

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

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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 and children who are receiving medical treatment for cancer and other serious illnesses at all the area medical facilities. It is open to families of those children who are hospitalized and to those with children who are receiving treatment at outpatient clinics. Our House has a special room for children who are hospitalized at our House and are waiting to be discharged.

Pop Tab Trivia

For your team ...
 1 pack = 1 pop tab
 1 pack = 12 pop tabs
 1 team = 40 pop tabs
 1 award = 1,200 pop tabs
 2,100 contestants = 1 pop tab

360 S. Buena Vista
 Orange, CA 92668
 (714) 993-5600
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Summer 2016

Everyone can get involved!
 • Schools
 • Churches
 • Companies
 • Civic Organizations
 • Families in your neighborhood ...
 Remember, it's all about the Pop Tab Heroes!

We need your wonderful volunteer hours for you. The pop tab hero is someone who helps about one pound of tabs about 100. The pop tab hero is someone who helps about 100. The pop tab hero is someone who helps about 100. The pop tab hero is someone who helps about 100.

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Pop Tab Heroes



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

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Vicki Kump
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Clothing-Jackets & Hats: Shirley Jones
Socials: Geoff Girvin
Charity: Bob Reed
Raffle:
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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 September Board meeting was held at Mimi's Café In Anaheim



HAPPY “BOO” MONTH.....

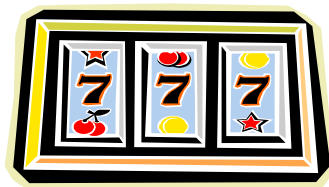
Hi Everybody!!!



This is October..... Fall..... my favorite time of year, but where is the cooler weather? Warm weather, cold weather... never a dull moment. (I should be careful what I ask for.....)

Our month started with our 1st Variety Show; AKA Comedy Show! We had close to 50 members come and enjoy the evening that was entertaining and more! Enough laughs and giggles to last the entire month. I know members are plotting and scheming for next year! Thanks Bert & Dianne for a fun evening.

It was time again for our fabulous Las Vegas Corvette Roulette where I'm happy to report that my money is doing just fine up there. The location was changed to the Aliante, which was just great – along with great activities, people, but not so much on the gambling, but more on that event later in the Newsletter. Thanks LVCA!! Another awesome time!



Then my personal favorite Club Members Neil and CynDee Aerts (my brother and sis-in-law) came down for a visit cause Neil was having a “BigO” Birthday, so they came down to celebrate with us. I'll always love that he's older than me!!! Happy Birthday, Uncle Ralph!



For those of you that were thinking that time was slowing down, Joe and I celebrated our 5 year wedding anniversary (that was quick.....). And as traditionally in the last years, we have attended the La Palma Casino night. It's also tradition for us to wear our wedding hats to the event – that way people remember who we are! Thanks Rick and Lynn for being connected to this event so that we can enjoy. Gambling was bad there also, but at least it was for fun and charity.



And guess what? Joe's company's Annual Golf outing was in October too! And guess where that was? Las Vegas!!! I think some of the slots saw us and mumbled to themselves "Here they come – again!"

I would like to send out a huge wave of encouragement and gratitude to Kelli. Again this year she is running 60 miles in San Diego for Breast Cancer. Kelli – you are our inspiration! I wish I could be there with you!

There was another CSS Homeland Security outing that we missed out on 😞 – yeah, yeah, we were in Vegas.

We continue to have more fun events coming up in November, such as our annual Turkey Bowl and Pot Luck, Homeland Security and Pie Run. Don't forget to check the website for more information!

Hey – did you know that we have 56 days until Christmas?? That means..... 2011 is coming to a close, but opening that door to 2012! And with that, we will be looking for some new faces at the front table of Officers and new Board Members in the audience. Time is running short to contact me to run for a position. It's not much work and it is rewarding – so give it a try! I urge everyone to make their best efforts to join us at the November and December General Meetings!

Don't forget to sign up for our Christmas Party at Bob & Kelli's on the 17th. Along with a trolley ride to see the outstanding neighborhood of Christmas lights!

One more thing!! It's that 'Time' again..... we change our clocks **FORWARD** one hour again on Sunday, November 6th. If you are like me, I change them on Friday. That way I'm adjusted to the change by Monday.



We are all aware that times are difficult right now for so many people, some close to us, some far from us and that won't ease with the Holiday Season coming up. I pray that those of us that are fortunate, realize our Blessings and can share this with others that are in need. Last I checked, smiles and hugs are very inexpensive.

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.

God Bless America – Now and Always!

Keep on Saving the Wave!!!

Respectfully,
Cindy Orrico
President – 2011

CSS News

The Social event for October 2011:

October 1st CSS Variety Show

The Club event for October 2011:

October 22nd - Wild West Car Show Apple Valley

The other events for October 2011 are:

Oct 7-9 Corvette Roulette – Las Vegas
Oct 15 Vapor Trails Autocross – Lompoc
Oct. 22 La Palma Casino Night
Oct 29th Homeland Security – Redlands then PIE RUN to Oak Glen

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.**

As part of our 2010 year-end distribution we also supported *Hillview Acres* (now defunct), *Council on the Aging*, *Operation Home Front* and *Ronald McDonald House*.

Last year 40% of our account balance totaling \$10,000 was paid out at the end of the year. We will still be distributing 40% this year, but because we did not realize the income level that we did last year, our yearend distribution will total \$7,000.

As your Charity Chairperson, I would value your input regarding our current list of charities and any others that you feel would be worthy of our club's support.

The following are my recommendations:

CHIP's For Kids \$1,750 (last year \$2,000)

H.I.S. House \$3,000 (last year \$3,500)

Council on Aging \$750 (last year \$1,000)

Operation Home Front \$1,000 (last year \$1,250)

Wounded Warrior Project \$500

I have added the Wounded Warrior Project as possible charity that CSS can support this year. I am sure we have all heard about the great things that are doing for our physically and mentally challenged young men and women in uniform that have return from war. If you would like more information, you can visit their website at www.woundedwarriorproject.com.

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING



General Meeting
Tuesday, Oct. 4, 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 7:00 pm by our “Sergeant at Arms,” Ron. There was a quorum in attendance.

Happy News

- Nice to see Jim Cooper
- Bert’s hand will eventually be OK
- Ellis Chee is getting better
- Bert and Dianne love their C5
- Marcia had a wonderful 10 day road trip
- Shirley’s grandson is home from Iraq

Business:

- We will hold off with MVP till next month
- Sign up for La Palma Casino night
- Corvette Roulette Las Vegas, Tombstone, coming up

- Banquet Jan 28 at Fullerton Elks \$28/person
- Turkey Bowl 2:30 show up, 3:00 bowl, \$20/person, potluck
- Christmas Party, Brea Trolley, 3hr, 2 trips 1 ½ hr each \$20/person

Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced

Upcoming Events

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| Oct. 5-9 | Tombstone |
| Oct. 7-9 | Las Vegas Roulette |
| Oct. 22 | Casino Night, La Palma |
| Oct. 22 | Wild West Car Show, Apple Valley |
| Oct. 23 | Nomad Car Show |
| Oct. 29 | Homeland Security |
| Nov. 12 | CSS Turkey Bowl |
| Dec. 17 | Christmas Party |
| Jan. 28 | Annual Meeting Elks |

Treasurer Report

- Dues are due no later than Nov. 15. \$75 couple, \$45 single. After Nov. 15, \$10 additional late fee.
- M&M fundraiser has ended \$445.65
- Window clings for sale

Charities

- Bob recommended certain amounts to be donated to each of our charities.
- He recommended for the club to decide the amount to be given the beginning of the year, so we know what we are working for.

Website

- All is up and running well.
- Our license is running out. We will upgrade it.

Past Events

- The variety Show was awesome

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

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



Treasurer's Byline

By Marge Huhta

Hope to see you at the CSS meeting Tuesday night.

A few reminders for you:

1. The deadline for paying your annual CSS dues is November 15.

This gives you the opportunity to pay at the November meeting or us the U.S. Postal service.

Dues are \$75 per couple and \$45 for a single membership.

Dues received after November 15 must include a \$10 late fee per NCCC.

2. Christmas Party money is due by December 6.

Please make the check out to Marge Huhta.

The amount is \$22 pp (includes trolley ride)

[\$12 pp if you only want to enjoy dinner.]

Marge Huhta

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

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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

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|--|
| 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 15 | Vapor Trails Autocross - Lompoc |
| Oct 22 nd | Wild West Car Show |
| Oct 29 th | Homeland Security |
| Oct. 15 th | Casino Night |
| Nov. 5 th | |
| Nov 12 th | La Palma Days Veterans Day Parade |
| Nov. 12 th | Bowling with Turkeys – La Habra Bowl |
| Nov 19 th | Oak Glen Pie Run |
| Dec. 10 th | Getty Museum – Los Angeles |
| Dec. 10-11 | HighSpeed Autocross = Porsche's taste like chicken! |
| Dec . 17 th | Christmas Party |
| Dec 17 th | Homeland Security 2011 Final Exam |
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Club Events for October

Editors Note:

I would like to acknowledge and thank the contributors to this month's News Letter. First, to Bob and Vicki Kump for the pictures and story from Corvette Roulette. Thanks also go to Jackie Lyon for the pictures. Thanks to Ron and Karen D for the pictures and story from Tombstone. Finally a big thanks to Cindy for sending me pictures and text

messages as important action was going on so that I could keep in touch with the fun in Vegas at Corvette Roulette and for the great "Mystery Man/King" pictures. George Johnson, our roving reporter from the Simi Valley Corvette Club submitted Corvette Racing Team articles this month as well. Finally, thanks again to Bob and Kelli for their submission on the charities and their Christmas Party.

Corvette Roulette

Corvette Roulette

Friday morning Ed, Linda, Bud Dawnette, Bob and me left Chino in great anticipation of breakfast at Peggy Sue's Diner, which did not disappoint. After our tummy filling breakfast we were ready to hit the road for Las Vegas and the fun at Corvette Roulette.

The venue was in a new location this year in North Las Vegas, at the Aliante Station. After getting checked in to the hotel, registering for the event, collecting our goody bags we were ready to head to our rooms for a little liquid refreshments...ahh...the pause that refreshes! After relaxing and freshening up a bit we headed down to the "Welcoming Party" where we found, Doug and Jackie Lyon, Chris and Jennifer Spencer and Joe and Cindy Oricco. We had some delicious Hors d'oeuvres while watching three huge TV screens showing slides of previous Corvette Roulette events. The centerpieces were really cute, Corvette wind chimes, which four of us were lucky enough to win. We are hoping the winning streak will continue for the remainder of the weekend.

Let me tell you 6:00 AM Saturday comes really early! Pancakes and Pigs in a Blanket should give us all the energy we need to clean our cars for the car show. We had four cars entered in the show, Ed and Linda, Bud and Dawnette, Jennifer and Bob and me. Little did Bob and I know that Corvettes do not come from the factory with "Corvette Super Sports" license plate holders on them...who knew?? Well this with a couple of other non stock items put us into the "Modified Class"!! Oh...Oh... Just as the judging was over a huge gust of wind came up sending chairs, jackets, floor mats and drinks flying! Thankfully there were no injuries or damage to any cars. We were ready to pack up the cars when we found out Bud and Dawnette were in a tie with another car in their class. I guess we will have to wait until Sunday at the awards banquet for the outcome of this one.

Cars are now lining up for the Rallye, Joe and Cindy, Jennifer and Chris and Doug and Jackie are in line ready to go, hoping for at least a good poker hand!

We all met at TGI Fridays for dinner, which with our group was a lot of fun, our waitress informed us we were too rowdy for any alcoholic beverages, so it was water (Margarita flavored) for our table. This was all in preparation for Dawnette, Cindy and Jennifer to win big in the Poker Tournament; we are expecting them to bring back the dough!

Race day is here! Oh...Oh...with a dead battery Bob and I are not racing anywhere! Lucky for us a member from Vegas Vettes gave us a jump and we were on our way to the races. After circling the Las Vegas Speedway a few times we found the Corvettes. The morning session was a good one with everyone setting good times. The afternoon run finds the Norris boys neck & neck, Ed with a time of 52.8 and Bud with 53.3 so we will have to wait to see how this chase ends!

The theme of the event this year was Americana and the banquet room definitely reflected this, as well as the costumes everyone was wearing. There was a lot of red, white and blue, and Uncle Sams, and a Corvette photo op. The food was delicious with several choices of entrees and desserts to choose from. Yummy!!

Ok, I won't keep you in suspense any longer. I can only say Corvette Super Sports cleaned up!!! I believe there were somewhere between 20 and 25 trophies in total. We tied with Corvettes of Temecula Valley for club participation each with 6 cars. Joe and Cindy won for best costume for a couple, best female costume went to Jackie Lyon, and best male costume went to Doug Lyon, I must say Uncle Sam never looked better!!

CAR SHOW AWARDS: 1st Place, Bud & Dawnette, 1st Place, Bob & Vicki, 2nd Place, Ed & Linda.

GIMMICK RALLYE: 1st Place, Joe & Cindy, 2nd place, Doug & Jackie. Joe and Cindy won the game portion with the Scrabble word "Zoom", which stands to reason :)

RACE AWARDS: 1st Place, Ed, 1st place, Joe, 1st Place, Bud, 1st Place, Dawnette, 1st place, Doug, 1st place Jackie.

FASTEST TIME OF THE DAY: Ed, with a 53.7 for the men and for the women, Dawnette with a 54.2, you better look out Ed, Dawnette is going to catch you!

MATCHING TIME: Joe. **GROUP 2:** 1st Place, Jennifer, **GROUP 3:** 1st Place, Doug, 1st Place, Jackie. All wins are in their respective classes. Oh and raffle prizes?? Yes, we took home our fair share of those too!

We would like to thank Las Vegas Corvette Association for their hospitality and an awesome weekend!!

Bob and Vicki









Homeland Security

On October 29th, we made sure that we are going to be prepared for the next disaster to come to our shores by qualifying at the Prado Shooting Range. For all of the scores, please visit the CSS Web Site.



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| Geoff | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 17 |
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| Geoff | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 16 |

Variety Show

WOW

This was an amazing event. It proves once again that the members of Corvette Super Sports can put on a spectacular show and have fun at the same time. There were nine acts, each with its own personality that kept the audience on the edge of their seats, fully engaged, and enjoying every minute of the spectacle. A Big thanks goes to Bert Wiest who originally suggested the idea and then worked to organize it, and even participate as well.

Since this was billed as a “Variety Show” Bert and Dianne came up with a creative way to decorate the dinner tables for the pot luck dinner. There was a “Variety” of table decorations to boot.





The pot luck dinner was a great start for the party. Everyone was able to eat and socialize before the acts started and the entire show was held together like glue with Jennifer Spencer as the MC. No one will be able to forget her Auzzie accent when she introduced "Outback Jake". She was amazing too because she had to do a lot of fill in especially when it was my time to be on stage and I was still taking videos of the proceedings. Eventually I got the hint when she pointed at me and then to the stage. I was having so much fun recording the entire event on Vicki Kump's new video camera that I forgot where I was supposed to be.



Words cannot give justice to this event. Each of the acts was amazing in its own right and the only way to actually understand the work that went into the presentations is to have your own copy of the Variety Show. DVDs are still available for \$1 each. They will be available at each of the General meetings until they run out.

Vapor Trails Autocross

On October 15th, yours truly represented Corvette Super Sports at the Vapor Trails autocross event at Lompoc. The event was held in the parking lot of the Hancock College and consisted of 2 sanctioned events. As usual, the event was open to all cars not just Corvettes. The fastest car of the day was a super charged Volkswagen beetle. The Porsche with the Corvette engine in it had a aneurism on the track and had to retire early. There were about 40 cars racing evenly divided between Vettes and non-Vettes.

I took First in class 1SK (street tires stock car) in one race by .006 seconds and missed First and settled for Second in the other race by .3 seconds. The class consisted of 4 cars including Allen Morris. The high light of the day was working the course with our good friend Charlie Perry.



Tombstone “Here We Come”

By Karen D.

Corvette Buckaroos, Ron and Karen D and Rick and Lynn Miller went to the Tombstone Arizona Corvette event. Corvettes and Ghost Riders hosted the 11th annual Tombstone Run on October 5th through 9th. The name Tombstone means many things to many people. It creates images of gunfights and dusty streets, saloons, whiskey, Wyatt Earp, and Doc Holliday. The Tombstone Run hosts mix that history into all the events.

There were nonstop events the entire time which included a Tombstone Treasure Hunt that Karen D won, a Gunslinger Car show that Rick and Lynn won a trophy in, historic tours, Saloon Stroll Poker Rallye, and a western wear contest. Lynn and Karen were awesome Saloon ‘Ladies of the evening’ with their no-good, handsome cowpoke husbands, Rick and Ron. The event also had a re-enactment of the shoot out at the OK Corral.

The gun fight was ‘first class’. Doc Holiday and his girlfriend, Long Nose Kate, stole/borrowed Lynn’s Corvette and drove it to the middle of the street where the re-enactment started instead of walking up in the middle of the street to call out the Clanton gang. The whole way up the street everyone could see Rick running after them yelling ‘Gimme my car back! Gimme my car back!’ –This is a true story and I’m sticking to it!.

There was a caravan to Bisbee for lunch. Bisbee is a unique, historical mining town about 20 minutes from Tombstone. The mine was not actually closed until 1974 when it ran dry and the huge pit is something to see. The houses, buildings and churches in Bisbee are preserved to look like they did back in the old days. It was very interesting and worth the trip.

Near Tombstone, we visited a beautiful state park in the foothills of the Whetstone Mountains. The park is called Kartchner Caverns. The park contains the most beautiful caverns in the US, and the caverns rank in the top ten "show caverns" in the world. Since we couldn’t take photos inside, you can check out the caves at these two websites:

www.pr.state.az.us/Parks/parkhtml/kartchner.html
www.explorethecaverns.com/

Boot Hill cemetery is another story and a must see too. It is important to note that on October 26th 2011, tombstone marked the 130th anniversary of the historic shoot out at the OK Corral

Needless to say, we had a wonderful time and it was much more than we expected.

Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis
Rick and Lynn Miller

p.s. please enjoy the following pictures of our trip

Editor's note:

There is an interesting road trip phenomenon that I have actually seen happen on another road trip that I personally took with Ron and Karen several years ago. Outside of California there are a chain of stores called the Cracker Barrel. These stores have a gift shop, clean restrooms and a restaurant that serves the dishes no matter what part of the country you are in. Something about these places cause people to leave the freeways and visit them and rationalize it as a well needed break, or we stopped for gas anyway or I was hungry or something else.

Now on the way to Tombstone there were five Cracker Barrel stores on the route. Knowing Karen as I do, you can bet that she stopped at or at least wanted to stop at each of them even though the shelves are stocked exactly the same at each stop. Stopping at 5 stores on this trip when they are all exactly the same is about as mysterious as why boys and men will go look into the refrigerator while at home every 15 minutes just to see if something mysteriously appeared. I am told that only 2 stores were visited by their 2 car caravan including the Millers.











Mystery Man:

Does anyone recognize the following member of CSS?



Mark your Calendars for December:


Hello fellow members!

Before you know it the holidays will be upon us and your calendars will be filling up. One date that you will want to circle in red is December 17 for the *CSS Christmas Party* at the Reed's.

The cost of a tasty holiday dinner and the tour of the Eagle Hills Christmas lights via a San Francisco style trolley is only \$22 per person. (\$12 for dinner only)

Make your checks payable to Marge Huhta. (Your check must be received by the December general meeting. If we do not have 30 people signed up, we will have to cancel the trolley.)

Ho, Ho, Ho maybe it will snow! (Yes, it has snowed in Brea!)
Bob & Kelli



Corvette Super Sports

Christmas Party

Come and enjoy a Christmas Light Tour by Trolley through Eagle Hills, a Holiday Italian Feast, Christmas Carols, Parlor Games and Christmas Cheer

December 17, 2011 5:00pm

Bob & Kelli Reed's
323 Amberwick Lane
Brea, CA 92821
714-671-2004
4corvettefun@prodigy.net

\$22 per person

- includes Dinner (BYOB) and San Francisco style Trolley -

Bring your check to the
November or December Meeting or
Mail your Check to:

Marge Huhta
5672 Richmond Avenue
Garden Grove, Ca 92845



NCCC National News

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

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

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From the Desk of:

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Subject: Club Vietnam Veterans

Hello:

I do not know how many Vietnam Veterans are in your Corvette Club.

There is a fellow Corvetter / Veteran in Lexington , N. C. that developed a Vietnam Veteran / Corvette sew on Patch.

I have attached a photo of this.

He provides this patch to Vietnam Veterans FREE of charge and he does not ask for compensation.

I met with him at Corvettes @ Carlisle to pick up my patches.

I thought how nice it would be if Vietnam Veterans could display this on their Corvettes showing their service to this country.

I discussed and received permission from him that I could have static clings made in honor and memory of our Vietnam Veterans.

These static clings are 3" round and go inside of your car window.

Should any of your club Vietnam Veterans like any static clings, please have them send me a self addressed/postage paid envelope and I will be glad to provide them. Please provide a note letting me know how many static clings they would like.

Should any of your club Vietnam Veterans like any sew on patches they only need to e-mail

Charles at Charlie@carols62.com

Tell him how many sew on patches they would like and give him their mailing address.

THEY BOTH ARE FREE

Thank You

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Corvette Racing Team News

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

Corvette Racing Finishes Fourth in ALMS Season Finale

Gavin and Magnussen Take Second in Driver Standings; Team Rallies Around No. 4 Corvette After No. 3 Corvette Sidelined

BRASELTON, Ga., Oct. 1, 2011 – After nine hours and 35 minutes of intense competition, Corvette Racing finished fourth in the GT class in Petit Le Mans, the season finale of the American Le Mans Series. The No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R driven by Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen, and Richard Westbrook completed 366 laps around the 2.54-mile Road Atlanta circuit en route to its fourth-place finish. The No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R of Olivier Beretta, Tommy Milner, and Antonio Garcia retired after 76 laps with a broken gearbox and finished 17th in the GT category. The No. 51 AF Corse Ferrari won the GT division by a 6.685-second margin of victory.

With a hint of autumn in the air, the ninth round of the ALMS championship produced the hard-fought racing that has been the hallmark of the GT class in 2011. Magnussen started the No. 4 Corvette C6.R seventh on the GT grid after the withdrawal of the No. 062 Ferrari. He was sixth after one lap, dropped to seventh on the third lap, and was fourth after the first full-course caution. The Dane made his first stop for fuel and tires at 57 minutes, but incurred a stop-and-go penalty for a pit lane infraction. Magnussen then ran his second stint to 80 laps and pitted at 2:11, handing off the car to Oliver Gavin.

"There was a lot of stuff going on at the start and traffic was crazy," Magnussen said. "I had a big moment at the beginning of the race – I hit a curb, bounced all over the place, and thought I was going to fall off. You've got to be so alert all the time; if it's not somebody in front of you, it's somebody behind you."

Gavin drove to the four-hour mark and then was replaced by Richard Westbrook.

"It was mayhem on every lap," said Gavin. "It was just insanity, people driving all over the track, sideways, on and off the grass. I have to say the traffic was by far the worst I've seen. Fifty-three cars on this track is just too many."

Third driver Richard Westbrook did his first stint in the Corvette C6.R since the 24 Hours of Le Mans, taking the No. 4 to P2 before pitting at 5:02 and giving the car to Magnussen.

"It's really good to be back in the Corvette," Westbrook remarked. "Conditions weren't ideal for our car, but in clean air it was great. Our competition seemed to have a bit of an advantage on the straight, and hopefully that will be addressed."

Magnussen drove a double stint, and as the GT frontrunners cycled through pit stops and two caution periods, Magnussen kept the No. 4 Corvette in contention. He pitted under caution at 7:20, and Gavin took over for the run to the checkered flag as darkness descended. Unfortunately the pit stop cycle and pass-around put the Corvette a lap down to the leaders. When two cars ahead of him pitted, Gavin was promoted to fourth, and he defended that position in the closing laps against Wolf Henzler's Porsche.

"There was one big incident when a prototype's engine blew up and a number of cars spun on that oil," Gavin recalled. "There were cars going everywhere, and I was nearly one of them, but I managed to get through. At one point Wolf was catching me quickly, but I stretched it out a bit, then we got a caution and that gave us the lead we needed. Fourth place was about all we could have really hoped for today."

That finish earned enough points to secure second place in the GT drivers championship for Gavin and Magnussen. "It's been a really, really tough year with strong competition from BMW, Porsche and Ferrari," Magnussen said. "I think we've learned a lot, and we'll bring that forward to next year. We'll come back stronger and try to win the championship. We've had some hard races and we've had some bad luck, but all in all we got the best out of this season that we could."

The No. 3 Corvette C6.R encountered mechanical misfortune at Petit Le Mans. Tommy Milner qualified the No. 3 ninth on the GT grid, and the American powered his way to sixth by the third lap. A pit stop under caution at 27 minutes into the race split the two Corvettes' strategy and put the No. 3 in position to move to second. Milner brought the No. 3 to the pits at 1:25 and handed off to Olivier Beretta. Shortly after the two-hour mark, Beretta radioed that the gearbox was smoking. Crew chief Dan Binks instructed him to take the car directly to the transporter. The crew removed the gearbox for repairs, but the damage was terminal and the car was retired.

"On the restart, some cars were accelerating, some were slowing down, it was just a mess," said Beretta. "After the traffic jam, the car was good, but in six or seven laps, the rear started to feel very strange. I thought that maybe I just needed to clean my tires, but the car was super loose. I think I had oil leaking onto the rear tires." "The final drive failed and broke the gearbox case," explained Binks. "It's unfortunate, but that's the way it goes sometimes. Our year wasn't great, but we won Le Mans, and that was exciting."

The No. 4 Corvette won the Michelin Green X Challenge for the fourth time this season. The award recognized the fastest, cleanest, and most efficient entry in the GT class.

"Corvette Racing's fourth win in the Michelin Green X Challenge this year is a testament to the interest and dedication that Chevrolet has in finding innovative ways to improve the efficiency of its road-going vehicles, and we lead the way in racing," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan.

"Not every race goes exactly as you plan it, and this was one of those events," Fehan noted. "We had a very unfortunate and uncharacteristic gearbox failure in the No. 3 Corvette that knocked it out of competition. As so often happens, the team rallied around the No. 4 Corvette. Although the drivers were happy with the car, we couldn't maintain the pace with the leaders. The crew ran great pit stops, the engineers had great fuel strategy, and everyone executed well – but today we finished fourth. We'll happily take that as we move into winter testing."

ABC will televise Petit Le Mans on Sunday, October 2, at 4 p.m. ET. Corvette Racing's next event is the 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 17, 2012.

Petit Le Mans GT Results (Top 10):

Pos./Car No./Drivers/Car/Laps

1. 51 Fisichella/Bruni/Kaffer, Ferrari 458 Italia, 367
2. 045 Bergmeister/Long/Pilet, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 367
3. 55 Auberlen/Werner/Farfus, BMW M3 GT, 367
- 4. 4 Gavin/Magnussen/Westbrook, Corvette C6.R, 366**
5. 17 Henzler/Sellers/Ragginger, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 365
6. 01 Sharp/van Overbeek/Farnbacher, Ferrari F458 Italia, 365
7. 58 Firman/Jakubowski/Hallyday, Ferrari 458 Italia, 361
8. 044 Neiman/Law/Holzer, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 361
9. 56 Mueller/Hand/Priaulx, BMW M3 GT, 359
10. 02 Brown/Cosmo/Bell, Ferrari F458 Italia, 357
- 17. 3 Beretta/Milner/Garcia, Corvette C6.R, 76**

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