

# *Under The Radar*

*The Monthly Newsletter of Corvette Super Sports*

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

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

## Corvette Super Sports

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Charity Donations

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

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

### Corvette Super Sports' Charities

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



**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 infants and children who are receiving medical treatment for various 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 children who are receiving treatment at outpatients. Over 1700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1980.

The House also has a full kitchen with complete facilities, a living room, family room, secretary, kitchen, dining room,

playroom, library 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 minimal and waived if the family is unable to pay. Our House is supported by the generous gifts of services provided by the community we serve. The "Pop Tab Program" is one of our ongoing fund-raising programs that help support our mission of being a "home away from home" for the thousands 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.

Everyone can get involved:

- Schools
- Churches
- Companies
- Civic Organizations
- Families in your neighborhood

Remember...it's all about

Pop Tab Houses

We have four colorful, cheerful houses for you. The small red house is just closed and holds about one pound of tabs when full. The large can-bottle can hold about 20-25 pounds of tabs when full. Both models are fun and instantly smile. Call 714-993-5774 if you would like one of these houses.

Pop Tab Trivia

#### Pop Tab Trivia

For you know...

- 1 tab = 1 pop tab
- 1 box = 12 pop tabs
- 1 can = 40 pop tabs
- 1 can = 1,207 pop tabs
- 1 1/2 canisters = 10 pop tabs

- 1 canister = 40,000 pop tabs
- 1 box = 61,362 pop tabs
- 1 can = approximately 250 pop tabs

Orange County

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE





# Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

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

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

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



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

## **SO Many Blessings – TAKE The Time To Count Them!.....**



### **Madam Pres**

Hi Everybody!!!

April is so full, I don't know where to start! Without any April Fools jokes for me, this month will go down in history, for me anyway! I actually tasted Alligator and it wasn't my purse or shoes! Deep Fried Alligator Nuggets, but dip anything in Ranch dressing and what's it going to taste like? Yes, chicken! (Future CSS Presidents, Beware! It was our 'previous' CSS President that got me to try it!) It was after this that 49 of us Corvette Pirates sailed off on a Caribbean Cruise to St. Maarten, St. Lucia and St. Kitts.

We started our venture from Ft. Lauderdale, where Joe, myself and Cliff Harris braved the Florida Everglades. Good thing lots of other airboats were around cause it could have been a creepy area, that's for sure. Our guide was well versed on the area, or else he told some pretty good stories. And of course, we only 'really' saw one alligator that he was familiar with.....a female alligator..... named Cindy – of course! Isn't she cute?



The cruise consisted of smooth sailing, lower temperatures and humidity and no lack of food on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Trough! This trip was an extra special treat for me because my girlfriend that I've known since I was 3 weeks old and her husband joined us! We got to Snuba, Joe did a Zip-Line excursion and I won the Hot Wheels Car Show (my credit card sitting under my car had something to do with that though....) For those who have been to 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries, you will understand me when I say, "There's No Place Like Home". Very sad to see the poverty over there, very different way of life and I am so grateful every day that I live in the United States of America!

As we were on our Red Eye flight from Long Beach to Ft. Lauderdale, Joe's 6<sup>th</sup> grandchild was born! I was getting intense text messages before boarding and on de-boarding, looking at pictures of Scarlett Rose, born to Joe's youngest daughter! So tiny, so precious, so proud.



More awesome news is that my nephew, Travis, is on his way home from Afghanistan! Travis is

Neil & CynDee Aerts youngest son (My brother and CSS Family Members living in Spokane). Neil is 'trying' to enjoy his Corvette, but every time he gets the keys out.... I get a text saying "IT'S SNOWING ##^)&\$^("

A small CSS group also attended this year's Long Beach Grand Prix. Best \$20 dollars you can spend is for the Corvette Corral! \$20 bucks gets you separate security parking, a big white tent full of shade, tables, chairs, water, sodas, snacks and big screen TVs that you can watch the race from! And if you feel venturous, walk 100 yards out over to the track and join the crowds yelling and cheering! My favorite moment was when I saw the Ferrari photographer in our Corvette parking area – taking pictures – then taking a video of all of us inside the tent! He was a great sport when I asked if "I" could take 'his' picture! Who rules now??



It appears from my calendar that the Corvette events are finally starting!! I know I have missed a few: Ronald McDonald House Car

Show, Gambler's Classic, but upcoming are Inland Empire Super 7 and more.

Now, to top off my babbling – let the Corvette Events begin! "Our" first event of the year was this last weekend, of **Inland Empire Corvettes**, Super 7! Awesome event that we have attended in the past and once again, did not fail us. And that was evident, since we had 10 cars attend and guess what? We got "Club Participation"!! Surprise!!! Goes to show that CSS knows a good time when we've been there before, huh? Thanks to those other 9 cars that brought home the trophy for us. We will have to take extra time at the next club meeting when I ask if anyone got any hardware... ( Larry & Gary.... – gee, show offs!) I'm know there will be more about this in our Newsletter.

Reminders to all that Mother's Day is May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Quote:**

**"The division between success and failure is your attitude. If you project problems, they will find you. If you project accomplishments, then those results find a way to weave towards you. Make sure you kick aside the rejection of past problems. They hold very little bearing on what you can do going forward. Be bold, confident and unbending when it comes to what you want. You have the power!"**

*Written in 2011 by Jim Fargiano*

Even more in this month of April, I am so grateful and proud of our Service Men and Woman and send extra thanks and prayers to our Service Men and Women!  
God Bless America – Now and Always!

Keep on Saving the Wave!!!

Respectfully,  
Cindy Orrico  
President – 2011

# CSS News

**The Social events for May 2011 are:**

**5/28 Homeland Security Practice**

**The Club events for May 2011 are:**

**5/1 Corvettes of Temecula Valley Car show**

**5/14 Corvette Dreamin – Mission Bay Car show**

**5/21 Wild West Car Show**

**5/21 Pomona Valley Corvettes Car Rally**

**The other events for May 2011 are:**

**Please help us keep our records up to date.**

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

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

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



## Corvette Super Sports Local News

### Charities Byline – Bob Reed



#### GIVE AND IT WON'T HURT!

One thing is for sure, during this down-turn in the economy there is less charitable giving at a time when it is needed more than ever. I'm confident that we all still want to contribute. The problem is those extra dollars may no longer be available!

Our club's charity slogan for this 2011 is "Give and it won't hurt." There are ways that you can help without opening your wallet!

Earlier in the year I introduced several organizations that our club can support without writing a check.

These are worthwhile charities that support our armed forces, children and others that are truly in need. Take a moment to look over how you can support these organizations. I would be surprised if you said that you don't have at least one item on the list.

In cooperation with our primary sponsor, Connell Chevrolet, we will be collecting "Cell Phones for Soldiers." That old, unused cell phone in the bottom of your drawer can be turned into minutes that our young men and women in uniform can use to call home. Be sure

to bring your old cell phone to our August Car Show and receive 5 raffle tickets!

For more information go to:

<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

In that same drawer, next to that unused cell phone, you probably have a gift card with a few cents or a few dollars of value that you will never use. The Salvation Army is collecting those cards and turning them into needed cash to help those regardless if it local or around the world.

For more information go to:

<http://www.salvationarmyoc.org/giving.htm>

For a number of years now, St. Jude's Ranch has been supporting the needs of children through their recycled greeting card program. The children use the fronts of the cards to create new cards that are sold around the world. While Christmas cards are the most popular, Get Well, Birthday, and other occasion cards are needed.

For more information go to:

[http://www.stjudesranch.org/help\\_card.php](http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php)

#### *What to do with your donation:*

You can either bring your items to a club event, such as our monthly meetings or mail them to the club's address: CSS PO Box 592, La Habra, CA 90631.

In addition to the three new "painless" projects that I outlined above, I want to remind you that a thrift shop, *Charity's Closet*, run by one of our primary charities, *H.I.S. House*, is a great way to turn your unwanted items (clothing, furniture, etc) into a means of providing a shelter for a family in need. And yes, they do provide receipts for tax purposes.

#### **Charity's Closet**

134 N. Bradford Avenue  
Placentia, CA 92870  
714-993-4687



## **CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING**



**General Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 5, 2011**  
Sizzler Restaurant – Fullerton, CA

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting**

Vice President Dianne W. called the meeting to order at 6:56 p.m. Marge H. recorded the minutes. The president and secretary were not present. A quorum was not present.

### **Hospitality:**

Donna S. introduced Paul D., a former member of CSS.

### **Good News:**

- Donna S. has completed treatment
- Rick M.'s shoulder is healing
- Rick and Lynn M.'s son is cancer free
- Bert W. is retiring in May to transition to domestic engineer status
- Dianne and Bert W.'s grandson is graduating from Army basic training in June. They will be attending the graduation.

### **Old Business:**

- Drive In Movie Night has been canceled because of lack of support by the membership
- Car Show is August 14. Connell Chevrolet will donate tee shirts and trophies. Donations for

raffle prizes or cash will be accepted at any time. Flyers are available for members to distribute.

### **Events:**

- See web site for details of events in April and May
- June 4-5 is Spring Mountain. Call or email Kathy B. To sign up to bring food.
- July 8-10 is Big Bear Bash. The Bash before the Bash will be at Shirley and Garry J.'s home. More details to come.
- July 16 is Corvettes of Southern California picnic

### **Birthdays and anniversaries were announced.**

### **Rick M. brought window flags and took orders.**

Larry C. gave the Clean Car award to Doug and Sherry McD.

Thanks to Shirley J. and Donna S. for bringing snacks.

**Charity:**

Bob R. has a motto for the year: "Give and it Won't Hurt"

- Cell phones for soldiers (with or without accessories)
- Gift cards-unused or partially used for Salvation Army
- Greeting cards (not Hallmark, American Greeting or Disney) for St. Jude's Children's Ranch
- Remember Charities Closet to make household donations. It is affiliated with H.I.S. House.

**Treasurer:**

Marge H. reported

- M & M fundraiser has collected \$164 as of March 15.
- \$250 from Connell for Drive In Movie Night has been applied to car show account to help pay for trophies. They will donate the entire cost of trophies when the final bill arrives.
- Six car show registrations have been received. Two policies were presented, discussed and adopted by the board of governors at the last two meetings. Upon the approval of the general membership they will become policies of this organization. Because a quorum was not present, these policies were read and discussed. A vote will take place at the next meeting when a quorum is present. The board is supporting the passage of these policies.

**MOTION:**

With the recommendation of the board of governors, I move that the club's health and welfare policy read as follows: "In the case of a member's hospitalization, a plant not to exceed \$50.00 or a gift card not to exceed \$25.00 be given to the member. In case of a medical procedure, illness, or other health situation a 'get well' card or note of cheer will be sent by the health and welfare chairman as appointed by the president."

**MOTION:**

With the recommendation of the board of governors, I move that the club's bereavement policy read as follows: "To honor and remember members of Corvette Super Sports who pass away, a maximum of \$100 shall be used to purchase a brick at the National Corvette Museum, or a donation to one of the designated charities supported by CSS."

**Other:**

- Jim C. won 50/50.
- Marcia L. won dinner raffle.
- April 19 board meeting will be held at Mimi's on Euclid.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Written by,  
Marge H.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

<b><u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u></b>		<b><u>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>	
Armando J Sanchez	04/01	Greg and Chris Glodery	04/21
Jim M Cooper	04/05	Chris and Jennifer Spencer	04/21/91
Jo Anna Buckingham	04/13	Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis	04/27/68
Linda Norris	04/16	Rick and Lynn Miller	04/29
Vicki Kump	04/17	Greg and Chris Glodery	04/21
Lynn M Miller	04/17		
Jennifer Spencer	04/25		
Jay Lynch	04/27		

<u>MAY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Sue Rosen	5/8	Sanchez, Armando & Hortencia	05/14/94
David Dunn	5/14	Meeuwenberg, Doug & Ann	05/18/74
Cindy Orrico	5/21	Cuccio, Tom & Barbara	05/27/78
Chuck Rosen	5/23		
Garry Jones	5/26		

## **Social Corner**

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

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

Current CSS events can be found at the following URL

<http://www.corvettesupersports.com>

Car Show and Rallies that we have participated in.

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

If you have a suggestion for a Corvette Event or a Social Event, please contact Geoff at [GBGirvin@yahoo.com](mailto:GBGirvin@yahoo.com)

Date	Event
Feb 5	Valentine Bowl
March	California Missions and Museums
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security Whittier Narrows 9am
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Vapor Trails Autocross Lompoc
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mullen Auto Museum Oxnard 8:30 am departure
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Inland Empire Corvettes Super 7 Rallye - Yucaipa
April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security Prado
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Corvettes of Temecula Car show
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Corvette Dreamin' Mission Bay
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Corvette West Car Show
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Pomona Valley Corvette Assoc. Rallye
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security – TBD
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	CSS Highspeed Autocross – Pahrump Nev
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Peterson Auto Museum – Los Angeles
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security - TBD
July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Garry and Shirley's – Big Bear
July 8-10	Big Bear Bash – Rallye, Autocross, Car Show – Big Bear
July 23-24	Santa Paula Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
July 30	Homeland Security - TBD
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gene Autry Museum – Griffiths Park Los Angeles
August 14 <sup>th</sup>	CSS Car Show Connell Chevrolet
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	MacArthur Military Museum/Pt Fermin Lighthouse
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Donna's Pool Party – Annual Pot Luck



Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept 16-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Wine Cruise – Santa Ynez Valley
Sept. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Cruise-In' for the Cure OC Fair Grounds
Oct 7-9	Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wild West Car Show
Oct 29 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security – Redlands then PIE RUN to Oak Glen
Oct. TBD	Casino Night
Nov. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pistachio Festival – Newberry Springs – Peggy Sue's
Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>	La Palma Days Veterans Day Parade
Nov. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bowling with Turkeys – La Habra Bowl
Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security - TBD
Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Getty Museum – Los Angeles
Dec. 10-11	HighSpeed Autocross = Porsche's taste like chicken!
Dec . TBD	Christmas Party
Dec 17 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security 2011 Final Exam

## Club Events for April

### **GAMBLERS'S CLASSIC**

featuring  
the Great American Sports Car  
by Ron DeBartolomeis

The day started out early Friday morning heading East with a breakfast stop at PEGGY SUE'S for the early risers. Breakfast really motivated Ed who said "let's Get'er Done" with a triple digit entrance onto I 40 !! Yep he was feeling his Oates!

We had 9 cars represented by Bob & Vickie, Ed & Linda, Bud & Dawnette, Ron & Karen, Scott & Renita, Kevin

Presser, Chuck & Sue, Rick & Lynn and Jim Raymond.

The WAXERS came away with three (3) third place trophy's.

***C4 Bob & Vickie***

***C5 Ed & Linda***

***C6 Rick & Lynn***

*Note, C6 third place is under investigation for improper wheel cleaning techniques.*

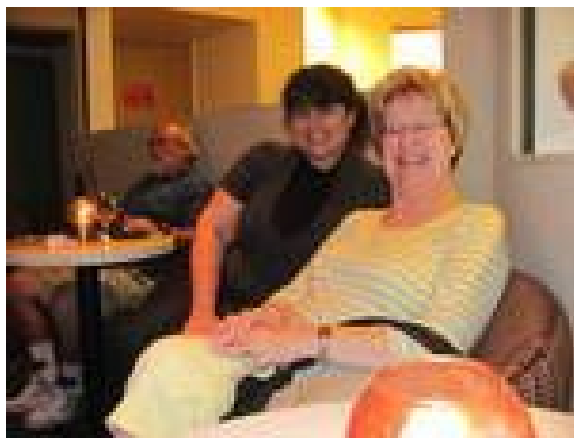
*Congratulations to the winners.  
Keep'em shinning !*

*Friday night we enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and Hawaiian show put on by HOT LAVA..*

*Saturday evening prime rib dinner was special as we celebrated Lynn's, Linda's and Vickie's BIRTHDAY. None of them would reveal which Birthday they were celebrating !!*

*Our group came away with a car load of raffle prizes as you can see in the group picture. You'll notice Bud won a yellow Mongoose mountain bike. He didn't arrive home until Wednesday night. He forgot to put the bike in high gear !!*

*Kudos to Corvettes of Bakersfield who did an extremely good job organizing and executing this great event.*



## Long Beach Grand Prix

### *Drivers..... Start Your Engines!!!!*

And the Long Beach Grand Prix is rolling again!!!

Of course it was a wonderfully, warm day in Long Beach, make that 2 days for us die-hards! Let me tell you, the absolute BEST part of this race, is the "Corvette Corral"!! For \$20 bucks, you get all the water, sodas and many muchies to go along with them, not to mention 'private parking' just for us Corvette owners! Plus the shade of the tent and the tables

and chairs in which to rest your tired feet and get your poor body out of the hot sun.

Once again this year, we had our good friends, Carl & Bonnie Corbett from the Las Vegas Club come down to stay with us. They have attended this race for the last 20 years. We always have a good time when they come to visit. What can I say..... Corvette People!



I was the lucky one this year and won the “Lap around the track”, but since Carl had been trying to win that raffle for 20 years, I let him have my ride. Besides, I’m not that great of a passenger and Joe took the ride last year and said that those concrete walls came ‘awfully close’ to the sides of the car!!! It was so worth seeing that ear to ear grin on Carl’s face too!!

This year we also had Dave MacDonald, Sherry Sablan, Dave MacDonough, Art & Marge Huhta and special guest Albie.



Dave in the Pits with Car #3

Dave & Sherry having a great6 time!





Art & Joe trying to sync their HAM Radios      Marge & Albie's 1<sup>st</sup> experience of engine sound

The Corvette Corral parking lot filled up. My funniest part of this was seeing the photographer from the Ferrari Tent over in the Corvette Corral TAKING PICTURES AND VIDEO'S OF US! He was a great sport and laughed when I asked if I could take his picture! Let the rumors begin!

The Corvette Drivers come over to the tent every year and sign whatever you want them to – yes, exactly – whatever you want them to. Most people get their cars signed too. They are 4 great drivers and 4 great gentlemen. But they also go out to all the cars and pick their own personal favorite car – what a nice surprise for Joe and I that Oliver Gavin chose ours this year!! We got a cool autographed diecast as our prize! (Now we need another curio cabinet to keep it in!)



This was our 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row attending the Grand Prix and I see it continuing year after year. It's like a carnival – food galore! Turkey legs, ears of corn, \$10 dollar beers, \$12 dollar margaritas and so much more, besides the yelling and cheering for our favorite cars.

I can see the tradition continue for us, however, I have some worries about Art & Marge if they continue to take Albie..... for 2 reasons.....

Number #1 – when Ron Fellows was finished with his talk and had open questions, Albie's question was: "Why did the #3 car hit the wall?"

Number #2 – in this picture below, Albie is asking the Security Guard if he gave him his allowance, if he could buy this car.....



For a good time, join us next year at the Long Beach Grand Prix in April!!

Cindy Orrico

## **Mullen Auto Museum**

**This was the second trip to the museum for CSS. The turnout was light, but those that went had a good time. Attendees were Doug MacDonald and Sherry Sablan and a prospective new member Dennis and Donna Newbury. The following was written by Dave who took the pictures as well. Thanks Dave!!**

Hi Jeff: Here are some of the pictures we took on the Corvette run (2 cars)



yesterday to the Mullin Automotive Museum, Dennis and Donna Newberry, prospective members, and Doug MacDonald & Sherry Sablan. We had an nice trip to and from the Museum, It included Bugattis, Delages, Delahayes, Hispano Suizas, Talbot-Lagos and Voisins covering several decades! We had lunch at the Red Lobster!

Doug



**A DIFFERENT SIDE OF SPRING MOUNTAIN  
(AKA RUNNING WITH THE PORSCHE)  
BY JENNIFER SPENCER**

On a quarterly basis, the Las Vegas Porsche Club holds a driving performance enhancement weekend at Spring Mountain ("racing" is illegal



in NV). They open the event to all types of cars thus giving this gal with the need for speed another opportunity to get out on the track. So in mid-April, Chris & I headed to my new home away from home, Pahrump, NV. Luckily, when Chris used to sell food, he had the pleasure of servicing the Las Vegas region that included Pahrump so he wasn't completely shocked upon arrival at the size of the town (it's not a city - population in July 2007 was 32,979 and fellas, the ratio of men to women was nearly even and the median age was 45). We stayed at the Saddle West Casino/Hotel and discovered the only casino we've ever been to (and we've been to many) that have nickel slots at the bar! And to top it off these even give out Royal Flushes (yippee)!



Anyway, about the racing, the Porsche Club runs their track days a little different than Corvette Track Days. If you've never run with them, you either have to have one of their instructors ride with you on your first run to "sign you off" or attend their "Student Program". There were 19 of us students. Some were like me (have run at high speed but still have plenty to learn) and some had never tried it ever before. The assortment of cars and people was sizeable; besides Porsches there were Nissans, Corvettes Mini Coopers and even a Lamborghini.



After the regular driver's meeting, we had some classroom instruction and then did a exercise driving in water (extremely helpful) and braking (like autocrossing). We then partnered up with an instructor and headed to the track ( my girl Elizabeth was awesome). The new track configuration is 3.4 miles of FABULOUSNESS! My dreaded turn 3 is now a straightaway and the bus stop is a hoot. The first run of the afternoon, our instructors drove our cars for 3 laps and then we got back in the driver's seat.



The second day they combined the student group with the novice group (previously graduated students) to the same run group as there are fewer cars overall (you can sign up for just one day). Our instructors will still riding with us but now (at least for me) we were moving on to really nailing the details of hitting the apexes and pushing up the speedometer. By the last run of the day, Elizabeth helped me slice 23 seconds off my previously fastest lap! Now for you future

racers (and you know who you are) when the lap times for the fast guys/gals is just under 3 minutes and us pokey folks are doing around 3:30 so 23 seconds is a big deal!



Unfortunately, there was a fatal casualty of a dear friend of many of us. Marvin Maise lost his beloved Corvette to a fire. Luckily, he was able to get out of the car (abeit on the passenger side) unscathed but the distinctive yellow Corvette that we saw at the track and autocrosses wasn't so lucky. We all will miss the car but are glad we don't have to miss Marvin.



So my overall experience was incredible! I graduated to the novice class for September (oh yeah, I'm going back for more). I already made sure Elizabeth would be there ☺. I think this is a great venue for the beginner and expert racer alike.

Hope to see you at Spring Mountain for Corvette Track Days and Porsche Track Days (I'll be at all of them).

## Inland Empire Super 7

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> was the third annual IEC Super 7 Car Rallye and Corvette Super Sports members turned out en masse to support our friends at IEC. Normally attendance is high each year, in fact we earned "Club Participation" again this year. We won the trophy in year one, missed it in year 2 by one car and got it again this year for bringing 10 cars to the event.**

**The attendees were: Joe and Cindy, Ron and Karen, Chuck, Dave and Jenny, Larry and Curly (aka. Gary), Scott and Renita, Rick and Lynn, Doug and Jackie (the newlyweds), Bob and Kelli and Geoff and Ginger.**

**The Rally this year was up through Crestline to big Bear and back through the outskirts of Oak Glen back to the starting point at Angel's roadhouse.**

**Although the Rally was not timed, the Rally Master probably did not take into account that there was such thick fog around Crestline that you could not see the fronts of the cars while driving and that contributed to a slow drive overall.**

**In Big Bear we stopped to participate in 3 games including**



an Autocross using remote control cars.



One of the games requires everyone to put on their thinking caps to recall how to get into panty hose. I heard most of the female contestants say that they did not wear such stuff anymore and the male contestants all said they were very rusty and way out of practice getting their hands into panty hose. The object of the game was to get a penny at the bottom of each leg and put the penny in a cup. Someone on my team forgot to tell me that there was a penny in each leg. Drat.







Think of the motion that a pogo stick has and that is what the contestants had to do to get the balls out of the box. The team mate had to collect them and get them into a pouch in 30 second. Now think 20 mile per hour wind gusts that came up only when the ping pong balls actually got out of the box. It sound hard, but Bob and Kelli got all 8 balls out and was tied for first place only to lose by drawing a lower card as a tie breaker.



Then there was the box of ping pong balls strapped to your back and you had to get them out of the tissue box without using your hands.





On the Rally there was a Poker Rally for the first and second half of the course and a Scrabble Rally over the entire course.

Now for the prizes. We will probably need to wait for the actual results to be published but suffice it to say that CSS came away with a lot of loot. Larry told Gary (aka Curly) that he felt lucky that day and they should have gone on to Vegas because those two won something in every one of the contests. They got 5<sup>th</sup> place in Poker Rally 1, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Poker Rally 2, 1<sup>st</sup> place in Scrabble Rally, 4<sup>th</sup> place in the ping Pong game, and 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the Poker game before the Rally started.

The other awards were Ron and Karen 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Poker Rally 1,

Rick and Lynn 5<sup>th</sup> place Poer Rally 2, Joe and Cindy 4<sup>th</sup> in Scrabble, Ron and Karen 3<sup>rd</sup> in Scrabble, Bob and Kelli 2<sup>nd</sup> in PingPong and Rick and Lynn 1<sup>st</sup> in ping Pong. Ginger and Geoff 5<sup>th</sup> in the Auto Cross, Dave and jenny 3<sup>rd</sup> in Auto

Cross, Scott and Renita 1<sup>st</sup> in Auto Cross, Bob and Kelli 4<sup>th</sup> in Poker before the Rally, Geoff and Ginger 3<sup>rd</sup> in Poker before the Rally, and Scott and Renita 1<sup>st</sup> in the panty hose game.



Joe knows how to work a crowd.



Gary seems to work it too.





**Watch out Bob, it looks like Kelli knows how to work the crowd too.**



**As always it is good to see Rick and Lynn and Scott and Renita!**



**The first of many!!!**



**Even Ron and Karen got hardware**



**Congrats Bob and Kelli for Pogo, no no, that is Ping Pong game.**



**And More hardware**



**And, yes more**



**And More**



**Cindy beat me to the podium for the Club Participation Award**



**And More**



**But this says it all**

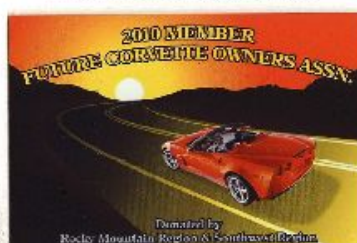
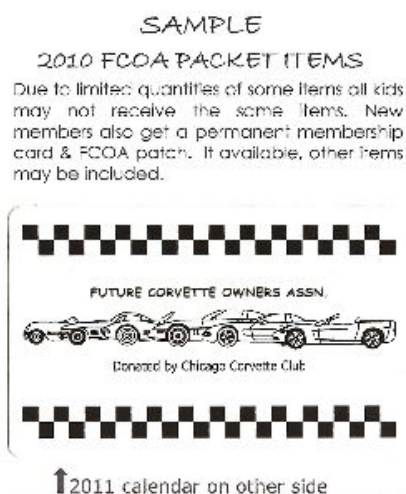
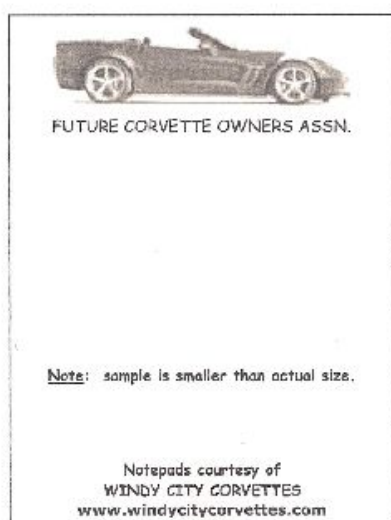




## NCCC National News

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

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



↑ dash plaque



magnet ↑





SAMPLE LETTER IN WELCOME PACKET

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



Hi Johnny!

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

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

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

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

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

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Pat Kelly'.

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



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



\$10 one-time  
Membership Fee

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

## FCOA Membership Application

**Applicant:** (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ boy ☐ girl

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ 9-digit Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests/Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Sponsor Information:**

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

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

NCCC Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

IS THIS A GIFT? (Allow 30 days!) YES ☐ NO ☐ SPECIFY OCCASION: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

Hello Governors,

From the recent meetings in St.  
Louis...

Friday 2-25-2011, Membership  
Committee meeting.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

All for now.

See ya,

Cliff

## National Competition News

**NCCC Competition  
information can be found at  
the following link**

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

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

## NCCC Regional News

	MAY			
WC-500-001RS	1	PC Car Show	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula
	1	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
	7	Regional NCCC Meeting		
	8			
WC-514-002	14	Corvette Dreaming PC	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego
WC-514-003NS	14	Corvette Dreaming	Corvettes of San Diego	San Diego
	15			
WC-302-024	21	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	San Bernardino, CA
WC-434-025	21	Gimmick Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-026	21	Hidden Time Rallye	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-027	21	Poker Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-028	21	Poker Rallye #2	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-029	21	Game Rallye #3	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-030	21	Game Rallye #1	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
WC-434-031	21	Game Rallye #2	Pomona Valley	Irwindale Speedway
	JUNE			
WC-394-032NS	4	PC Car Show Non Sanct	Antelope Valley Corvettes	Lancaster, CA
WC-326-006	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-007	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-008	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-009	4	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-010	5	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-326-011	5	High Speed Time Trials	Corvette Super Sports	Pahrump, NV
WC-325-004	5	Concours D'Elegance	Orange Counth Vettes	Huntington Beach
WC-401-005	11	PC	The Vette Set	Seal Beach
	18-24	National Covention	Windy City Corvettes	Tinley Park, IL
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WC-302-xxxRS	8	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
WC-302-xxx	9	Low Speed Autocross	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
WC-302-xxx	10	Rallye	Corvettes West	BB / Robin Hood
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	17			

WC-518-040	23	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-041	23	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
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WC-326-033	14	PC Car Show	Corvette Super Sports	Costa Mesa, CA
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	21			
WC-518-042	27	PC Car Show	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
WC-518-043	27	Poker Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
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	10-11	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
	17	Regional NCCC Meeting		
	18			
WC-395-034	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-035	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-036	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-037	24	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-038	25	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-395-039	25	Time Trials	Vettes R Us	Spring Mountain, NV
	<b>OCT</b>			
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	7	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
WC-202-xxx	8	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
WC-202-xxx	9	Corvette Roulette	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	Las Vegas
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WC-414-xxx	22	Peoples Choice	Wild West Corvettes	Victorville, CA
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## **From Long Beach to Le Mans: Corvette Racing's Overseas Odyssey**

### ***Le Mans Test Day Sets the Stage for Sports Car Racing's Main Event***

**LE MANS, France, April 20, 2011** – This is only a test – but it's an important one. Corvette Racing will participate in the Le Mans Test Day on Easter Sunday, April 24. This one-day outing on the legendary French circuit will play a key role in the team's preparations for the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 11-12, 2011.

"Every lap at Le Mans is valuable," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan. "It's impossible to test there outside of the race environment because the course uses several miles of public highway. When you have even one day to gather information it's extremely beneficial, especially when your competition is going to be there. Corvette Racing's objective is to maximize the value of our time on the Le Mans track and then apply that when we return for the race in June."

Once a fixture in the run-up to the 24-hour race, the stand-alone test day had been suspended for several years. Its return to the calendar in 2011 posed a logistical problem for teams competing in the American Le Mans Series, which hosted its second round in Long Beach, Calif., last Saturday.

"The schedule makes it difficult, expensive, and risky to get the cars and equipment from Long Beach to Le Mans in time for the test," said Corvette Racing team manager Gary Pratt. "Everything would have to be crated up and flown from LAX on Sunday morning after the ALMS race. Even a short delay in customs or air transport could mean that the shipment wouldn't arrive in time for the test."

"Fortunately one of our customers, Larbre Competition, has a Corvette C6.R that is available for the Le Mans test," Pratt explained. "This is a chassis that we ran last year in Le Mans, and that Larbre raced at Sebring last month. It's the same spec as our current cars and the Larbre team will compete with it in the GTE-Am class at Le Mans. Combining our resources for the test day and sharing the information that we gather will be a win-win for both organizations."

Corvette Racing's four full-season drivers – Tommy Milner, Olivier Beretta, Oliver Gavin, and Jan Magnussen – will attend the Le Mans test, along with key Corvette Racing personnel. At the top of the to-do list is the requirement to qualify Milner to race at Le Mans after a three-year absence. He went to the 24-hour classic in 2006 and 2007 with the Panoz team.

"I'm 25 years old, I've been to Le Mans twice, and yet it's been so long since I've raced there that I have to do 10 laps to qualify again to drive," Milner said with a laugh. "I'm looking at the test as a briefing on what it's like to drive at Le Mans in a Corvette C6.R. It will be a great opportunity to get comfortable in the car and to get seat time without the pressure of the race week." Olivier Beretta, Milner's full-season teammate, agreed: "It is very important to go to Le Mans when you have the rare opportunity to drive on the same track that you will race on," he said. "The only difference will be the weather, but Europe has been very warm recently and I hope the good weather will stay for another week. Then after the test we will have more time to think about and get ready for race week."

Driver Jan Magnussen will be reunited with an old friend at the Le Mans test day. "We'll be using my car from last year, so I should know it well," said the Dane. "The weather during April may not be representative of the conditions during the race, but the test is a opportunity for the drivers to get back into the rhythm of Le Mans. It is a different track to drive because you have to attack in certain places and not in other places, so it's helpful to get a few laps and work on the setup. Corvette Racing has always done a very good job of looking at all of the data and being right on when the race is there."

Oliver Gavin will be teamed with Magnussen at Le Mans this year, a combination that scored three consecutive GT1 class wins in 2004-06. "It's fantastic to be going to Le Mans because any time running on that track is precious," Gavin noted. "You've got to make the most of it because it's such a unique circuit and such a unique environment. It's great for Larbre Competition to work together with Corvette Racing. You think you've got loads of time with a full day to test, but it whizzes by so quickly. Each driver is keen to get as many laps as possible, and you've got to make the most of it. I'm sure the engineers will have a very detailed plan for every second of the test day."

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## **CORVETTE RACING TAKES SECOND AND FIFTH IN STREETS OF LONG BEACH**

### ***Gavin and Magnussen Finish on GT Podium, Milner and Beretta Charge from Back of the Grid***

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**LONG BEACH, Calif., April 16, 2011** - Corvette Racing survived two hours of close combat to finish second and fifth in the American Le Mans Series at Long Beach. Jan Magnussen and Oliver Gavin took the second spot on the GT podium in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R when the race finished under caution. Tommy Milner and Olivier Beretta fought their way from the back of the grid at the start to fifth at the finish in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R. The BMW of Dirk Mueller and Joey Hand was first across the stripe under the yellow flag.

Not even Los Angeles' notorious rush hour could rival the traffic on the historic 1.968-mile, 11-turn temporary course. With 29 starters on the concrete-lined circuit, close calls and contact were commonplace, although only two full-course cautions slowed the race. Gavin started the No. 4 Corvette second on the GT grid and held that position through the opening segment, which was interrupted by a lengthy full-course caution. When racing resumed he took the lead with an opportunistic move.

"I had a very eventful stint with lots of bumping and banging and cars spinning in strange places," Gavin said. "The start was pretty standard, everyone got a bit strung out, and then the LMPC cars were getting in the way. It all started when the BMW behind me disappeared. On the next lap he was turned around at the fountain turn! The race leader went the wrong way, I went the right way, and I got myself into the lead."

Hand's BMW and Patrick Long's Porsche subsequently got around the Corvette, but Long soon encountered the wall and the Porsche eventually retired. As green-flag pit stops began shortly after the one-hour mark, Gavin handed off the No. 4 Corvette to Magnussen.

"I was pushing absolutely as hard as I could, and I was cutting the margin," said Magnussen, who ran the fastest lap of the race in GT and trimmed the BMW's lead to six seconds before the race-ending caution period. "There was a lot of traffic, and in a race like this you have to take so many chances. After the race I had a walk around the car and looked at all the places where I'd tapped the walls. It's a shame we weren't closer at the finish, we could



have had a good fight."

Milner was on a mission when the race began, moving from 14th in class to fourth before the pit stop sequence put Beretta behind the wheel of the No. 3 Corvette. The car was moved to the back of the grid at the start after a post-qualifying change of tires.

"I got lucky with the first yellow flag because we'd just cleared all of the Challenge cars and LMPC cars," Milner said. "The car was great, and although it was a little banged up, it was still quick. That's just street racing - everyone gets bunched up."

Beretta brought the No. 3 home in fifth after a relatively uneventful run. "I'm happy for the team - we got our second podium in two races which is really important," Beretta said. "Tommy did a good stint, he was very clever, and the car was quite fast. Then it was just using my brain to keep the position and put the points in the pocket."

Gavin and Magnussen are now second in the unofficial GT class points standings with 36 markers, and Beretta and Milner are third with 31. Mueller and Hand lead with 50 points.

"When you can leave Long Beach with two cars intact, you've accomplished something," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan. "The fact that we were able to finish second and fifth make this a very satisfying day. Now it's on to Le Mans!"

ESPN2 will televise coverage of the American Le Mans Series at Long Beach from 5 to 7 p.m. ET on Sunday, April 17. Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans in Le Mans, France, on June 11-12, 2011.

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