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RUN FOR THE GOLD—2011

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Photo by Debbie Schreiner

Pat & Cheryl Darnell and Bill & Carol Keefer lead the way up the Cache La Poudre Canyon about 15 miles above Rustic, Colorado during the annual **Corvettes West Run-for-the-Gold**. The story and more photos on page 3.

OLD MEMBERS ~ NEW VETTES

*Official CW Disclaimer: Below are current **Corvettes West** members who recently purchased a new or additional Corvette. "Old Members" does not necessarily refer to chronological age, but probably is a reference to time in **Corvettes West**. ©*

Arlene & Ron Boone
1998 Corvette
Black Top Convertible
 Exterior: Pewter
 Interior: Gray
 C6 Style Wheels
 Automatic Transmission
This is Ron's "plane-Jane everyday driver."




Debbie & Kevin Schreiner
2003 Corvette Coupe
 (50th Anniversary)
 Medium Spiral Gray Metallic
 Interior: Shale
 Automatic Transmission
 Z06 Chrome Wheels
We know! It's just like the old one, but this one has 4,300 miles on it!




Jack & Linda McClellan
2011 Corvette
Grand Sport Coupe
 Exterior: Silver
 Interior: Gray
Another Vette for the Team McClellan stable of thoroughbreds.




Neil & Debbie Labbe
2010 Callaway Convertible
 Exterior: Crystal Red Metallic
 Interior: Gray
 Supercharged—606 hp
Took a road-trip to Imperial to pick it up—great fun on the way home!





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"Got Vette? Get Corvettes West!" — *Ralph Giardino*

Winner of the 2011 *Corvettes West* "Best" Slogan Contest

"Two-oh-one-one, In my Vette, conceived a son!" — *Bruce Thornal*

Winner of the 2011 *Corvettes West* "Worst" Slogan Contest

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CORVETTES WEST RUNS FOR THE GOLD

Corvettes West's annual Run-for-the-Gold took place on Sunday, October 2, 2011. The color in the northern Colorado Rocky Mountains was at its autumn peak. The run up the Cache La Poudre Canyon took full advantage of the spectacular golden scenery. What a great privilege it is to live in *Colorful Colorado!*

The event began at about 10:15am at the east parking lot of Northridge High School in northwest Greeley. The Fall spectacle was attended by 41 souls, including 38 *Corvettes West* members, 2 guests and one junior guest.

One cannot begin such an adventure on an empty stomach, so we first trekked to Windsor, Colorado for a great buffet brunch at Austin's Homestead Bar & Grill in Pelican Lakes. The first raffle drawing of the day was won by Candy Young whose prize was a flexible squeegee. After lively banter, pleasant conversation and with appetites quenched, we rumbled out of Windsor to the northwest toward Ted's Place at the turnoff to the Cache La Poudre Canyon.


The convoy of 22 Corvettes arrived at Ted's Place by different routes since some lost their way in the midst of Sunday traffic. Also adding to the challenge was the breakdown of Rick Marshall's C4 which will probably need a new fuel pump. You might think that would end the day for a lesser *CW* member, but Ron took him home where he got his truck, his trailer and his wife, Jill. They then traveled back to the Vette (north of Ft Collins). They got the Vette on his trailer in time to re-join the group at the Dairy Delite in Loveland at the end of the day.

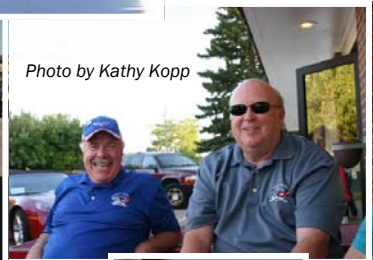
At Ted's Place, we met a car club from Nebraska who were also admiring the Colorado high-country. We admired their classic cars as well. After some potty relief, refreshments and more conversation, our squadron of Corvettes roared up the Cache La Poudre Canyon. About 15 miles west of Rustic, Colorado is a large paved turnout where we stopped to take in the scenery and enjoy a variety of pot-luck snacks and dips at a make-shift tail gate party. The weather was perfect and the golden color of the aspens was vivid to say the least. What a great location to enjoy food and the company of the members and guests of *Corvettes West*.

The second raffle drawing for a gift certificate to Dairy Delite in Loveland was won by Debbie Labbe.

At about 3:00pm the happy *Corvettes West* throng began the twisty route down the canyon to Rustic where we made a pit-stop for restroom comfort. While there, our *Corvettes West* officer-at-large, Pat Darnell drew the last winning ticket for another gift certificate to Dairy Delite which was won by Bill Keefer.

The last leg of the run was along white-knuckle Stove Prairie Road which runs from the Cache La Poudre Canyon Road (Colorado Highway 14) to U. S. Highway 34 at the west edge of Loveland, Colorado. Our last stop of the event was at Dairy Delite on U. S. Highway 34 in Loveland. *CW* members enjoyed ice cream and other delights as Jill and Rick Marshall arrived with their C4 convertible in tow.

Thanks to Cheryl and Pat Darnell for planning an other successful outing for the members of *Corvettes West*. 



MORE PHOTOGRAPHY FROM CORVETTES WEST'S RUN FOR THE GOLD



PHOTOGRAPHY BY KATHY KOPP



CW MEETS AT THE GREELEY VODKA DISTILLERY

The regular monthly **Corvettes West** club meeting for October was held on Wednesday, October 19th. The official extravaganza was held at the *Syntax Spirits Distillery and Vodka Bar* in Greeley, Colorado. Dinner began with the arrival of Blackjack pizzas via delivery boy, Ron Skaley. The variety of pizzas were very good as all present ate their fill. The conversation and the meal were entertaining, pleasant and satisfying.

At 7:29pm sharp, Ron Skaley, **Corvettes West** President, called the meeting to order. There were 24 **CW** members and no guests present.

The first order of business was the first **CW** raffle of the evening which was won by Craig Smith who won a Corvette license plate frame.



and the Aleman's.

New business discussion centered around the **CW** Halloween Party, the **CW** Christmas Party, the next **CW** meeting and the November brunch and run.

Joke time included stories by:

☺ Pat Darnell "Little Elephant-Big Elephant"

☺ Kevin Schreiner..... "Bite My Eye"

☺ Debbie Smith..... "The Blonde & The Windows"

The Second **CW** raffle drawing was won by Ron Skaley who won a box of Christmas cards.



Corvettes West's Mystery Guest, Kevin Schreiner, announced the October birthdays, wedding anniversaries and **CW** club anniversaries.

The third and final **CW** raffle drawing of the evening was won by Mickey Yarmer who won a bottle of Apple Cinnamon Vodka which was provided by Al & Debby Baker. The vodka was a product of the *Syntax Spirits Distillery and Vodka Bar*.

The **CW** comeback drawing was won by Mr. Jack Yarmer who won two crisp \$5 bills.

The **Corvettes West** Club Meeting for the month of October was adjourned by Ron Skaley at 8:04pm sharp.



The minutes from the last **CW** meeting were presented via email by **Corvettes West** Secretary Dale Sipes. The minutes were approved by the membership.

The **CW** Treasurer's Report was presented via email by **Corvettes West** Treasurer Debbie Schreiner. There were questions concerning the budget for the **CW** Halloween party. Ron Skaley dealt with the questions as best he could since none of the members involved with the planning of the party were present. After the questions and discussion the Treasurer's Report was approved by the membership.

Old business included discussion about the Dizzy Block Cruise Nights, A "Thank You!" to Ron & Arlene Boone for planning and executing the **CW** Twisted Mystery Run and the **CW** Run for the Gold. During the Run for the Gold two Vettes encountered technical malfunctions, Rick Marshall



YOU CAN OWN THIS VETTEBOAT FOR \$1.7M

Story Submitted by Paul Kopp



This custom ZR48 MTI Vette-boat features leather seats, Apple TV, a wifi hotspot.

Seeing a Chevy Corvette tearing up a freeway is a common site all over the United States, but we never thought we'd see one riding the waves. Performance boat manufacturer Marine Technology, Inc. wanted to change that, and the result is an insanely powerful aquatic speed demon called the ZR48 — a boat that boasts neck-snapping speeds and a massive price tag.

Built using parts from a genuine Corvette ZR1, the ZR48 oozes style. Its sleek body lines are undeniably auto-inspired, and great touches like genuine taillights and Corvette badges make it a treat to look at. The boat's body is built out of lightweight carbon fiber, which is as strong as metal but much lighter.



ZR48 cockpit is pure Corvette

But it's not just the outside that will appeal to Chevy diehards, the interior has been given an equally stunning treatment. After entering through custom gull wing doors, the driver is treated to a true Corvette cockpit, complete with an original shifter and steering wheel. Leather and suede seating provides room for six, and a 8,000 watt sound system ensures that the party never stops.

If you feel like enjoying some quality programming while cruising the open sea, you can switch on the built-in LCD displays which come complete with Apple TV and a mobile wifi hotspot. iPad owners get additional treatment


with a custom dock and charging station. The accessories alone are powered by a standalone Fischer diesel motor. The ZR48 has just as much "go" as it has show, and a pair of 1,350 horsepower, twin-turbo Mercury Racing engines deliver speed on demand.



ZR48 and custom trailer

The 48-foot monster boat comes with a special, tricked-out trailer to suit its extra wide stance. The transporter features a total of 5 TVs, a DVD player, LED display lighting, and matching paint scheme. In transit, the boat is situated sideways on the trailer to avoid the need for special highway permits.



As you may have guessed, the customer nature of the ZR48 and its luxurious touches demand top dollar, and a price of no less than \$1.7 million is being asked. The one-of-a-kind boat will undoubtedly make you the star of whatever marina you frequent, and wealthy Corvette fans will surely find its charm hard to resist. 



CORVETTES WEST

NOVEMBER, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Debby Baker -----8th
 Ron Boone-----10th
 Lynda Smart -----16th
 Karen Giardino -----17th
 Marty Durrant -----18th
 Jack Yarmer -----26th
 Susan Harmon -----26th
 Cheryl Darnell -----27th



NOVEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Linda & Dan Wallace ----- 23rd

NOVEMBER MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer & Doug Egloff ----- 2008

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6th

CW MONTHLY BRUNCH & RUN

Corvettes West's regular brunch & run for the month of November is brunch at the Eaton Country Club and a run to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Please monitor your personal email for updates and last minute changes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

CW OFFICER'S BOARD MEETING

The monthly *Corvettes West* Officer's Board Meeting is on Sunday, November 13th at the home of:

Kevin & Debbie Schreiner
 330 Saxony Road
 Johnstown, Colorado
 970-587-4112
 Dinner/Meeting 5:30pm



CW Board Meetings are open to all *Corvettes West* members. If you wish to attend this meeting, please inform Kevin or Debbie before the meeting.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

CW Monthly Club Meeting

The regular monthly *Corvettes West* club meeting is on Wednesday, November 16th at:

The Boot Grill
 4164 Clydesdale Parkway
 Loveland, Colorado 80538
 (It's on the corner of Clydesdale Pkwy and Crossroads Blvd—just east of I-25 near the Budweiser Events Center)


Dinner 6:00pm
 CW Meeting 7:30pm

Please remember to wear your *Corvettes West* name-tag. There is a hefty \$1 fine if you forget.

THE DINNER CLUB

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

The Dinner Club will meet at the

Rock Bottom Brewery, 6025 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland, Colorado at 6:00pm. More information can be obtained on the *CW* website. 

DOWN THE ROAD

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

CW CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual *Corvettes West* Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at the Bunkhouse in Island Grove Park at the Weld County Fairgrounds, Greeley, Colorado. More information will follow—stay tuned. This is a "don't miss" *Corvettes West* event, so mark your calendar.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

CW BRUNCH & RUN

The *Corvettes West* brunch & run for the month of December is TBA at this time. Please monitor your personal email for updates.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

CW OFFICER'S BOARD MEETING

The monthly *Corvettes West* Officer's Board Meeting is on Sunday, December 4th at the home of:

Pat & Cheryl Darnell
 2133 Vancorum Circle
 Loveland, Colorado
 970-381-0317 (Pat's Cell)
 Dinner/Meeting 5:30pm



CW Board Meetings are open to all *Corvettes West* members. If you wish to attend this meeting, please inform Pat or Cheryl before the meeting.

THERE IS NO CORVETTES WEST CLUB MEETING IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER! THE JANUARY CLUB MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2012.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

NEW YEARS BRUNCH & RUN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th

CW BOARD MEETING AT SKALEY'S

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18th

CW Club Meeting at Randy's All American Grill


SATURDAY, JANUARY 21st

CW OFFICER'S INSTALLATION AT EATON COUNTRY CLUB



EXHAUST NOTES


FOR SALE

Hurst Short Throw Shifter,  fits 1997 to 2004 6-speed Corvettes; 35% shift throw reduction. Accepts factory knob (knob not included). All parts and instructions included. Was \$269.99 new—asking \$100. Contact Kevin Schreiner 970-587-4112.


A REWARD FOR CW NEWSLETTER READERS

For those of you who are reading this, you can get a small reward just for being a reader of the *Corvettes West* Newsletter! All you have to do is attend the next club meeting on November 16th, and at that meeting tell Pat Darnell the super-secret word for the month. Pat will give you an extra raffle ticket for the prize drawings. The super-secret word for November is: **Callaway**.

NEW CORVETTES WEST BOARD

Corvettes West members are considering running for 2012 office openings. To date we have one candidate for President, one candidate for Officer-at-Large and no other interest so far. If you wish to run for any *CW* office, please contact Ron Skaley at: 970-356-8512. 

BERT GARCIA AT PEAKE WELLNESS CENTER RIBBON CUTTING 

The Greeley Tribune printed a photo of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Peake Wellness Chiropractic Center in the business section (C2) of Sunday's edition. And in this photo is *Corvettes West's* own Bert Garcia. The new center specializes in lower back pain, pediatric and pregnancy. 





ROAD HAZARDS



PROVERBS & SAYINGS

- ☞ The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity. But not in that order—Brian Pickrell
- ☞ Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it—Bob Hope
- ☞ He has a face like a Saint - A Saint Bernard—Groucho Marx
- ☞ I refuse to answer that question on the grounds that I don't know the answer—Douglas Adams
- ☞ The empty vessel makes the greatest sound—William Shakespeare
- ☞ Silence and smile are two powerful words. Smile is the way to solve many problems and silence is the way to avoid many problems—Anon
- ☞ Knowledge talks, wisdom listens—Kramer
- ☞ There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full—Henry Kissinger
- ☞ He could screw up a one-car parade—LeRoy Tirebiter
- ☞ I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure—Clarence Darrow
- ☞ He has all the virtues I dislike, and none of the vices I admire—Winston Churchill
- ☞ I used to be indecisive, now I'm not so sure—W.C. Fields
- ☞ In the book of life, the answers aren't in the back—Charlie Brown
- ☞ To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone—Reba McEntire
- ☞ Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway—Anon
- ☞ Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes, called experience, leads us to success—Gumby
- ☞ A wise man listens to advice—Proverbs 12: 15
- ☞ Don't major in the minors—Hugh Wilson



CORVETTES WEST LIST OF PRIORITIES

1. Food
2. Corvettes
3. Brunch/Breakfast
4. Club Runs
5. Dining
6. Scenery on Runs
7. Desserts/Snacks
8. Club Parties
9. Recipes
10. Food

*Yes, 6 of the 10 on this list are food related—I think that's about right. What a great club!
From the observations of Kevin Schreiner ☺*






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