

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.

Charity Donations

Corvette Super Sports was blessed during 2011 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$6,850 to our charities.

- HIS House \$2,850
- CHIPS \$1,250
- Council for Aging \$750
- Operation Home Front \$1,000
- Wounded Warriors \$1,000

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Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

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BLESSED DECEMBER!.....



Hi Everybody!!!

When any of you has some time, would you please let me know where 2011 went? I remember the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday and the goose wasn't the only thing that...well.... Let's say added some pounds (Neil, CynDee and Travis Aerts – aka my Spokane family came down for a visit and CynDee actually brought us A BOX – yes, A BIG BOX of home made cookies – oh super YUM! We thank you, but our scale doesn't) But what happened to the 1st 10 months of the year? Don't you hate it when your mother was right – time flies when you get more mature!!!

New Years is just a couple of days away – and we are going to celebrate this year!! Yep, most of you know Joe and I are morning people (I'm typing this and it's 5:47AM) so it's tough for us to stay up 'too' late, so we decided to celebrate a New York New Years Eve – we will watch that ball drop in New York and our partying will be done and time for sleep. Speaking of heavy duty partying for New Years – I'm wishing you all a very safe, health, Blessed and fun New Years! Guess I'd better start thinking of my new resolution.....

I will get to sit out in the audience in 2012 as Dianne acquires the fun of being our 2012 President – congrats again, Dianne! Along with Marge as Treasurer, Geoff as VP and Bert as Secretary; Board Members Donna, Linda, Vicki, Ron and newest members Gary and Jim - congrats here too. Looking forward to a fun year and yes, probably and assuming more bad jokes.....yet to be heard. We should be in good shape because they all have a Heart, A Brain and Courage!

As each year passes, I love to reflect on what I've personally learned and to see how I've grown, mentally that is. 2011 is no exception. Corvette Super Sports is a huge part of my life and one of the best parts. You could take away all the cars and my world would still be a better place for all the wonderful people I've met and grown close to, and I thank you all for that. For those who don't believe that life gets better with age, they are so wrong ~ the older I get, the better I get. (See – again my mom was right!)



The 2012 Calendar is in the process of filling up right now – January should bring in lots more fun events to attend. Plans are being made to go places, people to see, smiles to share. There will be new adventures for all of us. Bring ‘em on! Since this is my *last* By-Line to write – I should be able to get in an extra event, or two.

Hopefully, everyone is signed up our Annual Meeting/Banquet on January 28th. It’s just a couple weeks away..... It appears the committee has done another outstanding job. Could be some good laughs that you don’t want to miss. And you certainly don’t want to miss out on another chance to be with your CSS family. See our Website for details.

I send out special thoughts and prayers, not only our CSS members that may be in need, but also extend those out to all of our fellow Corvette Clubs members too.

As you are driving down the road and see someone without a smile, **Give Them One of Yours – and Wave.**

God Bless America – Now and Always!

Keep on Saving the Wave!!!

Respectfully,
Cindy Orrico
President – 2011



WISHING YOU ALL A



CSS News

The Social event for January 2012:

January 28th Annual CSS Banquet and Awards Ceremony

The Club event for December 2011:

CSS HomeLand Security Final Exam at Prado

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.

Corvette Super Sports Local News



Charities Byline – Bob Reed

CSS GIVES BACK . . . BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WE DO!

IS YOUR FAVORITE CHARITY *REALLY* IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING?

It's that time of the year again! Bell ringers at every storefront, dinnertime phone calls from telemarketers, envelopes with pictures of starving children on the front! They all want our

money. And boy do they get it! Americans give about 295 million dollars per year to charities around the world.

There are thousands of worthwhile causes that we as individuals and businesses support. It is too bad that there are scams out there too! Hardly a day goes by when we don't hear something about arrests being made related to someone trying to get something for nothing. And, as the holidays approach the "scam level" seems to elevate.

In my quest for looking at the charities Corvette Super Sports can support, I decided to visit some of the sites that rate the different charities. It is amazing that with some charities only a fraction of the donation directly supports the cause. I am not going to list them here; I am sure we have all seen the emails that list different organizations spending records. With some charities I am just amazed how big the funnel is on the input side and how small on the output side.

So how do you know if you are giving to a charity that is indeed supporting the cause that they tout? Several websites "rate" major charities on different criteria including management, and that all important factor of how big is the opening at the bottom of the funnel.

Two sites that I have used to research charities of interest to CSS are *Charity Navigator* and *Charity Watch*. Charity Navigator alone tracks more than 5,500 charities. The problem with these websites is that some charities are private or they are too small, local or are new and don't have the three years of records required by Charity Navigator.

In that case, you can ask to see financial records which are sometimes posted on their website. Inquire as to what kind of listing they have with the government such as a 501(c) 3. Their Form 990 or Form 990-EZ will indicate their tax exempt status. If possible, visit the organization to see for yourself if they are results oriented. Ask to see their mission statement; goals should be clearly outlined. Be wary if the organization is managed by one person. Typically, a governing board of three to eight members should be in place to monitor allocation of funds and to see that the charity is operating within its mission statement. I would be concerned if they are not willing to answer your questions by phone, email or letter.

I am confident that we all want to help the less fortunate regardless if young, old or are of the four legged variety. Besides, we never know if someday we will be one that is reaching for the extended hand.

I was tasked by the Board to present to the General Membership a list of charities that should be considered in our distribution of charitable funds for 2011.

As in the past, it is my hope that our main charities receive the bulk of our monetary support. These of course are *H. I. S. House* and *CHIP's for Kids*. I think the statement from our website says it best: **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.**

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING



**General Meeting
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
Sizzler Restaurant – Fullerton, CA**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by our “Sergeant at Arms,” Ron. There was a quorum in attendance.

Happy News

- Ellis Chee is home from the hospital and on the mend.
- Joe O is feeling great and is back to work.
- Bob R’s Charity article was published in Blue Bars – Congrats!.
- Kelly completed the 60 mile walk for Cancer and raised \$4,000 – Congrats!
- Karen and Ron’s son got married.
- Connie reminded us Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor Day.
- Dave A. is down one more truck.
- Joe’s grandson is now 18 years old.
- Pat and Jan Works had an awesome road trip.

Guests: Steve and Sue Koenig from Santa Margarita, Z06

Business:

- Voting took place for Officers for 2012 – Winners are: Congratulations!

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Vice President-Geoff Girvin
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- Voting took place for MVP. Winner will be announced on January 28th.
- CSS gave Paula, from Sizzler, a Christmas check for a job well done.
- Reminder there will not be a December Board or January General meeting.

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 17 Homeland Security Prado Final Exam
Dec. 17 Christmas Party
Jan. 28 Annual Meeting - Elks Club

Treasurer Report

- Art passed out the 2012 budget. It was approved.
- Marge is collecting checks for the banquet-\$28 per person.

Charities

- Checks are signed and will be sent out to charities.
- Charity organizations for 2012 will be discussed at the February meeting to decide which our best options.

Website

- Doug wants to make the website more interactive.

NCCC

- Dave A. went to St. Louis for Joe and explained changes.

Past Events

- The pie run was a great time – as usual!
- The Turkey Bowl was fun with great prizes.
- John and Michele had a great trip through New Mexico and Texas on their Motorhome trip.

Pat Works won the dinner raffle.

The Jan. Board Meeting will be at Mimi's Anaheim, 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ginger Girvin, Secretary

Corvette Super Sports, 2011

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<u>DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Hortencia Sanchez	5th	Dave & Jenny MacDonough	12/15/??
Joe Orrico	12th	Art & Marge Huhta	12/16/67
Sandra McMullen	15th	Pat & Jan Works	12/19/??
Doug Lyon	17th	John Manfred & Michele Boucher	12/24/?
Todd Girvin	25th	Roger & Carol Bacon	12/26/82
William Darke	28th	Bill & Marietta Darke	12/31/??
Robyne Camp	29th		
<u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Chris Glodery	10th	None that we know of	
Marge Huhta	10th		
Richard Miller	12th		
Kathryn Baddley	16th		
Arthur Huhta	16th		
Shirley Jones	19th		
Ann Meeuwenberg	25th		
Dianne Wiest	26th		
Tim Pearson	30th		

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 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:

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

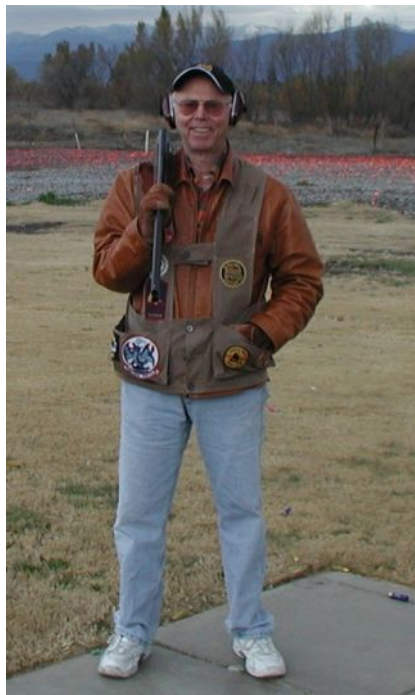
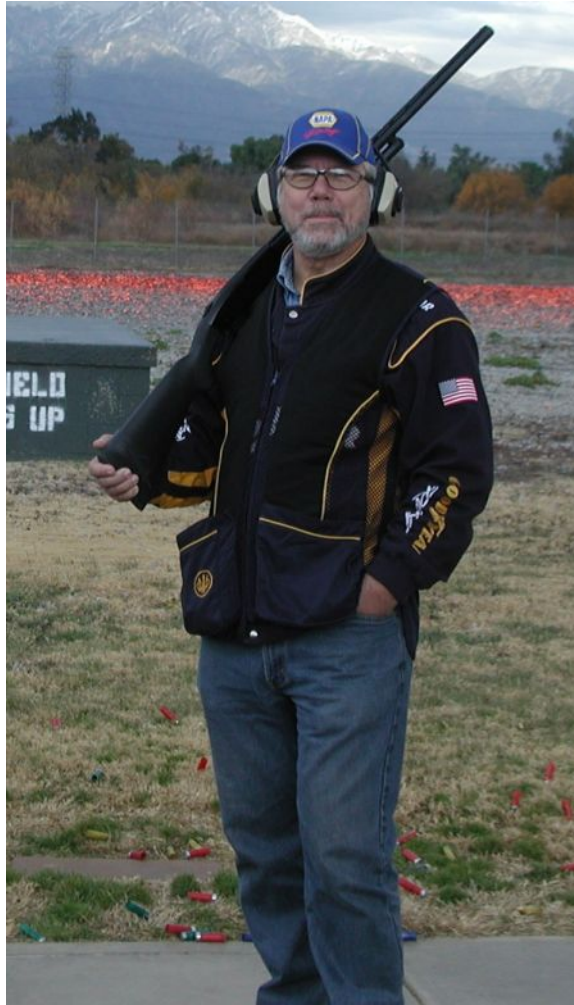
If you have a suggestion for a Corvette Event or a Social Event, please contact Geoff at GBGirvin@yahoo.com

Club Events for December

To answer Cindy's rhetorical question of where did 2011 go, I would like to suggest that it caught up with all of us quite suddenly and pushed all of our great plans for December aside. The plans for going to the Getty Museum fell apart because December was just too busy. So instead, a gaggle of HomeLand Security CSS Agents got together on the morning of the Christmas Party and took the Final Exam for 2011. Everyone that attended qualified and added to their pigeon count. We even shared the course with some friends from Inland Empire Corvettes who needed an outlet for all the December pent up energy. Isn't this a great picture!



Even though it was cloudy the rain held off and we were able to shoot 2 rounds. The scores for the day are on the website for your amazement. The rest of the pictures are cute too!



Here is a couple of pictures of the machine that helps us have so much fun!!



Christmas Party

Over 60 CSS members and friends came to the Christmas party at Bob and Kelli's home. It was a great venue and handled the numbers easily. Dinner was fabulous and Bob's toys were very cool too. One of the toys was his TV monitor hooked up to some software and a video camera that was spell-binding. The camera displayed what it saw and the software superimposed bubbles over the screen. Then as you moved your finger around you could make the bubbles pop and if you missed a bubble it moved but did not pop. I tried to fool the software by using my nose and tongue but the software developers were too smart for me and thought of that too.



Bob and Kelli brought in their nieces to help out. Cute elves I must say!



Dinner looks good!



But then came the Brea Trolley to take us to see the Christmas lights in the surrounding neighborhoods.





You should notice that there were 2 bus loads of those going on the tour. However there was not enough alcohol consumed before the tour because when I tried to play Christmas Carols on my harmonica no one wanted to sing. Well, not exactly. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Doug Lyon since it was his birthday that day. See below:



We also played a very interesting game at the party. Many members brought pictures of themselves when they were little kids and people tried to guess who the pictures were. Jackie Lyon took care of assigning numbers to the pictures and the rest of us tried to guess.



One of the benefits of a party like this is to renew old friendships and start new ones. This picture is of our newest club members. Hopefully everyone had the opportunity to meet and talk to them like Sue is doing in the picture. The question though is, "What are their names??"



Corvette Super Sports Year In Revue

Every year at this time I try to bring you highlights from this past year with some insights and maybe a little humor and reflection. I have taken some of the best and most interesting pictures out of each of our monthly newsletters and so if you find something that you need more information, just go to the website and open up any newsletter. Also, during the banquet this year, you will see all the pictures that were taken over the year by me and my cub reporters on the big screen and we might even play the DVD movie of the Talent Show.

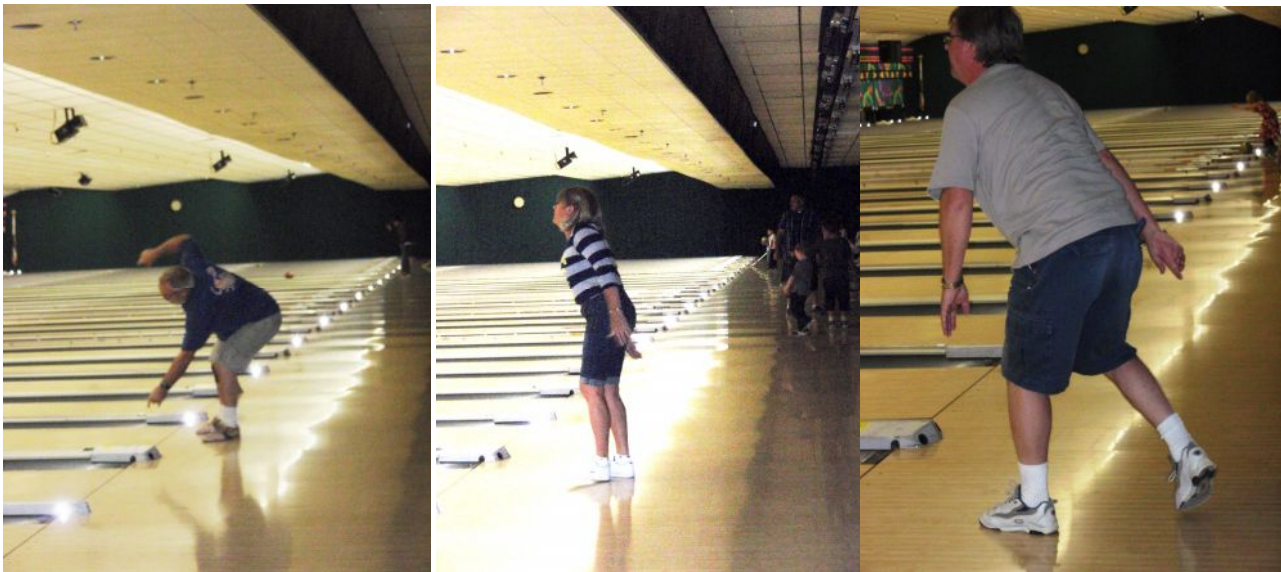
But to start out this revue, does anyone remember last year's banquet where I discussed the difference between the two words that are pronounced the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings? Does anyone remember how far Bert's jaw dropped having been kept completely in the dark about the 2010 year in Revue? We can thank Sue Rosen for the dance routine, and Joe Orrico for participating in the dance and Jim Cooper for singing too. What was the title of that song???



And while we were making merry, thugs were slicing the tires of 3 of our member's cars requiring them to be towed home the next morning. This is why many of us keep weapons at home and why we practice at the Trap Range because this world is getting more dangerous as time goes on. Gone is Mayberry RFD with days as simple as Opie had.



As per normal, the first few months of each year are a bit slow until the NCCC event calendar starts to get revved up. But because it slows down at the end of the year and does not actually pick up until March or April, some of us get a bit anxious. This last year is no exception. So at the annual Valentines bowling event, we had a contest within a contest going on. Much like when we go to Corvette Track Days at Spring Mountain, and run a High speed autocross event at the same time, the two contests during the Valentine Bowl were the traditional bowling and a competition to determine who could do the best “Hokie Pokie” step. If you don’t remember or don’t believe me, just look what I found!



In March, again before the “Points Chasing” began, we started. what was supposed to be, the first of many trips to the local museums. We planned the year to go to a museum every 3 months. The first museum trip in March was to two local California Missions. One was in Oceanside and the other in San Juan Capistrano. The plan for another visit to the Mullen Auto Museum in the spring and later in the year was to go to the Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles in the summer, then later to the Museum of the Old West (also known as the Gene Autry Museum) and finally to the Getty Art Museum. Well 3 out of 5 is not so bad. More about that later.



Improving you mind makes you hungry too!!



Well, enough of the intellectual stuff, it is time for autocross in Lompoc. Wait, rats it was rained out so now we are back in a holding pattern. So back to museums. In april we had a small turn out to go to the Mullen Auto Museum in Santa Barbara.



But eventually the Point Chasing began with a run with the Porsche Club of Las Vegas at Spring Mountain, a rally with Inland Empire Corvettes, and some spare time at the Long Beach Grand Prix. Let the chasing begin!!!!





Then off to Pomona Valley Corvette Association where we cleaned up.



We turn out for Pomona Valley's Rally because of the dead person in the road 2 years ago, and the crime scene to investigate a year ago. Not that we are morbid, we are just curious.

June was a busy month. We went to Corvette Track Days but everyone knows that what happens in Pahrump stays in Pahrump so no pictures. But we finally went to Lompoc for some close order drill on their autocross course tht is littered with trees and light poles.





And finally we visited with other patriots when the traveling Vietnam Wall came to town



July was even bigger. We found out that your “Under the Radar” Newsletter received a 4th Place in the NCCC competition, The Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash, the Bash itself and the Mystery Theater on the Santa Paula Train



Did I mention that we also went to the marine Amphibious training station??



And a SoCal Picnic



And the Murder Mystery theater. But first we stayed at the Santa Paula Inn owned by Dave and Donna Stewart and stopping off at a honey bee farm and a trout farm. Yow we are well rounded.





We are beginning to get into the groove. We are averaging 4 outings per month. August was no exception. We started out with a little refinement or so we thought at the Gene Autry Museum, but on the way I reaffirmed my inability to go anywhere without a U-turn, Then to the LA Maritime Museum and a Picnic at Pt. Fermin Lighthouse, then we did our Car Show at Connell Chevrolet and the Vapor Trails Rally in Santa Maria.





September was a bit slower than August but only by one event. In September we attended Donna's annual pool party, then some of us went on the second annual Wine Cruise and the others went to Pahrump to race. As always, what happens in Pahrump stays in Pahrump so no pictures from there.



HAHAHAHAHA

Fooled ya



October started out with a bang and a big one. The first and hopefully annual Talent/Variety Show. Yours truly was Lola in one act and Jennifer was the MC. There is a DVD Movie for anyone who wants to see the details. Then Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas then more autocross at Vapor Trails in Lompoc and the Wild West Car Show.



Variety Show

WOW



And finally the Autocross in Lompoc



And did I Mention that a group of members went to the tombstone Classic in Tombstone Arizona.



And Finally November rolls around and we slow down a bit but this is not to say that we did not have fun chasing points because CSS came in first in the region again in points for the third year in a row.

November is for Bowling with turkeys and our long awaited Pie run.



During all these amazing and exciting events, many with NCCC Points, one activity that Corvette Super Sports Members participated in almost every month was HomeLand Security Training. 18 members came to the shotgun range 10 times during the year. This was not only a fun social outing but also a time to practice fire arm safety. It is an interesting time for all of us and humbling as well. Some of the CSS agents are amazingly accurate while others, like me are just consistently inconsistent. But we have fun and isn't that the point of any get together? After shooting we usually go to a local café to eat and share lies.

Of the 18 agents, 3 women came to the range to shoot and many others just came to watch. I have to admit that there is something very sensual looking at a woman holding a gun. We have many pictures to prove this. We also have many pictures that show our agents in action and proudly displaying their weapons.







NCCC National News

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

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

West Coast Region

<http://www.ncccwcregion/>

Please take this opportunity to be one of the first users to check out Caltrans QuickMap before it is rolled out to the general public by clicking on the link at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Corvette Racing Team News

The following was submitted by George Johnson, our roving reporter from Simi Valley.

NCCC Regional News

Consequences

