

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, 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, 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



Orange County Ronald McDonald House

Our House is a "home away from home" for families of children who are receiving medical treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses at all the area medical facilities. It is open to families of those children who are hospitalized and need to be close to their child who are receiving treatment at our facilities. Over 1700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1985.

The "Home Away From Home" offers 22 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a living room, family room, security, kitchen, dining room,

Pop Tab Trivia

For you know...
1 can = 1 pop tab
1 can = 12 pop tabs
1 can = 40 pop tabs
1 can = 1,207 pop tabs
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popcorn, flowers and a playground with our friend, Ronald McDonald, sitting on a bench made to make you smile.

Families are referred to our House by hospital social workers. The cost per day is nominal and waived if the family is unable to pay. Our House is supported by the general gifts or services provided by the community as well.

"The Home That You Built" is one of our ongoing fund-raising programs that help support our mission of being a "home away from home" for the families of children receiving medical treatment at area

medical facilities. Approximately 12 pounds of pop tabs will cover a family's \$5 room fee for a one-night stay.

Summer 1998

Everyone can get involved!

• Schools

• Churches

• Companies

• Civic Organizations

• Families in your neighborhood

Remember... it's all about

Pop Tab Houses

We have built colorful

refrigerator houses for you.

The small tab house is

pop-topped and holds

about one pound of tabs

when full. The large can-

holder can hold about

20-30 pounds of tabs

when full. Both models

are fun and extremely

easy!

Call (714) 993-5774 if

you want to see one of

these houses.

Orange County

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers

President: Greg Glodery
Vice-President: Jim Cooper
Secretary: Renita Glover
Treasurer: Cindy Orrico
Newsletter: Geoff Girvin
Webmaster: Scott Glover
N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico

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Donna Stewart
Tim Pearson
Roger Bacon
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Vicki Kump
Linda Norris

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Socials: Geoff Girvin
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Raffle:
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Sergeant at Arms: Bill Darke
Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio
Dealer Rep: Ron DeBartolomeis
August 23rd 50th Anniversary Car Show Chairman: Jim Cooper
Banquet: Linda Norris, Vicki Kump
Historian: Pat & Jan Works

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 and the location will be announced at the monthly Club meeting. Board meetings are open to all members. We encourage you to attend and welcome your comments pro and con. The April meeting was at the Girvin's for Pizza and beer. June's meeting was scheduled at the Orrico's Club house, while July was at the FAT Burger joint in Orange because burgers were 2 for 1.



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

Presidents Message



Da Prez

Hello everyone,

July was a creepy month. Aliens were hunted down on July 11th and an alien crash site was viewed on July 25th. All this is due to the sun spot activity that has been higher than at any time in the past. As we know, aliens invaded Joe Orrico's transmission and that required an exorcism as well as one invaded Ed Norris's steering linkage and forced the car to kiss a light pole. These might have been thought of as random acts of adventure but remembering that Benita Klaisner had a run in with an alien at Camp Pendleton earlier in the year makes it all too obvious that there are aliens all around us. August is just around the corner and our 50th Anniversary Car show has come together very nicely. Show entries continue to come in and the Millers have been more than gracious in their support of the car show. Let's just hope that those going to the NCCC convention in Colorado Springs will find a route that Aliens know nothing about. To protect those going to the Convention we will continue to recite the Ten Commandments of Corvette Owners as follows:

*The Ten Commandments
of
Corvette owners*

- I. THOU SHALT NOT LOAN THY CORVETTE TO ANYONE**
- II. THOU SHALT NOT BRING CORVETTE TO AN AUTOMATIC CAR WASH**
- III. THOU SHALT NOT FAIL TO WAVE TO A FELLOW OWNER**
- IV. THOU SHALT NOT SWEAR AT CORVETTE - FOR SHE IS VERY TEMPERAMENTAL**
- V. THOU SHALT NOT CRUISE ON AN UNPAVED ROAD**
- VI. THOU SHALT NOT PASS A FELLOW CORVETTE OWNER IN DISTRESS**
- VII. THOU SHALT NOT FEED CORVETTE WITH BUDGET PRICED FUEL**
- VIII. THOU SHALT NOT EXPOSE CORVETTE TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**
- IX. THOU SHALT NOT FORGET TO ACTIVATE ALARM**
- X. THOU SHALT NOT RECOGNIZE A PORCHE OR NISSAN AS A TRUE SPORTS CAR**

Editor's Note

I hope that you all enjoy the new format of the Newsletter. We can thank Officer Donnell Holmes, our interface with the CHP and Hill View Acres, for giving up part of his day off to help us with the new cover pages for the Newsletter. He was explaining to us that we should come out to Hill view Acres and take a tour again so that we can understand just how important the facility really is to the community and how much they depend on our donations each year. I really want to thank Donnell for being so gracious to put up with my weird creativity. I get these ideas and see things differently than most people do and anyone who knows me can attest to it. I think it is the voices in my head, but that is another story. In any case Donnell actually suggested that the picture on the cover would be a more correct posture rather than from behind as I originally thought. He is truly a good friend for all of us at CSS.

Family Update Corner

On June 28th while most of the club was at the Big Bear Bash, Geoff and Ginger were at their daughter's wedding in Pacific Grove just south of Monterey. We thought you would like to see some pictures of that day. It was very emotional for all of us.



"HOT" CSS News

The Social event for August is:

Corvette Super Sports 50th Anniversary Car Show in Huntington Beach

The Club event for August is:

Corvette Super Sports 50th Anniversary Car Show in Huntington Beach

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 October 24th and 25th 2009 at Pahrump. Remember what happens at Pahrump stays at Pahrump.

If you have an idea for a **Club Outing, Mystery Run, 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.

Calendar of Events

The following NCCC sanctioned events were submitted by Joe Orrico:

NCCC West Coast & Northwest Region 2009 Competition Calendar

Refer to NCCC WC Region Web Site And Club Flyers For Additional/Detailed Information
San = Sanctioned, Non-San or ns = Non-Sanctioned, Reg-San or RS = Sanctioned For WC Region Points Only
(Does Not Apply For National Points)

+ In Sanction Type Column Indicates Revision Or Addition Of An Event Since Last Revision

Request order & Future Sanction Type	Date	Event	WCR Host Club	Info / Location
		2009		
	Jan			
	3 Sat			
	4 Sun			
	10 Sat			
	11 Sun			
	17 Sat			
	18 Sun			
	24 Sat	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD	Tentative
	25 Sun			
	31 Sat			
	Feb			
	1 Sun			
	7 Sat			
	8 Sun			
	14 Sat			
	15 Sun			
	21 Sat			
	22 Sun			
	27 Fri	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	28 Sat	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	Mar			

Request order & Future Sanction Type	Date	Event	WCR Host Club	Info / Location
	1 Sun			
NA	7 Sat	High Speed Cert School	West Coast RCD	Spring Mtn Pahrump, NV
NA	8 Sun	High Speed Cert School	West Coast RCD	Spring Mtn Pahrump, NV
WC-340-XXXns	14 Sat	Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
WC-340-XXXns	15 Sun	Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
	21 Sat			
	22 Sun			
	28 Sat			
	29 Sun			
	Apr			
	4 Sat			
	5 Sun			
	11 Sat			
	12 Sun	Easter Sunday		
	18 Sat			
WC-500-xxx WC-500-xxx	19 Sun	Judged Car Show PC Car Show	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula, CA
+WC-552-037 WC-552-038 WC-552-039 WC-552-040 WC-552-041 WC-552-042 WC-552-043	25 Sat	Poker Rallye 1 Poker Rallye 2 Poker Rallye 3 Poker Rallye 4 Funkhana Game Rallye 1 Game Rallye 2	Inland Empire Corvettes Corvette Super Sports received a majority of the trophies at this event by bringing 7 cars.	Yucaipa, CA
	26 Sun			
	May			
	1 Fri	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	2 Sat	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	9 Sat	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD	Tentative
	10 Sun	Mother's Day		
WC-514-001	16 Sat	Corvette Dreaming Show	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego
WC-302-029	17 Sun	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	Redlands
WC-202-011 WC-202-012 WC-202-013	23 Sat	Concours Judged Car Show Poker Rally Gimmick Rally	Corvette Roulette Las Vegas Corvette Assoc.	Las Vegas
WC-202-014 WC-202-015	24 Sun	Low Speed Autocross Matching Times Autocross	Corvette Roulette Las Vegas Corvette Assoc.	Las Vegas
	25 Mon	Memorial Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosen's - 2nd Place Wash & Show Car Show Rosen's - 2nd Place Poker Hand Orrico's - 3rd Place Wash & Show Car Show Orrico's - 3rd Place Gimmick Rally Joe - 1st Place Autocross 1J Cindy - 1st Place Autocross 1JL Cindy - 1st Place Matching Times Autocross Ladies Ed Norris - 1st Place. Autocross 1JS Ed Norris - 1st Place Matching Times Autocross Men Dawnette - 1st Place Autocross 1JS Norris's Ed & Linda 3rd Place Concurs Car Show Larry Farrell - 2nd Place Car Show 	

Request order & Future Sanction Type	Date	Event	WCR Host Club	Info / Location
	30 Sat			
	31 Sun			
	June			
	6 Sat			
WC-404-016	7 Sun	PC Car Show	Victor Valley Vettes	Victorville
WC-434-002 WC-434-003 WC-434-004 WC-434-005 WC-434-006 WC-434-007	13 Sat	Gimmick Rally Poker Rally Poker Rally Hidden Time Rally Game Rally Game Rally	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn. Reg and Dori: 3rd place in Poker #2 Cindy and Joe: 3rd Place for "Name The Change in the Bottle", 2nd Place for "Bag Toss Game" and 2nd Place for "Dice Game Larry Farrell confiscated the Club participation award	Rancho Cucamonga
WC-401-010	14 Sun	PC Car Show	The Vette Set	Long Beach, CA
	20 Sat			
	21 Sun			
WC-302-030rs	26 Fri	Big Bear Bash	Autocross Results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joe Orrico 1st class 1J • Ed Norris 1st class 1JS • Bud Norris 2nd class 1JS • Dave Alciatore 3rd class 1JS • Cindy Orrico 1st class 1JL • Dawnette Norris 1st class 1JSL • Jennifer Spencer 2nd class Novice 	Big Bear Lake, CA
WC-302-031	27 Sat	Big Bear Bash	Rallye Results Scott and Renita Glover 4th	Big Bear Lake, CA
WC-302-032	28 Sun	Big Bear Bash	Corvettes West	Big Bear Lake, CA
	July			
	4 Sat	Independence Day		
	5 Sun			
	11 Sat			
	12 Sun			
	18 Sat			
	19 Sun			
	25 Sat			
	26 Sun			
	August			
WC-518-023 WC-518-024 WC-518-025 WC-518-026 WC-518-027 WC-518-028	1 Sat	PC Car Show Poker Rallye Gimmick Rallye Hidden Time Rallye Game Rallye 1 Game Rallye 2	Vapor Trails Corvettes	Santa Maria, CA
	2 Sun			
	7-14	NCCC National Convention	Rocky Mountain Region	Colorado Springs, CO
	16 Sun			
+WC-446-044	22 Sat	PC Car Show	Millennium Corvettes	Pomona, CA
WC-326-009	23 Sun	PC Car Show	Corvette Super Sports	Huntington Beach
	29 Sat			

Request order & Future Sanction Type	Date	Event	WCR Host Club	Info / Location
	30 Sun			
	Sept			
	5 Sat	Caravan Museum 15 Yr.		
	6 Sun			
	11 Fri	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	12 Sat	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	13			
WC-500-016 WC-500-017 WC-500-018 WC-500-019	19	Gimmick Rallye Poker Rallye Game Rallye #1 Game Rallye #2	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula, CA
	20			
	26			
	27			
	Oct			
	3 Sat	Regional Governors Meeting	TBD	Tenative
	4 Sun			
	10 Sat			
	11 Sun			
WC-434-008	17 Sat	PC Car Show	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Upland
	18 Sun			
+WC-326-033rs WC-326-034rs	24 Sat	High Speed Event	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
+WC-326-035rs WC-326-036rs	25 Sun	High Speed Event	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
	31 Sat	Halloween		
	Nov			
	1 Sun			
	7 Sat			
	8 Sun			
	13 Fri	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	14 Sat	National Meetings	NCCC National	St. Louis
	15 Sun			
	21 Sat			
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	28 Sat			
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	Dec			
	5 Sat			
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	12 Sat			
	13 Sun			
	19 Sat			
	20 Sun			
	26Sat			
	27 Sun			

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

CSS Regional Standings as of 07/02/09

Cindy	Orrico	119
Jennifer	Spencer	95
Renita	Glover	80
Lynn	Miller	62
Dawnette	Norris	37
Kathy	Baddley	34
Karen	DeBartolomeis	27
Ginger	Girvin	25
Sue	Rosen	23
Jenny	MacDonough	22
Dori	Lawrence	15
Linda	Norris	13
Vicki	Kump	3

Joe	Orrico	109
Scott	Glover	80
Rick	Miller	62
Reg	Lawrence	47
Geoff	Girvin	46
Ed	Norris	45
Mike	Baddley	34
Bud	Norris	31
Larry	Farrell	31
Dave	MacDough	29
Ron	DeBartolomeis	27
Tim	Girvin	26
Chris	Spencer	24
Gary	Phlen	23
Ed	Childs	21
Chuck	Rosen	20
Dave	Alciatore	6
Tom	Cuccio	3

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<u>JULY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Dawnette Norris	07/03	Bob and Vicki Kump	07/08
Kump, Bob	07/14	Chuck and Sue Rosen	07/12
Baddley, Michael R	07/22	Bud and Dawnette Norris	07/19
Martinez, Frank	07/22	Tom and Tammy Mielke	07/21
Chee, Ellis	07/28		
<u>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Bacon, Roger J	8/4	Costello, Cindy	8/7
Owens, Clifford	8/8	Costello, Mark	8/7
Owens, Michelle	8/9	Norris, Ed	8/8
Glodery, Greg	8/13	Norris, Linda	8/8
Cuccio, Barbara L	8/16	Camp, Larry Douglas	8/15
Kennedy, Ron	8/18	Camp, Robyne H	8/15
Stel, Marleen F	8/19	Cruz, Sal	8/20
Works, Jan	8/31	Cruz, Teresa	8/20

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
September 5	Sept - Donna's Pool Party
October 10	Palm Springs Air Museum & Palm Springs Follies, Oasis Camel Farm
October 17	Casino Night
October 24-25	CSS High Speed Autocross – Pahrump, NV
November 21	November - Turkey Bowl at La Habra Bowl
December 12	December - Christmas Party (Place yet to be determined)

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

The Bash before the Big Bear Bash and the Bash itself

At the end of June when your editor was in Monterey giving his daughter away in marriage, all the rest of the club was at the big Bear Bash and the Bash before the Bash. From the reports I have received, it looks like Corvette Super Sports cleaned up on the competition and had fun like they always do. The Bash before the Bash was hosted at Shirley and Garry's place and as usual, was filled with food, liquid refreshment and good times. The following pictures were submitted by Jennifer:



Over the weekend, the Grey Squirrel again became the focal point for food, drink, merry-making and awards. Now it has come to my attention, with respect to the awards, that Cindy, consummate competitor that she is, actually traded one of her trophies for some bumping and grinding and NOT with Joe. Mike Lawrence was there with his parents, Reg and Dori, and seems to have made a name for himself within the club:



Those that did not give up their trophies are shown below:

Tom and Barbara Cuccio - First Place C2

Bob and Vicki Kump – First Place C4



Ed and Linda Norris – 3rd Place C4

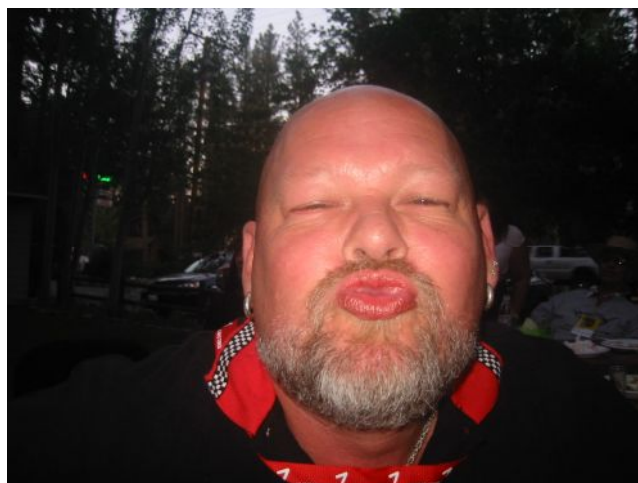
Chuck and Sue Rosen – 3rd Place C5



Bud and Dawnette Norris – First Place C5



Scott – Unknown place unknown class



We also did well in the autocross competition. Unfortunately, no pictures at this time.

Joe Orrico 1st class 1J

Ed Norris 1st class 1JS

Bud Norris 2nd class 1JS

Dave Alciatore 3rd class 1JS

Cindy Orrico 1st class 1JL

Dawnette Norris 1st class 1JSL

Jennifer Spencer 2nd class Novice

[The following is from Sue Rosen about the Big Bear Bash](#)

The Big Bear Bash was wonderful, and what made it so great was the fun we had with the Corvette Super Sports gang! A big "thank you" to Shirley and Garry and their helpmate Donna for "The Bash Before" and Sunday brunch -- Everything was yummy! Also, a big "thanks" to everyone at "Pappy's Cabin" for dinner Saturday -- Great BBQ! We sure appreciate the warm hospitality extended to us.

As for our trophy, all I can say is, we're very lucky they gave a 3rd place!! I asked one of the officials during the car show how many places they were awarding, and she said 1st and 2nd. Since there were 3 C-5's, one that had so many extras it should have been with the Customs, Bud and Dawnette's beauty, and ours, I knew we were out of it. Then, Saturday night we got a 3rd place, so we were thrilled! Since Chuck basically dropped off the Vette, the cleaning supplies, and me at the car show while he played in the golf tournament, I feel pretty good about winning the war against

"The Yellow Menace" (a.k.a. pollen) to win the trophy. The announcer Sat. night didn't even mention my name with Chuck's, but Chuck did give me all the credit when he e-mailed our family and close friends with the news.

See ya soon,

Sue

And another comment, this time from Tom Cuccio:

This was the first full weekend that Barbara and I have spent at the Big Bear Bash. The 64 Vette was ready and performed well driving up and down the mountain. I wanted to do something to get our club points and recognition so I entered the people's choice car show. In the C-2 category my car earned a 1st Place Trophy; I was very happy about that for it has been several years since the car has been in a car show. (History: My 64 Vette was the first car by a Corvette Super Sports Member to be in a car show; that was in 1973 at the Great Western Livestock Center in Los Angeles).

The whole weekend was great (except for the pollen):

- 1. Spending time with our friends Bob & June Beynon from Carlsbad and their 2006 convertible (Bob and I have been friends since 1958).**
- 2. Shirley and Garry's before the bash party and the Sunday brunch.**
- 3. The Bar-B-Que at Linda and Vickie's house.**
- 4. Talking with some of our members and former club members.**
- 5. Watching some of our members race at the airport.**
- 6. Dave Alciatore driving Ilona up to visit for a while.**
- 7. Placing 1st. at the car show.**
- 8. Watching many of our members collect trophies.**

Tom Cuccio, Jr.

Club Events for July – “Alien Nation”

On July 11th the 18 hearty souls below headed off on a mystery run to catch aliens.



Don't be fooled. The munchkin in the front row holding on to Jennifer, is Art Huhta's grandson, Albie, who came to see us off on our adventure. Most of the adventurers brought devices to catch said aliens should they present themselves. The mystery run had 3 legs and no one except the aliens and the leader knew exactly where they were headed for, but that did not cause any concern. Leg one of the run was from Krispy Kreme Donuts to the Amtrak Train station at San Juan Capistrano. While at the train station getting the second map and discussing the finer points of caravanning on the freeway, an alien actually showed up and claimed to be a Porsche driver. Jenny and Renita tried to convert him away from the dark side but he seemed to be skeptical as did we. None of us could figure out what Renita was doing and the alien and his family weren't sure either:



The second leg of the adventure was from the Train Station to Pala Mesa at the intersection of Highway 76 and I-15. The maps showed that we were supposed to be stopping at a 76 gas station but before we got there, the aliens tried to trick us and changed it into a Mobile station. Undaunted, we stopped for nourishment and the third map. While resting, an alien moon rover appeared on the scene and we were able to take its picture to document the sighting.



Just as soon as this monster moon rover left the scene, US Federal Border Patrol officers showed up, but were unwilling to be photographed. I thought that it was an odd turn of events.



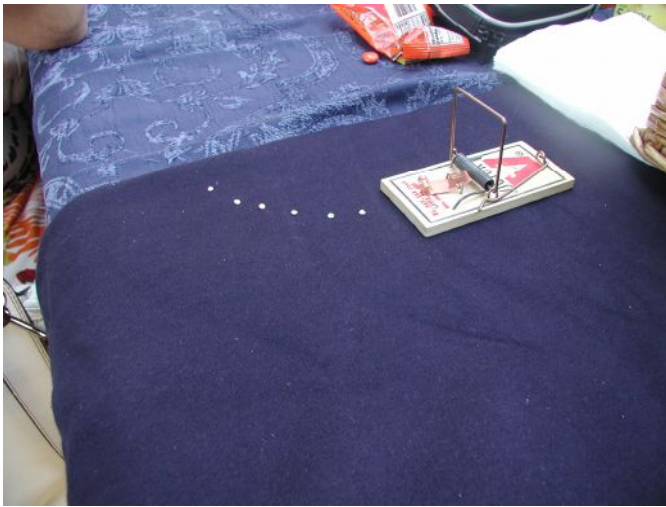
Maybe we scared the federal marshals off. The third and supposedly the final leg of the journey was distributed and we headed off for the Mount Palomar Observatory to look for aliens through the 200 inch telescope housed there. But before we toured the facility, we had a picnic and the "People's Choice" Alien Catcher contest.



This was Rick and Lynn's entry. They even brought the Reeses Pieces as a lure.



Scott thought we were going to the border. and figured that he could beat them back to where they came from.



Jennifer was convinced that her diamonds could attract anything on or off the planet and lure it into the trap.



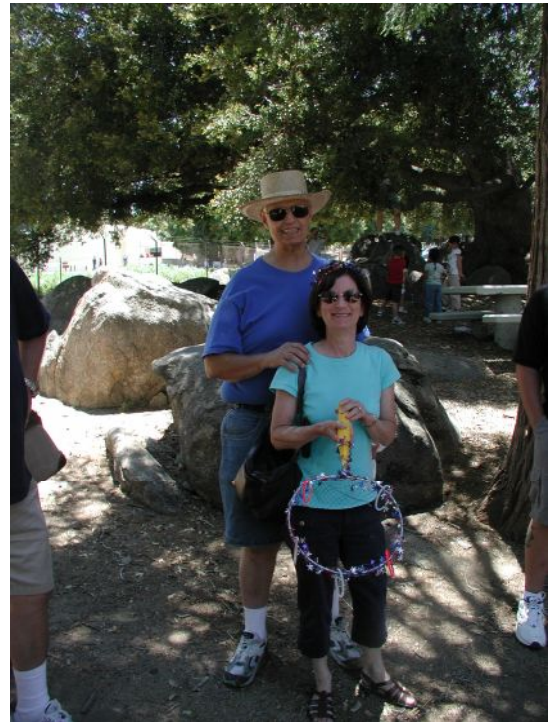
Geoff brought an electronic catcher with an LED that was supposed to reflect only off of aliens. Funny thing though is that it only reflected off of Roger.

As you can see below, Dave came prepared, but so was Jenny. In the end, Dave was not prepared.





Donna's technique was to sneak up on them.



Chuck and Sue were sure they would be attracted by their patriotism.

As it turned out, the aliens were actually extinguished by Rick who performed the amazing "Electronic Swan Dance". The device sparked several times as it caught them by surprise, as they were mesmerized by his dance.



The rest of the party finished lunch and then toured the facility:



At the end of the day, most of us decided that the Mount Palomar Winery would be a perfect place to wind down from the day's activities. One would think that the Mount Palomar Observatory and the Mount Palomar Winery would be in the same vicinity. Wrong. The winery is in Temecula. So we braved the valley heat and proceeded to caravan off to Temecula where mass quantities of alien spirits were consumed. The next to last leg was to a cool environment to counteract the spirits with real people food. A good time was had by all.

On July 25th, another crew of alien snatchers went to the Nethercutt Car Museum in Sylmar. This was a very amazing museum with over 200 cars from the early 1900s perfectly restored to their original condition and colors. The crew members on this trip were Jim and Elaine Cooper, Chuck and Sue Rosen, Geoff and Ginger Girvin, Roger Bacon, Gary Plehn and his daughter Shelly, a new member, Tracy Sanderson who was on his first outing, and providing us with a caboose was Geoff and Ginger's daughter Tiffany and new son-in-law Wes. Through pure serendipity, a bus tour arrived with 14 fewer people so we were able to tour the Nethercutt Collection as well with a truly amazing music room with an automated banjo, violin trio and a Wurlitzer theater organ driving 5000 pipes.





These are just a sample of the exquisite cars and the best part of the day is that the museum is completely free.

Now I suppose that you are wondering how this story has anything to do with aliens. I will let Chuck Rosen explain it as only he can.

Star Date 25 Jul 2009,

While returning from a 'mission' to a nearby galaxy (L.A. County) eagle-eyed members of our crew spotted the wreckage of a space craft from a galaxy far, far away (or is that 'far-out' in '60's jargon?). No intelligent life was seen in or near the space craft, although not-so-intelligent life was seen entering the premises below the crash site in Burbank. The crew members luckily escaped from harm's way without interdicting any of the aliens, especially in light of the fact that none of them had thought to bring their 'alien catchers'.



July Birthday Celebrations

Happy Corvettes Super Sport birthday to Mike Baddley.

Mike received a DVD birthday present from Rick Miller. The DVD shows Mike and his car running around Parump. Let me be clear about this. Mike was in the car and it was running around the track.

For his birthday dinner, he and his bride went to Rivers End restaurant in Seal Beach. When asked how his birthday was, he said "It was ok."

Happy Corvettes Super Sport birthday to Ellis Chee.

Ellis was scheduled to have chemotherapy on Monday, August 3 and we are hoping the best for him. We want him to have many more birthdays.

Cruisers Corner

2009 Corvette Convention

For all of you interested in planning ahead..... this year's Corvette Convention is August 8th though 14th in Colorado Springs.

The Colorado group is planning a race day at the track on the Friday before, Friday, August 7th. For those 'racers' that want another fun day of racing, we will plan on leaving for Colorado on Wednesday, August 5th. For those not wanting an extra track day, there is another caravan leaving on Thursday, August 6th. Everybody heads for home on Saturday, August 15th.

If you would like more details, log onto the following URL

<https://93075438.domainhost.com/2009Convention/Convention2009.html>

WHAWHOOOOOOOOO

Cindy Orrico

All;

The 50th NCCC Convention has named an “official” Photographer for our upcoming Convention in August. As you can imagine, good photographers don’t come cheap and ours is bringing a crew of seven photographers to our event. Art Parker photography is not charging the NCCC Convention any money for this but is expecting that most, if not all, participants will want a photograph of their time spent in Colorado at the Convention.

The name of the photographer’s business is [Art Parker Photography](#). Here is a little blurb off of his website:

“I’ve been truly blessed. I have a big, loving family, and have had amazing life experiences. I spent five years as a staff photographer for Time-Life Company, where I met and photographed President Eisenhower. I managed "The Sons of the Pioneers" founded by cowboy movie star Roy Rogers. I owned a toy manufacturing company that made an amazing Frisbee-like flying disc. Additionally I spent nine years directing the Colorado Chapter of Amigos de los Americas , an organization dedicated to enriching the lives of American youth, while improving public health in Latin American countries.

I’ve been a professional photographer for more than 40 years. I am also a recipient of the Denver mayor’s Excellence in the Arts Award”

So as you can see, he knows what he is doing and he has some really great ideas about what each of our Convention Attendees might want to take away from the Convention when they leave.

Art’s business is photography; he makes his living at it and thus is hoping that all of our attendees will want to get a picture of their car and themselves to help remember the time they spent at the 50th NCCC Convention here in Colorado . So here is the information he wants to relate to all of our participants:

“ There will be a crew of 7 from Art Parker Photography... I will spread my people out as needed at various venues so that we get the best coverage possible.

Everybody registered (with Art Parker Photography) will receive 2 8x10’s BEFORE they leave Colorado Springs . #1 will be THEIR CAR in front of the 50th Anniversary Banners. #2 will be an aerial photo of as many cars in the shot as possible.

Daily photographs will be down loaded to a Never used HP Computer bought for this shoot.

Jonathan (IT Guy) will then upload from (the) New Computer to ArtParkerPhotography/<NCCCcode>. People can order prints and pick them up at any Ritz or Wolfe Photo in the United States or Ritz will mail them where ever anybody chooses. The order is processed by Ritz/Life Pix... I will keep that link OPEN for at least 12 weeks.

When people get to the hotel to pick up their Convention Registration from NCCC they will go to the table next to yours (e.g. registration)... Art Parker Photography and check in with Courtney, who will give them a ticket for each car to get photographed under the 50th Anniversary BANNERS.

Participants should send \$40.00 for each car along with their home or office address and phone numbers.

Send to:

Arthur Parker

2642 Lafayette Street

Denver , Colorado 80205-4477

Phone: (303) 912-4252 (cell)

(303) 297-3169 (home)

I encourage each of you to sign up for this and receive your unique remembrance of the Convention.

Regards,

Walt Jenkins

2009 NCCC Convention Director

All;

Mark Watson wishes you to let him know how many people are interested. This has already been sent out to the NCCC net, but he wanted a more targeted audience.

Regards,

Walt Jenkins

2009 NCCC Convention Director

Some time ago on the NCCC Internet forum there was a discussion about the NCCC Display at the NCM and the need for a new video for the display. This new and improved video will better represent what NCCC is all about to those who visit the museum.

When that discussion took place, I answered that I was a principle in a video production company and would be willing to help produce such a video for NCCC at a very competitive rate. I have been contacted by NCCC about such a project and am willing to take it on.

In order to make the production of a short video (about 3 mins.) fit within the small budget offered by NCCC, the idea of producing a commemorative video of the 50th NCCC Convention came up. This would allow us to have a large collection of high quality video to choose from for the NCM video and provide a memento of convention to all those who are interested.

Keep in mind these are two different projects, one of which is a means to an end for the other.

1. **NCM Video:** A 3 minute video with interviews of long term NCCC members explaining NCCC to the general public, professionally done in HD with footage of concours events and racing as well as social events. The cost for such a video on its own will be somewhat more than what NCCC has budgeted...
2. **A commemorative video of the 50th NCCC Convention:** A video of approximately 60 minutes or so chronicling the events of convention this year with highlights of all the events and parties. Shooting the footage for this project would give us more than enough good material for use with the NCM video, along with the opportunity to interview people while we are all together in the same place. This would all be shot in HD and will be a great memento of the week.

This has been offered as a solution to the NCM video quandary and I think it is a good idea, if it is economically feasible. If it is not, so be it. We can go back to solving the NCM video problem on its own and simply deal with how best to do that within the budget.

The only obstacle to all of this is of course the cost of producing the commemorative video.

Bringing two cameramen and cameras along with audio equipment to convention for a week is expensive to say the least. I do not have any sort of contract or guarantee from NCCC of recouping my investment in such a project, and with the economy the way it is, I simply cannot commit to this without some sort of assurance that I will not at least break even on the deal.

Hence we come to the purpose of this message. I need to gauge the demand for the commemorative video in order to be able to make a decision about whether to proceed or not.

The question is: If a commemorative video of Convention were available for the price of about \$40.00, would you commit to purchasing one? To cover the production costs of this video completely I will need to sell about 350 to 400 copies at \$40 each. To bring the cameramen there and shoot the video and then edit, produce and press the video will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$12K to \$15K.

Please give me a direct response to the question to my email address: mark@apinet.com

Once again: If a commemorative video of Convention were available for the price of about \$40.00, would you commit to purchasing one?

Thanks for your time and I apologize for the length of this email.

Mark Watson

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Racers Finish Line

Corvette Track Days - Pahrump – October 24th-25th

According to Cindy:

CORVETTE TRACK DAYS AT SPRING MOUNTAIN HAS BEEN CONFIRMED FOR OCTOBER 24TH & 25TH!!
YIPEEEEEEE.

I have checked the rooms at both hotels:

Best Western - \$64.00 a night - may vary. 1.775.727.5100

Nugget - \$99.00 (On-Line) - may vary if you call the hotel and mention Jeffrey - 1.775.751.6500

We are all ready booked at the Best Western for Honeymoon #3!!

And remember, there will be another issue of the Pahrump Gazette (vol 1 number 2). For those who attend it will be delivered free of charge. For those that do not attend, you can still subscribe to the Gazette for a mere \$400 for a lifetime subscription.

Corvette C6.R GT2 officially entered for Mid-Ohio

By [Series Update](#) July 13, 2009



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The Acura Sports Car Challenge will officially mark the start of a new era in Corvette Racing with two new Corvette C6.R entries set to debut in the American Le Mans Series' annual visit to Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Wearing the familiar Nos. 3 and 4, cellulosic

E85-fueled, V8-powered Corvettes will go head-to-head with Ferrari, Porsche, Panoz, BMW, Ford and Dodge among others throughout the second half of the 2009 season.

Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen will drive one Corvette C6.R at Mid-Ohio with Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin in the other. The team is transitioning to GT2 from GT1 where Magnussen, O'Connell and Antonio Garcia won in class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans and gave Corvette Racing its sixth victory in the world's greatest race since 2001.

"For several years now, the competition in GT2 has been the closest and most competitive among all our classes," said Scott Atherton, American Le Mans Series President and CEO. "With the news of Corvette Racing's official entry into the category at Mid-Ohio, the class quite possibly becomes the most diverse and competitive ever. It also serves as another example of the continued growth and success of the American Le Mans Series. Corvette never truly left, but it's safe to say that they were missed by the countless participants at our Corvette Corrals and fans worldwide. We would like to be the first to officially say, 'Welcome back!'"

Corvette Racing owns more Series victories (70) than any other entrant. It won eight consecutive GT1 championships (2001-08) against the likes of Ferrari, Saleen, Aston Martin and many other of the world's top supercars.

The American Le Mans Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock Park in Lakeville, Conn., is scheduled for 2:05 p.m. EDT on Saturday, July 18. The race will air live on SPEED. American Le Mans Radio presented by Porsche and Live Timing & Scoring will be available at Racehub on americanlemans.com. You also can follow the Series on Twitter (almsnotes). An RSS feed of Series news also is available.

The race also will mark the fifth round of the MICHELIN® Green X® Challenge. Tickets are available at americanlemans.com and limerock.com.

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<http://www.planetlemans.com/2009/07/13/corvette-c6r-gt2-officially-entered-for-mid-ohio/>

Heard on the Street:

Is the 3,000-Mile Oil Change a Thing of the Past?

A few months ago I wrote and recorded a car care tip that aired on XM Satellite Radio. To the best of my recollection, the tip was an answer to a question addressed to me from a listener in California. She wanted to know why her vehicle's 'oil light' was telling her to change the oil in her new Chevy Trailblazer (having changed it just 1500 miles previously). I advised her to ignore the light because that system (GM's Oil Life System) only counted engine RPMs since the last oil change, and therefore was reading inaccurately. I advised her to follow the 3,000 miles (severe service) schedule and have the vehicle checked under warranty, after which all would be fine.

That tip was heard in Milford, MI and prompted a letter from an engineer in GM's PowerTrain Division, exhorting me to conduct a bit more research about GM's Oil Life System. He informed

me that I was correct in my statement that the system monitored engine speed, but that there was much more to the system than I realized.

Curiosity got the best of me, and I accepted his invitation to discuss the matter. I contacted Tom Read of GM's PR Department for GM's PowerTrain Division. That phone call led to a conference call with four GM engineers, two from GM Parts & Service Division and two from GM's PowerTrain Division.

Their goal? To convince me that GM's Oil Life System (GMOLS) has changed things drastically regarding conventional oil change philosophy. I took the challenge rather aggressively ... as they did.

I began my 'attack' by pointing out that the GMOLS only monitored engine RPM since the last oil change (providing the system had been reset when the oil change was done). I asserted that there was much more to take into consideration when determining oil life and quality. Conditions such as engine temperature, load, and ambient temperature had to be taken into consideration. I went on to state that these factors could adversely affect the life of the oil. For instance, load from towing could raise engine temperatures to the level that the oil would break down. Or ambient temperature could affect the performance system by causing a richer fuel to be delivered, contaminating the crankcase and resulting in oil breakdown. The engineers politely agreed, and then they proceeded to enlighten me. They pointed out that I repeatedly used the term 'viscosity breakdown,' And that I must understand that this term has a two-fold meaning.

Before the breakdown of the oil occurs, it actually thickens! To draw an analogy...

Oil is much like the value of your new car. The moment you drive it off the lot, it begins losing value. As soon as fresh oil begins circulating through a vehicle's system, it loses value.

How, you ask? Chemical packages start breaking down immediately when introduced to the harsh environment of the engine. So, hypothetically, you could find yourself six weeks after an oil change and suddenly the oil becomes thicker, resulting in hampered flow (viscosity or flow-ability breakdown) within the engine. This results in increased friction (heat) and thus shorter engine life (and the condition is multiplied dramatically when outside temperatures drop below 35 degrees). Sometime after this occurs, oil breakdown takes place, meaning the oil loses its ability to lubricate. This breakdown differs with each vehicle because engine demands vary, depending on driving habits and vehicle use. The key to maintaining oil stability is to keep the oil temperature at 200 degrees consistently. Oil life is maximized under these conditions. Highway driving exemplifies this type of operating condition.

While consulting with the GM engineers, I discovered that GM takes into consideration more than just engine RPMs with the GMOLS. Below is a brief history of the system and how GMOLS works (taken from GM's website).

The GMOLS Offers Significant Benefits

"First introduced in 1988, the GMOLS is a computer-based algorithm that determines when to change oil and filter based on engine operating conditions (this is the key to accuracy). The system enables owners to maximize the performance of their vehicle engine oil by sensing engine speed (not RPMs, but actual engine revolutions) and temperature. There is no actual oil condition sensor. Rather, the computer continuously monitors engine-operating conditions to determine when to change oil." "With the GMOLS, consumers have an accurate and reliable way to monitor engine oil life. When the system is activated, consumers can go to their nearest GM Goodwrench dealer and a technician will change the oil and filter, properly dispose of the old oil, then reset the vehicle's oil life system. Overall operating costs for the customer will be lower, because they only have to change the oil when needed, and they can be reassured that their engine is always running with good oil, improving the long term performance and reliability of their GM vehicle."

"Use of the GMOLS will often double or even triple the oil change interval for a typical vehicle when compared to the 3,000-mile oil change."

"The GMOLS will automatically adjust the oil change interval based on engine characteristics, driving habits and the climate in which the vehicle is operated. For instance, mild highway driving in a warm climate will maximize the interval between oil changes. Depending on the vehicle, this could be in excess of 7,000 miles and as high as 12,000 miles (in some models). On the other hand, short trip driving in a cold climate may limit the oil change to 3,000 miles or less. In general, most people that drive a combination of city and highway find that the GMOLS will indicate an oil change every 5,000 to 6,000 miles. GM data shows the OLS extends oil change intervals without risks to the engine."

(And for the Militant Tree Huggers and Energy Conservationists) The GMOLS can offer significant benefits to the environment by reducing unnecessary use and disposal of oil. GM has built more than 20 million vehicles to date with the GMOLS. In the next five years, if the GMOLS is used as intended - oil changes performed only when necessary - millions of gallons of oil could be saved."

(Oil conservation and a cleaner environment?! Is everybody happy?!) GM has so much faith in the OLF system (based on countless individual tests performed by engineers) that they have issued a new "Simplified maintenance Schedule." It goes like this:

"The new GM simplified maintenance schedules are performed in two phases.

The first phase, 'Maintenance I,' includes basic services such as an oil and filter change, lubrication of chassis components, tire rotation and inspection of the brake system and fluids. The second phase, 'Maintenance II,'

Includes all services included in Maintenance, as well as inspections on the steering system, wiper blades, restraint systems and lubrication of body components. "Customers don't have to worry about deciding when the best time is to change their engine oil because our Oil Life System technology adapts to their driving conditions and habits, and determines the right interval," said Peter Lord, executive director, GM Service Operations. "Since the new maintenance schedule is based on oil change intervals determined by this technology, customers can save time and cost."

My conference call lasted one hour and fifteen minutes. The engineers were passionate in their arguments. These experts are committed to getting the message out there with respect to oil changes. The information they shared was compelling, to say the least. The conversion was complete ... I am a believer. Everything they stated was consistent with my knowledge of the internal combustion engine. GM has invested millions of dollars in research and development and exposed themselves to potential warranty claims ... they've put it all on the line with this innovative approach to timely oil changes. That says a lot. A wise person is one that admits they can always learn something, and I learned something from GM that day...



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- Friday Night, July 31st 6:00pm-9:00pm ~ Early check-in and hospitality room at the Radisson Hotel: 3455 Skyway Drive.
- Saturday August 1st YMCA: 3400 Skyway Drive ~ Check-in 8:30am-9:45am. Car show 10:00am-11:30am.
- Tech Inspections: 10:00am-11:30am. Drivers meeting 12:00pm ~ First Car out 12:15pm
- Games, raffles, and awards following return of cars. BBQ at 4:00pm.



Registration: Contact Joan Perry at 805-937-4420. Send check payable to Vapor Trail Vettes ~ P.O. Box 5241, Santa Maria, CA 93456-5241 www.vaportrailvettes.com

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