

Under The Radar

The Monthly Newsletter of Corvette Super Sports

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Corvette Super Sports is a car club made up of Corvette owners with a passion for a fine driving machine, with the goal to participate in and support auto-related activities, such as: car shows, auto-crossing, rallies, drag racing, caravans, cruises, parades, etc. We support (N.C.C.C.) National Council of Corvette Clubs, National Corvette Museum, several social, civic, and charitable organizations. CSS is incorporated as a non-profit organization in the County of Orange, California.

We welcome guests to our meetings on first Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM at "SIZZLER" Steak, Seafood & Salad Bar 1401 N. Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, CA 92835 (Harbor Blvd. at Brea Blvd.)

Corvette Super Sports

Charities, For many years, CSS has been a major sponsor for our two main Charities; **H.I.S. House Transitional Shelter and CHiP's for Kids.**

HIS House is a 4-6 month program for homeless men, women, and children to prepare for and secure employment, education and permanent housing.

CHiP's for Kids began with an individual **CHP** officer that spread like wildfire within their own departments. To reach out in the community to help abused, orphaned, and seriously neglected children. Corvette Super Sports was introduced to **Hillview**

Corvette Super Sports believes that it is our duty to participate in other Corvette Club's activities to support their charities.

Acres Children's Home through our involvement with the **CHP**. Hillview brings hope through a safe therapeutic environment, to help children regain trust, a place to heal and away from serious emotional disturbances.

Through our volunteer and club events such as car shows, visits, work/clean up day, donations, garage sales, Corvette Super Sports donated not only many hours throughout the year but also monetary donations. HIS House and CHiPs, combined, have been recipients of \$5000 each year. We hope that this will continue with our SUPERSPORTS member's efforts.

Charity Donations

Corvette Super Sports was blessed during 2010 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$10,000 to our charities.

- HIS House \$3,500
- CHIPS \$2,000
- Hillview Acres \$2,000
- Council for Aging \$1,000
- Navy Relief Fund \$1,250
- Ronald McDonald House \$250

Corvette Super Sports' Charities

These are the organizations and programs our members support ... because we believe in "giving back" to the communities in which we live ... and *drive* ... our Corvettes.

Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers	Board of Governors
President: Cindy Orrico	Donna Stewart
Vice-President: Diane Wiest	Art Huhta
Secretary: Ginger Girvin	Roger Bacon
Treasurer: Marge Huhta	Ron DeBartolomeis
Newsletter: Geoff Girvin	Vicki Kump
Webmaster: Doug Mariani	Linda Norris
N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico	
Chairpersons	
Clothing-Shirts: Shirley Jones	Sergeant at Arms: Ron DeBartolomeis
Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Jones	Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio
Socials: Geoff Girvin	Dealer Rep: Cindy Orrico
Charity: Bob Reed	Car Show Chairman: Cindy Orrico
Raffle:	
Meeting Hostess: Linda Norris	Banquet: TBD
Membership/Hospitality: Donna Stewart	Historian: Pat & Jan Works
Phone Committee Chairman: Donna Stewart	

Don't forget the Board Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM. The meetings' venue will be changed each month to add variety. Board meetings are open to all members. We encourage you to attend and welcome your comments pro and con.

Come to a board meeting and you too can be pictured here!



The March Board meeting was held at Mimi's Café In Anaheim

March March (where did it go??).



Madam Pres

Hi Everybody!!!

Happy News for me is that I am finally a certified HAM. Well you all knew that anyway whenever you let me get a microphone in my hand. But this is actually better. I passed the Amateur Radio Exam and received my HAM radio license. From now on you can call me KJ6NIG. (Nice Inspiring Girl).

March turned out to go just as fast as February even with more days. Our planning for the Car Show, the Invitations for the Drive-in-Movie night and the social events for the month has kept every one busy.

Let's start with the Car show. **This year, it's a privilege to have our car show at our Sponsor, Connell Chevrolet. They are very excited to join in this event and have made great contributions to our show. This year we will have an All Corvette Show (the only Real Car)** In addition, I decided (after I get Club approval) that we would have a fifty-fifty raffle where the grand prize will be a truck full

of cash. A Model Truck, stuffed with cash. Now this should be interesting to see how many raffle tickets "I" buy! Cash works for me!

However, to quote Jennifer from a car show that she managed in Pahrump last year, "My event, My rules".

Now for the Drive-In-Movie. We had a great movie planned for May 7th at Connell Chevrolet. We had the movie Grease for showing. The idea and thought into this was super, however, at this time, we were unable to get enough cars to make this happen. Maybe those dumb gas prices or the thought of being out in the cooler weather. However, I don't want to give up on this yet.... maybe try again in warmer weather? Maybe show Cinderella (where my name originates from - HA!)

The social events for the year are based on the voting that each of you cast at the January meeting. Geoff has folded them into the calendar and you can see the entire list later in the newsletter. Geoff has worked all of the top vote getters and the HomeLand Security training events into each month. Remember, for HomeLand Security, Geoff has decided that the trophy at the end of the year is based on the total number of confirmed kills of clay pigeons. He is also quoting Jennifer with "His event, His rules", so lets get out there and participate.

As always, I give extra thanks and extra special thoughts, prayers to our Service Men and Women! God Bless America – Now and Always!

Keep on Saving the Wave!!!

Respectfully,
Cindy Orrico
President – 2011

CSS News

The Social events for April 2011 are:

4/9 Mullen Auto Museum – Oxnard

The Club events for April 2011 are:

4/23 Inland empire super 7 Rallye.

The other events for April 2011 are:

4/30 Homeland Security Prado Shooting Range 9am

Please help us keep our records up to date.

Now you can use the new combined [Membership Application/Change of Information](#) form to let us know of changes and updates to your addresses (postal and email), phone numbers (including cell numbers), Corvette model(s), etc.▪

If you have an idea for a **Club Outing, Mystery Run, and Caravan** to someplace special for lunch, we want to make it easy for you. There is a [Cruise Planning form](#) on the Web site for submissions of your ideas.

**"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person.
Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."
Albert Schweitzer**

Corvette Super Sports Local News

A Special Interview:

Bob Reed, our new Charities Chairman interviewed the owner of Connell Chevrolet. The following is that interview:

CONNELL CHEVROLET INTERVIEW 2.23.11

As you all know, Connell Chevrolet in Costa Mesa has graciously agreed to be the primary sponsor for Corvette Super Sports. As a club member, I thought it was important to understand Connell and the people that make it tick. I sat down with General Manager, Wayne Doddridge for a one-on-one to learn a little more about the business of selling cars and why Connell is not your typical dealership.

Upon entering their lot, it seemed like most car lots; people scurrying around, salesmen being paged over a loudspeaker, a pleasant receptionist to greet you. One thing that I noticed that you don't usually see in the new auto malls was a trophy case full of *years* of achievements. I saw year after year on these trophies followed by the word "excellence."

Tell me a little about the history of Connell Chevrolet.

Connell started as Miller Chevrolet in Newport Beach in the 1950's. Mr. Connell was the General Manager for Miller Chevrolet until 1958 when he purchased the store and it became Connell Chevrolet. In 1964 the dealership moved to its present location. In 1965 my dad, Paul Doddridge, went to work for Mr. Connell as an office manager. By 1974, dad became part owner of Connell Chevrolet. In 1989 dad acquired the balance of the business. It is still owned and operated by my dad. In fact, he and I carpool to work almost every day.

What impact has GM's chapter 11 reorganization had on your dealership?

That was a scary period of time, not only for the company, but also for our country. But we seem to be going in the right direction now. Chevrolet has the best cars with the Cruze, Camaro, Corvette and the new Volt. The improved quality of the cars has really made a difference.

What is the biggest change you have seen in the car business in the last 2-3 years?

The volume of cars being sold has dropped drastically. When you sell less, you have to be smarter on how you conduct your business. The days of selling 30 cars to the same person over their lifetime are gone. It was a lot different then.

The Chevy Volt was recently introduced. What challenges has this new technology presented for you and your staff?

This is truly an American made car! As you have noted, it has garnered many of the industry's top honors. The Volt is revolutionary in its design offering extended driving ranges coupled with the new GM commitment to quality. Our technicians, of whom 70% have been with us longer than ten years, have been trained in the Volt's repair and maintenance, but beyond that, our sales staff must fully understand the technology so they convey its value to potential buyers. As part of bringing back that personal level of service, we invite buyers back in so that we can answer any question they might have so that they can fully appreciate the features of the vehicle.

Has the introduction of companies like CarMax changed the way you do business?

Companies like CarMax have had little impact on our business. They have perfected the art of buying a car, something that dealerships have done for years, but never promoted. While the use of the Internet has created a more educated buyer, it has also driven down the cost of the vehicles but it has also expanded our selling

area. Internet sales have also made it harder to create a sale on a personal level. *Connell wants to do the right thing for you; we are not the stereotypical dealer. We are not that fast Eddy type of store!*

What sets your dealership aside from other Chevy dealers when a club member is looking to purchase a new vehicle or if they come in for service?

We offer members and member referrals special pricing on new and used vehicles, plus a 15% discount is extended to all Corvette Super Sport members on service. Our goal is to create a hassle free environment for buying and maintaining your automobile!

It may seem like a dumb question, but do you own a Corvette?

Not right now. Though I wish I did. It is pretty tough to have a Corvette with six kids and a dog! I have owned several 'Vett's over the years, including a one of a kind 1981 that was made into a convertible by a company named Flint. I traded that for a 1985 Corvette that belonged to my mom. Yup, mom drove a Corvette!

You now have monthly car shows. What do they bring to you as a dealer? What does it bring to you personally?

It is a great way to build that personal relationship that I mentioned earlier. Besides, it's a fun thing to do! Barrett Jackson will again have their car show here the weekend before their auction. In August, we are looking forward to the Corvette Super Sports car show.

Thank you for your support of CSS, especially for the sponsorship of our Drive-In Movie Night and the car show in August. What memories do you have of going to the drive-in?

Our favorite date, with my now wife, was going to the Hwy 39 drive-in. We would stop and get a pita sandwich at a local Greek place and sit in the bed of my pickup and enjoy the show. Like a lot of other people, I used to get close and personal in the trunk of a '59 Studebaker when we would sneak in to the Fountain Valley drive-in.

Wayne, on behalf of all of the members of Corvette Super Sports, we thank you and Connell Chevrolet for your continued support and for a peak "behind the curtain" to see how a successful dealership is run.

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING



General Meeting
Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Sizzler Restaurant – Fullerton, CA

Officers in Attendance: Cindy Orrico, Ginger Girvin, Dianne Wiest, Marge Huhta, Geoff Girvin, Joe Orrico

Board Members in Attendance: Art Huhta, Vicki Kump, Ron DeBartolomeis, Donna Stewart,

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by our “Sergeant at Arms,” Ron DeBartolomeis. There was a quorum in attendance.

Happy News

- Kathy Baddley’s son, daughter-in-law and grandkids are coming for 4 weeks.
- Marcia Lynch’s son was assigned Commander of Grand Lakes Naval Training Center.
- Dave Alciatore’s son and truck moved out.
- Lynn and Rick Miller’s son is now a detective for Newport Beach Police Department.
- Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis’s son, Ronnie is getting married Nov. 20th.
- Doug Lyons and Jackie Brinley are now engaged. CONGRATULATIONS!
- Joe and Cindy Orreco will be on a cruise in April and will not be here for the next General meeting.
- Geoff and Ginger will be in Hawaii and will not be here for the next General Meeting.
- Donna Stewart’s last day of treatment will be March 4th. HURRAH!
- Joe’s son-in-law is going to Guam.
- March 12 is daylight savings.
- Cindy gave Doug Mariani an award for being such a great website master.

Guests- Robert and Erin

Kudos

- Ron DeBartolomeis for volunteering to be “Sergeant at Arms”.
- Jay and Marcia got their picture on the website.
- John and Michelle drove all the way from San Diego to go bowling.
- Art Huhta for finding a permanent place for our Board Meetings.

Movie Night

- Send in \$25 for tickets and window sticker reservations.
- May 7th at Connell Chevrolet

Birthdays: Tom Cuccio, Don Prichard, Carol Bacon, Pat Works, Teresa Cruz, Ron DeBartolomeis, Bert Wiest

Anniversaries: Ginger and Geoff Girvin, Ron and Katie Kennedy

Upcoming Events

March 27	Cal Rods
April 10	Victoria Garden Car Show
April 10	Walk for Kids, Race for Cure
April 15	Corvettes of Bakersfield
April 15-17	Gamblers Classic
April 23	Inland Empire Super 7
May 1	Temecula Valley Car Show
May 14	OC Vettes, Huntington Beach
May 14	Corvettes of San Diego
May 15	Plastic Fantastic
June 4-5	Pahrump, Spring Mountain
July 8-10	Big Bear Bash
July 16	Corvettes of So Cal

Aug.3-6 Hot August Nights, Long Beach

Social

Geoff Girvin announced the club will do a mission run to Mission San Luis Rey and San Juan Capistrano on March 12th.

Treasurer Report

- M &M Fundraiser brought in \$49.
- Send money to Marge Huhta for movie night. After March 15, open to other clubs.
- Marge posted financials on the board.
- \$1000 paid to CommCinema as deposit for Drive in Movie Night.
- \$200 donation to Drive in Movie Night.
- Discussion about selling popcorn at the movie.

NCCC

Joe Orrico stated there are new application forms.
The NCCC Convention will be held in Chicago this year.
2012 Convention will be in Topeka, Kansas.
2013 Convention will be in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
NCCC new insurance is Brown and Brown and is great so far.

Website

- Doug stated all is well with the site.

Business

- We received a certificate from Wounded Warriors thanking the club for our support. Doug will post it and Cindy will put it up at Connell.

- Cindy thanked Sue, Mike, and Marge for goodies.
- Dianne asked if anyone is sick let her know so she can send a card.
- Doug shared John Kinds of So Cal has cancer of the Aorta.

Car Show

- ❖ Aug. 14, Sunday 9-1 at Connell Chevrolet. Cindy will chair it.
- ❖ We will have T Shirts, trophies, Corvette dogs, water, and cash Grand Prize.
- ❖ We need to vote whether it will be All Corvettes or other styles.
- ❖ Cliff and Michelle will do registration.
- ❖ Save baskets so we can make raffle baskets.
- ❖ Save cell phones to give to Connell for fundraiser.

Past Events

- Bowling was fun. Geoff won a body massager.
- Wounded Warriors was a good time. Many prizes were won.

Vicki won the 50/50 raffle.
Chuck Rosen won the dinner raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ginger Girvin, Secretary, Corvette Super Sports,
2011

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Month-by-month list of [birthdays and anniversaries](#) celebrated by CSS members.

<u>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Tom Cuccio	3rd	Geoff and Ginger Girvin	3/21/70
Bert Wiest	9th	Ron and Katie Kennedy	3/24
Carol Bacon	14th		
Pat Works	17th		
Teresa Cruz	26th		
Ron J DeBartolomeis	30th		
<u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Armando J Sanchez	04/01	Greg and Chris Glodery	04/21
Jim M Cooper	04/05	Chris and Jennifer Spencer	04/21/91
Jo Anna Buckingham	04/13	Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis	04/27/68
Linda Norris	04/16	Rick and Lynn Miller	04/29
Vicki Kump	04/17		
Lynn M Miller	04/17		
Jennifer Spencer	04/25		
Jay Lynch	04/27		

Social Corner

The goal of the social chairman is to post the events for the entire year so that our membership can plan accordingly.

Social events are defined as a caravan to a place of interest where we can participate in an adventure and have time to talk with other members about recent

Current CSS events can be found at the following URL

<http://www.corvettesupersports.com>

Car Show and Rallies that we have participated in.

The Club event is defined as our club participating in another Corvette Club's activities to support their charities. The following is our annual schedule will be completed after the February General Meeting:

If you have a suggestion for a Corvette Event or a Social Event, please contact Geoff at GBGirvin@yahoo.com

Date	Event
Feb 5	Valentine Bowl
March	California Missions and Museums
March 19 th	Homeland Security Whittier Narrows 9am
March 26 th	Vapor Trails Autocross Lompoc
April 9 th	Mullen Auto Museum Oxnard 8:30 am departure
April 23 rd	Inland Empire Corvettes Super 7 Rallye - Yucaipa
April 30 th	Homeland Security Prado
May 1 st	Corvettes of Temecula Car show
May 7 th	Drive-In Night
May 14 th	Corvette Dreamin' Mission Bay
May 21 st	Corvette West Car Show
May 21 st	Pomona Valley Corvette Assoc. Rallye
May 28 th	Homeland Security – TBD
June 4 th	CSS Highspeed Autocross – Pahrump Nev
June 18 th	Peterson Auto Museum – Los Angeles
June 25 th	Homeland Security - TBD
July 8 th	Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Garry and Shirley's – Big Bear
July 8-10	Big Bear Bash – Rallye, Autocross, Car Show – Big Bear
July 23-24	Santa Paula Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
July 30	Homeland Security - TBD
August 8 th	Gene Autry Museum – Griffiths Park Los Angeles
August 14 th	CSS Car Show Connell Chevrolet
August 20 th	MacArthur Military Museum/Pt Fermin Lighthouse
August 27 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept. 3 rd	Donna's Pool Party – Annual Pot Luck
Sept. 10 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept 16-18	2 nd Annual Wine Cruise – Santa Ynez Valley
Sept. 24 th	Cruise-In' for the Cure OC Fair Grounds
Oct 7-9	Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas
Oct 22 nd	Wild West Car Show
Oct 29 th	Homeland Security – Redlands then PIE RUN to Oak Glen
Oct. TBD	Casino Night
Nov. 5 th	Pistachio Festival – Newberry Springs – Peggy Sue's
Nov 12 th	La Palma Days Veterans Day Parade
Nov. 12 th	Bowling with Turkeys – La Habra Bowl
Nov 19 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Dec. 10 th	Getty Museum – Los Angeles
Dec. 10-11	HighSpeed Autocross = Porsche's taste like chicken!
Dec . TBD	Christmas Party
Dec 17 th	Homeland Security 2011 Final Exam

Club Events for March

March 12 Missions Trip

On March 12 we met for our first social event of the season. The CSS Missionaries were Dave and Jenny, Geoff and Ginger, Donna and Karen, Dave A, and Jennifer. The caravan started out with 3 cars and ended up with 6. Dave A and Jennifer each met us at the Mission making 5 cars. The sixth was Chuck who met us at San Juan Capistrano at the Swallows Inn later in the day.

We caravanned to Oceanside to visit the “King of the Missions” at Mission San Luis Rey and were blessed with blue skies and sparkling ocean views along the way. The Mission is a shining example of the architecture used for most of the missions and is painted bright white. It is so white that it stands out beautifully and draws people from near and far. After the 90 minute self guided tour, we had a picnic lunch on the Mission grounds under an old oak tree. During the tour we saw the garden areas, the lavatories where the native Indian converts washed the mission laundry, the cemetery and the oldest living South American Pepper tree in California.





Missions, so we thought we could be smarter than a 4th grader and take the test too. Wrong. The questions were hard! One question was “Why is the Mission San Luis Rey called the King of the Missions”? Another was what countries once owned the mission? Do you know the answer?



To make the day very special we participated in the tour of the mission with a group of 4th graders using the scavenger hunt map that they were using to study the mission. In California, all 4th graders study the California

After our picnic lunch and studying the unique parking position that Jennifer maneuvered her car into, we caravanned back to Mission San Juan Capistrano, known as the “Jewel of the Missions”.



At San Juan Capistrano, we were greeted by docents wearing period costumes which made the day very special.



Too bad there were no fourth graders at this mission because we knew some of the answers and could have helped them. San Juan Capistrano was made in the same layout as the Mission at San Luis Rey but had more area for roaming.



The mission has an audio tour set up so that you can wander the grounds find something that interests you and then listen about it in the listening device. If the fourth graders had been there though, I would have asked one why the Mission was named San Juan Capistrano. Do you know why?





After roaming the grounds for 90 minutes, our pallets were parched so we made our way over to the Swallows Inn. This is a famous Cowboy Bar and I think everyone there already knew Donna because she got a lot of attention and the last seats in the place.

The rest of us went to Ruby's across the street where the music was bearable and the root beer floats flowed like water. Later we toured the Los Rios area of San Juan Capistrano where there are little coffee shops, and boutiques, a petting zoo and a museum.



It was a great day to be together and a great learning experience because some of us did not attend fourth grade in California or had never been to a mission before.

Homeland Security Training

On March 19th the HomeLand Security Gang got together again to practice our motto which is "HomeLand Security begins at Home". We went to Whittier Narrows again and this time to try out the sporting clays where the clay pigeons come out of nowhere pretending to be rabbits, and doves and pheasants and coyotes.

Art, Geoff and Tracy made the rounds to each of 14 separate stations. At each station we had the opportunity to shoot at one to eight targets entering the field of view from numerous hidden locations.

If I thought Trap shooting was hard to do, this makes trap child's play. At each stand you are not warned as to where the clay pigeons are supposed to come from because the launch pads are hidden from view. If you are lucky you can see the trajectories by watching a group of shooters in line ahead of you. Somehow you are supposed to see the clay and kill it before it bounces out from behind the trees.

This outing was designed to understand the range for future shoots. It gives a new format and it steps up the skills needed to be successful. It also gives us more “reality” in the protection program that we are all striving to perfect.

As I explained, we have scheduled more HomeLand Security practice this year to give everyone a chance to compete in various venues. We will continue the shooting of Trap. However, we will also be adding the Sporting Clays, and Five Stand at each of 3 different ranges.

The awards at the end of the year will be based on the total number of pigeons killed so the more chances we have to shoot the better off we are.

General Meeting

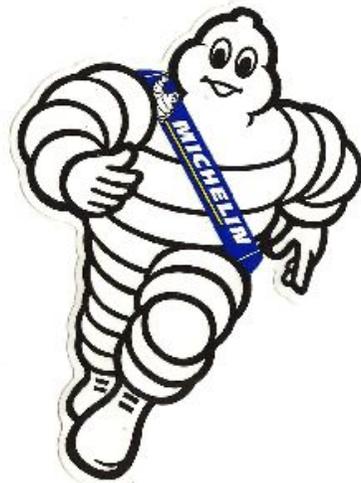
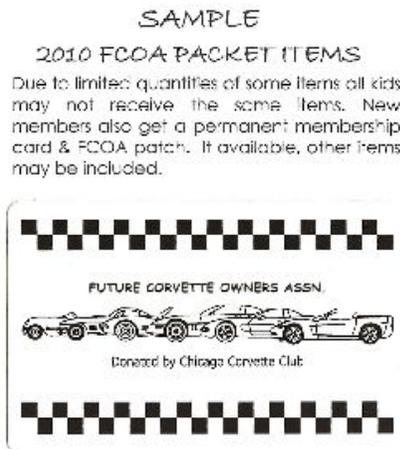
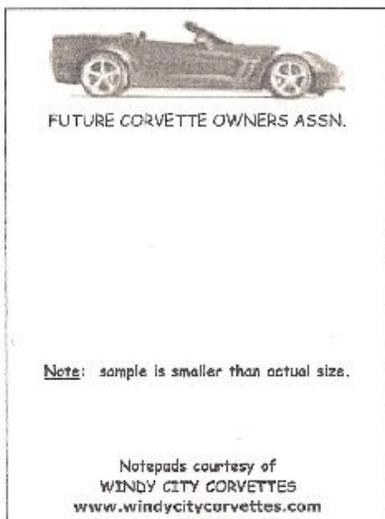
What would be more fitting at the general meeting in March, than to have our very own Leprechauns attend?



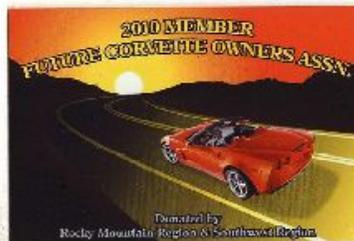
NCCC National News

Although we have spoken many times about the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA) and stated several times that we have the most FCOA members in the West

Coast Region, we thought that it might make sense to show everyone what comes in the packet for your little one time donation and a copy of the application. Joe was kind enough to get this for us.



↑ 2011 calendar on other side



↑ dash plaque



↑ magnet



SAMPLE LETTER IN WELCOME PACKET

NCCC's Youth Organization
sponsored by Mid America Motorworks
November 15, 2010



Hi Johnny!

CONGRATULATIONS! Isn't it great that your Grandpa Smith signed you up as a member of Future Corvette Owners Assn.! He thinks you're pretty terrific and wanted to send you this surprise gift. FCOA is a growing part of National Council of Corvette Clubs that is just for kids.

This is your first step in what can become a lifetime of fun and friends who will share the Corvette hobby with you. You will stay a member of FCOA until your 16th birthday at which time you can join NCCC as a Youth Member. You'll usually receive mail from FCOA each year so I always need your correct mailing address.

I assigned you FCOA membership number 4605. Enclosed are your FCOA patch and permanent membership card. They are similar to the NCCC ones that your grandpa has. This is your FCOA welcome packet ~ I hope you like it!

If your parents have any ideas or questions, they can e-mail me at FCOAkids@aol.com or write to me at:

NCCC -- FCOA, c/o Pat Kelly, S68 W17323 Rossmar Ct., Muskego WI 53150

Don't forget to "Save the Wave" by waving at other Corvettes when you're riding in your grandpa's 1981 Vette. Every year Vette has something special about it and an important place in Corvette history. The 1981 Corvette was the first model year to be built at the same time in two locations. The first Corvette to be completed at the new Bowling Green plant came off the assembly line on June 1, 1981. The last Corvette to be built at the St. Louis plant was completed on August 1, 1981. Chevrolet's "computer command control" used on 1980 Corvettes sold in California became standard equipment on all 1981 Vettes. The system automatically adjusted ignition timing and air-fuel mixture. A power seat became available in Corvettes for the first time in 1981 but on the driver's side only. The 1981 Corvette was the last model to have a manual transmission available until well into the 1984 production year. I hope you will learn a lot about Corvettes by being a member of FCOA.

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



NCCC's youth organization
sponsored by Mid America Motorworks, Inc.



\$10 one-time
Membership Fee

FCOA Membership is limited to family
members of current NCCC members.
Applicants must be less than 16 years old.

FCOA Membership Application

Applicant: (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: _____ boy girl

Birthdate: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ 9-digit Zip: _____

Interests/Hobbies: _____

Sponsor Information:

What is your relationship to this child? Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or Guardian

Are you a past FCOA member? Yes No If so, state name at the time _____

NCCC Member Name: _____

NCCC Membership #: _____ Club: _____

What model year(s) of Corvette(s) do you now own? _____

E-mail address (in case of application questions): _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

IS THIS A GIFT? *(Allow 30 days!)* YES NO SPECIFY OCCASION: _____

QUESTIONS???? e-mail FCOAkids@aol.com or call 414-422-0874

Make checks payable to NCCC-FCOA & send with form to:
NCCC-FCOA, c/o Pat Kelly, S68 W17323 Rossmar Ct., Muskego WI 53150-8575

<i>Office Use Only:</i>	Date Received:	Check #
<i>Revised 01-2011</i>	FCOA Number Assigned:	Date Packet Sent:

**NCCC Board of Governors
meeting minutes can be found
at the following link**

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Meetings.html>

Hello Governors,

From the recent meetings in St.
Louis...

Friday 2-25-2011, Membership
Committee meeting.

Betty Parks, Convention
treasurer told us she has
received 440 registrations for
Convention, so things are
proceeding well there and it
will be a good Convention.

Sylvia Hoaldrige, Blue Bars
editor, said the database wasn't
set up correctly and failed to
produce mailing labels for the
Charter and Lifetime members.
They had to do an additional
print run in order to deliver
issues to these members. By the
way, you can become a Lifetime
member by paying \$300 at renewal
time. You will receive a
special membership card that
shows you're a Lifetime member
and you'll never pay
NCCC dues again. The break even
point is 12 years, so if you
plan to live longer than that it
might work out financially...

Larry Higgins, Distribution
Center, said he mailed out
10,362 total packets (renewals
plus new members). He said the
postage for that was
\$9198. He passed out packets
that were returned for various

reasons. I will be forwarding
them to you to deliver to your
members. We need updated
addresses or corrections for
whatever the problem is. In
some cases these are a mystery.
I have one packet that has the
correct address on it. I was at
this person's house in December,
so I know it's correct and he
lives there. It says, "Attempted
- not known", so maybe he moved
since then? (I don't think so.)

There has been a lot of emphasis
lately on saving money. Part of
this comes from the fact that
NCCC is down about 1000 members
from the highest number about
five years ago. This means less
income from dues. Expenses have
increased since then, so we're
trying to do the same things
with less money. One aspect of
this is that we've been asking
for suggestions for increasing
membership. Along the same
lines, we're trying to promote
NCCC and some people have
questioned the methods. NCCC
has two traveling displays that
are sent to any club that asks
for them. One of them was at
the Corvette Dreamin' car show
in San Diego
the last couple of years and PR
Director Doug McMahan told me
they asked for it again this
year. It costs about \$1500 per
year to ship the displays around
the country. I have asked in
the past how many new members
are brought into NCCC from the
display. Nobody has been able
to answer this question. It was
suggested several years ago that
we write "display" on the
membership application forms,
but that hasn't been done. I

can't see that we get \$1500 worth of new members from the displays, especially since they are sent to events where most of the people there are already NCCC members. The display is set up at various non NCCC events, notably Corvettes at Carlisle and similar events. We were told that Chip Miller used to give NCCC free space to promote the charity raffle car and NCCC. After he died, his sons refused to do that. NCCC does get a lot of support from Mike Yaeger of Mid America Motorworks. Mike has been closely associated with NCCC since he started his business. He told us a few years ago that he used to come to the NCCC governors meeting and sell Corvette parts out of the back of his station wagon. Anyhow, he puts on the Funfest event, which is huge. The problem is that NCCC's display is lost in the crowd of vendors and we're trying to figure out how we can stand out from the crowd and get some traffic. The charity raffle car is a draw because a lot of people are interested in buying a chance to win it. Somebody mentioned that they have found out through experience that if you aren't giving something away then people won't stop at your display. Somebody suggested "booth babes", but at our age we don't have anybody that qualifies for that position.

Since there has been a lot of suggestions for bringing new members and new clubs into NCCC, it occurred to me to look at how many clubs are FORMER NCCC clubs. My thinking was, how can

we convince new clubs that belonging to NCCC would be beneficial if we can't keep the clubs we have? I went through a list of NCCC members in the West Coast Region that the VP of Membership gave to me. This list only goes up to clubWC-518, so it's an old list. Also Roadrunner Region clubs were part of the West Coast Region before they split off and became a separate region, so the numbers aren't strictly correct. Anywho, we had a total of 52 clubs on the list (about 5 were Roadrunner). Out of those 52, 23 are still NCCC clubs. Some of the clubs are dead, but there are several that are still around, notably Santa Clarita and North County Corvettes. Some of those were NCCC clubs for many years, like Fresno. Why they left is a mystery as they never say why they're not renewing. Most people believe that the reason is that they don't see a return on their investment of the yearly dues. The biggest benefit is the insurance (which just got a LOT better - see the governors meeting notes below).

On this theme of NCCC benefits, I recently bought some parts from Eckler's, which is a NCCC sponsor and they supposedly give a discount for NCCC members. I say "supposedly" because I ordered on their web site and I couldn't find a place anywhere in the ordering process to indicate that I'm a NCCC member and should get the discount. That made me wonder how to get the NCCC discount from the other sponsors that

offer it. I couldn't find this information anywhere. The main NCCC web site at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org> has an area right there on the first page that shows icons with links to various sponsors. No hint on how to get the discount. Blue Bars Magazine has a list of sponsors that offer discounts, but the only info on how to actually GET the discount is "Contact Debbie Lindsay, Director of Sponsorship". It shouldn't be that hard. I didn't get a chance to talk to Debbie while in St. Louis so I don't know what's involved. I intend to pursue this. Stay tuned.

I've been told that we still need the white copy of the new member application form, at least until further notice. We were told that the USPS was given a list of new NCCC members and then asked for proof that those members knew that part of their dues was going to the Blue Bars Magazine subscription. We did get approved for the Periodical Rate, but we're afraid the USPS might again ask for more proof that we deserve to keep getting that rate. So send in those application forms. I will send out a separate email with a copy of the latest version of the form soon.

Walt Jenkins, NCCC database guru, told us that we need to pass on to the governors that they should click the "Submit Changes to RMD" button. When you do that I get an email telling me that you have made changes.

Without that click, my only indication that something happened is that I get a check in the mail. Then I have to go into your database screen and click the button to get the changes transferred over to my database screen so I can accept the changes and input the check tracking info. Walt said this has been such a problem that he's been thinking of eliminating that button because the governors aren't clicking it anyway. One suggestion that we hope will get implemented is to allow the dues info to be entered directly on the roster screen during renewals. That way you wouldn't have to go back and forth between the roster screen and the member info screen. I asked that a "Add Spouse/Companion to this Primary" button be added so that you wouldn't have to look up or remember the Primary's number when adding a spouse. Walt said to be sure to check the "Inactive" members list to make sure that a "new" member wasn't actually a former member who is returning to NCCC. If you don't do that it can cause duplicated entries for the member, which confuses the database. Also, he asked that governors put in the member's middle initial to avoid too many people with the same name, which gets confusing.

Since the database has become our main way of tracking members the old methods which are described in the "Guidelines for Governors" booklet are completely obsolete. The booklet will be rewritten to update it so that it covers the current processes.

We spent quite a bit of time discussing ways of saving NCCC money and getting new members. Most of the suggestions were totally impractical and no real changes were made. The most popular target has been combining of regions. After the RMDs voted 12-3 to drop that issue, it's dead. Now they're looking at combining offices. I asked what the Parliamentarian actually does besides carry around a copy of "Roberts Rules of Order" in his pocket. I don't think this will go anywhere and I don't think the Membership Committee should be looking at this anyway.

I talked with Dennis Patrick, NCCC Merchandise, and he told me that the 2011 pins are available on the main NCCC web site. He told us in November that he would send out an email about the 2011 pins, but I never got anything. Several people have asked me about 2011 pins, so here ya go.

The governors will be voting on the location for the national governors meeting. I don't remember the exact years. I think it's 2013-2015. You will be getting a ballot in the mail soon to vote on this. The sites submitting bids were St. Louis (the present location) and Indianapolis. We were told that a web page will be set up to compare the costs, advantages, etc. for each location. The main disadvantage we've seen is that there are no restaurants near the Indianapolis hotel, as opposed to many restaurants in the Westport complex in St.

Louis. We expect a very close vote on this and we REALLY want to continue going to St. Louis, so we will be asking you to vote for St. Louis. The main NCCC web site tracks the ballots as they are returned, so we will know who doesn't vote. We WILL bug you about this, so be proactive and get your ballot in.

We have a new insurance agent, Brown and Brown. Jim from B&B gave a presentation on the changes. The plan is to get this presentation up on the main NCCC web site soon. There were many changes, all of them good. Jim showed us pictures of his Fixed Roof Coupe (2002?), so he's "one of us" and understands the Corvette mentality and knows what we're concerned about. He said the first thing they looked at was the "extra" insurance coverage that many venues ask for. K&K only covered \$1 million and many places want more than that. Jim said the various clubs spent \$20,000 on additional coverage, as asked for by different venues. So they investigated this and found that the highest coverage any venue wanted was \$4 million. They made NCCC's coverage \$5million. That's automatic for every NCCC club and every member. The \$5 million is for every NCCC "event", which includes competition and any event that the club participates in as a group, like a drive and dine. You are not covered while driving as an individual to a meeting place (your automobile policy covers that), but you are insured while part of the

group. B&B has added D&O (Directors and Officers), which we did not get from K&K. They cover all the NCCC national officers, regional officers and club officers. So if your club is sued for whatever reason, the officers are covered and will have representation. K&K covered "track" vehicles (vehicles used at a competition event) with a \$1000 deductible. B&B changed that to \$zero deductible. B&B has also added "crime" insurance up to \$50,000 so if somebody absconds with your club treasury that's covered. Overall, this is a MUCH better deal than we got from K&K. One thing that did come up is coverage for spouses who are not NCCC members. They are NOT covered, so if your non-NCCC wife is driving and something happens -- no coverage. It's got to be the cheapest insurance coverage there is at \$10 for \$5 million, so make those spouses NCCC members.

The deadline for articles for the next issue of Blue Bars Magazine is March 15th. If your newsletter had a good article that would be of general interest, go ahead and submit it

to Sylvia. Now that Blue Bars has de-emphasized racing and added more social articles you have a good chance of being published. I asked a while back why the drag records were in Blue Bars and everybody agreed with me that they should be moved to the NCCC web site. I was surprised to see them in the latest issue. Well, it turns out that Sylvia wants those to stay in Blue Bars (her email is pinkvette@... Her RACE CAR is painted pink, so you can draw your own conclusions from that). Sylvia asked that you contact her if you haven't gotten your issue of Blue Bars. She said a bunch of the latest issue arrived with the guts missing (only the cover left).

A tentative bid for the 2013 Convention was received from Dick Yanko, former NCCC President and resident of Bowling Green, to have the Convention in Bowling Green. We'll see how that goes...

All for now.

See ya,

Cliff

National Competition News

NCCC Competition information can be found at the following link

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Competition.html>

The following Youtube video is from the ALMS Corvette Racing team discussing the paddle shifter and how it interacts with the race track.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2wQs7GgF134>

NCCC Regional News

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WC-340-014NS	12	Low Speed Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
WC-340-015NS	13	Low Speed Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
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WC-518-012	26	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-013	26	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
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WC-302-016	10	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
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WC-552-017	23	Poker Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-018	23	Poker Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-019	23	Poker Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-020	23	Game Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-021	23	Game Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-022	23	Game Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
WC-552-023	23	Game Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucaipa, CA
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	30	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
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WC-500-001RS	1	PC Car Show	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula
	1	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
	7	Regional NCCC Meeting		
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WC-514-002	14	Corvette Dreaming PC	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego
WC-514-003NS	14	Corvette Dreaming	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego
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WC-302-024	21	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	San Bernardino, CA
WC-434-025	21	Gimmick Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-026	21	Hidden Time Rallye	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-027	21	Poker Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale

				Speedway
WC-434-028	21	Poker Rallye #2	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-029	21	Game Rallye #3	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-030	21	Game Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-031	21	Game Rallye #2	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
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WC-394-032NS	4	PC Car Show Non Sanct	Antelope Valley Corvettes	Lancaster, CA
WC-326-006	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-007	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-008	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-009	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-010	5	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-011	5	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-325-004	5	Concours D'Elegance	Orange Counth Vettes	Huntington Beach
WC-401-005	11	PC	The Vette Set	Seal Beach
	18-24	National Covention	Windy City Corvettes	Tinley Park, IL
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WC-302-xxxRS	8	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
WC-302-xxx	9	Low Speed Autocross	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
WC-302-xxx	10	Rallye	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
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WC-518-040	23	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-041	23	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
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WC-326-033	14	PC Car Show	Corvette Super Sports	Costa Mesa, CA
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WC-518-042	27	PC Car Show	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA

WC-518-043	27	Poker Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
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	10-11	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
	17	Regional NCCC Meeting		
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WC-395-034	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-035	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-036	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-037	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-038	25	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-039	25	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
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	7	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
WC-202-xxx	8	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
WC-202-xxx	9	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
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WC-414-xxx	22	Peoples Choice	Wild West Corvettes	Victorville, CA
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	12-13	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
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WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	11	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	11	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
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West Coast Region [http://www.ncccwcregion./](http://www.ncccwcregion/)

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