

Under The Radar

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Corvette Super Sports

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

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

Corvette Super Sports Charities

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

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

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

Charity Donations

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

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

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 requiring medical treatment at a hospital. It is open to families of those children who are hospitalized and to those with children who are receiving treatment at outpatient clinics. Over 1700 families have stayed at our House since our opening in November, 1985.

The "house that has built" offers 20 bedrooms with private bathrooms, a living room, family room, kitchen, and a play area.

Pop Tab Trivia

Get your trivia:
1 book + 1 pop tab
1 book + 12 pop tabs
1 book + 40 pop tabs
1 book + 120 pop tabs
1 book + 1000 pop tabs

pop tabs are required for our House to help fund our medical facilities. Approximately 12 pounds of pop tabs will cover a five-day stay for a one-night stay.



"The House That Has Built" 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 requiring medical treatment at area hospitals.



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Summer 1996

Everyone can get involved!

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

Remember ... it's all about

Pop Tab Houses

We need your efforts to help fund our House. The pop tab house is a collection of pop tabs that are placed in a jar or container. The jar or container is then filled with pop tabs. The jar or container is then placed in a public place, such as a school or church, and the pop tabs are collected. The jar or container is then placed in a public place, such as a school or church, and the pop tabs are collected.



Who's Who at Corvette Super Sports

Officers 2012

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

Board of Governors 2012

Donna Stewart
Gary Plehn
Jim Cooper
Ron DeBartolomeis
Vicki Kump
Linda Norris

Chairpersons 2012

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: TBD

Banquet: Karen, Linda, Vicki, Donna

Historian: Pat & Jan Works



The April General Meeting get under way. Sgt. at Arms, Ron prepares to quiet the crowd down as Secretary, Bert takes minutes. But the best part is Madam President's beautiful smile!

Message From The VP.



Due to Dianne's need to recover from over indulging and a lingering issue that took place on the cruise, yours truly, your VP, Director of all things Social, Newsletter Editor, and event photographer will bring you her message, in my own unique style.

April has come and gone. April showers did not hamper us from attending the start of our event season with the Corvette West's Ronald McDonald Car Show, the Vapor Trails Autocross in Santa Maria, the Temecula Valley Corvette Association's annual Old town Temecula Car show, The Gambler's Classic in Laughlin, the Long Beach Grand Prix, and our first social event of the year, the Miniature Golf Tournament. This first month of the season had a little something for everyone. Every weekend was packed. It is good to see that so many members all have the same interests because each event was well attended. It was such a busy month that we cancelled the Homeland Security Advanced Training on the weekend of the Grand Prix. As it turns out though, the rain on the Friday before the Grand Prix that made everyone at the Corvette Corral very happy that there was a tent, made the HLS training site a mud bog. On the other hand, shooting at soggy clay pigeons might have improved my overall score.

As you can see above, I am enjoying the sun in Temecula. Later on in this issue you will see what happened to my chair as I tried to get out of it.

CSS News

We need to keep our members in our prayers this month. Connie Killian is still recovering from triple bypass and heart valve replacement. Bob Reed is finally doing better after his back surgery. Tom Cuccio is feeling better after his hernia operation. Marcia Lynch fell and broke her clavicle too. Dianne had the plumbing in her neck fixed, and Mike Baddley had to go into the hospital due to blood clots in his lungs. So let's all remember to send cards and keep our friends in our prayers.

The Social event for May 2012:

5/19 is the USS San Diego commissioning

The Club event for May 2012:

5/20 Corvette Dreamin' Liberty Station – Naval Training Center - Promenade

Other Club social events for May 2012:

5/12 HomeLand Security Advanced Training

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



OUR MISSION: ENJOY DRIVING OUR CORVETTES AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL CAUSES

As most of you know, I recently had a back operation (third one) that has kept me from doing the simplest of things such as climbing stairs to sleep in my own bed, working at my business and driving; especially my Corvette!

While convalescing, I was pleasantly surprised almost on a daily basis with cards of best wishes from CSS club members. (Some days I received more cards than I did junk mail!) Some of the cards were from members that were also having medical issues at the same time that I was. Now that is going above and beyond the call of duty! I read every card with great interest; they all had the same passionate theme of “we are thinking of you and get well soon.” I look at the names of the senders and thought, I am not sure who some of these people are. It did not matter for the sentiment was there. I have saved all the cards and envelopes with their addresses with the best intentions of sending a thank you. Too be honest, I am not real good at that, just ask Kelli.

I have a point in all of this other than just trying to say “Thank you” in my article without having to send everyone a card of appreciation. As your clubs charity chairperson you have heard me say in meeting that “charity begins at home” and that we should support local organizations that serve the young, old, injured and ill. This got me thinking of what is the definition of “charity”?

I looked up the definition of charity on the internet. Merrium-Webster, who I am sure we all concur is a reliable source, defines charity as the following:

1: benevolent goodwill toward or love of humanity .

2. a: generosity and helpfulness especially toward the needy or suffering

Yes, our club helps those in our community, but did you realize that this definition also describes our own members? It really comes down to people caring about people. Those few words on a card really do express the true charity of our club members. When I joined Corvette Super Sports I thought I was joining a club. What I found out was that I was becoming a member of a family!

Thanks again for all of your well wishes.

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS -GENERAL MEETING

General meeting minutes

April 3, 2012

Officers present: Dianne W., Geoff G., Bert W.

Board members present: Jim C., Ron D., Donna S., Linda N., Vicki K., Gary P.

President Dianne convened the meeting at 7:04 pm. A quorum was declared to be present by Sergeant-at-arms Ron.

Dianne thanked all for their well wishes and cards, announcing her upcoming surgery.

Donna introduced visitor Fred from a Simpson Chevrolet in Garden Grove. Fred mentioned that they would love to work with a local club. Also introduced as a visitor was Ryan, Linda and Ed's grandson.

Secretary Bert Spoke about the upcoming miniature golf tournament and the 2nd annual club variety show scheduled for October 20th, asking that if anyone wanted to participate this year, start thinking of an act and let him know.

Vice-President Geoff read off the birthdays for the month: Jim C., Linda N., Vicki K., Jennifer S., Jay L. and Lynn M. He also read off the anniversaries: Don and Debbie P., Jennifer and Chris S., Greg and Chris G., Ron and Karen D., Rick and Lynn M.,

Geoff also reported that the April club event was the Temecula Valley Corvette Club car show on the 22nd and the social event was the Miniature golf tournament on the 28th. Homeland Security is to be cancelled for April.

Joe O. told about the Ronald McDonald car show and the Gamblers Classic on April 20-22. Joe also mentioned that the club can host 10 events this year instead of 7, thus increasing our points.

Cindy O. has consented to chair our car show to be held on August 26th at Connell Chevrolet. It will be much like last years, Kelly R. will be the raffle chair this year, raffle prizes are needed.

Dianne read a note from Chris G. Thanking the club for it's thoughtfulness on the passing of her mother.

Kathy B. gave updates on health and welfare. Tom C. was present and is doing nicely, Bob Reed is still recuperating but coming along slowly, Marcia L. still has shingles and shoulder problems and Connie K. is improving slowly.

The evenings goodies were courtesy of Donna and Shirley.

A motion was made to adjourn and President Dianne adjourned the meeting at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Wiest, Secretary, Corvette Super Sports

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<u>APRIL BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>APRIL ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Armando Sanchez	1st	Don & Debbie Prichard	4/12
Jim Cooper	5th	Chris & Jennifer Spencer	4/21/??
Ali Doherty	12th	Greg & Chris Glodery	4/21/??
Connie Killian	14th	Ron & Karen DeBartolomeis	4/27/68
Linda Norris	16th	Rick & Lynn Miller	4/29/??
Vicki Kump	17th	Don & Debbie Prichard	4/12
Lynn Miller	17th		
Jennifer Spencer	25th		
Jay Lynch	27th		
<u>MAY BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>MAY ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Bob Reed	4th	Armando & Hortencia Sanchez	05/14/94
Susan Rosen	8th	Doug & Ann Meeuwenberg	05/18/74
David Dunn	14th	Tom & Barbara Cuccio	05/27/78
Cindy Orrico	21st		
Charles Rosen	23rd		
Garry Jones	26th		

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.

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

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

Club Event Yearly Schedule

February 11 th .	Valentine Bowl
February 18 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
March 10 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
March 17 th -18 th	Palm Springs Non-Sanctioned Autocross Riverside County Fairgrounds
March 17 th	Highland Ave Car Show – Rancho Cucamonga
March 25 th	Cal-Rods Car show Santa Anita Race Track
April 1 st	Corvettes West – Ronald McDonald Car Show Rancho Cucamonga
April 7 th	Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport
April 14 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
April 13-15	Long Beach Grand Prix – Corvette Corral
April 20-22	Gambler's Classic - Laughlin
April 22 nd	Corvettes of Temecula Car show
April 28 th	First Annual Miniature Golf Tourney – Camelot Anaheim
May 12 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
May 20 th	Corvette Dreamin' Liberty Station – Naval Training Center - Promenade
June 2 nd	Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport
June 3 rd	OC Vettes Car show – Huntington Beach Central Park
June 9 th .	Vette Set Car Show
June 16 th	Antelope Valley Car Show
June 23 rd .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
June 23 rd .	Family Picnic
June 21-24 th	Corvettes at Lake Tahoe
June 29 th July 1 st	Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Garry and Shirley's – Big Bear
June 29 th July 1 st	Big Bear Bash
July 21 st .	Mystery Run
July 21 st	Poker Rallye, Orange County Vettes Irvine, CA
July 28 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
August 25 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
August 26 th .	CSS Annual Car Show – Connell Chevrolet Costa Mesa
September 1 st .	Donna's Pool Party
September 15 th .	Poker & Game Rallye... Newport Harbor Corvettes Santa Maria, CA
September 15 th .	Vapor Trails Car show and Rallye
September 29 th	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Oct. 13 th .	Vapor Trails Autocross Santa Maria Airport
Oct. 27 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Nov 17 th .	Bowling with Turkeys
Nov 24 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Dec 15 th .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am Final Exam

Club Events for April

Temecula Car Show

Golf

Corvette West's Ronald McDonald Car Show

The first event of the month was Corvette West's Ronald McDonald Car show in Rancho Cucamonga on April 1st. Attendees were Joe and Cindy, Dave Alciatore, and Larry and Doug from CSS. Other friends of CSS were there too like TC and Scotty and Marilyn. The weather cooperated but only barely. This is one of those great car shows where both the Raptors (Corvettes) and prey (VWs) are grouped together. Before the judging was complete, Doug came to the rescue of a fellow Corvette owner who's C4 was stuck with what seemed like a dead battery. But Doug, being the Ace Ventura of Corvettes, knew differently. He slithered under the yellow C4 and reconnected the ground wire and bingo, the car roared to life. Corvettes West were so pleased that they gave him an award. We at CSS think he is pretty special too and have awarded him the "A B C D" award too. See pictures below



Larry and his foot with Dave in his rocket



Da Boyz



Now you may wonder what I meant about the CSS A B C D award. It means Above and Beyond the Call of Duty. This award will be presented to Doug at the next meeting!

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS

A. B. C. D.

AWARD

Doug Mariani

For Saving the Day at the Ronald
McDonald Car show

4/1/2012

VTV Autocross Santa Maria

On April 7th, the day before Easer, a group of CSS racers could not resist the temptation to try out the new Porsche race track at the Santa Maria airport. This track was built for Porsche America's marketing campaign for the 2012 Porsche 911. When they were done, they made the venue available to other car clubs and Vapor Trails jumped at the chance. A long time ago, VTV used to run their autocross events at the same location, but then Home Land Security got in the middle of everything and would only allow people on the airport property if they submitted their SSNs in advance so they could do security background checks on the drivers. However, since then and with the building of this track, the department of Home Land Security has decided that if trained VTV personnel were stationed at the perimeters of the track and wore badges with their pictures on them, that somehow that would take away their worry.

Well, we say thank you to the VTV troops that endured the day long training and who had to wear the bright vests and wear the cool looking official HLS badges all day so we could race. And Race we did. The track is smooth and long and made for a great adventure.

Fifty racers showed up split almost evenly between NCCC entries and others. The CSS members racing were Joe, Ed, Jennifer, Dave Alciatore and Geoff. The only picture I got of Dave driving Little Engine was one out on the track waiting to do the parade lap. Somehow the picture reminds me of one of his runs at Pahrump, but as everyone knows, "what happens in Pahrump, stays in Pahrump". So I will just let your minds run amuck on why this reminds me of that day. The picture below is during the parade lap. All the other drivers have completed their parade lap. Dave is not moving.



Dave on the track – alone



The track itself



The racers



First things first. Yes that is the Police down there



The "Smith Brothers"
No ginger and Cindy did not color coordinate us!



And Rupert in the peanut gallery





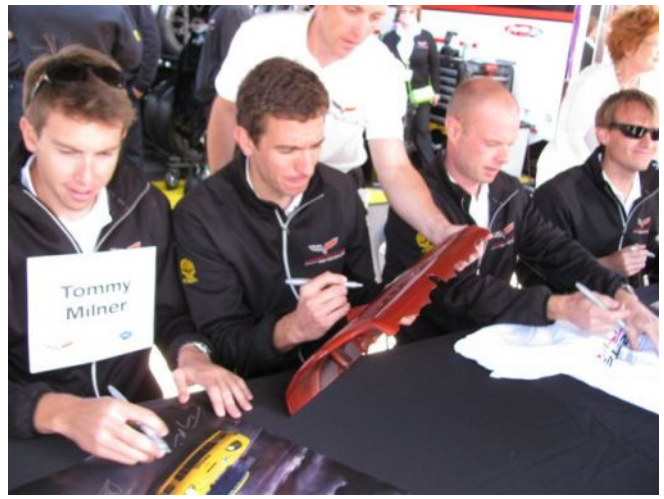
Long Beach Grand Prix

The Long Beach Grand Prix was scheduled for April 13-15 with the Corvette Corral in the center of things. Because of our members, we received the Club partition award and we also won a trip around the course in one of the Corvettes from GM's Corvette Racing Team.



But Friday seemed impossible with a freak storm that came in and made thing a little wet!





Thanks to Cindy, Rick Miller and Art for sending pictures.

Gambler's Classic in Laughlin April 20-22

The following is from Cub Reporter Vicki Kump

Corvette Super Sports Goes to Gamblers Classic in Laughlin, Nevada

Nineteen of us including, Rick & Lynn, Scott & Renita, Kevin Presser, Donna, Shirley, Ron & Karen, Chris & Jennifer, Bud & Dawnette, Ed & Linda, Bob & Vicki, Richard & Barbara and a special couple, Donna's granddaughter Bridget and her boyfriend Justin, converged upon the Riverside Resort for a fun filled weekend at Corvettes of Bakersfield's Gamblers Classic.

Friday night's dinner and entertainment were outstanding!! Corvette's of Bakersfield are so well organized they had tables set up for every club in attendance, after finding our table and getting a little liquid refreshment we were ready for dinner, which was delicious, especially the BBQ'd ribs :) Then came the entertainment...the Hypnotist was great and provided a lot of laughs, especially from the guy that kept stuffing his shirt with balloons. :) And the Elvis impersonator was the *best*, he had us believing that Elvis *is* alive, ask Karen, Renita, Lynn, and Donna, who all got Elvis to give up his scarf to them. The rest of us girls had to settle to have our picture taken with him, which wasn't that bad either!

The car show was Saturday morning, where we competed with 247 cars!! 150 C-6's...71 C-5's. 14 C-4's...4 C-3's...4C-2's and 1 C-1. Ed and Linda took 4th place in the C-5's and Bob and Vicki took 3rd place in the C-4 Class, which we were happy with considering we were all competing against modified and custom cars. With all the votes in, it was time to line up for the Poker Run out to Oatman, which is always a fun run. Not everyone went on the Poker Run some took an extra trip out to the Cracker Barrel, in Kingman, while others just kicked back in their rooms to cool down from the 106° temperature, or added to their winnings :) Speaking of winnings...yes Super Sports took home a few raffle prizes, this time Scott & Renita were the big winners with a 32" Flat Screen TV !!!

There were Corvette clubs from all over there, including Simi Valley, Antelope Valley, Santa Clara, So Cal Vettes, Pomona Valley Vettes, Corvette Super Sports, Desert Vettes, and I am probably forgetting someone, the club taking Club Participation was Limited with 30 cars.

The nineteen of us gathered for dinner at the Outback then headed back up to our rooms to sit on our balconies and listen to the Dobie Brothers who were performing at the Riverside Amphitheater. What a perfect ending to a really fun weekend.

If you have never been to Gamblers Classic or if it has been a while since you have been, please mark it on your calendar for next year, Corvette's of Bakersfield does a fantastic job and it is a lot of fun to hang out with old and new friends !!

Bob and Vicki





Ask Rick and Lynn about the Buffalo Bus!



Who was the guy with the balloons??



These smiles will never come off their faces!!



I want to know who the babe in the red is??



Maybe a Ford tastes like a chicken too!!



Ron D??



Not going to mention any names – lol



Temecula Valley Vettes Old Town Temecula Car Show

The Temecula Car show was a blast. Cindy and Joe, Dave Alciatore, Geoff and Ginger represented CSS, We also met Bonnie and Carl from Las Vegas and the 6 of us wandered around providing me lots of photo ops. The weather was supposed to be in the 80s so we all wore summer clothes but mother nature was fickle that day and gave us cool breezes and fog rolling off the hills. Still there was time for Cindy to win basket after basket after basket in door prizes. Luckily there were enough left over for Bonnie and me to get something.



See Photo Ops galore!!





Found Dave sawing logs



And my wonderful chair! – Not



First Annual Miniature Golf Tournament April 28th.

1ST ANNUAL MINI GOLF TOURNAMENT A MAXI SUCCESS.

By: Lugg Nutt

The First Annual Corvette Super Sports Miniature Golf Tournament was judged a huge success by all the 38 golfers who participated in it. Those participating were: Richard C. and Barbara O., Jim and Elaine C., Sal and Teresa C., Tom and Barbara C., Bill D., Ron and Karen D., Geoff and Ginger G., Art and Marge H., Bob and Vicki K., Doug and Jackie L., Dave, Jenny, Jason and Sean M., Doug and Ann M., Rick, Lynn, and Alicia M. and friend Selina, Ed and Linda N., Joe and Cindy O., Cliff and Michelle O., Donna S., Dave A. and friend Ruth. The golfers were divided into 7 foursomes and 2 fivesomes by Commissioner Bert Wiest and tee-time was at 4:00 pm. Course Marshal Dianne Wiest shmoozed among the golfers to rule on any scoring or rules questions.

After the tournament, all caravanned to Blake's Place Barbecue for a delicious dinner and the awards. Miniature trophies were awarded to all participants in keeping with the theme of the event being a miniature golf tournament. Ed N. took the men's overall trophy home with a 10 under par score of 44. The women's overall trophy was won by Karen D. with a spectacular 13 strokes under par 41. Karen had the lowest score of the day. Dave M. took the hole-in-one trophy awarded for the most holes-in-one with an astounding 4 holes-in-one. The day's "duffer" award was won by Ann M.

All the golfers commented that they had a great time and that the tournament should definitely be an annual event.









Porsches Taste Like Chicken

By Jen Spencer

Climb Every (Spring) Mountain

Once again it was time to let the horses run (all 405 of them). The Porsche Club held an event at Spring Mountain and invited any/all of us to join them in another “driving performance enhancement skills” event. So with my enthusiasm for the “need for speed” I wanted to be a team player and oblige ☺ The event was so popular, they had to split the intermediate class into two run groups giving us a total of 5 as opposed to the usual 4. The best thing the organizers (Tony Zito) did to help with the number of cars running was to remove some of the twists and included another straight away which gave us another passing zone. Brilliant! What a great track configuration!

The weather was crazy! Got my farmer’s tan on Saturday and felt like an Eskimo on Sunday. Luckily didn’t see too many of these.



This weekend I made one of the most fabulous racing purchases I have ever made. It’s called Angelwings. It’s basically cushions that go between you and the center console and you and the door. No more death grip on the steering wheel or bruises on the inside of my knees from clenching the steering column. It gives me the freedom to think about driving, not slipping and sliding.



Until I can install a roll bar, special seats and 5 point harnesses, this is the best thing since sliced bread. I recommend to anyone who, while they might not be ready to try the big track themselves, come out to the track and check it out (like I did the first time). You might not be ready to feel the “need for speed” yourself, you’ll feel the adrenaline and see the beauty of how a Corvette can run free (and yes, like Judy says, Porsches do taste like chicken).

RACE ON my friends! <3 Jen



Editor's Note

I want to thank all the contributors to this month's issue of Under the Radar. All of the cub reporters have provided very professional commentary and pictures. It makes my job so much easier to be able to see an event through the eyes and camera of someone at an event.

Specifically, Art and Diane provided pictures of the Golf Tournament and Lugg Nutt sent along a story. Rick Miller, and Vicki Kump sent pictures of the Gambler's Classic and Vicky wrote a story. Art, Cindy and Rick sent pictures of the Long Beach Grand Prix. Cindy sent pictures of the Ronald McDonald Car Show. Jennifer sent us pictures and a story about "Chicken Tenders". Thank you all very much. All of you are very special.

NCCC National News

PublicRelations@corvettesNCCC.org

Officers,

First, Hal, Ron & I would like to thank all of you, your clubs and last but not least all the volunteers for helping to get this member benefit program kicked off.

The 1st issue of the **[Family Helping Family directory](#)** published, secured and available from our NCCC National Website. The directory is sorted by State, City, then in alphabetical order by volunteer name.

User Name: **NCCCHelp** pwd: **QFHF1nccc** Note: the document password will change periodically; you will be notified when it does.

Please feel free to pass this email along to your club membership so that they can access this **FHM NCCC Directory** when they travel.

We also hope that this sparks some interest in other members volunteering to provide support in areas where members might need assistance, as they travel across our great nation. If additional volunteers would like to sign up, please review the **[Family Helping Family](#)** information. Then we would ask that you complete the questionnaire and email it in so you can be there in the event that someone from our extended family needs assistance in your area.

Regards,

Douglas McMahan (817) 473-3837 (H) – (972) 998-1589 (C)

NCCC National Director of Public Relations **www.corvettesnccc.org**

We invite you to check out our **[“Why NCCC”](#)** pamphlet

... desire more info – check out the detailed **[“Why NCCC Detail”](#)** brochure

We Joined for the Cars – We Stay for the People

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

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

NCCC Regional News

West Coast Region

From: Cliff Harris [mailto:cliff_harris@earthlink.net]

Subject: NCCC RMD's Message 2012-02-25

Hi Governors,

Friday February 24, 2012 -- Membership Committee meeting

Blue Bars Magazine Editor Sylvia Hoaldrige reported that each time a Blue Bars goes to the wrong address it costs NCCC about \$3.50. She said the USPS rips off the cover and sends it to her so then she has to send out a new magazine. She gets the addresses from the membership database and creates a CD of mailing labels that goes to the printers. The magazines are actually mailed by Kennedy Printing. She is urging all the governors to make sure the addresses are correct in the database so the magazines go the right address. When somebody in your club moves you need to update the database.

FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) director Pat Kelly told us they had a problem with one club that posted the FCOA roster on their web site. Apparently the kids and their parent's were inundated with ads from some company that found the list. She is asking that you don't publish the list on your club web site or even put it in your newsletter. That reminds me that I haven't been sending the list out to the governors. I should be getting the latest list soon and will send it out.

NCCC Treasurer Bernyce Molenda told us that NCCC is being audited by the IRS, which is creating a lot of problems for the organization. She said since we're such a relatively small organization the IRS sent a third-string auditor who is young and trying to prove himself and keep his job. He has come up with all kinds of weird objections with the way we do things and fined NCCC back taxes. The way the IRS works is that you pay the fines first, then protest them. If the IRS finds in your favor you get your money back. NCCC has paid several thousand dollars (I didn't write the number down) to the IRS. NCCC found a tax attorney who is now looking in this for us.

Distribution Manager Larry Higgins told us he sent out 9223 renewal packets for 2012, contrasting with 9342 for 2011. He said all the renewal packets have been mailed out as of January 28, and he also has mailed out all the late renewals that were pending. He said the new laser printer he bought is working very well as it prints directly on the envelopes and saves us a TON of money on peel-and-stick labels. He said he now can sort the members on the computer and match Primary and Spouse/Companions. In the past two mailing labels were printed and then he had to manually match the addresses of all the Spouse/Companions to their Primaries, which was very time consuming. A side note: we usually lose about 20% of our members at renewal time. About 10% then renew late. It usually takes until the end of Summer to make up the other 10% lost with new members.

I was given 9 renewal packets and 2 new member packets that were returned to Distribution because of address problems. I will be sending those to the governors involved. Please update the database with the correct addresses for these folks so their stuff gets to them.

We are running out of new member applications again. 10,000 were printed a few years ago and they are almost gone. I suggested we distribute PDF versions (which I have been doing for the last couple of years) and the other RMDs asked me to send them my version. I scanned three membership applications onto one page but then found that the NCCC logo watermark picked up a lot of contrast and made it very difficult to read some of the info. I edited out the logo, so the app is now clean and readable. Larry said he has the original artwork, so between the two of us we'll see if we can work something out with this and save some money.

NCCC Webmistress Joan Thomas told us she keeps a separate database for the email addresses of the governors so she can do her email blasts to everybody. She said that when a governor's email address changes she needs to get an update so she can maintain her database. Otherwise the emails bounce back to her as undeliverable.

If a member transfers from one club to another in the middle of the year you need to notify the VP of Membership so he can mail out a new membership card label with the new NCCC number on it. The membership database only notifies the RMDs and VP of changes if there is money involved. A transfer doesn't cost anything if the member is active so we don't see those.

There is a glitch in the database that occurs if you transfer both a Primary member and a Spouse/Companion at the same time. What happens is that they both end up with the same number. Larry said to transfer them separately and all will be well.

We are having an ongoing discussion about "when does a person become a member of NCCC". Back in ancient times before the membership database a membership application and dues check were sent to the RMD. The RMD then assigned a NCCC number and that's when they became a member. With the membership database the person gets a NCCC number when the governor (or club treasurer or membership person) puts the person in the database. They also instantly appear on the club's "Active" list and will be on the club roster. I have requested that the programming be changed such that the new person goes on the INACTIVE list until I approve the transaction and at that time they get transferred to the Active list. That request was denied because database guru Walt Jenkins didn't want to do the work. We discussed this in September of last year and Larry wanted to make the governors all "agents" of NCCC so that the person became a member as soon as the club received the dues check and the governor put that person in the database. There was a LOT of shouting over this and the RMDs voted to keep things as they have always been: a person becomes a member when the RMD receives an application and the dues check. So... in November Larry told us he was going to make a motion to change the By-Laws to implement the "agent" thing. The initial reaction was, "NO NO NO!!!! We decided this in September". After much more discussion we voted to keep it as before. Larry was not happy but went along with the discussion.

Related to the above, we examined the wording in the By-Laws. Some people think the wording is ambiguous and others don't agree. Jerry Liimpaugh volunteered in November to write up a By-Law change proposal to clarify the wording. He told us he was going through his notes from November and found this a few days ago but it was too late to submit the By-Law change. By-Law changes must be submitted at least two weeks prior to the By-Law Committee meeting in February. I don't understand why this needs to be done so early in the year, because the By-Law changes are presented to the governors in September and voted on in November. Rules are rules, so we won't be able to submit this change until 2013.

Again related to the above, one of the RMDs brought up a problem she was having with one club where

they had transferred a couple from another club who was inactive. The club owes NCCC \$45 (\$35 late renewal + \$10) but has not paid. Many weeks have gone by and they have not responded to emails and phone calls. One problem is that this couple THINKS they are members of NCCC. They have paid their money to the club and have received NCCC numbers (they don't have membership cards yet because those don't come until after the RMD and VP approve their membership). What happens if there's an insurance claim? Big problem. Larry says this happens a very tiny percentage of the time and he doesn't see it as a problem. The RMDs disagree but we don't know how to resolve this.

Larry informed us that he, as governor of his club, has written a By-Law change that related to the above and submitted it to the By-Laws Committee. He didn't tell any of the RMDs about this before the meeting. We wanted to know the wording of his change but he said he couldn't find it on his laptop but he knew it was on his desktop computer at home. Not very useful.

Saturday February 25, 2012 -- National governors meeting

New FAA rules have gone into effect for 2012 and some of them might impact events at airports. If this applies to you contact Joe Orrico for clarification. He knows a lot about airports... ;-)

If a governor's email address changes please send the info the VP of Membership Larry Morrison. He will forward the info to Webmistress Joan Thomas so she can maintain her (separate) governors email list.

Three representatives from our new insurance broker Legacy Insurance Network visited and gave us some information on their company and their experience in the insurance business. They said their business cards and printed info was checked baggage and somehow didn't arrive with them so they had nothing to distribute. They asked that questions be asked outside the meeting to avoid a long Q&A period. They said to contact Autumn Williamson if you need an insurance certificate for your event (info on how to do that is on the insurance page of the NCCC web site). They are finalizing the details of exactly what NCCC's coverage consists of and will be publishing an updated insurance FAQ in the next couple weeks. They asked that anyone with unusual issues contact them by email. Their contact info is on the NCCC insurance page.

Charity Director Patrick Dolan said the charity raffle car could be a Centennial Edition if he was guaranteed \$80,000 in ticket sales to cover the cost of the car. He said that's not likely to happen. He said they are currently taking applications for scholarships and will hand out \$1000 scholarships based on how much money they have in the scholarship fund. There will be 8 to 10 scholarships available. Info on how to apply is on the NCCC charity page.

We are looking forward to the NCCC Convention in Tulsa this year and the 2013 Convention in Bowling Green. Rumors have been circulating about a 2014 Convention in Savannah, GA (my guess is that a Convention bid will be presented -- I don't know the time frame for these things, so I don't know when it will happen).

Allen Morris made a motion to make Doug Hooper an Honorary Member of NCCC. This was suggested by Tom Bailey of High Sierra Corvettes because Doug lives nearby. I suggested to Tom when he brought this up to me that he send out an email to all the NCCC governors beforehand so they would know what they were voting on. I talked with our Webmistress Joan Thomas about this (she maintains the NCCC governors email list) and she told me that she refused to send out the emails, mainly because she didn't want to "bother" the governors who would not be at the meeting. I told her that in that case she should just send the emails to the governors who WOULD be attending the meeting. ;-) Allen gave a very detailed explanation of exactly who Doug Hooper was and his contributions to the Corvette racing effort back in

the '60s. He was a contemporary of Dick Guldstrand, who is already an NCCC Honorary Member. There was no discussion and the motion was put to a vote. A bunch of hands went up for the YES vote. No hands went up for the NO vote. Then President Hal Bellamy said, "Oh yeah, we need to do abstentions. Any abstentions?". One hand went up. Hal said the motion to induct an Honorary Member must be unanimous, "Motion failed". I always thought an abstention was a non-vote, but was informed that it equals a NO vote if it must be unanimous. They told me after the meeting that the person who abstained got a horrified look on their face when they found out that the motion failed. My personal belief is that they didn't know what the abstention meant to the vote. We are planning to submit this motion again at the May meeting, and we'll be careful to explain up front that it must be unanimous and what an abstention means.

A side note: Jim Harris (NO relation) is an "interesting" character. I have been going to the meetings in St. Louis since 2003 and he never talked to me until he was running for President for 2011. Then I was suddenly his best buddy. A lot of people don't like him and his political machinations in the organization. We were told on Friday night that he was planning to make several motions at the governors meeting for By-Law changes. I jokingly said at the time that a lot of people would vote NO just because of who made the motion, regardless of its merit. Jim's motions...

...That a \$10 fee for each sanction be charged the clubs to help pay for the NCCC competition program, which was several thousand dollars over budget last year. This money goes for trophies and jackets to the top 15 men competitors, top 15 women competitors and the top 15 clubs. I asked how many sanctioned events there were in 2011 to get an idea of how much money is involved and VP of Competition Paul Haack said there were 1319 events, so we're talking about roughly \$13,000. Many people pointed out that the clubs are already paying sanction fees to their regions and this would just discourage them from putting on events. Part of the motion was that a club could get their money back if the event were canceled due to an act of God. After much discussion they said the way that would happen is that the club would have to submit a written request for a refund to the VP of Comp, who would then pass it on to the Treasurer if he approved it, who would then write a check to the club. Seemed complex to me. That motion was defeated.

...That any expenditure over \$1000 would require obtaining at least two competitive bids. Somebody pointed out that there is no provision to force the person to actually go with the lower bid. Somebody else pointed out that \$1000 is pretty low and raising that to a more realistic \$5000 would prevent a lot of unnecessary hassles. That motion was defeated.

...That there be a \$2.00 rebate given to the various regions for each new Primary member. I guess this was supposed to be an incentive to get the regions to bring in more new members. Most of the discussion on this one was related to where the money would come from, since NCCC's budget is about \$30,000 in the hole for 2012. The budget is ALWAYS in the hole at the beginning of the year because it's a GUESS of how much money will be spent and it's always padded to allow for unforeseen expenses. We always manage to come out of the year OK, so this is not really an issue. That motion was defeated. You'd think he'd give up, but no...

Questions, suggestions, etc. invited and welcome.

See ya,

Cliff

Please take this opportunity to be one of the first users to check out

Caltrans QuickMap before it is rolled out to the general public by

clicking on the link at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Regional Schedule

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WC-340-035NS	17	Low Speed Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
WC-340-036NS	18	Low Speed Autocross	Palm Springs Corvette Club	Indio, CA
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WC-446-010	31	CANCELED	Milleninum Corvettes	Corona, CA
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WC-302-030	1	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	Rancho Cucamonga
WC-518-013	7	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-014	7	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
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WC-552-001	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-002	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-003	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-004	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-005	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-006	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-552-007	21	Super Seven Rallye	Inland Empire Corvettes	Yucipa, CA
WC-500-025	22	PC Car Show	Corvettes of Temecula Valley	Temecula, CA
WC-325-034	28	CANCELED	Orange Cournty Vettes	Irvine, CA
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	5	National Meetings	NCCC	St. Louis
	6	National Meetings	NCCC	St. Louis
	12	Governers Meeting	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Barbara
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WC-514-008	20	Corvette Dreaming PC	Covettes of San Diego	San Diego, CA

WC-514-009NS	20	Covette Dreaming Concours	Covettes of San Diego	San Diego, CA
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WC-518-015	2	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-518-016	2	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
WC-507-032	2	PC Car Show	Victor Valley Vettes	Victorville, CA
WC-325-011	3	Huntington Beach PC	Orange Cournty Vettes	Huntington Beach, CA
WC-401-012	9	Concours Car Show	The Vette Set	Redondo Beach, CA
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WC-394-031	16	PC Car Show	Antelope Valley Corvettes	Lancaster, CA
WC-394-037	16	Game Rallye	Antelope Valley Corvettes	Lancaster, CA
WC-394-038	16	Game Rallye	Antelope Valley Corvettes	Lancaster, CA
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	23-30	NCCC Convention		Topeka, Kansas
WC-302-028RS	29	PC Car Show	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
WC-302-029RS	29	Funkana	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
WC-302-026RS	30	Low Speed Autocross	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
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WC-326-027RS	1	Rallye	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
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WC-325-033	21	Poker Rallye	Orange Cournty Vettes	Irvine, CA
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	8	National Meetings	NCCC	St. Louis
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WC-518-019	15	PC Car Show	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA

WC-518-020	15	Poker Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
WC-518-021	15	Game Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
WC-518-022	15	Game Rallye	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Maria, CA
WC-180-023	15	Game Rallye	Newport Harbor Corvettes	Santa Maria, CA
WC-180-024	15	Game Rallye	Newport Harbor Corvettes	Santa Maria, CA
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WC-518-017	13	Low Speed Autocross	Vapor Trails Vettes	Lompoc, CA
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From: Cliff Harris
Subject: NCCC St. Louis Meetings Intro

Hi Governors,

Since we have new governors in the region I thought I'd give a little introduction to the reports that will follow.

Three regional officers go to St. Louis, MO four times a year for the NCCC national meetings, which consist of committee meetings on Friday night and the national governors meeting on Saturday

afternoon. There are also meetings on Saturday morning but we don't attend those.

The regional officers involved are:

Regional Executive (RE) Allen Morris
Regional Competition Director (RCD) Joe Orrico
Regional Membership Director (RMD) Cliff Harris

We go to St. Louis in February, May, September and November.

Allen is on the Finance Committee and the Executive Committee.

Joe is on the Competition Committee.

I am on the Vision Committee and the Membership Committee.

I make notes while in the meetings and when I write my reports it's pretty much "as I wrote it down", in no special order. The Membership Committee meeting can be pretty chaotic, with various officers wandering in whenever they feel like it, so we unusually interrupt what we are doing to hear their reports.

I have been RMD since 2003 and I usually combine my Membership Committee report with my report on the national governors meeting. When I joined the Vision Committee I broke that out as a separate report because the function is not really related to the other two.

I put out this information and it is up to you, the governor, to edit and filter and decide how much (if any) to pass along to your club members. The reports will be coming along as soon as I finish writing them...

See ya,

Cliff

Corvette Racing Team News

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

**An encouraging start for Corvette Racing
By: Tommy Milner on March 27, 2012**

This year, as you almost certainly know, marked the 60th anniversary of the 12 Hours of Sebring. One look at pit lane and the history of the race's overall winners shows how important this event has been to sports-car racing. It was also the first round of sports-car racing's first world championship in 10 years. For me, in my eighth year in GT competition in the American Le Mans Series and my second year with Corvette Racing, Sebring was an important start to the year.

With or without its status as a round of the new FIA World Endurance Championship, Sebring is an event. Some 100,000-plus fans from around the world gathered to enjoy one of the United States' greatest automobile races. When I look back at the drivers, teams and manufacturers who have competed at Sebring, it's humbling to know that I can put myself in the same group as those who came before me.

For 2012, Corvette Racing has brought an evolutionary change to the Corvette C6.R. Now allowed to build a wider car for this season, the team at Pratt & Miller Engineering and Corvette Racing have worked hard in the off-season to develop a car to challenge our competition from Maranello, Munich and Stuttgart. There is no other class in

sports-car racing more competitive and compelling than the GT class, and every year each manufacturer continues to develop and improve its car. This year is no different.

Sebring was especially important because it was the only real opportunity to gauge how we, as a team, stack up to our competition before the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We'll have one more opportunity at the Le Mans test day prior to the race, but Sebring is always a true test of the entire team and an opportunity to improve before the famous 24 Hours. As is always the case, while I was very impressed with Corvette Racing's improvement in the off-season, the other manufacturers made an impact as well.

In qualifying, as Jan Magnussen and my co-driver, Oliver Gavin, threw everything they had at the bumpy 3.7-mile circuit in their respective Corvettes, each came up just a bit short of the quickest times, earning a third and fourth place, respectively. Still, those were a couple of great starting spots for such a long race and a great result for a winter of hard work to improve upon the Le Mans-winning C6.R.

The grid size at Sebring this year was one of the major talking points. Sixty-three cars, more than any in recent history, would start the race; managing that traffic would be a huge key to a successful race in every class. Oliver would start for us in the No. 4 and we would cycle through drivers at almost every stop.

As the race played out, we seemed to have the race pace to compete with the Ferraris and BMWs. All throughout practice, it's very hard to gauge where everyone is in terms of speed. We seemed to be competitive in practice, and I was happy to see that was still the case in the race when all of the cards were on the table.

In any long endurance race, the goal for the first three-quarters is to simply survive. Make no mistakes on the track or in the pits, and put yourself and the team in position to fight for the win. Oliver, Richard Westbrook and I all led the race at different points. We were keeping our nose clean and just focusing on running quick and navigating traffic as best as possible.

With the sun setting, lap times started to fall. With about four hours to go in the race, both of our Corvettes and both of the BMWs were right up front, with a Ferrari and a Porsche following closely. We continued to look strong as the temperature cooled, a condition we struggled in last year. That was the only question I had about our pace, and things looked good.

As I hopped in the car for my final stint with about two hours to go, I knew we'd come out of the pits right with the others in our class-and now the race was on. After getting by one BMW early on for second place, I set my sights on the next BMW for the lead. I was able to match the pace of Joey Hand in the BMW and was a bit better through traffic. Twice I was able to get past him but only just-and on the wrong side of the track to make the pass stick. Finally, after two tries, I was able to get a run out of the last corner when he made a mistake; I got by him into turn one to take the lead with about an hour and 20 minutes remaining before I would pit and Oliver would get into the car for the finish.

As things shook out, we ended up fourth in the combined WEC/ALMS standings and third in the ALMS GT results. A win would have been sweet, of course, but third was still a very strong start to what will hopefully be another fantastic year in the GT class and, from a selfish standpoint, a much more competitive year for us at Corvette Racing! Be sure to follow along all year!

Autoweek Editor at Speed Tommy Milner, 26, of Lake Mary, Fla., joined Corvette Racing in 2011 as a full-season driver in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R. He realized his potential quickly, winning the GTE Pro class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans with co-drivers Olivier Beretta and Antonio Garcia. Milner made the pass for the lead and then completed his stint in treacherous wet conditions before handing off to Garcia for the final laps in the world's most famous sports-car race.

A second-generation racer, Milner is the son of noted team owner Tom Milner. He has competed in formula- and sports-car series with distinction. He has driven for factory-affiliated teams representing Panoz, Porsche and BMW, and he has competed three times in the 24 Hours of Le Mans. He finished third in the ALMS GT driver championship in 2010 and ninth in 2011. This season, he teams with full-time co-driver Oliver Gavin in the American Le Mans Series, as well as co-driver Richard Westbrook in select endurance races.

Corvette Technical Corner

Chevrolet the Top Performance Brand in the U.S.

Corvette and Camaro accounted for one in three sports car sales in 2011

DETROIT – Chevrolet is America's favorite performance brand, with Camaro and Corvette accounting for one out of every three sports cars sold in the United States in 2011.

In 2011, Chevrolet accounted for 37 percent of the sports-car segment with the sale of 88,249 Camaros, surpassing its nearest competitor, the Ford Mustang, by more than 18,000 units. That lead is expected to increase when the new Camaro ZL1 goes on sale this month. Chevrolet accounted for 27 percent of the luxury-sports-car segment in 2011, with a total of 13,164 Corvettes sold. Corvette – currently the only domestic car in the segment – more than doubled the sales of its nearest competitor, the Porsche 911.

Top 5 Sports Cars by 2011 Total Sales and Market Share				Top 5 Luxury Sports Cars by 2011 Total Sales and Market Share			
1.	Chevrolet Camaro	88,249	37%	1.	Chevrolet Corvette	13,164	28%
2.	Ford Mustang	70,438	29%	2.	Porsche 911	6,016	13%
3.	Dodge Challenger	39,534	16%	3.	BMW 6-Series	3,903	8%
4.	Honda CR-Z	11,330	5%	4.	BMW Z4	3,479	7%
5.	Hyundai Veloster	9,284	4%	5.	Mercedes SLK	3,220	7%

“With the addition of the Camaro ZL1, there are only a handful of brands in the world with two cars that can match the performance, technology, and excitement of Corvette and Camaro,” said General Motors North America President Mark Reuss. “Unlike many competitors’ performance cars, the Corvette ZR1 and Camaro ZL1 are appropriate for both daily drivers and track use from the factory – with standard coolers for brakes and drive train.”;

“And we challenge any company to bring two cars to compete with the Corvette ZR1 and Camaro ZL1, dollar for dollar,” Reuss continued. “They will discover what enthusiasts already know –that Chevrolet Camaro and Corvette are the world’s best performance cars for the money.”;

To demonstrate the capabilities of the Corvette and Camaro, Chevrolet recently tested both cars on the “Grand Course” at [Virginia International Raceway](#). The Grand Course configuration is a challenge for production cars because it requires prodigious power, precise handling and tenacious grip to record a fastlap.

The 2012 Corvette ZR1, equipped with new Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires, lapped the Grand Course in 2:45.6 – faster than the published lap time for any production car.

The 2012 Camaro ZL1 lapped the Grand Course in 2:52.4 – more than 10 seconds faster than the published lap time of the Ford Mustang Boss 302 Laguna Seca on the same track.

Car and Driver Magazine, which conducts the annual [Lightning Lap](#) shootout at VIR, called the track “the nearest thing to the Nurburgring’s fabled Nordschleife.”;

“The Grand Course at VIR is an excellent test of all-around vehicle performance,” said Al Oppenheiser, global chief vehicle engineer for Rear Wheel Drive and Performance Cars, General Motors. “Like the Nurburgring, a single lap at VIR tests every aspect of a car, including power, brakes, steering, tire grip and chassis balance. To break a three-minute lap on the four-mile Grand Course is an incredible accomplishment for any car.”;

The Corvette ZR1 is the most powerful vehicle Chevrolet has ever produced, with a supercharged, 6.2L, LS9 V-8

delivering 638 horsepower and 604 pound-feet of torque. Of all mass-production companies, Chevrolet is the leader in carbon fiber use, with the lightweight material used for structural components on the ZR1 including the front fenders, hood, roof, front splitter, rocker panels and floor pans. With a curb weight of 3,353 pounds, the ZR1 features a power-to-weight ratio of just 5.2 pounds per horsepower. As a result, the ZR1 is also the fastest Chevrolet ever produced, capable of accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 3.4 seconds, and reaching a top speed of 205 mph. The Corvette ZR1 starts at \$112,575, including destination.

The Camaro ZL1 is the most powerful Camaro ever produced, with a supercharged, 6.2L, LSA V-8 delivering 580-horsepower, and 556 pound-feet of torque. It is also the most sophisticated Camaro ever, with exclusive performance technologies including Performance Traction Management and Magnetic Ride suspension. Other standard performance features include six-piston Brembo brakes, and coolers for the rear differential, brakes, and transmission. As a result, the ZL1 is also the most capable Camaro ever, accelerating from 0 to 60 mph in 3.9 seconds, reaching a top speed of 184 mph, and lapping the famed Nurburgring in just 7:41.27. The Camaro ZL1 starts at \$54,995, including destination.

Both Corvette and Camaro have also recently been recognized by [IntelliChoice](#) as being the best overall value in their segments – further proof that consumers are getting more performance for their money from Chevrolet.

Consequences

