lairport Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Guests are always welcome to attend any Vette Set event.

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# PREZ SEZ

Rob Weimer



Hi VETTE Setters,

October is our club's annual officer nominations month. I've decided to step down as your President. Jerry Clement and Bonniegay are your nomination's committee. In this October's meeting several nominations were made for the officer positions. If you are interested in coming forward and doing more for your club, now is the time to contact Jerry or Bonniegay and let them know. I know it's difficult to step forward and take on a role that is new, but believe me, none of the officer positions require a great deal of time and I don't know anyone in the club that couldn't do any of the positions. I've enjoyed these past five years as your President. And I truly appreciate all of the support received from so many members that have stepped up and performed so well. Spreading the work load around keeps our individual tasks to a minimum and allows for a rounded environment for us to continue to improve. I hope that my leadership has improved our club and that you are proud to be a part of it. I will continue to be a huge supporter of all of the club's activities and challenges, hoping to come to agreed upon solutions. I'll be an active Past-President and give my full support to my successor. We have a wonderful club that promotes friendship and a very social lifestyle. Our runs and activities are always fun and enjoyable, again, thanks to all who spend their time and money preparing them for us.

Nominations will continue at our November meeting with the voting taking place at our December meeting, the new officers will take over at the January meeting.

Have a wonderful October and Halloween 🎃.

Save the Wave,

*Rob*



# ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



## VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

October 4 -- WEDNESDAY! General Meeting at 6:30pm (not October 5) to accommodate various special events at ADM. Meeting will be at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards. Please bring books or magazines for Carolyn Shofner to donate to those less fortunate.

October 18 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Rebel Republic Social House, located at 1710 S Catalina Ave Redondo Beach, CA 90277. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

October 26 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at The Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle E, Torrance 90503. RSVP to Jeanette at Forjweimer@me.com or (310) 941-7062.

November 2 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards. Please bring books or magazines for Carolyn Shofner to donate to those less fortunate.

November 15 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Hop Saint Brewery, 5160 W. 190th St, Torrance 90503. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

November 30 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle E, Torrance 90503. RSVP to Jeanette at Forjweimer@me.com or (310) 941-7062.

December 7 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards. Please bring books or magazines for Carolyn Shofner to donate to those less fortunate.

December 14 -- Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245. Social hour starts at 4:30pm and more details TBA. To volunteer, please contact Dixie Foster at dixiekim@msn.com.

## ONLINE VETTE SET CLUB PRESENCE

1. Visit our Vette Set WEBSITE: <https://www.thevetteset.com/>

2. Visit our Vette Set FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/TheVetteSetInc/>

\*\*On our club's Facebook page, you may view photos our club members have posted of our runs and activities. You may comment on those photos and participate. Facebook Events are created for the major activities so you may RSVP or comment.

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. October 1 – 5th Annual Manhattan Beach Car Show benefitting the Manhattan Beach Police K-9 Foundation. 10-3 at 1100 Manhattan Ave Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, near intersection of Manhattan Beach Blvd & Manhattan Ave.
2. April, 2024 – 7 day Corvette Pirates Cruise to Caribbean! What's more fun than being on a cruise with 50-100 Corvette people from all over the country? Bring 2 Hot Wheels Corvettes. One is for a car show held in the bar they take over, so there's liquor involved! LOL! The second car is for the drag races on another day in the bar. Then there's Pirate Night when most wear Pirate costumes to dinner in the main dining room. Contact Laurie TEX Schwab vettetex@gmail.com, (602) 790-5788, www.corvettepirates.com
3. Every Friday -- Garden Grove Car Show held on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove 4-8pm. Entry \$3/car. David Tavares (562) 308-0390 or Jennifer Walton (562) 544-2670.
4. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly Starbucks) & Sizzler.
5. 1st Saturday of the month -- Morning Shift Cars & Coffee at 8am at Porsche Experience Center, 19800 Main St, Carson 90745. All makes and models. Photographers & spectators are welcome. For general info, call (888)204-7474. No fees. Free coffee. Call before going.
6. 1st Saturday of the month -- Cars & Coffee from 7:30-9:30am, at new location: Palos Verdes (PV) Peninsula High School, 27118 Silver Spur Rd, Rolling Hills Estates 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com or PenCnC1@gmail.com August theme is Muscle Cars and Hot Rods.
7. Last Saturday of the month -- Manhattan Beach Cars & Coffee, 7:30-10am at 'The Point' Shopping Center, 850 S. Sepulveda, at the corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach. Enter from Rosecrans. Started by two Mira Costa high school students. Lots of C8s, C7s and earlier model Corvettes plus a huge array of other cars including old beaters. FREE.

*Jennifer*




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**NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM**

**RAFFLES**



**2024 Build Your Own  
Corvette Stingray  
or \$80,000**

Drawing: Thursday,  
October 19 @ 2PM CT  
Tickets \$200/;o,ogdc gp 1,500 Tickets

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**2024 Hypersonic Gray  
Corvette Coupe**

Drawing: Thursday,  
November 16 @ 2PM CT



Hypersonic  
Gray

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**2024 Torch Red  
Corvette Convertible**


DRAWING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023, AT 2PM CT  
TICKETS \$200.00 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS

Drawing: Thursday,  
November 30 @ 2PM CT  
Tickets \$200/Limited to 1,500 Tickets

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**2024 Red Mist  
Corvette Convertible**

Drawing: Saturday,  
April 27, 2024 @ 3PM CT  
Tickets \$20/ Unlimited Tickets  
Available



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## EVENTS

Oct 28 Bowling Green Cars & Coffee @ National Corvette Museum

Nov 25 Bowling Green Cars & Coffee @ National Corvette Museum

Dec 30 Bowling Green Cars & Coffee @ National Corvette Museum

## WHAT'S TRENDING



### National Corvette Museum Delivers 2024 Corvette Stingray VIN 001

September 29, 2023



### Celebrating the Early Roots of Corvette at 'The Glen'

September 14, 2023



### World Series Sports Car: Reggie Jackson's 1978 Corvette Pace Car Replica

September 18, 2023

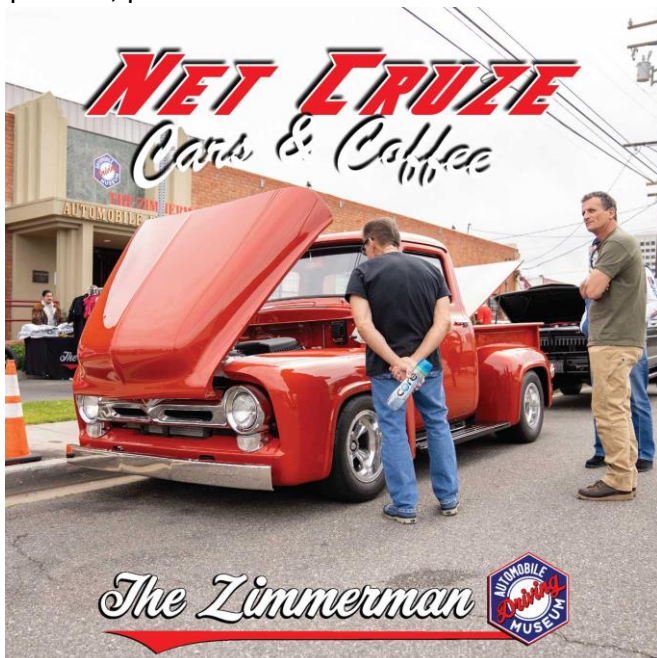


### National Corvette Museum Unveils New CorvetteStore.com

October 11, 2023

## ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOTIVE DRIVING MUSEUM

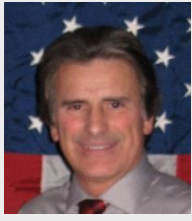
You're invited to swing by ZADM for the Net Cruze Cars and Coffee. The car meet features cars from the '30s through the '50s, both original and custom cars, as well as newer and older cars and trucks. Enjoy coffee and pastries, plus a food truck and a raffle.



Saturday, November 11 @ 9 am - noon



Saturday, December 16 @ 9:00 am - noon



# RACE REPORT

David Tavares



## Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, WEC raced at Six Hours of Fuji in Oyama, Japan

Corvette Racing chose an aggressive strategy of completing the race with only 4 pit stops compared to 5 for most of its competitors. Ben Keating began in the pole position for his class due to a fantastic run in the qualifying session.

Unfortunately, near the end of his driving stint, Keating came in a side-to-side contact with a Ferrari that resulted in a banged up right door. The crew quickly repaired hinges and replaced the door during the second pit stop as Nico Verrone took over the wheel.

As if this wasn't bad enough, the judges assessed responsibility for the accident to Verrone, resulting in a 30 second "Stop and Go Penalty". Despite all that, Verrone managed to get back to the lead with 90 minutes remaining.

But then the Corvette was assessed a 10 second pitlane penalty for contacting another GTE car near the end of his stint. Argh!! This left the Corvette in 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 65 minutes left in the race and Nicky Catsburg driving. By the end of the race, Catsburg was not able to improve his standing and crossed the finish line in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

But wait, there's more! The Ferrari ahead of Catsburg was assessed a 10 second penalty, which moved the #33 Corvette to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place podium finish!

Race Results: **1<sup>st</sup>: Ferrari, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Corvette, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ferrari.** There were 13 cars in the class.

The #33 Corvette team has 1<sup>st</sup> place locked up for the season!

## Sept. 15-17, IMSA raced at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course

In this race, Jordan Taylor qualified the No. 3 Corvette C8.R for 5th in his class. This wasn't the start they were hoping for. But thanks to a speedy pit stop for fuel, tires and a driver change to Antonio Garcia, the No. 3 Vette jumped ahead of the No. 14 Lexus in the pitlane and restarted 3rd in class.

Despite having no slower traffic ahead, Garcia was helpless to hold off the challengers behind him. Antonia Garcia quoted "Once we went back to green and no one was holding us up, there was no chance to stay with the leaders."

Corvette Racing seemed powerless to challenge for a repeat win. In the end, Corvette Racing struggled home to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish in the GT Daytona (GTD) PRO class.

Race Results: **1<sup>st</sup>: Mercedes, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Aston Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Lexus, 4<sup>th</sup>: Porsche, 5<sup>th</sup>: Corvette.** By the way, there were only five cars in the class.

The IMSA Corvette race team had hopes of building up enough points to move ahead in ranking for the season. However, the team remains in 2<sup>nd</sup> place for the season.



**Oct: 11-14, IMSA next race: Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta in Braselton, Georgia.**

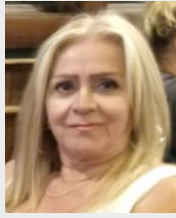
This will be the last IMSA race for Corvette this year.

**Nov. 2nd, WEC next race: 8 Hours of Bahrain**

This will be the last race for WEC and Corvette this year.

That's all I have for this month. Until next time, get out there and drive your Vettes everyone!

*David*



# RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



## Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$60):

Dan Rosen, not present

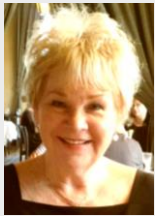
Next month, \$80

50/50 Drawing (\$260 collected):

Chuck Hammer, \$130

TVS Club, \$130

*Marci*



# SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



## October Birthdays



- 10/03 Dennis Chance
- 10/05 Hal Holzman
- 10/05 Ronald Knight
- 10/08 George Person Jr.
- 10/10 Marilyn Amaro
- 10/25 Diane Feher
- 10/26 Cindy Noel
- 10/29 Eddie Lomeli
- 10/29 Jeanette Weimer

## October Anniversaries



- 10/09 John & Linda Tully

*Dixie*

**PENINSULA CARS 'N COFFEE  
EVERY FIRST SATURDAY**



**NEW LOCATION  
PV PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL  
27118 SILVER SPUR ROAD  
NORTH PARKING LOT  
7:30 – 9:00 AM**

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# HISTORICAL REPORT

## YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK & MOUNT RUSHMORE

SATURDAY SEPT. 9 - SATURDAY SEPT. 23

Day 1, Sat Sept. 9



We departed from **IN-N-OUT Burger** in Redondo Beach.

Successful drive to North Las Vegas; stopping at **Peggy Sue's 50s diner**. We were very Lucky, even though the place was packed, there was a table that fit all 13 of us empty and waiting for us. The service was amazing and so was the food.

We arrived at our hotel and were greeted by our old friend Hal, who surprised us all by driving up from Prescott. We quickly got on the wait list for Texas Roadhouse, and arrived there at about 4:20. We were seated within 10 minutes. Again, service and food was great. We socialized through the evening at the hotel with Hal and our fellow travelers. We drew straws for Charlie the Chicken, Kelly Donlou was the lucky recipient to accompany him for 24 hours.



Day 2 , Sun. Sept. 10

The group was prompt this morning, we held our briefing and were on our way before 10. Traveling North on the 15 doing 80+ mph, we arrived in Cedar City at 12, we lost an hour, so lunchtime was 1:00. Applebee's was very accommodating and promptly sat all 13 of us.

In Fillmore, after driving another 109 miles, we checked into BW, gassed up the cars, ate sandwiches from Arby's, and just relaxed. To our surprise, Rob pulled the first straw for CTC II and he got him! What are the odds! Kelly proceeded to tell her story of CTC II about her 24hrs.

Jeanette brought out the **Anniversary cake for Chris and Kelly, 29 years married.** We all toasted to them and ate cake in celebration along with shots of Buttery Nipples provided by Jeanette.

We were all tired so after a little more socializing, we all went to bed.



### Day 3, Mon., Sept. 11

Got up early and cleaned the car, we all had breakfast and were off early at 9:40 on our way to **Idaho Falls**, to **Best Western Driftwood Inn**. I got pulled over by Idaho police and given a warning for going 7 mph over the 65 mph limit. CTC II was carried everywhere and was well taken care of. No one asked about CTC II until our dinner at Copper Grill restaurant. Straws to be drawn for the next CTC II caretaker. Diane Feher was the lucky one.



### Day 4, Tue., Sept. 12

Continued on to West Yellowstone, about 108 miles. Picked up our ATVs and headed for the woods. Unfortunately, Rob took the wrong route and everyone ate dust until our first stop. Chris figured out that we were going the opposite way so we continued but had to go up rocks instead of down, which turned out to be very difficult. After the rocks, we had a great rest of the ride. But we ended up burning out some of the drive belts. Diane turned over Charlie to Lee for another day.



### Day 5, Wed., Sept. 13

Diane and Lee left late and did the north loop while the rest of us did the south. What a beautiful day of fantastic sites. Including Old Faithful where we stayed until it erupted, what a fantastic sight. Late in the day, we encountered rain and hail, but made it back to the hotel at about 5:30 pm. Freshened up and went for dinner, Harry ended up with Charlie.

### Day 6, Thur., Sept. 14

As we were getting ready to start the day, Jerry realized that his tire needed air again. Unfortunately the wheel was cracked and losing air. He stayed behind to try to have it fixed but wasn't able to so decided to fix it with flex tape until he could get a wheel shipped to one of our stops ahead. A dealer in Rapid City was able to order the wheel and promised to have it by Monday.

Most of us went to travel the north loop. At our second water fall stop, which was the wrong one, Tom and Michelle both locked their car keys inside the car. Just happened that Chris and Kelly ran into a couple from the South bay that were good friends, Guy and Lisa, who happened to be driving a truck/camper and they had tools. Tom successfully cut a hole behind a tail light which gave him access to get his jacket by using a rod that Guy supplied to fetch his jacket which had the key in it. We proceeded to the right stop where we thoroughly enjoyed the lower falls in Yellowstone Grand Canyon. We completed the north loop which didn't have much to show us.

We had dinner at a 50s diner and afterwards Tom Grogan pulled the last straw to get CTC II for a day.



Day 7. Fri., Sept. 15

Left the hotel in West Yellowstone early morning. No issues all the way to Cody, Wyoming. Enjoyed Wild Buffalo Bill's Center of the West museum for hours. Checked into Best Western, sitting around the pool and relaxing from another hard day of vacationing. Dinner at Irmas Restaurant. Marci was the lucky recipient of CTC II from Tom..

Day 8. Sat., Sept. 16

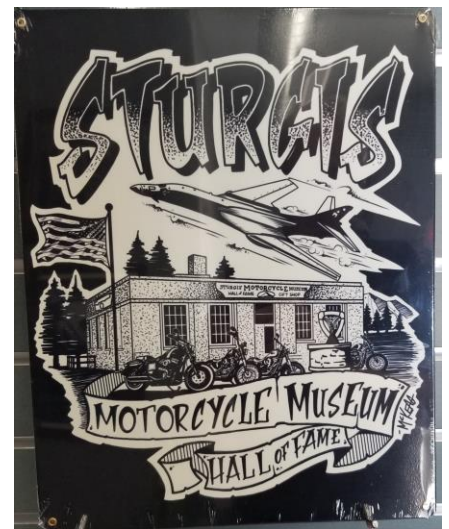
Proceeded on to Buffalo, WY. Where we stopped for lunch at the Busy Bee, however, the place was small and full. So we walked back across the bridge to another sports bar where there was plenty of space. The food was great. Afterwards, we went back to a park called Crazy Woman Square and got all the gals on stage for a picture. We loaded back into the Vettes for the remainder of the drive to Spearfish. We had a great happy hour with Pat and Sharon C rejoining us by the pool with tequila shots and buttery nipples shots. Supplied by Jeanette. Feeling no pain, 13 of us went out for dinner at the Lucky's 13 pub, most were happy with their meal but Chris' was very disappointed, he shared Kelly's salad and called it a night. Chris received CTC II from Marci. Before dinner, Sharon took photos of Rocky Mountain goats on a drive through Spearfish Canyon in the Black Hills National Forest.



Day 9. Sun., Sept. 17

Continued onward through a beautiful canyon suggested by Sharon C. toward Deadwood. We went onward to Sturgis where we enjoyed a **motorcycle museum** and purchased many mementos. We had lunch in Sturgis at Iron Horse restaurant and bar. After filling up our stomachs we went back into our cars and drove back to **Deadwood** where we walked through many shops, tasted some whisky, and shopped for souvenirs. Got back into our cars and proceeded to **Crazy Horse monument**. More souvenirs, free rocks, and pictures, a great stop well worth it. Went to BW, checked in, and proceeded to go out for a Mexican dinner. Margaritas were served and food was great. Chris turned over CTC II to Jeanette for safe keeping.

We all were exhausted, returned to our rooms for some well deserved rest.





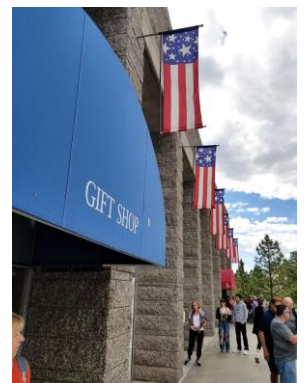
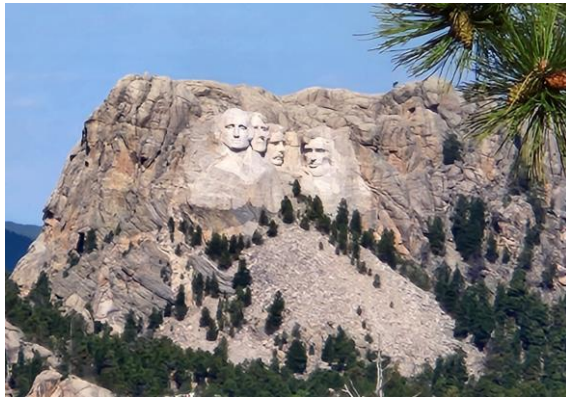
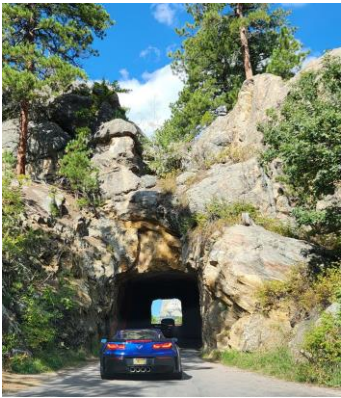
Day 10. Mon., Sept. 18

Jerry's expecting a call about his wheel, but when, how's the day going to work?

We all, including Jerry and Marci, took off from BW at 10 going east on 16A through Custer State Park. A beautiful drive to Mount Rushmore with a scenic stop at Norbeck lookout. Continued on 16A to 244 to Mt Rushmore. We spent a couple hours there taking pictures and enjoying the monument. It is truly a sight to see.

Most of us headed back to BW for an afternoon rest or whatever. Jerry was notified that his new wheel had arrived in Rapid City so he left Mt Rushmore for the drive to get his wheel. We were told that the dealer was extremely nice, even taking them to and from a sports bar for lunch. He met us back at BW with his new wheel mounted, it was the only clean one for a while.

We all went to dinner at Mt. Rushmore brewery, most truly enjoyed it. Harry provided some moonshine for after dinner drinks by a small fire pit. Jeanette passed over CTC II to Sharon Cowley.



### Day 11. Tue., Sept. 19

We left Custer on time after breakfast and our brief briefing. We had lunch in Crawford, NE. I wonder if Chuck ever ate there. The price of unleaded gas was \$3.949/gallon. (Toto, we're not in California anymore.) On our way to Scott's Bluff we kept to the speed limit and that turned out to be a good choice as when we crested a hill there was a police officer waiting along the road, just waiting for someone speeding. We made it to Scott's Bluff and proceeded to the Oregon Trail Museum where we watched their film that explained many aspects of the early settlers life and journey west. We went to our hotel, checked in, had a great happy hour, and proceeded to Sweet V's for dinner. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal. Jerry C volunteered to take CYC II since I forgot to bring the straws. We went back to hotel for further drinks and retired happy!



### Day 12. Wed., Sept. 20

A long day, about 270 miles. Traffic was light and we made good time. There were many construction sites and posted speed limits were constantly changing. We enjoyed a beautiful lake view Happy Hour. Marci was kind enough to provide Fireball whiskey and Harry brought out more moonshine. Then we went to dinner and most enjoyed the restaurant and food. Again, Rob forgot the straws, Pat Cowley lost the coin flip so he took charge of CTC II.





Day 13. Thur., Sept. 21



Before departing, Pat noticed that CTC II needed a shave. Who knew? A plucked rubber chicken, no less. We also had a Corvette group photo by the lake before leaving. Another great day of traveling from **Dillon, CO** to **Green River, UT**. Stopped for lunch and continued without any issues. A great happy hour by the river, an easy walk to dinner at the Tamarack restaurant adjacent to the hotel. Great food, CTC II was transferred from Pat to the last person to get him, Michelle Grogan. We all went back to our happy hour spot until we finished off Marci's Fireball and some of Harry's moon-shine. When it started to rain the guys went inside, but some of the women stayed until after 10 pm.

Day 14. Fri., Sept 22

The slight rain and dust last night really did a number on the cars so some took them to a spray wash and gassed up. Hotel breakfast was made to order omelets and they were very good. We stayed a little longer this morning, leaving at 10:30. No rush, a long 300 mile drive to St. George today.

Lunch at Crazy Cow cafe, the food was split for us and delicious .

Back on the road, St George bound.

Dinner at Chef's Alfredo, dashing across a busy street, all but Sharon made it, she decided to go the long safe way. A very nice restaurant, everyone enjoyed their food.

Michelle turns over CTC II to Harry for safe keeping until next trip.



Day 15. Sat., Sept. 23

Everyone free to travel home on their own! SAFE TRAVELS to everyone! *Rob*

