

Under The Radar

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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, By Marietta Darke: 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 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.

Appreciate your support.
As Always,

SAVE the WAVE

Marietta
CSS Charity Rep

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.

Marietta Darke is CSS' Charities Representative



[H.I.S. House](#)
Homeless Intervention Shelter
P.O. Box 1293, Placentia CA 92871
714-993-5774
[Visit "Charity's Closet" Thrift Shop](#)

CHiPs for Kids and its support of
the [Hillview Acres Children's Home](#)
Club Liaison and CHiPs for Kids Coordinator: [CHP Officer Donnell Holmes](#)



Pop Tab Program

Orange County Ronald McDonald House

Our House is a "home away from home" for families of infants and children who are receiving medical treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses at all the area medical facilities. It is open to families of these children who are hospitalized and to those with children who are receiving treatment at outpatients. Over 2700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1985.

The House that has built offers 22 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a living room, family room, cafeteria, kitchen, dining room, recreation, library and a playground with two swings. Ronald McDonald, sitting in a chair, reads to make you smile.

Families are referred to our House by hospital social workers. The cost per day is minimal, and most of the family is asked to pay. Our House is supported by the generous gifts of companies and groups.

Pop Tab Trivia

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Make a difference!
Give a new, unwrapped toy to **CHIPS for Kids**

Make your Holiday Season special for a less fortunate child or teen in your community

CHP **CBS 02** **KCAL 9**

Wal-Mart **Home Depot** **Petco** **Home Depot**

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Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers	Board of Governors
President: Greg Glodery	Donna Stewart
Vice-President: Jim Cooper	Tim Pearson
Secretary: Renita Glover	Roger Bacon
Treasurer: Cindy Orrico	Ron DeBartolomeis
Newsletter: Geoff Girvin	Vicki Kump
Webmaster: Doug Mariani	Linda Norris
N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico	
	Chairpersons
Clothing-Shirts: Rick Miller	Sergeant at Arms: Bill Darke
Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Jones	Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio
Socials: Geoff Girvin	Dealer Rep: Ron DeBartolomeis
Charity: Marietta Darke	August 23rd 50th Anniversary Car Show Chairman:
Raffle:	Jim Cooper
Meeting Hostess: Linda Norris	Banquet: Linda Norris, Vicki Kump
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!



Presidents Message

Da Prez

To all my friends and relations, this is my Last Will and Testament as Corvette Super Sports President. I bequeath my gavel, door prop, and seat at the head table to Cindy Orrico, whom I also request to be the executor of my Corvette Super Sports Estate, meager as it is. I feel compelled to admit to all who read this that I have been paying Geoff Girvin every month to write my byline for me. I would request that Cindy continue this in the coming years as Geoff's mind is bizarre and creative at the same time. My honorarium to Geoff has been \$1,000 a month because I wanted to help him purchase a new ZR1 and the club had the funds anyway. If CSS has as good a turn out at the next car show, there should be ample funds to keep this tradition alive. Geoff will, no doubt, catch several people by surprise as he has done almost every month this last year. Ask Rick and Lynn if they almost had a heart attack one month. Or, ask Sue Rosen if she speed reads and missed the point about a ZR1 in my byline a few months back. I hope all of you miss me. I had fun as your leader but it took a toll on me which is self evident as this is my last Testament. Live well and prosper.

"HOT" CSS News

The Social event for January 2010 is:

The Annual Banquet at the NHRA Museum at the Fairplex in Pomona January 23rd

The Club event for January is:

The Run to Laughlin to celebrate the birthday of Millard Fillmore January 8-10

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.

Corvette Track Days is officially on for April 10th and 11th 2010 at Pahrump. Remember what happens at Pahrump stays at Pahrump.

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. Jim Cooper introduced a new [Cruise Planning form](#) at the March general meeting; please use it to organize the details and help us publicize your event.

Corvette Super Sports Election Results for 2010

Officers

President: Cindy Orrico

Vice-President: Diane Weist

Secretary: Ginger Girvin

Treasurer: Jennifer Spencer

Newsletter: Geoff Girvin

Webmaster: Douglas Mariani

N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico

Chairpersons

Clothing-Shirts: Rick Miller

Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Jones

Socials: Geoff Girvin

Charity: Marietta Darke

Raffle:

Meeting Hostess: Linda Norris

Membership/Hospitality: Donna Stewart

Phone Committee Chairman: Donna Stewart

Board of Governors

Donna Stewart

Jim Cooper

Roger Bacon

Ron DeBartolomeis

Vicki Kump

Linda Norris

Sergeant at Arms: Scott Glover

Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio

Dealer Representative: Ron DeBartolomeis

Car Show Chairman: Roger Bacon

Historian: Pat & Jan Works

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING

Corvette Super Sports Local News

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>
Hortencia Sanchez 12/05	Dave and jenny MacDonough 12/15
Joe Orrico 12/12	Art and Marge Huhta 12/16
Debbie Childs 12/18	Pat and Jan Works 12/19
Bill Darke 12/28	Roger and Carol Bacon 12/26
Robyne Camp 12/29	Bill and Marietta Darke 12/31
<u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u>	<u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u>
Bill Stel 1/1	Douglas & Elizabeth Mariani 1/02/09
Dennis Dawson 1/9	Dave & Donna Stewart 1/19/80
Chris Glodery 1/10	
Rick Miller 1/12	
Kathryn Baddley 1/16	
Arthur Huhta – 1/16	
Scott Glover (Mustang Sally) 1/17	
Shirley Jones 1/19	
Ann Meeuwenberg 1/25	
Dianne Wiest 1/26	
Dave Stewart 1/30	

December Birthday Celebrations

Happy Corvette Super Sports birthday to Hortencia Sanchez.

"It was good. We went to Disneyland," said Hortencia describing her birthday. She also celebrated her 15th Anniversary, which is really in May. Hortencia likes to sing and is enjoying the CDs she received as presents.

Happy Corvette Super Sports birthday to Joe Orrico

I don't know what age Joe turned, but when I asked how his birthday was, he said, "I don't remember." Then I asked what gifts he received and he said, "I don't remember." There was silence on the phone and I heard Cindy talking in the background.

Now the story came out. He celebrated his day at the CSS Christmas party where he showed off a new wedding ring (a gift from Cindy lest anyone wonder). With more coaching from the background, he said, "I received some C5 wine glasses." Then he let it slip that he now has a 2009 ZR1. Red. That's a truly nice birthday present. I asked if he was going to race it. "No." Show it? "No." The truth is that it is Cindy's daily driver. His present. Her car. Go figure.

Happy Corvette Super Sports birthday to Bill Darke

He got together with his son-in-law and played golf. They share birthdays and treated each other to the golf. Afterwards the family partied in the afternoon. Bill said he was taking it easy after the Christmas holiday, but it will be no effort to enjoy the new wine cooler, a birthday present.

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 Car Show and Rallyes 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:

Date	Event
March 7-8	Pahrump High Speed Driving Certification with Sideline Parties
March 14-15	Autocross Palm Springs Corvettes – Indio Fairgrounds
April 17	Wounded Warrior Battalion with Nick Vujicic from Life Without Limbs
April 19	50 th Birthday Party for Corvette Super Sports
April 25	Yucaipa Corvette Rallye
May 17	Planes of Fame Air Show, Chino – Lunch at Flo's
May 23-24	Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas Corvette Association
June 13	Pomona valley corvettes Rallye
June 26	The Bash Before the Big Bear Bash at Shirley Jones' house
June 27-28	Big Bear Bash – Big Bear
July 11	Mystery Cruise to find Aliens
July 25	Nethercutt Car Museum
August 1	Vapor Trails Car Rallye – Santa Maria
August 8-14	NCCC 50 th Anniversary Convention, Colorado Springs
August 23	CSS Car show 50 th Anniversary
August 29	Nuclear Sub tour San Diego
September 5	Sept - Donna's Pool Party
September 19	Days of Wine and Roses Corvettes of Temecula Valley Lake Skinner
October 4	Sunrise Senior Living - CSS Car display/BBQ,

October 10	Palm Springs Air Museum
October 17	Casino Night – La Palma
October 24-25	CSS High Speed Autocross – Pahrump, NV
November 7 th	Trap shooting at Prado Shooting Range
November 14	La Palma Days Parade
November 14	November - Turkey Bowl at La Habra Bowl
December 12	December - Christmas Party (Place yet to be determined)

Current CSS events can be found at the following URL <http://www.corvettesupersports.com>

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

Editor's Corner

The year of 2009 will go down in the log books for Corvette super Sports as the most active year in our 50 year history. From achieving the 50 year milestone, to the renaming of the newsletter to “Under the Radar” to holding the first High Speed Autocross in the region to changing the venue for the Car Show and inviting Hot Rods to participate, to achieving the highest points in the region for the first time ever due entirely to the participation by our members throughout the year deserves a look back on the highlights.

The Year In Review:

I think that the first part of the year could be described as the “Year Of The Alien”. Although not immediately recognized as an infestation of Aliens, we can say in retrospect that Benita Klaisner’s C5 must have been invaded by an alien who took control of the steering during an autocross demonstration at Camp Pendleton Marine Base requiring her car to be towed away for repair. Joe Orrico was luckier because it seems that an alien invaded his transmission and required only an exorcism while returning from “Area 51”. The deed was done at a Las Vegas Chevrolet dealership. Yet another invasion seems to occurred into the steering linkage on Ed Norris’s C5 at the end of an Autocross

run at Corvette Roulette on Memorial Day causing his air bags to deploy.

Given these odd events, we went to Mount Palomar Observatory to see if we could find where these Aliens were coming from using the observatory's 200 inch telescope. While there, and absolutely sure that we would find what we were looking for, the members in attendance brought their own Alien catching devices. One member thought that aliens were female and brought a mouse trap with diamond lures and one member even tried to lure the alien critters with his own rendition of the Swan Lake ballet.

Later that month, after visiting the Nethercutt auto museum, we finally found the only known flying saucer crash site in Burbank. It looked like there were no survivors and the flying saucer is still protruding from the side of the building near the Burbank airport. After that, the Aliens seemed to have lost interest in CSS and moved on to parts unknown.

The year could also be considered the "Year of the Rallye and Autocross". Corvette Super Sports members attended more rallyes and autocrosses this year and walked away with more trophies and points than in years past. One Rallye even came with a dead body, although I do not think it was planned. We rallied in Yucaipa, Big Bear, Temecula, Santa Maria, Las Vegas and Rancho Cucamonga. The best part about the rallies is that we generally won the trophy for club participation which is a direct reflection on the number of members going on the events. It also has to do with the fact that the club's governing body made it a point to get these rallies onto the schedule, talked about them in the meetings preceding the event and brought general excitement to the CSS members about the events long enough in advance to impact the attendance. We also ran the first ever High Speed Autocross in our West Coast Region at Pahrump, the famed home of Art Bell and the Coast to Coast AM radio show he produced for many years and the Chicken Ranch. Seven CSS members participated in the Autocrosses in Big Bear, Santa Maria (where Jennifer got 2 awards

for fastest times on and off the course), and our own as noted above.

It was very pleasing to me, your editor-in-chief, to have been on many of these rallies because the trophy for club participation is about the only trophy I was able to bring home as the losing streak for me continued until the Temecula “Days of Wine and Roses” Rally. I did learn a lot about rallies though, as everyone can attest to who went to the NCCC convention in Colorado Springs in August. That rally did not number the clues in sequence so now we read all the instructions very very carefully.

The year could also be thought of as the “Year of the Family”. The CSS extended family had good news and bad news but we all stuck together and got us all through it. I will not list the names of the extended family members who have gone on to the “NCCC Convention Everlasting” because it still hurts even now for some. But I can say that we are all very proud of Steven Spencer who joined the US Army to serve his country and protect all of us because freedom is not free! Let us also not forget Doug and Elizabeth getting married on January 2, 2009. In April, Dave and Donna found out that one of their Grand Daughters received a 4 year full ride scholarship to a college in Arizona. Finally, Geoff and Ginger’s daughter Tiffany was married on June 28th at Lovers Cove in Pacific Grove to a wonderful Chevron Fire Captain.

I think it is also safe to say that this was a “Year of the Militia”. Who knew that there were more shotguns per capita in CSS than Corvettes and that so many of the members would attend the “Homeland Security” target practice day? It was thrilling to see the turn out. It was interesting too, to feel something in the air that was different than most outings. It was definitely something to do with patriotism and competitiveness and males in general. I never realized that testosterone has a fragrance all its own, in mass quantities, and from multiple sources all at once. There was something definitely in the air besides the gun powder. But maybe that is just a male point of view too. This was not purely a “guy”

thing. Dawnette was there too and anyone who watched her can say that there is something very enticing about her with a shotgun in her hand.

It was the “Year of the National Function” too. Many members went to the NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs in August along with over 400 other cars from around the nation. The convention had something for everyone. Car shows, rallies, funkhana, picnics, dinners, cheap drinks, loaded drinks, high speed autocross, low speed autocross, drag races, Spring Mountain cars to drive with new Michelin street legal race tires (woo woo) and friendly people. Many of our members showed up in print and in pictures in the latest Blue Bars NCCC publication.

There was also the Corvette Caravan to the Museum in Bowling Green Kentucky in September. Several members attended that trip as well and Chuck Rosen made it a point to record the trip and all the Indian Teepees he could find along the route in his camera. Seeing the pictures of the numbers of Corvettes rising along the route was amazing. Everyone who went said that the towns along the way were so cordial and happy to see all the cars that it made the trip very memorable.

This year could be considered “The Year For Our Charities”. We provided cars for the La Palma Days Parade, gave a thrill to the residents of the Sunrise Senior Center, served Easter meals at Camp Pendleton, and increased our donations to our charities by changing the venue of our annual car show to Surf City Garage and opening it up to Hot Rods as well as Corvettes. Jim Cooper and his committee made CSS double the Car Show profits which resulted in us being able to increase our donations to Hill View Acres, the shelter in Chino run by the CHP and for HIS House in Placentia. We can thank Jim Cooper for his vision of this car show and his tenacity for getting it done.

This will be a year to remember for sure We participated in many outings, answered “some” Trivia Questions, received beautiful

awards for our participation and for answering “some” trivia questions, and still had time to participate in some fun annual activities like bowling for Valentine’s day and for Turkey day. I am not sure that we can say that this was a year “For Trivia Questions” because although there was some fair amount of participation early in the year, many thought that the prizes I gave out were sleazy. I thought that the candelabra that Renita received was very nice in sterling silver and Scott got a 10 year supply of candles. I thought that the Chinese Tonic that Ron got that well-to-do Chinese men take every night for vim and vigor should they need it at night was very thoughtful too. But maybe the other prizes could have been better, I don’t know. I thought they all fit their recipients well, though. But in the last few months of the year, most of the Trivia Questions are still unanswered. I am thinking that I will open up the prize awards to the other clubs that get our newsletter because several have asked if they could participate. This would help in my “re-gifting” exercise.

Personally I want to thank all the members for attending so many outings because it gave my creative mind fertile ground and interesting behaviors to write about. I have never had so much fun as I have had being your Editor for the CSS Newsletter “Under The Radar”. I cannot thank Officer Donnell Holmes for indulging me and my creative juices to set up the radar trap for our front and back covers. I have to thank Jennifer too for the idea for the name. A heretofore unknown comment about that day was that the look of angst on Ron’s face is real. Donnell asked him for his license and registration to make the back cover look real and when Ron could not produce his registration, Donnell said “I’m going to have to actually cite you now”. Luckily, Ron found a usable registration document.

So, let’s keep the ball rolling and the participation high in 2010. Let’s show the other clubs in the region and our new elected officers that we are the best and that we can sustain the “Highest Regional Points” again and again.

December Outings

In December, we attendee the annual Christmas party at Doug and Elizabeth's house in Anaheim Hills. The lasagna was truly world class. Even though it rained, it did not dampen the spirits and because Doug is such a great Webmaster, pictures of the event were on the web site the next day. On the same day as the Christmas Party, we attempted to do more Homeland Security practice at the range, but only one member went and braved the mud. Ron Kennedy said that the event was attended by himself, his son and brother. Everyone else's Corvette came down with the same ailment that Ron D talks about all the time that the car won't start in the rain. Ron Kennedy said that it was a great day as no one else was at the range either.

Pictures from the Christmas Party can be found on our CSS Website at the following link

www.corvettesupersports.com

and clicking on Event Photos

NCCC News

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

www.corvettesnccc.org/minutes.pdf

NCCC Competition meeting minutes can be found at the following link

http://www.corvettesnccc.org/competition_minutes09-09.pdf

Consequences

