

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.

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.

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](#)

Club Liaison and CHiPS for Kids Coordinator: [CHP Officer Donnell Holmes](#)



Orange County Ronald McDonald House

Our House is a "home away from home" for families of children who are hospitalized and need to have with child care who are receiving treatment at hospitals. Over 1700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1989.

The "House After School" offers 12 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a living room, family room, kitchen, and a play area.

Children, teens and a playground with a fenced-in area. The staff are all trained and certified. Our House is supported by the generous gifts of services provided for the community as a whole. 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 families of children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals.

"The House That gives Back"

Everyone can get involved!

• Schools

• Churches

• Companies

• Civic Organizations

• Families in your neighborhood

Remember ... it's all about

3801 S. Buena
Orange, CA 92668
(714) 993-3632
(714) 993-3632 FAX

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Remember ... it's all about

Pop Tab Houses

We need your colorful collection houses for sale.

The profit from these is

permanently donated to

about one percent of the

when sold. The large can

factor has built about

20,000 pounds of tabs

when sold. Both include

any flat and assembly

costs.

Call (714) 993-3632 if

you would like one of

these houses.

Pop Tab Trivia

For you know ...

1 pack = 1 pop tab

1 pack = 12 pop tabs

1 can = 40 pop tabs

1 can = 1,207 pop tabs

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Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers

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

Board of Governors

Donna Stewart
Art Huhta
Roger Bacon
Ron DeBartolomeis
Vicki Kump
Linda Norris

Chairpersons

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

Sergeant at Arms: Ron DeBartolomeis
Trophies/Awards: Tom Cuccio
Dealer Rep: Cindy Orrico
Car Show Chairman: Cindy Orrico

Banquet: TBD

Historian: Pat & Jan Works

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

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



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

“Memorial Day” – A Time to Remember, A Time to Honor.....



Madam Pres

Hi Everybody!!!

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John Logan, National commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first state to recognize the holiday was New York in 1873.

Traditional observance of Memorial Day has diminished over the years, however, since the late '50s, on the Thursday before Memorial Day, the 1,200 soldiers of the 3rd US Infantry place small American flags at each of the more than 260,000 gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. They then patrol 24 hours a day during the weekend to ensure that each flag remains standing. I wish “I” could be one of those that could patrol that area, secure those flags, as those there have secured my life. **I am grateful and salute them all.**

May certainly did bring on some pretty flowers and allergies and sinuses to go with them! I know I suffered with them! Hope I wasn't alone? LOL And May wasn't even a 'warm' month at that either. Maybe it will warm up by Halloween – sheesh!

Temecula Valley's Car Show started off our May – many great pictures on our website. Had to

miss that one myself. We had our NCCC Governor's meeting in Apple Valley that I needed to attend. That was fun, however, I'm sure the car show had more excitement.

And then there was the Corvettes of San Diego show back to back with the Plastic Fantastic show in San Diego. Missed that one too. Hope to see some fun pictures and hear some great stories on that one too.

Ah Ha! Got to go to an event! The Pomona Valley Rallye! Wow, what a workout that was – Thanks PVCA! My brain cells had to speed up for that one! Our CSS group of 6 took Club Participation, with pride! And quite a few other trophies too. Had a great time and looking forward to next year.

Sad that we couldn't get to the Corvettes West Car Show, it was on the same day. We still can't figure out how to be in 2 places at one time. We will be supporting the Big Bear Show in July! Yahooooo..... Did you see the great M – O – N – E – Y incentive Corvettes West and Kuhmo Tires has for us this year??? I see competition!

Of course my favorite activity that I've been working on through May is our CSS Car Show. The last couple years have been fabulous shows, which came with a lot of exhausting work. This year we will turn back the time, take a deep breath, take it a little easier and just enjoy our favorite car.... Just Corvettes. I'm very excited to have this show at Connell Chevrolet. I will love to see Harbor Blvd lined up with Corvettes – one of my favorite sights! Most of all, I can't wait till we finish our Grand Prize of **“A Truck Full of Cash”**! It's quite an impressive Grand Prize. I certainly hope I buy the ticket that is drawn for that! The truck even comes with it!!!

WOW – saw all these activities in the Newspaper today! Anybody been? Anyone want to go?

“50 States, 50 Fabulous Food Festivals”

<u>Name of Festival</u>	<u>City/St</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Jambalaya Festival	Gonzales, LA	5/26-29
Intl Biscuit Festival	Knoxville, TN	5/27-28
Kodiak Crab Festival	Kodiak, AK	5/26-30
World's Largest Brat Fest	Madison, WI	5/27-30
Georgia Peach Festival	Fort Valley, GA	6/3-11
Great Chowder Cook-Off	Newport, RI	6/4
Lebanon Strawberry Festival	Lebanon, OR	6/2-5
Czech Days	Tabor, SD	6/16-18
Rhubarb Festival	Lanesboro, Minn	6/4
No. Carolina Blueberry Festival	Burgaw, NC	6/18
Taste of Chicago	Chicago, IL	6/24-7/3
Slugburger Festival	Corinth, MS	7/7-9
Northwest Raspberry Festival	Lynden, WA	7/15-16
Gilroy Garlic Festival	Gilroy, CA (Close by Field Trip)	7/29-31
Vermont Cheesemakers Festival	Shelburne, VT	7/24
Atlantic City Food and Wine Festival		7/28
National Cherry Festival	Traverse City, MI	7/2-9
Wayne Chicken Show	Wayne, NE	7/8-10
Maine Lobster Festival	Rockland, Maine (Sign me up!)	8/3-7
Taste of the Caribbean and Jerk Festival	Hartford, Conn	8/4
Olathe Sweet Corn Festival	Olathe, CO	8/5-6
Huckleberry Festival	Trout Creek, Mont	8/12-14
Hope Watermelon Festival	Hope AR	8/11-13
Pittston Tomato Festival	Pittston, PA	8/18-21

National Hamburger Festival	Akron, OH	8/20-21
Steinley Cup Official State Microbrewery Competition	Saratoga, WY (I'll bet on the Norris brothers)	8/20
World's Largest Calf Fry Festival And Cook-Off	Vinita, OK	8/27
Best in the West Nugget Rib Cook-Off	Sparks, NV	8/31-9/5
Hard Crab Derby	Crisfield, MD	9/2-4
National Buffalo Wing Festival	Buffalo, NY	9/3-4
Golden Onion Days	Payson, UT	9/1-5
Hatch Chile Festival	Hatch, NM	9/3-6
Spinach Festival	Lenexa, KS	9/10
Spud Day	Shelly, ID	9/17
Kentucky Bourbon Festival	Bardstown, KY	9/13-18
Persimmon Festival	Mitchell, IN	9/17-24
West Virginia Roadkill Cook-Off	Marlinton, WVA (Scarier than the Slugburger...)	9/24
Norsk Hostfest	Minot, ND	9/27-10/1
Kauai Coconut Festival	Kapaa, HI	10/1-2
American Royal BBQ	Kansas City, MO	9/29-10/2
Bridgeville Apple-Scrapple Festival	Bridgeville, DEL	10/4-15
Suffolk Peanut Festival	Suffolk, VA	10/6-9
World Food Festival	Des Moines, IA	10/7-9
Milford Pumpkin Festival	Milford, NH	10/7-9
So Carolina Sweet Potato Festival	Darlington, SC	10/8

Annual National Shrimp Festival Gulf Shores, ALA
10/13-16

Boggy Bayou Mullet Festival Niceville, FL 10/21-23
(Hairdo or fish?)

Arizona Taco Festival Scottsdale, AZ 10/15

Wellfleet Oyster Festival Wellfleet, MASS 10/15-16

Terlingua International Chili Champ Terlingua, TX
Nov 5

(If anyone would like more details on the above, I've saved the article – just let me know)

Joe is finally going to retire at the end of this year – **YIPPEEEEE**..... so traveling is on 'my' mind! HA! Not all at once of course, but the list above does create some ideas!!!. One thought I've threatened him with is that I want to go see all the NASCAR races at all the different tracks, *in person* – how cool is that (for me anyway). That would be lots of miles on the car too.... Which could come to me needing a new C7..... ALSO, looking for some 'days off and at home with NO work cell phone'. We haven't decided

CSS News

The Social events for June 2011 are:

6/18 Peterson Auto Museum – Los Angeles

The Club events for June 2011 are:

**6/4-6/5 CSS High Speed Auto Cross
6/11 Vapor Trails Autocross**

The other events for June 2011 are:

6/25 Homeland Security Practice

who will be happier with this one. We are truly looking forward to being able to do so many fun things (wait.... Aren't we all ready doing that?)

A reminder to all that Father's Day is June 19th.
Happy Father's Day to all our CSS Fathers!

Quote:

If you ask me what I came into this life to do, I will tell you: I came to live out loud.
[Emile Zola](#)

I will always continue to be so grateful and proud of our Service Men and Women 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

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.

Two of our members have moved away to Oregon and we tracked them down at their New home. Annette and Gary Watkins are At 2228 N.W. Violet Albany, Oregon 97321

They say they have plenty of room and would love to see any of us that can come by.

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

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING



General Meeting
Tuesday, May 3, 2011
Sizzler Restaurant – Fullerton, CA

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by our “Sergeant at Arms,” Ron DeBartolomeis. There was a quorum in attendance.

Happy News

- We received a nice thank you note from Dawnette for remembering Kristin.
- Cindy shared her “Ship on a Stick.”
- Dianne W’s 2 grandsons love the service.
- Joe O. now has 6 grandchildren.

- Joe and Cindy had a great time on their cruise.
- Geoff and Ginger had an awesome time in Hawaii.
- Everyone that attended Gambler’s Classic had a great time. (Peggy Sues, Car Show, Hawaiian Show, and birthday celebrations)
- Rick’s shoulder and knee are getting better.
- Lee shared Corvettes of Southern California will be featured in the American Sports Car Magazine.
- Paul shared his stained glass window for sale for \$800.
- Garry will be home in 2 weeks.
- Pat W is retiring in 2 weeks and Jan went on a 2,000 mile trip.

- Steve's son graduated from the Fire Academy.
- Chuck Rosen received a trophy and a lot of goodies from the Temecula Car Show.
- Cindy and Dianne will not be at the June General Meeting.
- Dianne is 9 years Cancer Free.
HURRAY!

Guests

- Lee and Jerry from SoCal invited the club to their picnic July 16
- Lloyd Freeman
- Lowell and Steve Johnson
- Bob and Debbie Vanderuprich

New Member

- Don Hamlin

Barret Jackson Car Show

- The car show will be held at Connell Chevrolet, June 19th, Father's Day.
- The schedule will be same as last year.
- Proceeds will be donated to the Leukemia society.
- There are spaces for 130 cars.
- Fliers will be forthcoming.
- They would like our club to send volunteers.
- Coffee and donuts will be available at 6:00
- The auction will be a week later.

Birthdays and **Anniversaries** were announced.

Upcoming Events

May 14	OC Vettes, Huntington Beach
May 14	Corvettes of San Diego
May 15	Plastic Fantastic
May 21	Pomona Valley May Zing
May 21	Corvette West Car Show
May 28	Homeland Security Prado Dam
June 4-5	Pahrump, Spring Mountain

June 11	Vapor Trails Auto Cross
July 8-10	Big Bear Bash
July 16	Corvettes of So Cal
July 17	Cowabunga Car Show
	Yorba Linda
July 23	Mystery Train Santa Paula
Aug.3-6	Hot August Nights, Long Beach

Treasurer Report

Two motions were presented, discussed and voted on and were passed.

“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 \$75 be given to the member. In case of a medical procedure, illness or other health situation, a get well card or a note of “Cheer” will be sent by the Health and Welfare Chairman as appointed by the president.”

After much discussion the second motion was also passed. “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 CSS who pass away, a maximum \$100 shall be used to purchase a brick at the National Corvette Museum or a donation to a charity suggested by the family.”

NCCC

- Joe Orrico attended the Board of Governors Meeting in St. Louis.
- Some rule book changes were proposed.

Charities

- Bob's motto is, “Give and It Won't hurt”
- Bring Greeting cards, cell phones, and gift cards to meeting for HIS House and CHIPS.
- Cowabunga Car Show in Yorba Linda June 17.

Business

- June 4th Pahrump, sign up for food with Kathy B.
- June 5th is the Huntington Beach ConCourse DElegance, 100 year of Chevrolet celebration.
- Bert will be Chairman of the Variety show. There are 8 acts so far.
- Teresa has a bad back.
- Cindy has a copy of the 1st printing of the Black Book.

- All had a great time at the Inland Empire Corvette Club. CSS earned a lot of trophies.
- Long Beach Grand Prix was fun.
- Temecula Car Show was good.

Jennifer won the 50/50 raffle.
Elaine Cooper won the dinner raffle.

The next Board Meeting will be held at Mimi's on Euclid May 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Ginger Girvin, Secretary, Corvette Super Sports,
2011

Past Events

- Jennifer had a great time at the Porsche event in Pahrump.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<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		
<u>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Chris Spencer	3rd	Bob & Kelli Reed	6/21
Sal Cruz	5th	Bill & Marleen Stel	06/24/??
Linda Sanderson	6th	Ellis & Cindy Chee	6/26
Geoff Girvin	13th	George & Sandra McMullen	6/26
Douglas Mariani	14th		
Dennis Blake	20th		
Marietta Darke	21st		
Elaine Cooper	22nd		
Debbie Prichard	25th		
Cindy Costello	28th		
Annette Watkins	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

Current CSS events can be found at the following URL

<http://www.corvettesupersports.com>

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
Feb 5	Valentine Bowl
March	California Missions and Museums
March 19 th	Homeland Security Whittier Narrows 9am
March 26 th	Vapor Trails Autocross Lompoc
April 9 th	Mullen Auto Museum Oxnard 8:30 am departure
April 23 rd	Inland Empire Corvettes Super 7 Rallye - Yucaipa
April 30 th	Homeland Security Prado
May 1 st	Corvettes of Temecula Car show
May 14 th	Corvette Dreamin' Mission Bay
May 21 st	Corvette West Car Show
May 21 st	Pomona Valley Corvette Assoc. Rallye
May 28 th	Homeland Security – Prado Shooting Range
June 4 th	CSS Highspeed Autocross – Pahrump Nev
June 18 th	Peterson Auto Museum – Los Angeles
June 25 th	Homeland Security - Prado Shooting Range
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 8 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 16-18	2 nd Annual Wine Cruise – Santa Ynez Valley
Sept. 24 th	Cruise-In' for the Cure OC Fair Grounds
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 May

Corvette Super Sports Wins Big at AMayZing

By Chuck Rosen

On the third Saturday in May and in wonderfully mild weather, the Pomona Valley Corvette Association hosted its annual 7-event extravaganza. The base of operations for the day was in Claremont. And to say the least, **CSS CLEANED UP!**



The first plaques awarded were for the engineless-powered Bean Bag Toss. Seems the event ended in a three-way tie for first place, with all of the tied teams being from CSS teams.

In a 'toss-off' (their term, not ours) final winners were determined to be: First Place – Linda & Ed Norris; Second Place - awarded to Cindy & Joe Orrico; with Larry Farrell & Gary Plehn in Third Place, making it a clean sweep.

In the double poker event, newlyweds Jackie Lyon (formerly Jackie Brinlee) & Doug Lyon were awarded First Place in the Five Card Draw competition. Then they won again. This time taking Second Place in the Giant Dice Roll. Too bad there wasn't a 'pass line' on the table with bets being taken. With the way things were going we could have guessed that they might win.

In yet another non-driving event, Linda and Ed Norris placed Second in the "Guess How Many Hot Wheels Were in the Jar," better known as the GHMHWWITJ Contest. Since this required sharp eyes, we are



assuming the counting was done by Linda. . . . and yes, Jackie & Doug Lyon won yet again, this time taking Third Place. (Guess what the tie breaker was? Yup, how many Hot Wheels Corvettes were in the jar? In case you are interested: 17.)



And in the only true Corvette event of the day won by CSS, the Second Place plaque in the 64+ mile Gimmick Rallye was awarded to Sue & Chuck Rosen, navigator and driver, respectively. Don't know how it was scored, but they apparently answered the most questions correctly. Some questions dealt with a knowledge of the history of Corvettes, some dealt with real (and some imagined) items along the rallye route which ran from Claremont to Puddingstone to Whittier to La Verne and back to Claremont.



One of the gimmicks that was unintentional was the fact that they forgot to include the General Instructions along with the rallye route. That was a crucial document for it is there that the clue terms like FOL (found on left), SA (sign anywhere), FA (found anywhere because it is not a sign) HTS (hard to see) and SHIT (sign hidden in tree) are found. It is also where one finds that a check point is where you stop but you do not stop at a control point.

CSS also won the plaque for Club Participation. Yup, we had the most cars on the lot.





Corvette Dreamin Car Show

Our CSS Roving Reported. George Johnson submitted the following picture of one of the winners at the Corvette Dreamin Car Show at Mission Bay California on May 14th. George and your Editor (me) go way back. All the way back to 1974. Over the years we have grown to have a deep affection for the Corvettes that we drive. Between 1980 and 2007, George and I went our separate ways, but ran into each other, not literally, at Spring Mountain Race Way in Pahrump. Ever since, we have been showing up randomly and numerous Corvette Events. It was at this same car show last year that George accepted my invitation to be the CSS Roving reporter. Since then he has provided candid pictures of such events as this car show, the Long Beach Grand prix and the monthly reports from the American Le Mans Racing Team from Chevrolet. George reports that at the Corvette Dreamin Car show, our own member's, Rick and Lynn Miller took top honors for C6.



HomeLand Security Training

On May 28th our HomeLand Security recruits paid a visit to the Prado Shooting Range to continue their practice for the final exam in December. As your range master, I recommend that all of those who have participated in 2010 continue your practice in 2011 so that you can re-qualify in December and receive your promotions from agent to deputy.

In addition to our regular agents, Art Ramirez from PVCA read about our practice sessions on our web site and joined us for the session. Afterwards we went to Flo's Airport Diner at the Chino Airport for breakfast and tall tales.

Below are the most recent pictures of agent practice.

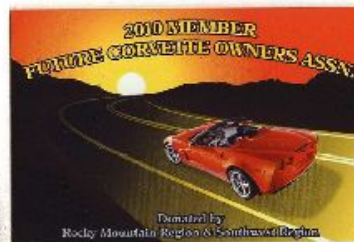
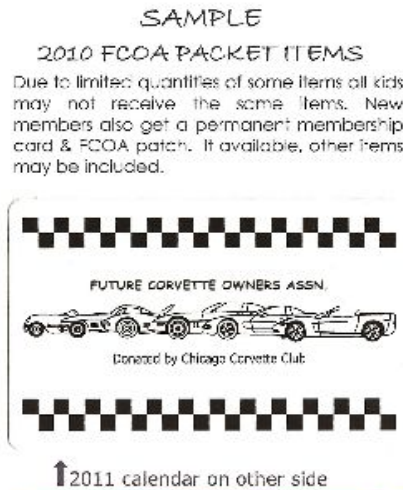
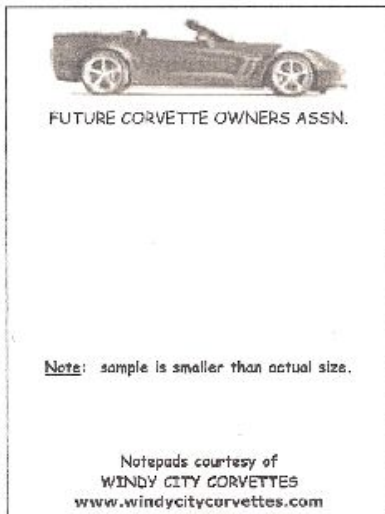




NCCC National News

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.



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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 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>

Hi All,

As usual, in the order I wrote it down...

Friday, April 29, 2011 --
Membership Committee meeting

Sylvia Hoaldrige, Blue Bars Editor, said the due date for articles is July 15th for the Summer issue. She said this issue will go out at the end of August. She said NCCC is still on the radar of the Post Office. She said they could show up at any time and demand to see proof that new members know that part of their dues are going to a Blue Bars subscription. You'll get a nastygram from me later about this... She said the next issue will be mailed at the periodical rate so we'll find out then how much we're saving.

The Membership Committee is working on rewriting the New Club How To Booklet to reflect the changes we've made to the way we work now. I said it was a mess and needed reformatting because some of the pages wrapped around to the following page and there were many blank lines where somebody tried to get the page format to come out right. For that observation I was "volunteered" to reformat the document for the rest of the committee.

Larry Morrison mentioned that the debate about combining regions to save 12-2 to drop that subject. As a joke I suggested that we just need to find a governor to make a motion to combine the East Ohio and West Ohio regions. I said that would stir them up and ought to be very entertaining. These regions have resisted combining for many years and many clubs have threatened to quit NCCC because they didn't want to be in the same region with "those guys".

Many have complained that they would have to travel farther to get to events. That's pretty hard to sympathize with when you live in a region as large as ours or the Southwest Region, which includes Texas.

The NCCC Convention in Tinley Park, IL has about 600 signed up so far. There is a fiasco with the host hotel that I won't go into. Lots of weird stuff happening there... The main problem is that they don't have enough rooms for everybody and you'll probably have to stay at a "satellite" location, though you'll be able to park your car/rig at the host hotel. They said they'd have shuttle buses.

Walt Jenkins has been tweaking the membership database. Mostly very minor changes, but you'll notice the differences when you start doing things. We were told that the RMDs can now export a complete region roster. We were told that the club status screen that RMDs use

will show a club name in red if the governor was doing something in the database and didn't finish correctly. I've got one of those. I'll be investigating that...

We will have several offices open for nomination. They are VP of Competition and Sgt. at Arms, which have hit their term limits, so we'll see new faces in those positions. The Secretary and Business Manager will also be open, but they haven't hit term limits yet so the same people might run again. Descriptions of the duties of these positions are on the NCCC web site in case anyone is interested in running for them.

Meeting adjourned. Wow. That was the shortest one (by far) that I've attended since 2003.

Saturday, April 30, 2011 --
National governors meeting

We started out with the announcements of member's passings. Only 5 this time. That's the lowest in a long time.

Business Manager Hal Tumbleson said that the new insurance covers a club trailer, but only while it is being used AT THE EVENT. The rest of the time it's covered by the tower's car insurance or possibly property insurance if it's parked at someone's home. Since NCCC has changed insurance carriers there have been some changes in the way things are done, coverage, etc. Hal said they have been corresponding with the

insurance company and Insurance FAQs will appear on the NCCC web site in about a week.

Hal said a successful program called "Family Helping Family" has been ongoing in the Southwest Region for a while. He said the way it works is that people volunteer to be available in case other members have a problem while traveling. That includes things like members who can do minor mechanical repairs or somebody who can share a cup of coffee or a meal. He said they would ask for two volunteers from each club, one social and one mechanical. Those names would go into a hidden place on the NCCC web site so they could be contacted by NCCC members traveling through their areas.

Public Relations Doug McMahon said the "Why NCCC?" section of the web site has been updated. We've been looking for ways to increase NCCC's value to the members so they feel they're getting something worthwhile for their money. Doug said he noticed while at the National Corvette Museum that a lot of younger people were using smart phones in the Corvette Cafe. NCCC has put ads in the tabletops, so Doug added a QR code to the ads so the young folks can scan it into their smart phones.

The link goes to a special page on the NCCC web site with info on NCCC that's formatted for phones. The QR code stands for Quick Response, and is a pattern of dots in an area about 1" square. I downloaded an app

called Shop Savvy into my iPhone and was able to jump to the web site after scanning the QR code. Pretty cool.

Sylvia Hoalldridge said the Spring issue of Blue Bars started mailing Friday, so we should be seeing them in our mailboxes soon.

NCCC now has a discount a Sears. See the member discount link on the web site.

The vote for the future meeting location went to St. Louis, so we will be going there through 2016. Thanks to all the governors for helping us get this location. It beat Indianapolis by 29 votes. I don't remember how many didn't vote (about 25), but 29 votes out of 285 is pretty close.

President Hal Bellamy was asked to move the meeting up from 1:00 PM to 12:00 PM because many people want to get on the road as soon as possible to get

home. It amazes me how far some of these people drive to get to the meetings. Also we have had problems when another group had the room after us and we had to hurry through the agenda and even skip parts of it to get out before the other group came in. Two regions have their regional governors meeting in St. Louis on Saturday morning and one said they finished at 11:45 and wouldn't have time to go to lunch. Hal compromised and "split the difference" and made the time for the September meeting 12:30. We had a record long meeting a few years ago and went to 7:00. This one wasn't nearly that long, and we adjourned around 5:15, which is about average.

All for now. As usual, any comments, suggestions, etc. are welcome.

See ya,

Cliff

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		
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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
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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
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	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		
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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
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West Coast Region

<http://www.nccwcregion/>

More from the CSS roving Reporter, George Johnson

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."

From: ALMS

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

2011-04-17

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.

Posted by NCM:

GM plans to announce BG investment

By ROBYN L. MINOR, The Daily News,
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General Motors is expected to announce this week that it will make a major investment in its Assembly Plant in Bowling Green.

Last month, GM was approved for \$7.5 million in state incentives for its plans to invest \$131 million in the plant to bring another vehicle product to Bowling Green. More than \$100 million of the investment is for new manufacturing equipment. The move would create up to 250 jobs. To receive the tax incentives, the plant must maintain at least 449 jobs.

Last week, Warren County Judge-Executive Mike Buchanon, Gov. Steve Beshear, Economic Development Cabinet Secretary Larry Hayes, Economic Development Commissioner Erik Dunnigan and Ron Bunch, president and CEO of Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce, visited General Motors headquarters in Detroit.

"We were warmly received," Buchanon said of the meeting. "We have been working with GM while they were considering all of their options."

Buchanon could not confirm any of the details of those options.

Hayes said he hopes to be in Bowling Green on Wednesday when the formal announcement is expected to be made.

Speaking to a Lexington Herald-Leader reporter last week, Hayes discussed Kentucky's automobile industry and how officials of its current companies like the state so much they are willing to reinvest in their futures here.

"We really have some good auto manufacturing facilities that are reinvesting in their facilities," Hayes said today.

Expansion of existing industry has been a major focus of the chamber of commerce. And while these jobs won't pay nearly as much as auto jobs did before the industry crashed, they still will pay well. Paperwork filed with the state indicate total hourly wages of \$12.51 an hour.

With the county's unemployment rate about 8.7 percent in March and the average for the Barren River area at 10.2 percent, the announcement of any new jobs would be welcome.

In Warren County, 100 new jobs mean an additional 49 jobs for support industries; an additional 95 housing units, and local tax revenues of \$483,558, according to the chamber.

General Motors employees are expected to have a plant-wide meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, presumably to discuss the announcement.

In 2006, the plant marked 25 years in Bowling Green. At its height, General Motors had more than 1,000 employees in Bowling Green and in 2008 began a series of layoffs as the automotive industry began to crash. The plant here also briefly manufactured the XLR before GM pulled the plug on the sports car in 2009.

Regional Points

P l a c e	C l u b	CLUB NAME	P O I N T S
1st	552	INLDAND EMPIRE CORVETTES	763
2nd	326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	641
3rd	500	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	266
4th	302	CORVETTES WEST	126
5th	494	SAN DIEGO CORVETTE CLUB	101

P l a c e	NCCC #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	P O I N T S
1st	WC-326-0255	LARRY	FARRELL	56
2nd	WC-326-0256	GARY	PLEHN	50
3rd	WC-202-0547	KENNETH	ACKERET	40
4th	WC-401-0258	TONY	ARRIGO	39
5th	WC-500-0018	DAN	HEDGES	39
6th	WC-326-0242	SCOTT	GLOVER	37
7th	WC-326-0197	RICHARD	MILLER	36
8th	WC-494-0020	DENVER	BATES	34
9th	WC-326-0214	RON	DEBARTOLOMEIS	32
10th	WC-326-0280	DAVE	MAC DONOUGH	32
11th	WC-326-0303	BOB	REED	31
12th	WC-326-0055	JOE	ORRICO	30
13th	WC-326-0223	GEOFFREY	GIRVIN	29
14th	WC-326-0264	CHARLES	ROSEN	28
15th	WC-500-0295	DOUG	GLENORE	26
16th	WC-326-0296	DOUG	LYON	21

Place				TOTAL POINTS
	NCCC #	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	
1st	WC-202-0528L	KATHLEEN	CLAPP	40
2nd	WC-401-0259L	IRENE	ARRIGO	39
3rd	WC-500-0019L	KATHY	HEDGES	39
4th	WC-326-0243L	RENITA	GLOVER	38
5th	WC-326-0198L	LYNN	MILLER	36
6th	WC-494-0026L	KATHLEEN	BATES	34
7th	WC-494-0021L	MARCIA	MCEVOY	33
8th	WC-326-0215L	KAREN	DEBARTOLOMEIS	32
9th	WC-326-0281L	JENNY	MAC DONOUGH	32
10th	WC-326-0304L	KELLI	REED	31
11th	WC-326-0192L	CINDY	ORRICO	30
12th	WC-326-0224L	GINGER	GIRVIN	30
13th	WC-447-0031L	DOROTHY	MCCAIN	28
14th	WC-447-0106L	GWEN	HAMPTON	28
15th	WC-500-0296L	MARILYN	GLENORE	26
16th	WC-395-0004L	JUDY	WINNER	24
17th	WC-552-0003L	JULIA	JENSEN	22
18th	WC-326-0297L	JACKIE	LYON	21

Consequences

