

Under The Radar

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

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

Corvette Super Sports Charities, 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.

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.

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

Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers	Board of Governors
President: Cindy Orrico	Donna Stewart
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Raffle:	
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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!



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

“Look Out August, Here We Come!.....”



Hi Everybody!!!

Hope all you had a great July! Can't believe I'm seeing "Back to School" ads all ready in the papers and at the stores – wow. And I'm ready for another vacation all ready..... hmmm..... I'll have to be 'dragged' back into action – as shown in the picture below! Boy – wonder if I could apply for THAT guys job?



Our July started out with lots of noisy fireworks – I mean the ones that were set off before dark! But the parties surrounding the great Holiday of July 4th are always the best – food, drink, great people, what's not to like?

We got an extra surprise this month, my niece, Sandy and daughter, Shianne, drove out from Plano, Texas for a couple days. Guess she gets her love of 'road trips' from me. I won't go out to see them in summer – 3 digit temps are a bit much when you are used to the cool beach weather here. We only had a few

days, but took advantage of every minute. My favorite part is that we were able to take our “Four Generations” of women picture! This is one of my newest treasured pictures..... I’m also looking forward to my “Unkle Ralph”, that’s my brother CSS member Neil Aerts – he’s coming down for a visit this week!



Big Bear Bash – Yahooooooo!!! It’s tough to say which is more fun..... the Bash Before the Bash at Garry and Shirley’s or the Bash itself (I think I’d guess the first...). Once again, we send our biggest thanks and appreciation to the Jones’s for their unconditional love and hospitality for opening up their home to an unlimited amount of people coming to share in on the fun, food and drinks (Because I know they still have clean up after we all leave!). Not only for the Friday night Bash, but also for the fabulous breakfast that comes on Sunday morning. I know they get a lot of work out of Donna also during the preparation, so thanks to Donna too and all the others that pitched in. We got a bit wet from rain on Friday and we all survived. Some of us can’t get wet..... Sugar melts!

Corvettes West, Vettes R Us, along with Kuhmo Tires tempted everyone with MONEY this time for the event and CSS was the first in line, including yours truly. They included a Funkana this year, which was quite challenging, but that’s what we like, right? AND – CSS had quite a few winners, right Dawnette????? AND – my car stayed out of the ditch this year! I know lots of people came up to me as asked if there would be a repeat. TC couldn’t do that twice..... could he?? Should there be a wager here? Weather was great and Joe and I are lucky to have Joe’s sister and brother-in-law having a gorgeous house up there to stay at. The view from their high ceiling dining room windows is mesmerizing. The company is fabulous too. They even got a special gift from us.... At the dinner on Saturday night, the centerpieces were fish bowls, with a live fish!! I censed a challenge and held the bowl in the car while Joe tried to avoid all potholes while driving back up to his sister’s house. I’m happy to announce that ‘fishy’ is still alive and well today! Her name is CindyJoe.

July also brought us an invitation to join So Cal for the 2nd Annual Picnic – fun, games and socializing, a trip planned to see the museum at Camp Pendleton along with other sites and an Autocross by Vapor Trail Vettes. Be sure to check our website for all of the upcoming events and very *interesting pictures* and read our “Under the Radar” Newsletter for all the latest and greatest craziness.

Santa Paula Murder Mystery Run – wow. If you have not had the opportunity to do one of these dinner train rides, please try. We had so much fun. Even with Geoff tricking us into dressing up for the theme (50s), all of the other people going along on this ride thought that WE WERE the entertainment since we were the only ones dressed up. But, that’s part of the fun of it all. The rest is the people themselves. More ‘scary’ details of the trip should be in our Newsletter. GREAT trip to remember and probably do again!

We are all anticipating our fun day at Connell Chevrolet on August 14th for our Annual Car Show. The prizes this year are truly **AMAZING!** I need to run to the bank for more money for more tickets! Too many great items to miss out on trying to win! And that **“Truck Load of Cash”** is sitting in the house with me...tempting me.... Wonder if anyone would notice that day if I replaced the real stuff with Monopoly money? Only 18 days to go! Hope you are registered!

Don't forget that we have our special day at the Sunrise Senior Center on August 21st and Vapor Trail Vettes Car Show and Rallye (in the wine country.....) is August 27th in Santa Maria.

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.

I will always continue to be so grateful and proud of our Service Men and Woman and send extra thanks and prayers to them every day!
God Bless America – Now and Always!

Keep on Saving the Wave!!!

Respectfully,
Cindy Orrico
President – 2011

CSS News

The Social events for August 2011 are:

August 6th – Gene Autry Western Museum – Griffith's Park
August 20th – MacArthur Military Museum/Pt Fermin Lighthouse

The Club events for July 2011 are:

August 14th – CSS CAR Show – Connell Chevrolet

The other events for June 2011 are:

August 27th - Homeland Security Practice 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

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

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

A Book Recommendation
by Bert Wiest

I have been reading an excellent book that some of you might enjoy.

Blood and Smoke
by Charles Leerhsen

One hundred years ago, 40 cars lined up for the first Indianapolis 500. We are still waiting to find out who won.

The Indy 500 was created to showcase the controversial new sport of automobile racing, which was sweeping the country. Daring young men were driving automobiles at the astonishing speed of 75 miles per hour, testing themselves and their vehicles. It was indeed a young man's game: with no seat belts, hard helmets or roll bars, the dangers were enormous. When the Indianapolis Motor Speedway opened in 1909, seven people were killed, some of them spectators. Oil-slicked surfaces, clouds of smoke, exploding tires, and flying grit all made driving extremely hazardous, especially with the open-cockpit, windshield-less vehicles. Most drivers rode with a mechanic, who pumped oil manually while watching for cars attempting to pass. Drivers sometimes threw wrenches or bolts at each other during the race in order to gain an advantage. The night before an event, the racers would take up a collection for the next day's new widows. Bookmakers offered bets not only on who might win but who might survive. Not all the participants in that first Indy 500 lived to see the checkered flag.

Although the 1911 Indy 500 judges declared Ray Harroun, driving a Marmon Wasp, the official winner, there is reason to doubt that result. The timekeeping equipment failed, and the judges had to run for their lives when a driver lost control and his car spun wildly toward their stand. It took officials two days to determine the results, and Speedway authorities ordered the records to be destroyed.

But Blood and Smoke is about more than a race, even a race as fabled as the Indianapolis 500. It is the story of America at the dawn of the Automobile age, a country in love with speed, danger, and spectacle. It is a story, too, about the young men who would risk their lives for money and glory, the sportsmen whose antics would thrill and outrage Americans in those long-ago days when the automobile was still brand new

This is a book that everyone who loves racing, loves cars and loves history will thoroughly enjoy, I know I certainly did.

Bert Wiest

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING



General Meeting
Tuesday, July 5, 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 6:58pm by our “Sergeant at Arms,” Ron. There was a quorum in attendance.

Happy News

- Bruce and Carol have a new grandson.
- Bob R’s car was featured on the internet USA Today.
- Cindy survived the Midwest tornados.
- Cindy killed 2627 bugs across country.
- The Vietnam Wall was very touching. Marietta located the names of 2 friends.
- Kathy and Mike are enjoying their 3 grandchildren, son and daughter-in-law.
- Donna and Linda enjoyed their trip to Texas.

Business

- Cindy has NCCC badges from last year.

- Club cards are available.
- We need to think about board positions for next year.
- Sign up for food for Big Bear Bash.
- Bob and Kathy will host the Christmas party at their house Dec. 17.

Birthdays and **Anniversaries** were announced.

Upcoming Events

July 8-10	Big Bear Bash
July 16	Corvettes of So Cal
July 16	Camp Pendleton tour
July 23	Vapor Trails Autocross
July 23	Mystery Train Santa Paula
Aug.3-6	Hot August Nights, Long Beach
Aug. 21	Sunday Sunrise Show and Visit All Cars (LaPalma and Walker)
Sept. 23-25	Solvang Wine Cruise
Oct. 1	CSS Variety Show and Potluck dinner

Trophies Received

- Chuck Redondo Beach 2nd place
- Larry Best Grand Sport
- Jim and Elaine Worked Barrett Jackson Car Show
- Jackie 1st place Santa Maria
- Jennifer 1st place Santa Maria
- Doug 1st place Santa Maria
- Geoff 1st place Santa Maria
- Ed Norris 1st place Santa Maria
- Joe and Cindy 13th place NCCC Funkana
- Cindy 1st place High Speed

Car Show

- Our car show is Sunday, August 14th.
- Cash truck \$500 raffle
- T Shirts available at August meeting.
- Cindy will email positions for car show.
- We need to remember to wave to exiting participants.

Treasurer Report

- M&M fundraiser earned \$354.37 to date.
- 30 cars have registered for the car show.
- License plate frames are available for \$30.
- CSS window clings are available for \$3.00.
- Cash was withdrawn for the car show grand prize.

NCCC

- Newsletter received 4th place in competition.
- Cindy is thinking about running for NCCC Board.
- Joe stated NCCC I tough on judging websites
- Joe suggested Geoff and Doug need to be judges for NCCC judging.
- CSS has 1700 pts in the region and Inland Empire have 700 pts,



Website

- Continue sending pictures of cars and owners.
- Doug works on the website on Wednesdays

Charities

- Jay Leno can take 4 people at a time for a tour.
- Bring in cards, cell phones and gift cards to Bob at any meeting.
- Cowabunga was good.
- Dec. 17th is the Christmas party at The Reed's home.

Camp Pendleton

- July 16 Amphibious Tour
- 8:00 Irvine Spectrum
- 9:15 tour
- Lunch at mess hall
- So Cal Picnic

Ron D won the 50/50. Tim won the dinner raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

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>JULY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Dawnette Norris	3rd	Bob & Vicki Kump	07/08/78
Gary Watkins	5th	Charles & Susan Rosen	07/12/70
Bob Kump	14th	Bud & Dawnette Norris	07/19/86
Michael Baddley	22nd		
Ellis Chee	28th		
<u>AUGUST BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Roger Bacon	4th	Ed & Linda Norris	08/08/87
Clifford Owens	8th	Mark & Cindy Costello	08/07/??
Michelle Owens	9th	Larry & Robyne Camp	08/15/??
Marcia Lynch	11th	Jay & Marcia Lynch	08/16/??
Greg Glodery	13th	Sal & Teresa Cruz	08/20/83
Barbara Cuccio	16th		
Ron Kennedy	18th		
Marleen Stel	19th		
Jan Works	31st		

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

Date	Event
July 8 th	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 6 th	Gene Autry Museum – Griffiths Park Los Angeles
August 14 th	CSS Car Show Connell Chevrolet
August 20 th	MacArthur Military Museum/Pt Fermin Lighthouse
August 27 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept. 3 rd	Donna’s Pool Party – Annual Pot Luck
Sept. 10 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Sept 23-25	2 nd Annual Wine Cruise – Santa Ynez Valley
Sept 24-25	Corvette Track Days – CSS High Speed Autocross - Pahrump
Sept. 24 th	Cruise-In’ for the Cure OC Fair Grounds
Oct 1 st	First Annual CSS Variety Show
Oct 7-9	Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas
Oct 22 nd	Wild West Car Show
Oct 29 th	Homeland Security – Redlands then PIE RUN to Oak Glen
Oct. TBD	Casino Night
Nov. 5 th	Pistachio Festival – Newberry Springs – Peggy Sue’s
Nov 12 th	La Palma Days Veterans Day Parade
Nov. 12 th	Bowling with Turkeys – La Habra Bowl
Nov 19 th	Homeland Security - TBD
Dec. 10 th	Getty Museum – Los Angeles
Dec. 10-11	HighSpeed Autocross = Porsche’s taste like chicken!
Dec . TBD	Christmas Party
Dec 17 th	Homeland Security 2011 Final Exam

Club Events for July

The Bash before the Big Bear Bash





Garry and Shirley open up their home and give us a venue for a real party on Friday, STURDAY AND Sunday throughout the weekend of the Big Bear Bash. In year's past when the Bash was headquartered at the Grey Squirrel resort, people came and went the entire weekend. This year with the headquarters in the village, it meant that large groups of people came and went as events were over. Even with this, Garry and Shirley made us all feel like family as you can see above.

Big Bear Bash

Car Show started out in the sunshine but quickly got very wet.





Then there was the funkana. Aren't the drivers cute??





The funkana was a 2 part adventure this year. One was driving a car blind folded and the other was a remote control car with your eyes open. From my vantage point it seemed that the blind folded drivers actually did better on the golf cart than they did with the remote control cars. Scary since the navigators were heard saying “go this way” not “go left” and pointed the way to go even though the drivers could not see anything.

Autocross



Of course the highlight for many of us is the Autocross. The double loop is always a challenge and this year, TC was able to make some refinements that made it quite difficult for me. By the time I finally figured out the course, it was over and I was out working the course for the Novice group and the ladies.

Marine Base tour

Arthur Huhta
Camp Pendleton Visit
July 16, 2011

We met those young men, young Marines who have repeatedly gone into the firestorms. They are a small sample of the warriors based at MCB Camp Pendleton.

We visited Area 21 where the amphibious vehicles are maintained and stored. The men we talked to are trainers at the Assault Amphibian School Battalion. The school's building is named after PFC Richard E. Kraus, a Medal of Honor Marine who died during the Korean War.

Our first stop was the WWII/Korea LVT Museum. LVT? That stands for Landing Vehicle Tracked. Sgt Pagan guided us through the museum containing several vehicles and displays of uniforms, friend and foe. These vehicles were used during the invasions of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

We were escorted to the parking lot where the AAVP7A1 RAM/RS vehicles are stored. Instead of translating the letters and number, I will describe this as a vehicle goes water to the beach. It carries 24 combat equipped Marines and a crew of three. It rides low in the water and the hatches are below the waterline. Noisy and hot. While operating in Iraq the interior temperature exceeded 130 degrees. The body is made of aluminum to make it buoyant, an important feature for machines designed to float. Once ashore, additional armor is bolted on to deflect small arms munitions. Sgt Griffith told about hearing the "ping" of bullets bouncing off. He said that this is a popular vehicle used to patrol villages because it is narrow enough to transit alleys that tanks can not. It can travel up to 45 mph on land and 8.2 mph in water. It carries a 50-caliber machine gun and a 40mm grenade launcher. We asked, but they would not demonstrate the weapons. Crew comfort is minimal, no cup holders and no air conditioning.

This LVT looked big enough to store a Corvette, mirrors folded. We asked, but were denied putting a car inside. Sgt Brooks hopped into the driver's seat and started the Cummins VT400, 8-cylinder turbo-supercharged diesel engine. The smoke and noise was what we asked for. He did a couple of 360's and garaged it. Several of us tried to hop into the tight-fitting driver's seat, but, alas, it is a young man's exercise.

Sergeants Brooks, Pagan, Oknesski and Griffins kindly answered our questions and patiently stood for photographs. Television stories and magazine photos do not adequately convey the massiveness of these machines. We appreciated the Marines' time and explanations.

Our tour ended at lunchtime. We planned to dine at the Area 21 Enlisted Mess, but the brunch service closed 30 minutes before our arrival. Not to worry, we went to the Pizza Hut/Subway stores.





SOCAL Picnic

**Let's Get Reacquainted Picnic
 July 16, 2011
 Bolsa Chica Park – Westminster
 Submitted by Michelle Owens**

Ann's Assessment - It was a great time, good friends & great weather. That's really ALL that needs to be said. However, if you want further detail...read on.

This event, hosted by Corvettes of Southern California, was fun and relaxing. It was a beautiful day. The weather was great. Not too hot and not too cold.

Ann and Doug, Michelle and Cliff, Barbara and Tom, Sal and Teresa, and Larry met at Cocoa's in Brea at 9:30 am and caravanned to Cocoa's in Westminster to meet up with Rick and Lynn. Michelle and Barbara went to an estate sale while the others waited for Rick and Lynn to get there. Barbara got an Elvis book with CD to add to Tom's Elvis collection for a great price. From there we took surface streets to Bolsa Chica Park.

Besides the host club, CSS, and OC Vettes were in attendance. After parking the cars, everyone got registered and set up their chairs for a day of relaxation. Michelle and Barbara hit a garage sale they saw when they drove in and a couple others that were in the same neighborhood. Came back empty handed. Everyone relaxed, talked, and ate lunch until it was time to play the games.

The games were Drop Zone – Drop Tennis balls into a box with squares with numbers (points) on each square; On Target – Throw darts at board with playing cards on them; Pipe Dreams - Drop tennis balls down a long pipe and shoot the target. Most everyone did very well on the first practice ball for each game. ☺ Some continued to do pretty good, others didn't get any points beyond the practice ball. The trophies were handmade by one of Corvettes of Southern California's members to depict the game that was won (i.e. Pipe Dream trophy was an oak board with a tennis and a smaller version of the pipe on it). They were truly awesome and very unique. But, alas, no one from CSS won a trophy for the games. Cliff won a big bucket of Mother's product for "overall" high score (adding up the score for all three games).

Raffle prizes...there were a quite a few and several of our members won some. Not sure who won what. Larry won a red overnight bag which he gave to Ann; Barbara and Tom won a certificate to a car parts store.

Gary arrived after lunch.

There was about 30-40 cars at this event. Corvettes of Southern California voted on all guest cars and **our own Rick and Lynn Miller won the Best Corvette trophy. Way to go Rick and Lynn!** Event ended at approximately 3:30.

Pictures courtesy of Rick Miller





Thanks to both Rick and Michelle for helping make the Newsletter complete.

Fillmore Murder Mystery Train

Where to begin oh where to begin????

I must say that the Murder mystery Train weekend in Fillmore and Santa Paula was one of the most adventurous and the most fun that we have had in a long, long time. Not only did we participate in the theater production during the dinner servers aboard the Fillmore and Western Railway cars, but we also visited a working Honey Farm and learned about how honey bees make honey and we also went to a trout fish hatchery. Later we lunched in an Irish Pub and learned how to get our names engraved on a trophy. The Santa Paula Inn was famous before we ever stepped foot on its premises. It is now a beautiful 14 room B&B that is very reasonably priced and staffed by wonderful people. The owners now are Dave and Donna Stewart. Not our Donna but another delightful lady. The inn used to be a bordello and the owner says that there are records of men standing in line down the hall and out the door and down the street just for a little time upstairs.

The dinner Theater was set in a Circus in the 1950s. One of the actors dies and we had to figure out who dun it! Now you all know that CSS members never have to be asked twice to wear a costume anywhere and this was no exception. The theater company suggested that we dress for the evening in either the 1950s era or in a Circus costume. The pictures that follow speak for themselves. However, I should also say that at the end of the play, Cindy asked all the other people in the dining car whether they all thought that we actually were the entertainment for the night when we were observed waiting for the train to board. Everyone in the car raised their hand. After that, Cindy asked the same folks if they thought that we still were the entertainers and the result was the same. Wahooooo. We do know how to party!!!

Those that guessed the killer got a train whistle as a prize. Vicki Kump, Chris Spencer, and Joe Orrico were winners. I need your help convincing them to play their whistles in the variety show along with me with my Jaw Harp and nose flute.

The members who attended were Doug and Jackie, Chris and Jen, Bob and Vicki, Ed and Linda, Joe and Cindy, Geoff and Ginger, Bert and Dianne, Ron and Karen and Donna. See if you can recognize them in their costumes in the pictures.

I would like to quote Vicki Kump who said "Oh my gosh Geoff, we had so much fun it was probably illegal !! " the following story was submitted by Vicki and I can't thank her enough for helping make the news letter better



"CIRQUE DU FOUL PLAY"

Talk about a circus...we were it!! We had so much fun on the Murder Mystery Train trip, if you haven't gone on one of Geoff and Ginger's excursions you have really missed a good time. They do a fantastic job in planning everything to keep things entertaining and interesting. We took a side trip to the Honey Farm where we saw bees at work making honey, and we were able to do some honey tasting.



we stopped at the fish hatchery and fed the fish, they never get enough to eat! Ed tried...



Our next stop would be Garmin's Irish Pub for some lunch. Bob had Bangers & Mash (sausage and mashed potatoes) along with our favorite beverages.



Now it is time to check in to the Santa Paula Inn. What an absolutely wonderful place. The Innkeepers made us feel welcome and right at home.



It's time to get dressed in our 1950's evening finery, and cruise over to the winery

and our train trip. What a fine looking group we were, his Girl (Cindy), Dad (Bert) with his teenage daughter



we had the High Roller (Joe) and his Girl (Dianne) who was trying to cover up her hickey, then there was the Madame (Karen) with her working girl(Donna), and lets not forget the Court Jester (Ginger) and as it turns out was the cousin to the murderer Shakes the Clown! In our group we also had Ron the lion trainer, and the always dashing & debonair Sean Connery (Geoff) along with the couples out for an evening of fun at the circus were Doug and Jackie, Jennifer & Chris, Ed & Linda, and the Kumps.

As were were sitting in the shade waiting to board the train people would look at us and wonder if we were part of the entertainment and as it turned out we were!!

found our tables, ordered our cocktails, ate our salad, and soon



served and we would be on our way to the Circus. We met the owner of the circus, Duke Royale who was in danger of loosing the circus, and the Ring Master, Madame Felina, the "Cat" trainer, Shakes the Clown, theTight Rope Walker and her trainer, the Janitor, that seemed to have eyes only for Linda



and it seems Duke had his eyes on Donna.

During the break when they were moving the train's engine to the other end for our return trip, Corvette Super Sports kept the entertainment going with Jackie leading a congo line going down the middle of our car, and Geoff playing his harmonica to the tune of Happy Birthday to help a couple celebrate their 21st birthdays and another young lady celebrating the big "30" With intermission being

being over we are headed back to the train station and discover that Shakes the Clown is the one that murdered the Ringmaster the Tight Rope Walker is a millionaire and saves the circus!



The next morning we met in the "Common Room" of the Inn and had breakfast before heading home.

What a great time!! Thank you Geoff and Ginger...can't wait for the next trip.

Bob and Vicki



Our first stop was at the Bennett Honey Farm. Inside we saw a live hive and found the queen bee too.



The next stop was a state run trout hatchery.



Look at the lower center of the picture above. The fish got all excited when we dumped fish food into the water. What you see above is 300 fish trying to get 10 pieces of fish food.

The next stop was lunch at an Irish Pub called Garmin's. Irish whiskey and Guinness – yum



The Santa Paula Inn never looked so good!



After checking in to the hotel and dressing for the theater, we all met for a group picture.



Before dinner we spend time at a winery. 11 wines for \$8 to taste.



Before the train boarded we found time to sit and talk. The people waiting for the train like us actually thought we were the actors and the entertainment. Little did they know!!!



Once on board we settled into our seats and started dinner and the play.











Some of the cast members decided to include us in the play too.





It was at this point that Cindy asked the rest of the people in the dining car if they thought we were the entertainment and they ALL SAID YES.
The next morning after a good night's sleep we met for breakfast and prepared to launch for home.







Homeland Security Qualifying

On July 30th we did another qualification practice for Homeland Security. A new member of the club, John Hanlin joined us for the shoot. The practice included Joe and Cindy, Jim and Elaine, John Hanlin, George MacMillan, Dave MacDonough, Geoff, Tracy, Art. In addition, Dave's son Jason was there to help and Art's grandson Albie came to watch.





At the conclusion of the qualification test today, the following results were posted to the CSS Website.

Agent	R1	R2	Tot
Joe	16	9	25
Geoff	9	7	16
Jim C	16	16	32
Art	18	15	33
Tracy	16	15	31
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George	16	18	34
Cindy	4	7	11
Elaine	2	2	4
Dave	22	23	45
John Hanlin	20	20	40

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/>

NCCC Regional News

	JULY			
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
WC-518-040	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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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
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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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	12-13	National NCCC Meeting		St. Louis
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WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	10	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	11	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
WC-xxx-xxx	11	Time Trials	TBD	Spring Mountain, NV
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Consequences

