



Mark and Kathy Haug's C-8

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## President's Report – Scott Maas

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### March 2025 CCOM President's Newsletter Report

Several of us have been facing health and life challenges. Your friends at Classic Corvettes of Minnesota would like to help you through your challenges. Like our motto says, "I joined for the car and stayed for the friends and fun." The club would like to help raise your spirits by letting your fellow members know what you are dealing with, and with cards, flowers, and memorials as the situation warrants. If we can help, please contact Julie Stulz, our Membership Director and Scott Maas. If you prefer privacy, we will respect your wishes.

On Thursday, February 20, 2025, Doug and Judy Tews organized an Out to Eat at Cy's Bar and Grill in Chaska, MN. About 30 members showed up for good food, fellowship, games, and door prizes.

The following is the fourth in a series about special Corvette models. Last month's article featured the Z51 Corvette. This month's article features the Callaway Corvette.

The Callaway company is made up of several businesses including Callaway Engineering, Callaway Cars, Callaway Carbon, and Callaway Competition. The Callaway Car company takes stock Corvettes, and modifies them into supercars.

The energy crisis of the early 1970's sparked a dramatic decline in car performance. Lower compression ratios, mild cam timing and crude, first generation emission controls had combined to emasculate performance cars to the extent that enthusiasts were in despair.

Enter Reeves Callaway (full name Ely Reeves Callaway III), son of Callaway Golf founder Ely Callaway Jr. In 1970, Reeves was a young man devoted to becoming a professional race car driver. Yet, even after winning the National Championship in SCCA's Formula Vee, he simply didn't have the funds to continue. It was a difficult time for the young man just voted one of the best of the new crop of SCCA racing drivers that year. Reeves was considered to have had the best pair of hands in Formula Car racing of any of the young drivers. Contemporaries were notables such as Rick Mears and Emerson Fittipaldi.

The first special edition Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette was available from 1987 to 1991 as Regular Production Option (RPO) B2K and could be ordered from select dealers in the US. Corvette orders with the B2K option selected were shipped to Callaway Cars in Old Lyme, Connecticut, for the Twin Turbo conversion directly from the Bowling Green assembly plant.

Once converted and tested, the Callaway Corvettes were then shipped to their ordering dealers for final delivery to their respective owners. Dealer repairs of the Callaway Twin Turbo Corvettes were covered by the standard GM 12 month/12,000 mile warranty, with Callaway Cars, Inc. reimbursing dealers for time and materials on repairs to the added components. This was the only time where GM has allowed a factory orderable non-GM performance enhancement on the Corvette.

The ultimate Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette is known as the Sledgehammer Corvette. Until 1999, the Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette held the World Street Legal speed record of 254.76 mph

(410.00 km/h). It is an emissions compliant, street legal vehicle, with all the creature comforts like Air Conditioning, Radio, etc. that customer would find in any production street Corvette. Built using production chassis 1988-051, it achieved its World Record Title in November 1988 at the Ohio Transportation Research Center (TRC). In addition to Callaway's engine performance improvements, the Sledgehammer Corvette used modified body panels to reduce drag and improve stability.

The Callaway Project C15, was originally known as Corvette Z06.R GT3, a competition version of the Corvette C6 Z06 built to compete in FIA GT3 category GT racing. The cars are built at Callaway Competition's facility in Leingarten, Germany and raced in the FIA GT3 European Championship. With Chevrolet's 2014 Corvette model change, Callaway Competition began development of the C7 GT3-R racecar. The new car made its debut at the Hockenheimring, in Germany, in October 2015. Chevrolet Division of General Motors granted exclusive authorization to construct, homologate and sell Corvette C7 GT3-R's worldwide, except North America where Cadillac Racing campaigned in GT3. For the 2018 racing season, Chevrolet expanded their exclusive authorization to include North America, as the Cadillac Racing program was terminated.

The first three Z06.Rs were built for Callaway Competition themselves, followed by the rest for privateers. As of 2007, ten have been built to compete in FIA GT3 as well as the ADAC GT Masters and Belcar series.

The C17 represents the C6 Callaway Corvette Program through the 2013 model year. Offered through select Chevrolet dealers around the United States and Canada:

2006-2007 Callaway Corvettes were offered in SC560 and SC616 (horsepower) levels.

2008-2013 Callaway Corvettes were/are offered as SC580, SC606, and SC652 (horsepower) levels.

A special model was offered in 2009, called the Reeves Callaway Signature Edition (RCSE). Featuring 606 hp (452 kW), the RCSE debuted the SC606 package and the RCSE interior group. Only 29 of the RCSE models were planned for build and were only offered in Cyber Gray, Crystal Red, and Blade Silver. All wore Callaway nine-spoke aluminum wheels and introduced the new Carbon Fiber hood from Callaway.

In 2012, Callaway was reissued RPO B2K by Chevrolet Division to identify a very limited run of 25 Corvette Grand Sport Corvettes, both coupes and convertibles, automatics and manuals. 26 cars were built, including #00, the pilot car. Each car was numbered, #00 - #25. Each had identical equipment, including special wheels, interior components, and a higher horsepower engine, developing 620 bhp. When tested by Motorweek TV, it was proclaimed as the quickest vehicle they have ever tested, running the 1/4 mi in 10.8 seconds at 128 mph.

Callaway unveiled the Callaway SC627 Corvette Z06 in April, 2015. The car has a number of bolt-on engine modifications, including the new GenThree supercharger that is 32% larger than the factory unit, as well as a new TripleCooled intercooler system and high flow intake systems to deal with the added power. Unlike the stock unit in the C7 Z06, the Callaway supercharger protrudes from the hood. When paired with the LT1 in the standard Stingray, the SC627 package creates 627 horsepower and 610 lb-ft of torque. The SC757 package creates 757 horsepower and 777 lb-ft of torque when paired with the LT4 of the Z06.

The Callaway Corvette package also includes emblems, badging and plaques bearing the Callaway name as standard equipment. Callaway provides a three-year, 36,000 mile warranty on Callaway components, which also covers any GM-supplied components that fail due to a failure of the Callaway parts. Warranty coverage can be upgraded to a 5-year, 60,000-mile powertrain service contract at an extra cost.

In 2017, Callaway began producing the AeroWagen package. It was offered in the tradition of coach-built shooting brakes for any version of the C7 Corvette Coupe. Its components can be fitted to the standard production C7, the Callaway SC627 Stingray or Grand Sport, or the Callaway SC757 Z06. The AeroWagen hatch assembly is a part-for-part replacement of the original equipment Corvette rear hatch, using the original hardware and latching mechanisms. It operates in an identical fashion.

I have seen a few Callaway Corvettes. Keep your eyes open for these cars at upcoming shows. There are a few of them around.

If you are new to the CCOM Club, or if you are thinking about ordering some CCOM branded clothing, take a look at the CCOM website, Member Area. You can also look at the order book and the clothing examples at the next CCOM Membership Meeting. Another popular item is the CCOM Window Card. It lists the highlights of your Corvette. The Window Cards come in handy when you attend local car shows. You can contact me at [scottemaas@gmail.com](mailto:scottemaas@gmail.com) or (612) 940-3446, with questions.

We hope to see you at the March meeting.

Scott Maas

President, CCOM

References – The internet [www.callawaycars.com](http://www.callawaycars.com) and Wikipedia websites was used to develop the Callaway Corvette story.



Callaway Aerowagen C7





Callaway Corvette C4 Sledgehammer



Callaway Corvette C7



Callaway Corvette C8

# Vice President's Report – Chris Osgood

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## Vice President's Report For February, 2025

While writing this article temperatures are well above freezing, and rain is cleaning the salt off the roads. Maybe the first cruise will happen early March.

Right now, we have 17 cars heading out on the Tail of the Dragon Trip. If you still want to attend the trip reach out to me at [osgoodc@outlook.com](mailto:osgoodc@outlook.com) right away. We are putting together the final touches with hotels, routes, and dining.

If you would like to host an event, please reach out to me.

## Event Review

February 20 – 4pm

Out to Eat – Cy's – Chaska, MN

We had about 30 people attend. Great food and fellowship. Doug and Judy Tews were great hosts and had some fun prizes.



### Upcoming Events

March 11 – 7pm (Come early for dinner and social time)

Monthly CCOM Meeting – American Legion – Savage, MN

Here is a list of some core events details to follow.

May 18 – Spring Brunch

May 24-31 – Tail of the Dragon

June 1 – GMCCA

June 20-22 – MSRA Back to the Fifties

July 11-12 – Pan-O-Prog

August 2 – River City Days

August 10 – Vettes for Vets

August 21 – Jeff Belzer / CCOM Car Show

September 6 – Wheels and Wings

September 27 – Fall Banquet

October 12 – Fall Color Cruise

November 11 – Vets Home Cruise

## Tech Director's Report – Michael Kamrad

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No report for this month

## Membership Director's Reports – Julie Stulz

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### Membership Report for February 2025



#### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Dan & Mary Jo Dorman

#### **GREETERS:**

Thanks to Mike Harrington & Stephanie Maas for being our greeters last month.

#### **50/50 RAFFLE:**

Thanks to Keri Kuechle and Mary Howard for selling raffle tickets last month.

**GUESTS:**

Dan and Mary Jo Dorman

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

03/01 Bruce Burk	03/14 Judy Nielsen	03/19 Bill Friedrich
03/02 Tina Gauthier	03/14 Joseph Walytka	03/21 Rusty Bemis
03/02 Wayne Loehr	03/16 Cesar Dominguez	03/21 Mike Swecker
03/07 Sandy Geronime	03/17 Valerie Peterson	03/22 Jim Elkin
03/09 Michael Harrington	03/17 Steve Potas	03/22 Len Geronime
03/11 Mary Jo Dorman	03/18 Bill McEwen	03/25 Carol Dorris
03/11 Dick Jenson	03/18 D. Ann Weber	03/26 Warren Herreid
03/12 Bev Clausen	03/19 Greg Crum	03/29 Jim Davis

**AWARDS & ANNIVERSARIES:**

Joe and Toni Kluck – 15 years

**CARDS/FLOWERS/MEMORIALS:**

A plant and get-well card was sent to Lois Puzic

**NAME TAGS:**

Can be obtained by contacting Julie Stulz. Contact info is below.

**CLUB STATISTICS:**

Memberships	Family	Single	Members	Corvettes
170	125	45	293	210

**CORVETTE COUNT by SERIES:**

C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	Total Cars
53 - 62	63 - 67	68 - 82	84 - 96	97 - 04	05 -13	14 -19	20 - 25	
7	13	18	19	41	46	39	26	210

**Membership Profile Changes:****Have you upgraded and/or changed your car?**

If you have any other changes in your profile i.e., **PICTURE**, name, address, email address, or **phone** related please send me an email.



Thanks!

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## National Corvette Museum – Chris Osgood

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### National Corvette Museum Update

#### History in the Making: Zora's Corvette Restoration

#### Restoring & Preserving Zora Arkus-Duntov's Corvette: See It Up Close at Our 2025 Michelin Bash

The National Corvette Museum is proud to preserve Corvette history, and one of the most significant vehicles in our collection is currently undergoing a full preservation & restoration—Zora Arkus-Duntov's personally owned 1974 Corvette. This is the only Corvette Zora ever purchased for himself, and during the Michelin NCM Bash (April 24-26, 2025), attendees will have the rare opportunity to see it up close as part of an Artifact Pitstop.



## **A Corvette Fit for the "Godfather of Corvette"**

As the man who shaped Corvette into the world-class sports car it is today, Zora Arkus-Duntov spent years behind the wheel of prototype Corvettes during his time at General Motors. But upon his retirement in 1975, he finally bought his own—a fully loaded 1974 Corvette Stingray. Originally finished in Dark Green, Zora later had it repainted in a two-tone blue scheme, adding his initials—ZAD—to each door. It came equipped with a 454 cubic-inch big block engine and prototype wheels that wouldn't become a production option until 1976.

Zora regularly drove this Corvette to enthusiast events before selling it in 1989. Following his passing in 1996, the car was generously donated to the Museum in his honor, where it has remained a tribute to his legacy.



## **The Preservation Process**

The Museum's Vehicle Preservation and Maintenance team is conducting a body-off preservation and restoration to ensure this historic Corvette is here for future generations. So far, the frame has been stripped to bare metal, treated with an anti-rust sealant, and the front and rear suspension have been restored. The engine has been rebuilt and is ready for reinstallation.

During Bash 2025, attendees will get a behind-the-scenes look at this preservation and hear directly from Vehicle Preservation Supervisor Dan Garrett and our team about the work being done to bring Zora's Corvette back to life.

## **See It for Yourself at the 2025 Michelin Bash**

Join us April 24-26, 2025, at the National Corvette Museum to witness Corvette history in the making. This Artifact Pitstop will be a must-see for any Corvette enthusiast, offering a rare chance to get up close with a car that belonged to the man who helped define America's Sports Car.



### Artifact of the Month

#### 1961 Gulf Oil Corvette and "Sports Car of the Year" Photograph



On display at the National Corvette Museum is a famous 1961 Corvette loaned from Ted and Shannon Skokos. Painted white with blue racing stripes down the middle, this car is one of the historic racing Corvettes fielded by the Gulf Oil team. Also on exhibit is a black and white photograph from the Museum's archives of the same Corvette. The photo captures a celebratory display created by Gulf honoring the car's 1961 championship season. Seated in the Corvette are two men who were instrumental in earning that championship, Dr. Dick Thompson and Don Yenke.

Yenko and Thompson were both experienced racers before joining forces with Gulf Oil. Yenko began competing in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events in the 1950s, and his Chevrolet dealership in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania became a well-known center for building performance cars. Thompson was a dentist in Washington, DC who caught the racing bug in 1952 and started winning SCCA championships just a few years later. Yenko's and Thompson's connection to Gulf Oil was Grady Davis, the company vice president who financed the race team. The Corvette in the photograph was delivered to Yenko's shop early in 1961 and competed in the 12 Hours of Sebring with Yenko and Ben Moore as drivers. The duo finished the race and placed third in their class.

The Gulf Oil Corvette quickly became a dominant force in SCCA B-Production racing. Yenko finished third in his first start in the Corvette but won the next five races, earning victories at tracks like Bridgehampton, Road America, and Lime Rock. However, he was disqualified from another victory when SCCA officials found the car had an aluminum flywheel. Yenko was suspended and Thompson took over driving duties for the Corvette, winning another five races and securing the B-Production championship.

In the photograph of the championship display, Thompson sits behind the wheel of the Corvette with Yenko in the passenger seat. A large banner above the car declares it the "Production 'Sports Car of the Year.'" Next to the Corvette is a record of its near-perfect SCCA B-Production season and signage honoring the championship points accumulated by Thompson and Yenko. The Gulf Oil Corvette would win a second SCCA championship in 1962, cementing its legacy as one of the most dominant racing Corvettes of its era.

## Upcoming Events



### **2025 Michelin NCM Bash, April 24-26, 2025**

Kick-off the Museum event season with us in Bowling Green, KY at the Michelin NCM BASH! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM-certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner, guided road tours, artifact pitstops featuring items only found in the National Corvette Museum's collection, guided tours of our new exhibit in the Limited Engagement Gallery, the Museum-judged car show, and seminars.

More information will be available in January 2025.





## **2025 Museum in Motion Dragon Run (Note this is not the trip Chris and Nick Osgood are planning)**

Presented by Michelin

April 27th – April 30th, 2025

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined in one great MiM tour! Once again we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading East to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon. This year again, we will be staying at the beautiful Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café adjacent to the house. New friends will be made while enjoying one of the most beautiful areas of the country during the colorful spring season. **GPS as well as two-way radios are highly recommended!**

Members: \$2,200 Driver / \$250 Passenger

Non-Members \$2,300 / \$250 Passenger

Advance registration closes at 10am CT Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 (or until sold out).

## **2025 NCM-MIM Le Mans Tour**

**June 7th – June 17th, 2025**

Join us as we return to France for the 2025 24 Hours of Le Mans race. Here is the chance to see Corvette Racing against the world's best GT cars in the most famous race of all. Just a few highlights of the tour include stops in Paris, Normandy, and of course Le Circuit de la Sarthe (Le Mans Track). We will have professional guides with us during the entire trip to assist with our travels. After four nights in Paris, we will spend two nights in Normandy before we travel to Angers where we will stay throughout the Le Mans race.

The next three days will have us visiting the Le Circuit de la Sarthe (Le Mans track) as well as the town of Angers. Monday, we depart Angers to visit Chartres and its Cathedral and on to Paris for one last free afternoon. Check out of our hotel and continue with your plans of either more travel or to the airport. Hotels, ground transportation, tour tickets, all breakfasts, noted meals, and Le Mans general admission race tickets are included. This trip is extremely limited so we have a very limited number of openings. Make your plans early to join us in making memories, new friends, and seeing beautiful France.

**2025 MiM 'Branson Experience'****June 24 – June 28, 2025**

How about a 'Museum in Motion' to the legendary Branson, MO?!! Its 76 Country Boulevard is famously lined with theaters, which once hosted mostly country music performers but today present diverse entertainment. Stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian. Centrally located on the 76 Strip, less than 3 miles from world class shopping at the Branson Landing, and walking distance from all of the best shows, restaurants, and attractions.

This MiM will include a day drives to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise and a #1 Hits of the 60's show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!

Advance registration closes at 12:00pm on Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 or until sold out

No registrations or refunds are available after that date.

Please call Melissia (270)-777-4556 or Maci (270)467-8804 to register by phone

This tour includes 4 hotel nights, Noted meals, admission to attractions, and shows.

- You Must be Driving a Corvette To Participate on this Tour
- Please contact us with any dietary or other special restrictions At Time of registration

[Click HERE to Register](#)

Registration fee:

Members primary registrant (driver and car) \$2,000

Passenger / alternate driver \$200

Non-Members primary registrant (driver and car) \$2,100

Passenger / alternate driver \$200

## 2025 MiM Colorado Springs



**Sunday July 13th – Thursday July 17th, 2025**

Join us in Beautiful Colorado Springs, Colorado for Four days exploring all that Colorado has to offer. Enjoy an exciting schedule packing in Colorado Springs historic landmarks, the Cliff Dwellings, U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Museum, a Pike's Peak drive, and some fabulous meals along the way.

Registration opening soon!

## Member Submitted Articles -below

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### 2025 Vettes for Vets T-Shirt

Last fall your T-Shirt team asked Tom Peters, recently retired Director of Design for the GM Performance Car Studio, designer of the C6, C7 and C8, and CCOM member, to create a graphic for this year's T-Shirt. It is spectacular! We will "reveal" the design at the April membership meeting and begin taking orders for May delivery.

Some of our newer members may not know of Tom and his wife Carolyn. Elaine and I had the opportunity to interview them and write the following article.

Barry Abblett, Deb Miller, Elaine and Dick Kolkmann



## TIME WITH TOM AND CAROLYN PETERS

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**Tom Peters is one of the most important figures in the Corvette world today. He is the design father of the C6, C7 and our next generation Corvette.**

Club members had the rare opportunity to spend the better part of a day with him and his equally talented wife, Carolyn. It was her first visit to Minnesota.

If you have an emotional attachment to your car like we do, you'll want to know more about Tom and Carolyn. To get a glimpse under the hood, so to speak.

In the course of the day Tom shared what he looks for in awarding a trophy, what the most important line in the C7 shares with the Beatles tune Norwegian Wood and other insights.

Carolyn shared an important life lesson for our grandchildren, our children and us too.

Tom has a long history with our club that began when he was the speaker at our 2011 Mystic Lake car show banquet. From that event, relationships with club members developed. Tom calls Minnesota his second home and Arlene Martin his Minnesota mom.

### Tom's Bio

Tom spent much of his childhood in the Twin Cities. He said "I saw my first Corvette, a split window Stingray, on the way to third grade. Years later, while caddying I would hitch hike. One day a strange looking car headed in my direction but I continued walking. When the car pulled up behind me, I turned. It looked like something from another planet. It was a '69 Stingray. The ride was short but I could have ridden in it all day." The die was cast.



Carolyn, Arlene and Tom

While here in school he began cartooning cars in the style popularized by Big Daddy Roth and others. (There were strange looking characters with bulging eyes driving outlandish vehicles with enormous tires and a gigantic blower.) Before long he had a following that would pay \$5 for one of his drawings on a t-shirt. (See link below)

Tom was majoring in advertising design at a Louisiana college when a piece of mail changed his life. Looking through a brochure from the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, he saw that Harry Bradley, a noted car designer and one of his idols, was a professor. Tom packed his car and headed west. (See link below)

### Carolyn's Bio

Carolyn grew up in Pasadena. Her father had a successful manufacturing business and liked cars as did her three brothers. Intent on becoming a furniture designer, Carolyn also enrolled at Art Center College of Design. There she was told that her first two years would be spent studying all the design disciplines, including transportation design - far from her dream job.



"I was was the only female in my transportation design class." Carolyn said. Her professor, a tough grader, told her she was carrying a C and said "That's really good for a girl". The remark must have ignited a fire. "I pulled all-nighters, sought advice from upper classmates and worked my tail off. I received one of only two A's given by my professor." He told her she was very good and recommended she switch her major to transportation design. She chose to stay in product design.

### Tom & Carolyn

Between all the studying, Carolyn and Tom found each other. According to Carolyn, Tom drove around in a green '68 Ford Galaxie 500 sporting gold flames. She said while he could have come right out of the Dukes of Hazzard, he had the manners of a southern gentleman.

They graduated in 1980 with design jobs at General Motors. (Sounds like the start of a fairy tale heading off to their dream jobs.) At that time General Motors could only hire when an employee left. One of two planned departures changed their mind. GM rescinded Carolyn's offer. Carolyn already had job offers from a number of Fortune 500 companies so a job wasn't a problem. She chose Texas Instruments. Seemingly a strange choice that was to pay off.

At this point Tom was in Detroit and Carolyn in Texas. (Long distance romances are tough.) Tom quit his job at GM, moved to Texas and began working on "secret stuff" for TI. Before leaving GM Tom had an agreement with GM's design chief that if two jobs open up, he should contact them. Tom and Carolyn got married and continued to work at TI.

In 1981 Carolyn won the Consumer Electronics Design Award for the TI 99/4A, the first 16 bit Personal Home Computer and for the Plug and Play Peripheral Expansion box in 1982. It was a revolutionary desktop device. The processor chip, the brains, was 256 times more powerful than the Apple, which wouldn't get to that performance until 1986. It also had an optional voice synthesizer.



Carolyn signing Kolkmann's TI

We had a TI 99/4 A tucked away in the basement. When Dick pulled it out of the backpack, Carolyn looked like she was transported back to her days at TI. She ran her fingers tenderly over the device. She said, "I remember having to argue with the engineers; they wanted shiny steel and I insisted it had to be brushed. And this parting line, they didn't want that. I had to get them to agree to the lettering on top." We could feel her passion for great design.

When we got up from our chairs Tom said, "Look around, (looking at the room) you could go to Home Depot and buy some chipboard and 2x4's and screws and put a roof over your head to keep the rain out. But we are much more than that."

What comes next is right out of a Hollywood movie.

On the day of their first wedding anniversary, they received a certified letter from GM offering them jobs. They were back on track and their careers took off at GM.

Tom was rising through the ranks and Carolyn was in high demand across GM. She was the only person with experience in digital technology at a time when automakers were trying to create the digital dashboard. What appeared to be a detour at TI turned out to be a blessing.

After their first child was born, Carolyn left GM, formed her own very successful design consultancy and taught transportation design at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit. They have three children now who are pursuing careers in automotive, engineering and culinary fields.

## Tom

When Tom talks about cars, his eyes twinkle and there is an energy and a passion you can feel. At the Red Wing show he was asked to present personal choice awards for a Corvette and a metal car. Rather than just give the awards, he began by sharing his criterion. To him it wasn't about how new or shiny the car was, the amount of chrome or what was in the engine bay. He looked for a car that had soul, personality, character and perhaps a story.

The winning Corvette was a beautiful black 1969. The metal car took us by surprise. It was a restomod of a 1939 Chevy. It was as if it had been hauled out of a farm field with newer running gear added. The paint was faded but in Tom's words "it had a patina". Most people wouldn't consider it a show car, but it had character. You had to stop and look and smile. It was an emotional reaction.



At one point, Tom said all cars have faces. When asked what a Mazda looked like, he chuckled and said it looked like a smiley face with a big grin. The C7 looks like a shark.

There was a question about the rear of the C7. Tom explained that many designers spend most of their time on the front of the car. His team spends a lot of effort on the look of the rear as well. While the lines of the car are important, it's also important the car have a great graphic, which is what the rear is.

Tom has the ability to relate concepts from other disciplines into design. He began talking about how music has different scale patterns or progressions that have come forward from the time of the Greeks. We wondered where he was going. To paraphrase what he said:



2018 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Leonard Bernstein and he had been watching rebroadcasts of Bernstein's Young Peoples Programs. They were created to introduce children to music. In one of those sessions Bernstein was describing a particular note progression that had a very short pleasant hitch in the pattern. Many times you can anticipate what the next note will be but in this particular pattern there was a surprise moment and then a normal pattern resumed. It made the music interesting. The progression came from the Greeks hundreds of years ago. Bernstein went on to say the Kinks tune "You Really Got Me" contained that progression as did the Beatles, "Norwegian Wood". (Link attached)

From there he said that it's the asymmetry, the unexpected that creates interest and character. Tom said they designed an unexpected or non-traditional element in the hood of the C7. "Typically the lines on hoods move inward as the hood slopes down to the front of the car. The shape of the C7 hood was designed to have the lines move outward", an unexpected progression. I think there was a collective Aha! Tom pointed out that line to us.



## Carolyn

We asked Tom and Carolyn what it was like not following their dream jobs while at TI. They said they knew in their hearts they would get back to automotive design. About that time Carolyn added insight.

**“You just can’t  
follow your  
dream.  
You have to  
follow your path”**

-CAROLYN

“While teaching, I was known as the person who could make a young person cry. You can’t just follow your dream, you have to follow your path. If you follow your path it usually leads to your dream. That’s what I told my students for 13 years.

My students come in dreaming of being a car designer but they don’t realize they can love and be passionate about cars for the rest of their lives but that isn’t what makes a car designer. It takes a special person to be able to design a car. It’s not just one product but many products coming together and all of that has to speak the same language and that’s what’s hard. I’ve set a lot of students straight on what their potential is in life. When people are passionate about something, especially car design, it’s heartbreaking telling them they are not going to be a car designer.

I learned a valuable lesson the first year of teaching. I had one student, the sweetest kid, who would come into the class smiling and leave smiling but his work was horrible. I had to flunk him. He came back next semester and I had to flunk him again. Then he came back a third time and I flunked him again. So I set him down and I said here look, we have to figure out what you are really good at, clearly it’s not in this area, no matter how much you love cars. So we worked it out and he left school. So now fast forward to my son who is getting ready to go to Kettering University. I am at the parent orientation sitting there and I look across at where other parents are sitting and I see that kid with his parents and his sister and you know what I am saying to myself at that time. When the presentation is over he makes a bee line over to me with his parents. His mother hugs me, his father shakes my hand and says thank you so much for setting him on the right path. The boy went to Kettering University and got a degree in engineering. He was working in automotive engineering, not design. And he is happy. That’s not the first time that’s happened. It’s happened many times. But I really consider that part of my job; it’s not to lead kids down some garden path and they end up \$150,000 in debt and unable to get a good job. It’s unconscionable. I’m not there to make a living. I’m there to help shape these kids. They are our future.”

The dilemma was how to end this article. Then we recalled the perfect comment from Carolyn.

**People frequently tell her she and Tom are lucky.  
She tells them “We’re not lucky, we’re blessed.”**

For additional insight:

(t-shirt story) Tom Peters Discusses His Artistic Inspiration

<http://gmauthority.com/blog/2018/04/corvette-designer-tom-peters-discusses-his-artistic-inspiration-video/>

Harry Bradley images on Pinterest

<https://www.pinterest.com/dragonoake/harry-bradley/?lp=true>

Link to “Norwegian Wood” on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eeQksRHT9Y>



**Submitted by Chris Osgood, VP**



### **Corvette ZR1 Track Records**

The 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 has firmly established itself as a dominant force in the automotive world by setting five new production car lap records at renowned U.S. tracks. This feat was achieved with four different General Motors drivers behind the wheel, showcasing the car's exceptional performance and versatility.

#### **Record-Breaking Lap Times:**

- **Watkins Glen International (Long Course):** The ZR1 achieved a record lap time of 1:52.7, showcasing its agility on this historic track.
  - *Driver:* Bill Wise, Lead Performance Engineer, Chassis Controls
- **Road America:** Demonstrating its top-speed capabilities, the ZR1 set a new benchmark on this high-speed circuit. Lap time of 2:08.6.
  - *Driver:* Brian Wallace, Lead Vehicle Dynamics Engineer
- **Road Atlanta:** The car's balanced performance led to a record-setting lap of 1:22.8, highlighting its prowess on technical tracks.
  - *Driver:* Chris Barber, Lead Development Engineer
- **Virginia International Raceway** The ZR1 set records on both the Full Course and the Grand Course configurations. Notably, it surpassed the previous production-car record held by the McLaren Senna on the 4.1-mile Grand Course.
- **Full Course:** 1:47.7
  - *Driver:* Aaron Link, Global Vehicle Performance Manager
- **Grand Course:** 2:32.3
  - *Driver:* Aaron Link

These impressive times not only highlight the ZR1's engineering excellence but also its capability to outperform competitors on some of the most challenging circuits in the country.



# Secretary's Minutes – Kathy Haug and Mark Haug

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**CCOM Member Meeting  
Tuesday, February 11th, 2024, 7 PM  
American Legion, Savage**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Scott Maas – President; Mark Haug – Treasurer; Julie Stulz – Membership Director; Michael Kamrad – Tech Director; Joel Meyer – Editor; John Wessel – Member at Large

**ABSENT** – Chris Osgood – Vice President; Kathy Haug – Secretary; Andre Montgomery – Past President; AJ Kupka – Member at Large

Meeting called to order by Scott Maas at 7:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance

**President, Scott Maas**

1. Great to see everyone, thanks for the strong attendance on this cold February evening.
2. We are completing the change in our constitution to allow adult children in our membership and get this in the official records.
3. Happy to report that we are currently at 93% renewal on our membership which gets our total very close to the goal of 300 that we had set a year ago.
4. Chris Osgood is working on a new member brochure that we will highlight at a later meeting.
5. We are finalizing a series of event templates that will be available as guides to help members coordinate and organize various activities and events for the club.
6. We have an upcoming Out to Eat at Cy's Bar and Grill on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Cy's is located at 500 North Pine St., Chaska. The event will include some door prizes and games along with the usual good food and fellowship.
7. Reminder that we have club clothing and hat samples up front. Please stop by after the meeting and talk to Scott if you are interested in ordering some items.
8. Nick Osgood provided an update on the Tail of the Dragon cruise planned for May 2025. The event will run from Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Nick reminded us that all are welcome, but we do need to finalize our numbers and planning soon, so sign up is due by the end of February. Please contact Nick or Chris if you are interested.

**Vice President, Chris Osgood - Absent**

1. Calendar updates: see calendar for upcoming events. Currently planned activities for 2025 are up-to-date on the CCOM calendar, but events/cruises will be added.

**Secretary, Kathy Haug – Absent – Mark Haug filling in**

1. Requested approval of minutes from last meeting as published in the February newsletter; motion by Shayna Schwach, seconded by Keri Kuechle, and passed by members

**Treasurer Mark Haug**

1. Provided an update on the current financials/bank balance.
2. We reviewed the final 2024 financials. Our tax return has been completed and filed for 2024.
3. We reviewed the 2025 budget with highlights on the few items that changed from our November 2024 preliminary review. Mark requested membership approval, motion by Howie Remeta, seconded by Julie Stulz, and passed by members.

**Tech Director, Michael Kamrad**

1. Members are reminded that we are always looking for items to be shared with other members through our monthly door prize drawings. Michael shared a few examples of items that were delivered to him before the meeting which will go into future drawings.
2. Michael mentioned that he has connected with AJ's Garage in Ramsey, MN. They indicated that they would welcome the club for a visit and look forward to sharing more about their facility and services. This will be one of our tech sessions later this year.

**Membership Director, Julie Stulz**

1. Welcome new members David and Svea Grosz
2. Welcome to our guests Dan and Mary Jo Dorman
3. Thanks to greeters Stephanie Maas & Mike Harrington and 50/50 raffle volunteer Keri Kuechle.
4. We had a total of 62 members attend our January meeting
5. Reminder to let Julie know if you are in need of a new or additional nametag
6. Please check the website's membership database for a photo of yourself and your car and send photos to Julie

**Past President, Andre Montgomery - Absent**

1. Andre and Julie recently picked up their new C8 enjoying the Museum Delivery Service

**Editor, Joel Meyer**

1. Please have submissions in by the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month in Verdana 11 point
2. The February Newsletter is available on the website with 29 pages of valuable information for all
3. Joel has developed a Style Sheet that will provide guidelines for contributions to the newsletter. Please reach out to Joel for a copy of this if you have an article to share.
4. We are always interested in articles and pictures to share with the group. Joel has added a "Member Submitted Articles" to the Newsletter so please contact him if you have something that may be of interest to the general membership.

**Members at Large, John Wessel & AJ Kupka****John Wessel**

1. Nothing to report

**AJ Kupka**

1. Absent

### **Old business**

1. Nothing reported

### **New business**

1. Keri Kuechle shared that Julie Stulz, Susi Brooks, and Keri will be hosting the Spring Banquet & Cruise on May 18th at Lost Spur. Flyers are available at the prize table and will be available in subsequent member meetings. Attendance is unlimited and will be \$25/plate with a cash bar at the venue.
2. Pam Tikalsky gave an update on Pan-O-Prog of which she and Joe are event chairs for CCOM. Pan-O-Prog is July 11<sup>th</sup> and July 12<sup>th</sup>. The car cruise is on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, CCOM supplies the corvettes for the Princesses for this event. Pam mentioned that there were about 400 cars participating in the cruise last year. The car show is on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>, CCOM organizes the car show and hosted 184 cars in 2024. We need lots of volunteers to help with these events so please check your calendars and sign up for volunteer spots if able. Sign up sheets will be available at the following member meetings leading up to the event in July.
3. Doug Tews mentioned that he and Judy are looking into hosting an Out to Eat at TJ Hooligans in Eden Prairie. They recently attended a Music Bingo event at this location which was a ton of fun along with door prizes for game winners. We asked for a show of hands for interest for an event like this and received a very strong response from the members. No date is set yet but the Tews will work to get something scheduled and provide a sign up sheet.

**Door prize drawing** was hosted by Michael Kamrad and Susi Brooks

**Motion to adjourn** made by Bill Gibson, seconded by Julie Stulz, and approved by members.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Haug

## **CCOM Board Meeting Minutes**

February 25, 2025

Present via Zoom

Scott Maas – President; Chris Osgood – Vice President; Julie Stulz – Membership Director; Joel Meyer – Editor; Mark Haug - Treasurer; Andre Montgomery – Past President; AJ Kupka – Member at Large; Dave DuBay – Advisor to the Board & Website Coordinator; Mike Harrington – Fall Banquet Chair

Absent: Kathy Haug – Secretary; Michael Kamrad – Tech Director; John Wessel - Member at Large



Meeting was called to order by President Scott Maas at 5:00 PM.

**SCOTT MAAS, President**

1. Recognizing Member Health Challenges: The club works to maintain awareness of various challenges that members are experiencing with different health issues that arise. This is typically done through cards, flowers, or memorials. Our maximum budget per event has been set for several years at \$75 per occurrence which was recommended to be increased to \$100. AJ made this motion, seconded by Julie, and Board approved.
2. CCOM Constitution and Bylaws: We need to clean up a section addressing our Member at Large positions. Currently, it states that these members must present a Resume which is approved for the second year of their term. However, our practice and intent is to approve the Resume at the start of their first year with no need to represent a Resume for the second year. We would like to change/correct the wording to match our practice. Since this is in the Constitution, we can vote on this at anytime during the year. Not all members were able to review the wording prior to our meeting so we will table this further discussion and vote until our March Board meeting.
3. CCOM Event Templates: Scott has distributed this out for the Board to review as these will be used to assist members for ease of planning events year-to-year. Joel commented that he had some edits to suggest and would follow up via email with these items in the coming days.
4. New member Brochure: Chris mentioned that this project has paused a bit, but he is hopeful to have a draft out for review at our March Board meeting.
5. Board reports

**KATHY HAUG, Secretary**

1. Absent, Nothing to report

**CHRIS OSGOOD, Vice President**

1. We have had a couple of very successful Out-To-Eats recently. We had 32 members attend dinner at Cy's on Thursday, 2/20.
2. A full slate of activities will soon kick off for the season starting with our Spring Brunch/Cruise on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MARK HAUG, Treasurer**

1. Reviewed the current financials
2. Discussed our past records of Gross Receipts/annual revenue for the club over the past 20 years. 2024 marked a return to our highest years which were back in 2005, 2006, and 2007.
3. Discussed our annual sponsorship with Belzer and the value that we perceive both parties are receiving from our partnership.

**MICHAEL KAMRAD, Tech Director**

1. Absent, Nothing to report

**JULIE STULZ, Membership Director**

1. A reminder was emailed to everyone in the last week to send in pictures of themselves and their cars if they are missing on the website. Julie mentioned that she has received 5 responses in the past 2 days.

**ANDRE MONTGOMERY, Past President**

1. Nothing to report

**JOEL MEYER, Editor**

1. Please get submissions in by the 26<sup>th</sup> in Verdana 11 point
2. Newsletter is ahead of schedule this month but there remain a few articles still coming. Joel requested the updated membership data to include in this month's report.

**JOHN WESSEL, Member at Large**

1. Absent, Nothing to report

**AJ Kupka, Member at Large**

1. Nothing to report

**DAVE DUBAY, Website Coordinator**

1. Dave reminded all that the pictures of members and their cars for the website need to be in landscape format not portrait in order for him to be able to use them.

**Old business**

1. Nothing to report

**New Business**

6. Mike Harrington was present to discuss the 2025 CCOM Fall Color Cruise. Mike and Shelly have volunteered to chair/host the event for 2025...thank you both! Mike reported that he has mapped out a 78 mile route for our cruise and they have identified the location for the Banquet which will be Leader in Cambridge, MN. We will be occupying the lower level banquet facility which can accommodate up to 80 people, we are estimating about 70. They have sufficient parking between their own lot and two adjacent lots that can also be used. While finalizing the facility and food costs, it was realized that our current budget may not be sufficient if we intend on keeping the member's personal costs to a minimum. The current budget shows income of \$1,800 and expenses of \$2,300 for a net cost to the club of \$500. It was presented to increase the budget to \$1,841.84 in income, \$3,141.84 in expenses for a net cost to the club of \$1,300 (\$800 increase from the original budget). This will keep member cost to a reasonable number proposed at \$25 per person. AJ made this motion, seconded by Chris, and Board approved. We will bring this to the March Membership meeting to approve the \$800 variance to budget.

AJ made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joel, and approved by board.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mark Haug, filling in for Kathy Haug, Secretary

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NOTE: There is an underscore between j and k in Aj Kupka's email address. As in j\_k

## Editor's Remarks & Miscellaneous – Joel Meyer

The featured Corvette on the front page is Mark and Kathy Haug's 2022, Convertible, 2LT, with front lift, Napa leather competition seats, natural and black interior with carbon fiber accents.

## Recent Events

*Doug and Judy Tew's remarks about the Out to Eat that they recently hosted.*

Thursday, February 20 we had an out to eat in Chaska, MN at Cy's Bar & Grill. We had 32 club members for the event, door prizes for everyone & some people even got two prizes!! It turned out to be a nice evening, meeting at 4:00 & visiting until 7:00. Having the private room made it very nice. Thanks to everyone who attended.



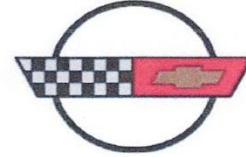


## Upcoming Events

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See pages below.





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Questions Call Keri Kuechle 612-554-3111

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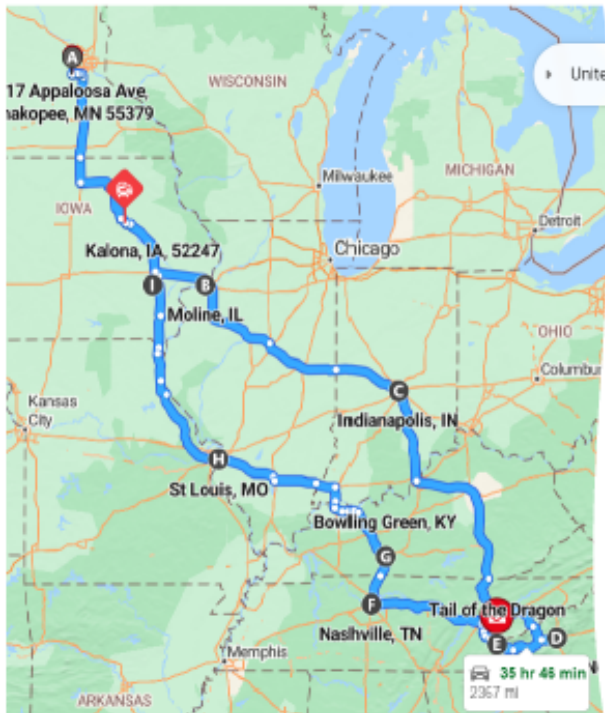
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**All pre-registrations must be postmarked by August 7, 2025**



# Tail of the Dragon

318 curves in 11 miles!



## Sample itinerary (route in progress)

- John Deere Museum – Moline, IA
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway – Indianapolis, IN
- Biltmore Estate – Asheville, NC
- Tale of the Dragon – Robbinsville, NC
- Broadway Honky Talks – Nashville, TN
- National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY
- NCM Motorsports Park – Bowling Green, KY
- Corvette Factory Tour – Bowling Green, KY
- Gateway Arch – St. Louis, MO
- Amish Community – Kalona, IA



- Total Miles approximately 2,500
- Depart Saturday, May 24, 2025
- Return Saturday, May 31, 2025
- Estimated costs: Gas \$500, Hotel \$1,200, Food and other \$1,200 per person
  - Hosts: Chris and Nick Osgood
- Contact Chris if you are interested or have any questions at [osgoodc@outlook.com](mailto:osgoodc@outlook.com) or 612-756-1928





### The 30 Days Foundation

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