

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, 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

Charity Donations

Corvette Super Sports was blessed during 2009 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate to our charities as follows:

Hill view Acres \$3,500

His House, Placentia \$3,500. In addition our members donated new pillows and cases at the end of the year.

In addition to our sponsored charities, we also felt compelled to provide funding to other charities:

Alzheimer's \$500

Counsel On Aging \$500

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

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 children 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 those children who are hospitalized and to those with chronic illness who are receiving treatment at outpatient clinics. Over 1700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1983.

The "house that has built" offers 20 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a living room, family room, kitchen, and a play area.

Pop Tab Trivia

Get your trivia:
1 book + 1 pop tab
1 book + 12 pop tabs
1 book + 40 pop tabs
1 book + 1,200 pop tabs
1 book + 1,500 pop tabs

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Summer 1993

Everyone can get involved!

• Schools

• Churches

• Companies

• Civic Organizations

• Practice in your neighborhood

Remember... it all adds up!

Pop Tab Houses

We need your efforts!

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We need your efforts!



Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers

President: Cindy Orrico
Vice-President: Diane Wiest
Secretary: Ginger Girvin
Treasurer: Jennifer Spencer
Newsletter: Geoff Girvin
Webmaster: Doug Mariani
N.C.C.C.: Joe Orrico

Board of Governors

Donna Stewart
Jim Cooper
Roger Bacon
Ron DeBartolomeis
Vicki Kump
Linda Norris

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Clothing-Shirts: Shirley Jones
Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Jones
Socials: Geoff Girvin
Charity: Marietta Darke
Raffle: Renita Glover
Meeting Hostess: Linda Norris
Membership/Hospitality: Donna Stewart
Phone Committee Chairman: Donna Stewart

Sergeant at Arms: Larry Farrell
Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio
Dealer Rep: Ron DeBartolomeis
Car Show Chairman: Roger Bacon
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. 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!



Hello From My Heart To Yours



Madam Pres

I have been trying for days to write this..... So if I ramble on, please excuse me.

I **truly** don't know where to begin this time. In the 5 months of 2010, our CSS Club has endured an overwhelming amount of grief. With each passing month, I know I have prayed that the next month would be better; but that has yet to come true. I have no answers, just Hope, an aching heart and so many prayers. I wish that with each passing day, the effected families find peace and a new day ahead of them.

What **has** come true is the sights and sounds of the Corvette Super Sports members coming together. It seems that our need to embrace those effected by heartache and to join in communication and sharing between ourselves, building a stronger family, is an awesome occurrence. In our most recent tragedy, people gathered together just "To Be". That's it....just "To Be". And that's just what we needed. One couple even drove up from San Diego, just "To Be" with the rest of us. The need to be together with others, to share: that's our CSS family. The need to share emotions and the need to be of some help, even when we all knew we really couldn't do anything at the time. And not only Corvette Super Sports, but the outpouring support from many other of our Corvette Clubs around. On behalf of CSS, I express appreciation for their kind words and actions of letting us know that they are sharing with us.. With the old saying "Charity Begins At Home", this home consists of Corvettes Clubs throughout. My boss, Clayton, is very supportive of me and continues to remind me that "**What doesn't kill me, will make me stronger**". If that is true, I should be able to make some money on arm wrestling.

In another outpouring of the extended family, many people attended the services for Kristin Norris on Monday May 24th. While this was a very difficult and emotional day, with many broken hearts, more tears than you would ever want to see, it was again a day to be filled with pride for the Corvette Community. Like at previous similar events this year for CSS, there was a show of support not only from CSS, but from so many other clubs as well. People came from Apple Valley, Santa Maria, San Diego and more.

On behalf of Corvette Super Sports, I would like to make a special Thank You to Corvettes West, for donating / dedicating a “**Brick**” at the Corvette Museum in memory of Kristin Norris. I looked up the definition of “**Family**” and one described it as: “Two or more people who share goals and values, have long-term commitments to one another, and reside usually in the same dwelling place.” That sounds like a lot of people I know who belong to Corvette Clubs.

When I first thought of joining a Corvette Club, I had absolutely no idea what a club consisted of. I guess I ‘assumed’ people getting together, having a meal and discussing Corvettes. Little did I know what a strong bond Corvette people hold and I am so privileged to be a part of that. As for myself, I appreciate each and every one of you, including others outside CSS, for your sometimes overwhelming support, emotionally and monetary. If anyone holds any extra prayers out there, I would like to make a request that CSS be blessed extra special in June.

May is a busy month for many, getting ready for school to be over, getting ready for vacations along with many events to do, and we started out on May 2nd, making our travels to Temecula for the Corvettes of Temecula Valley Car Show. Each day out and around Southern California reminds you of why we live here. The weather was perfect. The little town where they have this show, is a quaint little town, where you can take your time to walk down the streets and enjoy your surroundings. Lynn Miller even got in on a portion of the 50/50 drawing! Drinks were on Lynn, but we couldn’t find her!

We had our CSS Homeland Security at Prado again. That meant I actually had a second chance to attempt to break some more of those orange plates - - - and I did!!! Out of 50, I got 13 this time! But it’s actually Elaine Cooper that we need to watch out for --- she got 15! Watch it, Jim! As for my improvement, I’d like to thank Dave MacDonough. He told me that they fly up, then down, so once I got that rhythm, I whamo’d with the ammo!

With another trip down to San Diego for their Corvette Dreaming Car Show, once again, ocean atmosphere, fresh air – brings on yawning! Well, not at this show, it’s get your rags and clean! Many pictures were taken of Joe – yes, cleaning the car – on his knees! I know our next purchase is one of those little car vacuum cleaners! This is all new to Joe and I. Cleaning the car is driving it down to our little local car wash. I guess these car shows should actually be called car ‘detailings’. I mean, even a little piece of lint from your cleaning rag will get you minus one point! These judges are brutal! And I must say, that Joe will not need to wear a skirt this time, but eat his words on how he feels about car shows, since his cleaning paid off and much to our surprise, we took 1st Place!! Not being of the car show connoisseur, there are a couple of different classes in which to enter, cause Rick & Lynn Miller took 1st and so did Chuck & Sue Rosen! Congrats to all! On Sunday, there was the connecting Car Show, Plastic Fantastic, which most stayed for but us, we needed our beauty sleep and to get over our shock. And as Joe says, one car show a weekend is enough for him!! (Do I hear more words to eat??) At this time, I don’t know of any details of the Plastic Fantastic Show, but I’ve heard it’s one of the best! Details to come!

As most people know, I'm a Slot Machine Junkie; therefore, coming up, after I have finished this letter, will be the Corvette Roulette in Las Vegas! This year's theme is Cowboy's and Indians. Be very scared of upcoming pictures!!! A Salute to all for this is Memorial Day Weekend too!

Of course we all know that June comes after May, so we will continue with many fun events to attend. Joe and I will be returning to Las Vegas to see his daughter married and we are going to see the Beatles. We all know that Elvis still lives up there, I guess now the Beatles are too. Be sure to check our website for all June events, flyers and details. A friendly reminder that Father's Day is June 20th.

May you all have Safe Travels where ever you go, Love in your Heart and a Smile on Your Face.

Respectfully,
Cindy Orrico
President – 2010

CSS News

The Social event for June 2010 is:

6/25 The Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash

The Club event for June 2010 is:

6/25-6/27 The Big Bear Bash

The other events for June 2010 are:

6/6 Orange County Vettes PC Car show – Huntington Beach

6/12 Jackson Barrett Car show at Connell Chevrolet

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. 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.

Advanced Notice: Saturday August 7th will be a CSS Rally sponsored by the CHP and Mattell Toys to raise funds for Hill View Acres. We are planning a Poker Rally, Remote Control Car Auto Cross, and a Hot Wheels Car Show.

There will be food, prizes and lots of FUN!! Watch for the flyer!

Corvette Super Sports Local News

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING

General Meeting

Tuesday May 4, 2010

Sizzler Restaurant – Fullerton, CA

Officers in Attendance: Cindy Orrico, Dianne Wiest, Jennifer Spencer, Geoff Girvin, Doug Mariani, Joe Orrico.

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Cooper, Vicki Kump and Linda Norris, Ron DeBartolomeis, Donna Stewart, Roger Bacon

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 by Larry Farrell. There was a quorum of officers in attendance.

- Cindy called for a moment of silence for Geoff Girvin's dad, Richard Girvin, and for Renita Glover's brother.
- **Happy News:** Tim Pearson got the pink slip to his car! The Rosen's daughter is getting married. Larry Camp's retirement is great. We always welcome Happy News!
- Last month's minutes were approved.
- Sparky, Jerry and Lee from So Cal invited our club to their picnic on June 10th
- Two new guests were introduced: Bob Kielson and George McMillan.
- Dick, from Vette Set, distributed flyers for their car show on June 12th in Long Beach.
- A list of cell phone numbers of members was passed around for members to have for club activities.
- **Birthdays:** Sue Rosen, Dave Dunn, Cindy Orrico, Chuck Rosen, Garry Jones
- **Anniversaries:** Armando and Hortencia Sanchez, Doug and Ann Meeuwenberg and Tom and Barbara Cuccio
- **Upcoming Events:**

May 8	Homeland Security 9:00
May 15/16	San Diego Dreamin/Plastic Fantastic
May 22	Mystery Run /flyer will be on the web (This was postponed, date TBD)
June 5	Huntington Beach Hot Rods
June 10	So Cal Picnic in Central Park, Huntington Beach
June 25-27	Big Bear Bash – pirate theme / Barrett Jackson OC Fairgrounds

- **Treasures Report:**

Jennifer reported on our financials.

- **Charities Report**

Marietta has a copy of the tax ID number should anyone need it.. She reported we received 2 thank you notes and thanked members for their hygiene donations.

- **NCCC**

Joe presented Pahrump awards to Dave Alciatore, Mike Baddley, Jim Cooper, Geoff Girvin, Bud Norris, Ed Norris, Cindy Orrico, Joe Orrico, and Jennifer Spencer. September 25/26 is the next Pahrump days with 6 high speed events.

- **Miscellaneous Reports**

The website is up to date.

The newsletter is awesome.

Bowling is tentatively set for after Homeland Security July 24th.

Annette won the dinner raffle.

Tim won the 50/50 raffle and donated it back to the club.

- **Car Show**

Roger shared there are some issues with the city for the cost of the permit for the show. He will be meeting with the city again this week. Everything else is all set.

- **Old News**

Larry, Chuck, Jim, Roger and Elaine all won car show awards. Congrats to all!

Everyone had a fun time at the Inland Empire rallye.

Long Beach Grand Prix was loud and fun.

Joe and Cindy won a basket with energy drinks and bars, great basket gift from the Temecula Car Show.

Everyone had a fast and wild time at the T Bone 500 Go Karts.

- Next board meeting will be held May 18, 7:00pm at the Garden Grove Elks club.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ginger Girvin, Secretary for Corvette Super Sports 2010

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<u>MAY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Rosen, Susan B	8th	Sanchez, Armando & Hortencia	05/14/94
Dunn, David C	14th	Meeuwenberg, Doug & Ann	05/18/74
Orrico, Cindy K	21st	Cuccio, Tom & Barbara	05/27/78
Rosen, Charles F	23rd		
Jones, Garry	26th		
<u>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Spencer, Chris	3th	Bill and Marlene Stel	6/24
Cruz, Sal	5th		
Bostrom, Phil	6th		
Girvin, Geoffrey B	13th		
Mariani, Douglas	14th		
Darke, Marietta	21st		
Cooper, Elaine	22nd		
Costello, Cindy	28th		

May Birthday Celebrations

Happy Corvette Super Sports birthday to Susan Rosen

I called to wish Susan a happy birthday, but she was not home. I did talk to Chuck and asked what they did for the occasion. He did not remember. After a pause, he reported they celebrated on Mother's Day. They shared dinner with the kids and her mom.

She received two fabulous presents: a polar fleece with a C-5 insignia on back and a knit sweater with "Lil'C-5 Sue" embroidered on the front.

Happy Corvette Super Sports birthday to Cindy Orrico

Cindy expressed no surprise her birthday rolled around again. I asked her what favorite gifts she received and she was happy to have dinner with friends. Then Joe said, "I want to see her in her birthday suit." I wonder if that happened before, during or after the dinner party.

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
Jan 9-10	Milard Filmore's Birthday Party in laughlin
Jan 23	CSS Banquet, NHRA Museum
Jan 30	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
Feb 6	Valentine Bowling
Feb 20	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
Feb 20-21	Nascar Driver Parade
Mar 6	USS Dewey Commissioning – Seal Beach
Mar 13-14	Wineries, Wildflowers and Camels Julian
Mar 13-14	Palm Springs Low Speed Augocross – Indio Non Sanctioned NCCC
Mar 27	Girvin's 40 th Anniversary Party 1970s theme
Apr 10-11	CSS High Speed Autocross – Pahrump NV.
Apr 11	Corvettes West PC Car Show Rancho Cucumonga
Apr 16-18	Long Beach Grand Prix
Apr 17	Inland Empire Corvette Club Rallye and Funkhana - Yucaipa
Apr 24	K1 Go Kart Grand Prix - Irvine
Apr 25	Victor Valley Vettes PC Car Show - Victorville
May 2	Temecula Valley Corvettes PC Car show Temecula
May 9	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
May 15	California Dreaming PC Car Show Mission Bay
May 16	Plastic Fantastic PC Car Show San Diego
May 22	Fullerton Airport Centennial Fly & Float Car Show - Fullerton
May 29	Temecula Valley Corvettes Rallye - temecula
May 29-30	Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas NV.
June 6	OC Vettes PC Car show – Huntington Beach
June 25	Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Big Bear Shirley Jones
June 25-26	Big Bear Bash
July 10	Mystery Run Breakfast and Picnic - Somewhere
July 17	Pomona Valley Vettes Rallye Rancho Cucumonga
July 23-30	NCCC Convention West Palm Beach Fl
July 24	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
Aug TBD	Peterson Auto Museum – Los Angeles
Aug 14	Claremont Cruise Night – Claremont 5-9
Aug 22	CSS Car Show – Surf City Garage Huntington Beach
Sep 4	Donna's Pool Party
Sep TBD	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
Sep 25	Cruisin' for a Cure – Costa Mesa

Sep 24-25	Spring Mountain Raceway Pahrump NV
Sep 31,32,33	Paso Robles Wine Tasting and San Simeon Castle
Oct 1-2	Blue Angels Air Show – Miramar MCAS
Oct TBD	Wild West PC Car Show – Apple Valley
Nov TBD	Bowling with Turkeys – La Habra
Nov TBD	Oak Glen Pie Run
Nov TBD	La Palma Days Parade
Nov TBD	Homeland Security Practice at the Prado Range
Dec TBD	Christmas Party

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

The March General meeting was just as inspirational as the first meeting. As you can see from the following pictures, the officers have a lot in common:



Club Events for May

In the month of May, CSS members participated in events all around Southern California. The "Waxers" and "Racers" attended the Temecula Valley Car show, Corvette Dreamin in Mission Bay and Plastic Fantastic because the starting flags at the local Autocross rinks were folded for the month. It was quite a sight to behold watching our "Racers" washing and waxing their machines in poses that one might have never imagined. In between a couple of car shows, we also improved our Home Land Security Scores.

For those of us who went to our Homeland Security on Saturday morning - thanks! I improved my score, however, Elaine was the one to worry about this time!!! Unfortunately, I don't believe anyone brought a camera to capture any pictures, but the scores are as follows:

Joe: 20

Jim: 18

Art: 26

Tracy: 28

Cindy: 13

Elaine: 15

Pat: 27

Dave McD: 19 - only shot one round of 25

Sean (Dave's son): 10 - only shot one round of 25

Vettes Of Temecula Valley People's choice Car show

The first show on the docket was the Temecula People's Choice Car show. Several CSS members entered the show and several members were in stealth mode presumably to check out the cleaning techniques of the participants. Those who entered the show were Joe and Cindy, Chuck and Sue, Rick and Lynn and Dave A. Those in stealth mode were Mark and Cindy Costello. and Ellis and Cindy Chee.





The Temecula car show judges must have had too much sun in their eyes to be able to clearly discern the loveliness of the CSS entries because no trophies were earned. Points yes, trophies no. Cindy also thinks that the raffle ticket bucket was rigged somehow because she always wins. In fact she wins so much that it is mostly a waste of money to buy raffle tickets when you are at an event with Cindy because she always wins the big prizes. Not so this time.

Corvettes of San diego - Corvette Dreamin, 2010

The Second show was Corvette Dreamin at Mission Bay. Here again we had entrants and Cameo appearances of the "Stealthy" type. The entrants were Joe and Cindy, Rick and Lynn, Geoff, Scott and Renita and Chuck and Sue. The Cameo appearances were made by Mike and Kathy and the Ghost Rider, Art, who passed out hundreds of CSS Car Show flyers and then disappeared into the fog.







The Corvette Dreamin judges however, must have been trained much better because they did see the unique cleanliness of the CSS entries. Joe and Cindy took a first place with the ZR1, Rick and Lynn took a first place with Lynn's C6 convertible, and Chuck and Sue battled neck and neck with Scott and Renita for the C5 Wash and Show first place trophy. Chuck and Sue had one less point subtracted from their 100 points and they took the first place trophy. I was not mentioned, but I was in the People's choice category and since they did not have a refrigerator class, I just collected my 3 points and went away amazed.

Now I should probably mention that yours truly has never actually entered a car show where I intended to actually participate. It was quite an experience at Corvette Dreamin. I saw things that I never thought that I would see. I saw "Racers" down on their knees looking for scratches to rub out and bugs to wipe off and smudges to clean off and all kinds of things I would never have thought Joe would ever do. I thought that q-tip swabs were for cleaning out your ears, but at Corvette Dreamin I found all new places to stick these little cotton balls. I also observed people detailing their cars in places I would have had trouble reaching even on a good day. I spent the day taking pictures of people in odd positions cleaning odd parts of their cars and learning about the finer techniques used in cleaning wheels, windows, the slots between body panels and learned how to detect the ever so slight misalignments of fenders and doors. Lint and dust can come out of nowhere too. I am beginning to think that all those socks I have lost over the years in the washing machine may have come back to haunt me in the form of lint. How these judges can actually see the lint is beyond me and how they know where to look for dust is incredible too. The judging though is like how my economics professor used to grade papers in college. Everyone started out with a hundred points and worked their way down. Same at Corvette Dreamin.

North County Corvette Club – Plastic Fantastic

The third show was Plastic Fantastic at Seaport Village in San Diego. It was attended by Scott and Renita, Rick and Lynn, Chuck and Sue and the Ghost Rider Art.



The Plastic Fantastic show had a gazillion cars (maybe closer to 300 but at Seaport village it looks like more) and somewhat fewer classes to enter. None of the CSS entries in any of the classes brought home any hardware. Their judges must have gone to the same school as those in Temecula.

Rick and Geoff were the photographers for the events.

Farewell Kristin:

We are all deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Kristin Marie Norris on May 6, 2010. All of us have fond memories of this sweet girl. I have some very precious pictures of her but wanted to share the one below as a farewell wish. This sweet young woman was so attached to her mom and dad that she would indulge them and go bowling with all of us and bring a spark of life to the bowling alley and to our dinner parties and award ceremonies afterwards. I never saw her without her infectious smile bringing light and life to all around her.



NCCC National News

Hi All,

I just got back from the national governors meetings in St. Louis, so here we go... As usual, in the order that I wrote it down.

Friday April 30, Membership Committee meeting:

Pat Kelly, Future Corvette Owners Association, reported that she has no way to track the FCOA members that turn 16 and then join NCCC as a Youth member. We're trying to find out if the new Youth membership category is actually being used. There was a suggestion to add some kind of check box on the membership application form for former FCOA members, but there is no room on the form for more text. More on that later...

Sylvia Hoaldrige, Blue Bars Magazine editor, said the deadline for articles for the next issue is May 31st. The issue will be published around July 1st, so articles should be applicable to the July and future time frame. She said the Spring issue is currently at the printer and will start going out soon. There has been a problem with the NCCC 50th anniversary picture insert. She was hoping to put it in the Summer issue but it turns out that the photographer sold the pictures to the web site that is hosting them. They are working to resolve that issue and the pictorial will show up as an insert in the center of the magazine that can be removed. She said the last hurdle to the USPS periodical rate will be handled when the local post office representatives make a site visit to her house on Tuesday. NCCC's official address is her house because she publishes the magazine from her home office. This should result in a 40 - 50% reduction in the postage to mail the magazine and NCCC also gets a credit on that amount for the issues that have already been mailed this year. This will save NCCC several thousand dollars per year. As part of the USPS requirements, NCCC had to add this to the applications: "Annual dues for membership in NCCC for the year 20__ are \$35. \$10 of this amount is for a one-year subscription to Blue Bars." We have been asked to not use the older applications that don't have this verbiage. I don't know how they are going to enforce this. I still get applications that were printed as far back as 2004.

Larry Higgins, Distribution Center manager, said he mailed out 10,700 renewal packets. (Reading my notes, it's not clear if the following are part of that or in addition.) He said there were 1300 packets mailed to late renewers and 400 to new members. He said he has a big problem matching Primary and Spouse/Companion labels. The packets are mailed to the Primary's address and the labels are printed in member number order. Many times the spouse number is far away from the primary number and the last names are not the same so he has to match addresses. This takes a LOT of time. We're told that the new membership database will be able to handle this situation. He apologized for taking so much time to get the renewal packets out. He said it's really a two person job and he's been overwhelmed since his wife died last year. He said that after doing it for the second time he's learned a lot and it should go smoother in the future. He said he's gotten a lot of requests for missing membership cards. He said they were in there when the envelopes went out. He showed us some returned envelopes where the bottom was partially ripped out. Apparently the machines at the post office abrade the bottom of the envelope and the card falls out.

Denny Morin, Membership's representative to the Finance Committee, reported that the 2010 budget is \$40K short, based on the projected member numbers that Larry Morrison provided (17,500 members). Also they have reduced the projected attendance at the Convention in West Palm Beach from 400 to 350. The estimated break even point for Convention is 320 people. He said the Finance Committee was recommending a dues increase of \$5 for each Primary. (My note: Denny is new to this position and doesn't know the history so he tends to make suggestions that have been tried in the past and didn't work.) In my opinion that will NOT happen, based on the past history of requests for dues increases. The governors just won't approve a dues increase. I pointed out that the "budget shortfall" happens every year, mainly because the budget is a guess and NCCC normally spends less than projected. We looked at possible ways to cut our expenses, but we're pretty much at a minimum now. It was pointed out that we will save some money because of the reduced postage for Blue Bars. We didn't take a formal vote, but everybody pretty much agreed that there was no point in presenting a dues increase to the governors because they would never agree to it.

Related to the above, Larry wants to change to a 4 year membership card. After much discussion that was voted down for multiple reasons. There

was a suggestion that we eliminate all the flyers and ads from the renewal packet. We're not sure if that is possible because the ads are supplied by our sponsors and there might be a contract that requires them. They are currently printed by the sponsors and sent to the Distribution Center for insertion into the packets. If the flyers were eliminated they could mail out the membership cards in a #10 envelope for 44 cents. We had looked into using a printable membership card that could be lifted off a carrier after printing the membership info. Larry Higgins said it's very time consuming to peel off the labels and put them on the backs of 17,000 membership cards. Anyway, it was found that the peel off cards would cost 55 cents each. I pointed out when this was proposed a while back that our membership card is a standard credit card format that is made by the billions and they should therefore be really cheap. They discovered that it only costs 26 cents to print the credit card type card. With the 44 cents postage and the cost of an envelope we should be able to mail out the membership cards for about \$1.00 per family. Remember the 10,700 packets from above...those cost 61 cents each in postage to mail and the envelopes are oversize to hold the flyers, which means we could save quite a bit by mailing just the cards.

A copy of the artwork for the 2011 membership card was passed around. It shows a new ZR-1 doing a burnout, with lots of smoke. There was universal agreement that this is a bad idea and they will redo the artwork. We have had numerous complaints that the perception of NCCC is that it is a racing organization, which really turns off the people who just want a social club to "drive and dine". Somebody complained that Blue Bars seems to be all about racing, which is not strictly true, but Sylvia's email address is "pinkvette@..", which refers to the color of her RACE CAR (there is a picture of it here:

<<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/OfficersAppoint.htm>>).

We had a request for the governors to check over their NCCC rosters to make sure the addresses of the primary and spouse/companion members match. As mentioned above, the new database will allow matching addresses but that only works if they are exactly the same. As I've said many times, computers have an IQ of zero, and if one address is, "123 Elm Street" and the other is "123 Elm St." then they DON'T match, as far as the computer is concerned.

Our esteemed VP of Membership said at the meeting in February that he would no longer allow "split memberships", where the Primary is a member of one club and the Spouse is a member of another club. As mentioned above, mailings from NCCC go to the Primary's address. If the membership is split, the two clubs might renew weeks apart and it is impossible to match up the address labels. Larry mentioned that the By-Laws might technically allow split memberships. They are looking into this and might change the wording in the By-Laws to clarify this.

Saturday, May 1st, National Governors Meeting:

President Dick Yanko started out the meeting by reading the deaths into the minutes. There were 12 since the meeting in February. This number is about 2 to 3 times what it was when I first started going to these meetings in 2003, and it keeps increasing as we age...

Larry Morrison, VP of Membership, reported that they hope to have the new membership database available before the Convention in July. Right now it is still in the testing phase and not the real one, so you can play with it without worrying about hurting anything. Based on reports I've heard from several governors, they will not be using it because they don't have the computer skills. That's OK. We still require the hard copy of the applications with the dues checks, even if you enter the info into the database.

Bernyce Molenda, NCCC Treasurer, talked about the financials. We have switched from a formal audit every other year to a "review" (whatever that is), which is a lot cheaper. They will still do an audit, but not as often. She mentioned that 100% of NCCC's income comes from dues. I told her later that that's not true because we also have the 50-50 raffle at the governors meetings, but she said she has never seen that money. Allen Morris told me that the money goes to Charity.

Our Parliamentarian mentioned that the Standing Rules are now on the main NCCC web site at <<http://www.corvettesnccc.org>> along with the By-Laws and Competition Manual.

Allen Morris asked me to leave insurance out of my report, but I think this is important so I'm going to say something anyway. There have been

changes in personnel at K&K and the new people are not familiar with the agreement K&K has with NCCC. Without going into details because this is not resolved yet, you need to send **PRINTED COPIES** of your newsletters to Allen. Many clubs are publishing their newsletters electronically nowadays, but the agreement with K&K requires a **PRINTED** copy. Make sure your newsletter editors are sending those copies to Allen. I think there might be clubs that don't have newsletters. In that case you need to send a paper copy of your event flyers to Allen to make sure you have insurance coverage for your event. I think a printed copy of an email would qualify also. Another key item: mail it to Allen **BEFORE** the event.

I have "boring and uninteresting" in the margin of my notes. I have no idea what that means, so...

All for now.

See ya,

Cliff

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

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

National Competition News

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes 4/30/10

Sheraton Westport Conference Center

St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 13 RCDs and one proxy representing all 15 Regions, which were CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI David Johnson, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO George Cramer (proxy), and RM Rik Noring Jr.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to George Cramer as proxy RCD for WO. There was also a gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

Jack distributed all the 2009 Regional & WR #1 Club National patches.

High Speed and Novice cards were made available for distribution.

Jack reminded everyone that helmet expiration is based on the manufacturer's date identified inside the helmet, i.e. 9/00 means the helmet expires at the end of Sept. 2010 not at the end of the year. Those helmets which only have the manufactured year identified in them, i.e. 2000 will expire at the end of 2010.

The helmet manufactures, i.e. Simpson, Bell, etc. have stated the 2010 Snell Rated helmets will not be manufactured until October of 2010.

The issue with Impact Racing SFI rated products was discussed, and it does not impact Snell Rated helmets. It only affects suits, belts, shoes, gloves, etc. that are SFI rated.

There were seven (7) RCDs who identified they are planning on making it to the Florida Convention. All RCDs attending are asked to support the Florida Competition Program by working the Technical Inspection area. Denny Murphy is the Florida Chairperson in charge of Technical Inspection. Contact Denny as soon as you get there so you know where to go and what to do.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Chuck Stephens made a motion to approve the Feb. 26, 2010 meeting minutes. Joe Orrico seconded. Motion carried.

2010 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

The 2010 Point Standings has been published 4/27/10 and put on the NCCC Website. Jack will identify the Top 5 Men, Ladies, and Clubs only at the Sat. Govs. Mtg. instead of the Top 15 since results has just started coming in.

Jack asked the RCDs to review their sanction log to ensure everything you think I should have received is entered. I have posted everything I have received.

Jack wanted to thank the RCDs for sending Sanction Requests & Flyers separately. This really helps to expedite entering them into the correct file when downloading. Also, it is greatly appreciated that you stopped entering the Region into the Sanction Number Column on Sanction Requests, i.e. MW-167-052. Only enter club and sanction number, i.e. 167-052. This has saved much time from having to delete the region from each line when loading into the Sanction Log.

2010 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

5/7 WR at Tulsa, OK in conjunction with 13 H/S at Hallett

5/24 & 25 at Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.

6/26 at Summit Point, WV.

7/23 at Summit Point, WV.

Drag Records:

There are four scheduled 2010 Record Drags Scheduled so far:

SW 5/30/10 Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.

FL 7/29/10 Nat'l Convention, Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

WR 10/9 Kearney Dragway, Kearney, NE.

SW 10/17/10 Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK.

Teardown equipment status was confirmed as all good and ready.

Manny Montgomery identified only NCCC helmet and seatbelt age requirements would be required at the Florida Convention. Those of you running in classes requiring chutes and/or safety equipment by NHRA know what is required by their rules. Long pants, long sleeve shirts, and closed toed shoes are required for the drags by everyone.

Clarification(s):

There were no clarifications submitted.

Old Business:

It was identified that the east coast group setting up the Teen Driving School has run into a legal issue with a person claiming they are copywriting her material and has put a stop on it. They are trying to work out the issues in hope to provide this valuable tool to our teens across the country.

The rulebook language re-write on Page 12.1 that was identified as missing to coincide with the 2010 Rulebook changes discussed at the Feb. meeting will be corrected by Jack in May.

Manny Montgomery identified they only have two people entered for Overall Competitor at the Florida Convention. They are husband and wife. Hopefully, more will enter.

Manny also identified only 249 have entered and need approximately 320 to break even. Everyone is asked to get as many people from your regions to the Florida Convention.

New Business:

Jack passed out his proposed 2011 Competition Budget. Although there are not many places to cut costs, it is obvious every organization will have to bite the bullet and make some serious cuts in 2011 in support of the diminishing NCCC Budget. The E-Board will be having some serious discussion on potential actions everyone will need to take to balance our future diminishing income and rising expenses. Any ideas are to be funneled to Jack ASAP.

There was a Lessons Learned discussion with a list of do's and don'ts that stimulated from an incident at a venue where an accident occurred (no injuries) a fence had to be replaced, the contract between the Host Club and the venue owner was not read or understood, finances were withheld by the Host Club without the venue owner approval, emergency equipment was not provided per the contractual agreement, and K&K Insurance or Hal Tumbleson (NCCC Bus. Manager) was not contacted for proper insurance coverage acceptable to the venue owner. It was identified that complacency sometimes sets in, and we assume everyone has done their job to ensure a venue is legally and safely complied with in advance of the venue. Unfortunately, the lack of attention to detail can put the Host Club, Chairpersons, and NCCC into an embarrassing, legal, and negative situation. Hal Tumbleson addressed the Competition Committee in support of this issue and answered questions regarding future handling of insurance specific items. Providing Lessons Learned as an agenda item in future meetings and the RCDs discussing those with their clubs can only help us remind one another what we must do to avoid these situations. The RCDs will begin discussing the Lessons Learned with their clubs effective immediately.

It was discussed the changing of an entrants class following the Drivers' Meeting and after Technical Inspection is closed is not prohibited if the car has not broken down. Any changing of classes during the period the Technical Inspection is open will require that car to be re-technical inspected.

Discussion over what classification "M" or "N" to put the 2011 Z06 Carbon Limited Edition occurred.

It was decided since the car has not been built to a point of seeing testing results or autocross

performance, this subject would be tabled and re-discussed at the Sept. 10, 2010 Competition Mtg.

There was a discussion over a sensitive but real issue with our entrants becoming older with health issues and/or past event incident/s. It has been asked if the Competition Committee would consider some sort of required physical examine certification for High Speed events such as done by other organizations, i.e. NASA, SCCA, etc. After much discussion, it was decided that we have had several individuals who have health/physical issues that have taken it on their own and stopped entering High Speed events. In some cases, individuals have decided to stop or suspend Low Speed events until their condition is such they believe they can compete safely. It is also believed that we all have a responsibility to ourselves; our family, event workers/participants/audience, and NCCC to ensure the maximum safe environment exist at all times. Therefore, if we witness someone who may be experiencing unusual tendencies at a venue, we have an obligation to them and everyone else to professionally approach them and/or the local event Chairperson/Regional Officer for resolution if necessary.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

Note: Due to the general notes included into the minutes from the Competition Committee Meeting, does not intend or represent any agreed upon changes to the Competition Manual (Rulebook).

Discussion items are described general in nature for membership awareness only.

Roundtable Discussion:

Several general discussion items occurred to assist clarification for consistency and decisions within the various regions.

2011 Rulebook Discussion Items:

1.

Committee- Current Rulebook Bonus Program: The current FTD Bonus Program implemented in 2009 is to be reviewed now after being in affect for one year. There are several options available:

Leave it as is.

Increase the number of entrants in a sub-group from 2 to 5 or some other number before the sub-group FTD kicks in.

Leave or change the Overall Men & Ladies FTD at 11 or to 10 and eliminate the 10 points for 2nd fastest and 9 points for 3rd fastest.

Eliminate sub-groups entirely and go back to individual classes for all classes.

Other

Action: The RCDs will take back to their region for input.

2. RM- Elimination of Fire Extinguisher Requirement:

Should the requirement for having a fire extinguisher for "Low Speed events only" be eliminated except for RP & RPAF classes?

Action: The RCDs will take back to their Region for input.

3.WC- New NCCC Time Trial Event Section 11:

Should a new Time Trial and HPDE (Track Day) event be developed per the proposal and drafts submitted by WC & RR into our Competition Program?

Action: The RCDs will take back to their Region for input.

1. MW- Sec. 2.7.1.8 Item 76 regarding exceptions for Prom and Prom programs.

There was discussion as to pursue changing the current language of "Strictly stock computer, sensors, accessories and connections except that any Prom or Prom program is allowed." to "Strictly stock computer, sensors, accessories, connections, PROM and other program memories."

Decision: Yes 0, No 14 not to pursue.

1. MI & FL- Sec. 1.2.2 Elimination of the 100 mile distance requirement between Non-Sanctioned and Sanctioned Events on the same day.

Decision: Yes 14 to eliminate, No 0

1. EO- Chapter 8, Sec. 8.1.2.5.1 who must be present at events to receive points.

Propose adding a new #4 language: "4. Event Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Rallye Checker, Rallye Co-Checker, Concours Judges, and all other Workers MUST be at the event to receive points."

Decision: Yes 11 to accept the proposed new language, No 3

1. RM- Sec. 1.3.10 reducing sanction request and flyer time to RCDs and VPC.

Propose changing the current requirement for sanction requests to the RCD from 70 days to 45 days and to the VPC from 50 to 40 days.

Also, change the current requirement for flyers to the RCD from 50 days to 45 days and leave the VPC at 35 days.

Decision: Yes 12 to accept the proposed change, No 2

1. WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 7 Intergenerational Switching
WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 19 Block Cylinder Head Bolt Pattern
WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 20 Block Bore Spacing
WR- Sec. 2.7.1.8; Note 28 Valve Layout

Decision for 8, 9, 10, & 11: Yes 0, No 12 not to pursue, Abstain 2

Note to RCDs: Provide your input on the above 2011 Rulebook changes you took back to your Region for input by 7/1/10.

Appeals:

There were no appeals.

Mtg. adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Jack C. Wilson,

Vice-Pres. Competition

NCCC Competition information can be found at the following link

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

NCCC Regional News

West Coast Region <http://www.ncccwcregion.org/>

NCCC West Coast & Northwest Region 2010 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 = Sanctioned For WC Region
 Points Only

(Does not Apply For National Points)

* In Saction Type Column Indicates Revision Or Addition Of An Event Since Last Revision

Request Order & Future Sanction Type	Date	Event	WCR Host Club	Info / Location
	MAY			
	1 Sat	National NCCC Meetings		St. Louis, MO
WC-500-027RS	2 Sun	PC Car Show	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula, CA
	8 Sat	Regional Governors Meeting	O.C. Vettes	TBD
	9 Sun			
WC-514-039	15 Sat	Corvette Dreaming Concours	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego, CA
WC-514-038	15 Sat	Corvette Dreaming PC	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego, CA
	16 Sun			
	22 Sat			
	23 Sun			
WC-500-009	29 Sat	Rallye Game 1	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Las Vegas, NV
WC-500-010	29 Sat	Rallye Game2	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-004	29 Sat	Concours Car Show	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-005	29 Sat	PC Car Show	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-006	29 Sat	Rallye Timed	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-007	29 Sat	Rallye Gimmick	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-008	29 Sat	Rallye Poker	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-011	30 Sun	MT Autocross	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
WC-202-012	30 Sun	LS Autocross	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas, NV
	JUN			
	5 Sat			
WC-325-001	6 Sun	PC Car Show	Orange County Vettes	Huntington Beach
WC-401-040	12 Sat	PC Car Show	The Vette Set	AES Los Alamitos
	13 Sun			

	19 Sat			
	20 Sun			
WC-395-044NS	24 Thur	Low Speed Autocross	Vettes R Us	El Torro, CA
WC-302-041RS	25 Fri	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
WC-302-042	26 Sat	Low Speed Autocross	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
WC-302-043	27 Sun	Rallye	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
	JUL			
	3 Sat			
	4 Sun			
WC-518-045	10 Sat	Low Speed autocross	Vapor Trails Corvette Club	Lompoc, Ca
WC-518-046		Low Speed autocross	Vapor Trails Corvette Club	Lompoc, Ca
WC-434-028	17 Sat	Gimmick Rallye	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-029	17 Sat	Hidden Time	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-030	17 Sat	Poker Game	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-031	17 Sat	Poker Game	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-032	17 Sat	Game 1	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-033	17 Sat	Game 2	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
WC-434-034	17 Sat	Game 3	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
	18 Sun			
	23-30	NCCC Convention	North Florida Corvette Assn	West Palm Beach, FL
	24 Sat			
	25 Sun			
	31 Sat			
	AUG			
	1 Sun			
	7 Sat			
	8 Sun			
	14 Sat			
	15 Sun			
	21 Sat			
WC-326-017	22 Sun	PC Car Show	Corvette Super Sports	Huntington Beach, CA
	28 Sat			
	29 Sun			
	SEP			
	4 Sat			
	5 Sun			
	10 Fri	National NCCC Meetings		St. Louis, MO
	11 Sat	National NCCC Meetings		St. Louis, MO
	12 Sun			

	18 Sat	Regional Governors Meeting	Corvettes West	Marie Calendars, Redlands, CA
	19 Sun			
	25 Sat			
	26 Sun			
	OCT			
WC-446-xxx	2 Sat	Car Show	Millenium Corvettes	
	3 Sun			
	9 Sat			
WC-518-047	23 Sat	PC Car Show	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, Ca
WC-518-048		Poker Rallye #1	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-049		Gimmick Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-180-050		Gimmick Rallye	Newport Harbor Corvette Club	Lompoc, CA
WC-180-051		Game Rallye #1	Newport Harbor Corvette Club	Lompoc, CA
WC-180-052		Game Rallye #2	Newport Harbor Corvette Club	Lompoc, CA
WC-180-053		Low Speed Autocross	Newport Harbor Corvette Club	Lompoc, CA
WC-180-054		Low Speed Autocross	Newport Harbor Corvette Club	Lompoc, CA
	NOV			
	6 Sat			
	7 Sun			
	12 Fri	National NCCC Meetings		St. Louis, MO
	13 Sat	National NCCC Meetings		St. Louis, MO
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	4 Sat			
	5 Sun			
	11 Sat			
	12 Sun			

Regional Standings as of 5/5/2010

Place	WC Club #	Name	Total Points
1st	552	Inland Empire Corvettes	838
2nd	326	Corvette Super Sports	746
3rd	434	Pomona Valley Corvette Assoc.	381
4th	340	Palm Springs Corvette Club	358
5th	518	Vapor Trail Vettes	238
6th	500	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	183
7th	302	Corvettes West	146
8th	507	Victor Valley Vettes	134
9th	447	Corvettes Limited	72
10th	202	Las Vegas Corvette Assoc.	66

Place	NCCC Club	NCCC #	First Name	Last Name	Total Points
1	326	0278L	Jennifer	Spencer	81
2	326	0192L	Cindy	Orrico	36
3	447	0031L	Dorothy	McCain	36
4	395	0004L	Judy	Winners	32
5	434	0011L	Glenda	Goff	32
6	434	0179L	Ginny	Bender	32
7	326	0243L	Renita	Glover	29
8	500	0377L	Ronette	Garduno	29
9	340	0345L	Weez	Hyman	27
10	434	0013L	Bonnie	Gresswell	27
Place	NCCC Club	NCCC #	First Name	Last Name	Total Points
1	326	0010	Dave	Alciatore	102
2	326	0014	Ed	Norris	100
3	326	0223	Geoff	Girvin	76
4	434	0001	Scott	Erickson	59
5	518	0003	Charlie	Perry	56
6	434	0198	Charles	Lipscomb	50
7	326	0216	Mike	Baddley	46
8	326	0055	Joe	Orrico	44
9	326	0185	Bud	Norris	39
10	447	0213	Samuel	Kaufman	36

Technical Corner

Hello all,

GM is recalling 40,028 2005 and 2006 Corvettes for repair to the tilt and telescoping steering columns. An error message can lead to the brakes being applied. More excitement when driving our cars!

More info at gmownercenter.com. or 800 630 2438.

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Corvette Legends of Le Mans: Dick Thompson

Chevrolet to Salute Championship-Winning Corvette Racer at Laguna Seca ALMS

MONTEREY, Calif., May 13, 2010 – Dr. Dick Thompson, the championship-winning Corvette driver known as "The Flying Dentist," carried Corvette's performance message around the world. Chevrolet will salute Thompson as one of the Corvette Legends of Le Mans at the American Le Mans Series Monterey at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca on May 21-22.

Thompson co-drove one of Briggs Cunningham's trio of Corvettes in the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans in Corvette's first appearance in the world's biggest sports car race. He later became the first driver to win a race in the iconic Corvette Grand Sport, and served as a Chevrolet development driver and promotional spokesman for production Corvettes in the '60s.

Thompson will be reunited with the restored No. 2 Cunningham Corvette that he shared with Fred Windridge in Le Mans 50 years ago. The Thompson/Windridge Corvette retired at 20 hours, but the sister No. 3 Cunningham Corvette driven by John Fitch and Bob Grossman won the large displacement GT class and finished eighth overall. Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov accompanied the Corvettes to Le Mans as an advisor and was listed as a reserve driver by the Cunningham team.

"I enjoyed racing in Europe very much, and competing at Le Mans in 1960 was an unforgettable experience for me, and for the entire team," Thompson said. "Briggs Cunningham had the experience, and quite frankly the money, to put forth an effort that was second to none. We had support from Chevrolet, from Zora, and others. The cars were race prepared by Alfred Momo at his shop on Long Island. We knew going to Le Mans that the cars would be ready and we'd have a very real opportunity to win our class there."

The Corvettes were in near-stock trim, with larger gas tanks, quick-fill gas caps, magnesium wheels, oil coolers, driving lights, racing seats and heavy-duty suspension components among their limited modifications – an expression of Duntov's philosophy of using racing to develop high-performance components for future production vehicles.

"Our car was quite fast but the brakes were a problem, as they almost always were in those early years of Corvette racing," Thompson recalled. "And of course, we had those skinny little bias-ply tires. Our Corvettes were really not big cars, but to the average Frenchman, compared with what they were used to, they looked like great big cars. More than a few of them were rather shocked to see us running around at those fantastic speeds on the skinny tires we had."

When the 55 entries were lined up for the traditional Le Mans start according to engine displacement, the three Cunningham Corvettes occupied the first three spots with their 283-cubic-inch fuel-injected small-block V8s. A fourth Corvette entered by airline pilot Lucky Casner under the Camoradi USA banner rounded out the Corvette quartet.

"At Le Mans in those years they still did a running start," Thompson said. "All the drivers would line up opposite the cars on the front straight and when the signal was given we'd each run to our car. I managed to get away ahead of everyone, and going under the Dunlop Bridge I had nothing but open road in front of me, and the entire field behind me! That was quite an exciting feeling. Of course that didn't last, and the faster modifieds, the sports racers, managed to pass me."

Rain soon inundated the Le Mans circuit, and the drivers had to endure a cold and wet night on the pitch-black course through the French countryside.

"The Le Mans race was really a remarkable experience for me," Thompson remembered. "By 1960 I had done quite a bit of driving, at a lot of different tracks, but Le Mans was unique in many ways. It was particularly interesting at night. Sebring of course was quite dark at night, but at Le Mans it was a different feeling, a feeling of really being alone out there. The fog and the rain added to that sensation, the feeling that you're driving through the countryside as fast as you can possibly go, with nothing but the rain, the darkness, your car, and your courage!"

The No. 2 Corvette lost time when it was mired in one of the numerous sandpits that lined the circuit, and then the overtaxed engine expired in the 20th hour.

"It was the brakes, indirectly, that took our car out of the race," he said. "The engine failed in fairly dramatic fashion, but that was not because of a problem in the engine. The brakes gradually got worse and worse and we relied more and more on the downshifts to help slow the car. The engine had been over-revved by about 1,000 rpm on some of the downshifts, and this was recorded on the tell-tale tach, and it ultimately caused the engine to give up."

Cunningham drivers Fitch and Grossman continued to circle the immense circuit in the No. 3 Corvette, running as high as seventh overall. In the waning hours of the race, the engine overheated and lost coolant but regulations prohibited the team from refilling the radiator. Team manager Momo instructed the crew to pack the engine with ice from the team's catering tent. Driving at reduced speed, the ice-cooled Corvette finished first in the 4000-5000cc GT class and eighth overall – the best finish by a Corvette until the arrival of Corvette Racing four decades later.

Thompson's racing career is a chronicle of the early days of Corvettes in competition. A Corvette propelled him to the 1956 SCCA C-Production national championship, putting the world on notice that Corvette was a genuine contender against European sports cars. Thompson and his Corvette left their mark in the record book in 1957, earning a class victory at Sebring and another SCCA national title. The dentist from Washington, D.C. went on to win three more national championships driving Corvettes, including the C-Modified title with Bill Mitchell's Stingray Racer in 1960, B-Production in a Gulf Oil-sponsored Corvette in 1961, and the A-Production crown in another Gulf Oil Corvette in 1962.

Thompson was one of a handful of racers who transformed Corvette's performance image at a crucial period in the car's history. He played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for success that Corvette has enjoyed on the street and on tracks around the world. Chevrolet is proud to salute the Flying Dentist as one of the Corvette Legends of Le Mans.

Consequences

