

# *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 receiving medical treatment at one of 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 facilities. 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 full day's stay for a child and their family.



Pop Tab Houses  
We need your help to build a better house for you. The pop tab house is constructed and built from one pound of pop tabs. The pop tab house is built from one pound of pop tabs. The pop tab house is built from one pound of pop tabs.



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- Everyone can get involved!
- Schools
- Churches
- Companies
- Civic Organizations
- Families in your neighborhood

#### Pop Tab Houses

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# 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



## Message From The Prez.

### Happy Leap Year



First I want to thank all of you for making my first full month as your President so amazing and fulfilling. You all indulged me by committing to memory the Ten Commandments and reciting them at the January meeting. It really did my heart good to feel the camaraderie. It is the same feeling I got at the Valentine Bowl. From my seat behind the alley ways I saw one big team of great friends having fun together with a little bit of friendly competition. I now see why Geoff said last year that it looked like everyone was doing the "Hokey Pokey". Donna has a great dance step that coaxes her ball down the alley and Gary Plehn has a great way of getting on his knees to pray his ball down the center. But whatever the means, everyone pulls together and plays hard. Even afterwards during the pot luck, there was laughter and happiness. It humbles me to know that you have entrusted me to be your President this year. I hope I can live up to your expectations.

It is your teamwork that I am counting on. I know that I might sound like a broken record when I talk about a Car Show as a fund raiser for this year because all of you have given so much over the past 5 years running and working and planning for our car shows. I understand why no one has stepped up to be the planning coordinator for a car show this year. Part of the reason is that everyone is tired. Another reason is that the economy is causing other clubs to halt their fund raisers too. But then I got this crazy idea. What would happen if we had a grand prize that would draw in over 1,000 people to buy raffle tickets? What would happen if our car show was advertised so well that Chevrolet owners from all over the state decided that our show is just what they were looking for because all the other Corvette Shows were either too far away or was the only one for months and months? How could we have the best show? How could we draw in all those people? What would attract people from all over the state and bring a real buying public onto the Connell Chevrolet sales lot besides all the Corvettes? I have a Dream! I have a Plan!

I have talked to the owners of Connell Chevrolet and have been investigating how we as a club could purchase a brand new ZR1 and use it as the raffle prize at the car show. Connell and GM will run advertising for us and all we have to do is come up with the down payment. GM will give us the same deal as the Museum gets for a new ZR1 and the minimum price for a raffle ticket will be \$100. This

means that only half of the anticipated attendance will need to purchase a ticket. Who would not want a chance to get a brand new ZR1 for a mere \$100. After doing the math and cutting some corners, we figured out that all we would be required to invest would be \$12,000. Well, it just turns out that we have enough money in our account to make this happen.

So, now, is there anyone who wants to help plan this once in a life time Car Show? Just think about it, you will be the one in all the advertising in the paper and the flyers in that new ZR1. Lets make this happen.

Now, just so that you don't forget, here is a reprint of the Corvette Owner's Ten Commandments.

#### The Ten Commandments of Corvette Owners

1. Thou shalt not loan corvette to anyone
2. Thou shalt not bring Corvette to an automatic car wash
3. Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow Owner
4. Thou shalt not swear at Corvette – for it is very tempermental
5. Thou shalt not cruise on an unpaved road
6. Thou shalt not pass another fellow Corvette Owner in distress
7. Thou shalt not feed with budget grade fuel
8. Thou shalt not expose Corvette to severe weather conditions
9. Thou shalt not forget to activate alarm
10. Thou shalt not acknowledge a Porsche as a true sports car.

I will not see you on March 6<sup>th</sup> because I will be traveling to Bowling Green to meet with GM executives about our plan. Geoff will be filling in for me. Remember to bring your 10 Commandments.

## CSS News

We need to keep 2 of our members in our prayers this month. Connie Killian is recovering from triple bypass and heart valve replacement. Connie came through the procedure just fine, but now he is bored and would like to chat with friends. He has his cell phone with him so if you want, please call him at 714-337-1840. If you prefer to send a card, his address is

Connie Killian  
Aloha Travel  
160 Eastwood Place  
Brea, Calif. 92821

We also need to pray for a speedy recovery for Bob Reed who will be having back surgery this week to repair a broken disc on his spine. I don't have his cell number but you could send him a get well card at:

Bob Reed  
323 Amberwick Lane  
Brea, CA 92821

**The Social event for March 2012:**

**3/10 HomeLand Security Advance Training**

**The Club event for March 2012:**

**3/17 Non Sanctioned Autocross palm Springs**

**3/17 Highland Ave Car Show – Rancho Cucamonga**

**3/25 Cal-Rods Car show Santa Anita Race Track**

**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**

I have the honor of accepting the position of Charity Chairperson for 2012. I do not take this position lightly. After all, our club's mission is to enjoy driving our Corvettes and to support charities that give back to those in need within our local communities.

In past years the recipient charities and the distribution percentages to these charities was decided upon at the end of the year. I have recommended to the Board that we select the charities at the beginning of the year rather than at the end. This way we will know what organizations we will be supporting throughout the year.

Four charities were presented to the board members for consideration:

- Chip's for Kids,
- Council on Aging,
- Operation Home Front and
- H.I.S. House.



Furthermore, rather than trying to figure out complicated percentages for each charity, it was recommended that they would each receive 25% of whatever the club's charity distribution would be for the year. Due to a smaller "distribution pot", we will be able to do more by supporting four charities rather than the usual five to six.

The charities selected spread the club's hard earned dollars between organizations supporting children, soldiers and their families, the elderly and the homeless. I believe that this is a good cross section of our society that will benefit from our club's support.

After much discussion, the Board voted to support these changes. With the recommendation of the Board, these changes will be presented to the members for acceptance.

Take a moment to read the thank you letters on the website from last year's recipients. You will see that we really do make a difference!

## **CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING**

Board of Governors meeting minutes  
February 21, 2012

Officers present: Dianne Wiest, Bert Wiest, Marge Huhta, Geoff Girvin, Joe Orrico

Board members present: Ron DeBartolomeis, Jim Cooper, Gary Plehn, Vicki Kump, Linda Norris, Donna Stewart

Members in attendance: Karen DeBartolomeis, Art Huhta, Bob Kump, Cindy Orrico

Dianne called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

There will be a special board meeting at Dianne and Bert's home Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 6:45 PM for bylaws revision.

There were no new members to vote in.

Dianne has appointed Kathy B. to handle the sick and bereavement card and gift responsibilities for the club. The policy was reviewed and is: for a hospitalized member, a \$50.00 bouquet of flowers or a \$50.00 gift card sent to the member. The choice of flowers or gift card left to the member. For bereavement a memorial brick at the Corvette museum or a \$100.00 donation in the members name to one of the club's current charities. The person must be an active, dues paying member of the club.

Connie K., new member in the hospital with heart problems had to undergo a triple bypass

There was some discussion after a report by Donna on the club business cards. A motion was made by Bert: "That the club allocate no more than \$375.00 to Donna to order business cards, this sum to include printing, postage and mailing of the cards." The motion was seconded and passed by a vote of 5 to 4.

Bert gave a report on the current state of the miniature golf tournament, more golfers need register.

Jim gave a report on the proposed radio control car racing outing. The cost would be 400.00 for 2 hours, including cars, car maintenance, pizza and drinks. Tentatively to be scheduled some Saturday in July.

Donna made a motion that" the banquet budget be adjusted to increase the comped dinners from 8 to 9 and the décor budget from \$150.00 to \$180.00." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dianne discussed the need for a car show chairman and that one is needed by the next board meeting.

Donna would like to have the Charity thank you letters read at the general meeting.

Also discussed was the need of a new club Historian to keep and maintain the club scrapbooks.

Bert made a motion "to reimburse Geoff for postage for the newsletter contest mailing, not to exceed \$30.00." The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Donna mentioned that she would like copies of the board meeting minutes available for review, Bert said he would comply.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted  
Bert Wiest, Secretary, Corvette Super Sports.

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

<b><u>FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>
Kelli Reed 9th	Bert & Dianne Wiest 02/14/70
John Manfred 19th	
Doug Meeuwenberg 15th	
Mark Costello 24th	
<b><u>MARCH BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>MARCH ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>
Thomas Cuccio,Jr. 3rd	Geoff & Ginger Girvin 03/21/70
CynDee Aerts 3rd	Ron & Katie Kennedy 3/24
Bert Wiest 9th	
Don Prichard 12th	
Carol Bacon 14th	
Pat Works 17th	
Teresa Cruz 26th	
Ron DeBartolomeis 30th	

## **Social Corner**

The goal of the social chairman is to post the events for the entire year so that our membership can plan accordingly.

Social events are defined as a caravan to a place of interest where we can participate in an adventure and have time to talk with other members about recent Car Show and Rallies that we have participated in.

The Club event is defined as our club participating in another Corvette Club's activities to support their charities.

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](mailto:GBGirvin@yahoo.com)

## **Club Event Yearly Schedule**

<b>February 11<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Valentine Bowl</b>
<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>
<b>March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Palm Springs Non-Sanctioned Autocross Riverside County Fairgrounds</b>
<b>March 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Highland Ave Car Show – Rancho Cucamonga</b>
<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Cal-Rods Car show Santa Anita Race Track</b>
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Corvettes West – Ronald McDonald Car Show Rancho Cucamonga</b>
<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport</b>
<b>April 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>
<b>April 13-15</b>	<b>Long Beach Grand Prix – Corvette Corral</b>
<b>April 20-22</b>	<b>Gambler's Classic - Laughlin</b>
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Corvettes of Temecula Car show</b>
<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>First Annual Miniature Golf Tourney – Camelot Anaheim</b>
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>
<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Corvette Dreamin' Liberty Station – Naval Training Center - Promenade</b>
<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Vapor Trails Autocross – Santa Maria Airport</b>
<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>OC Vettes Car show – Huntington Beach Central Park</b>
<b>June 9<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Vette Set Car Show</b>
<b>June 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Antelope Valley Car Show</b>
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup>.</b>	<b>Famiuly Picnic</b>
<b>June 21-24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Corvettes at Lake Tahoe</b>
<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash – Garry and Shirley's – Big Bear</b>
<b>June 29<sup>th</sup> July 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Big Bear Bash</b>
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup>.</b>	<b>Mystery Run</b>
<b>July 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Poker Rallye, Orange Cournty Vettes Irvine, CA</b>
<b>July 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>	<b>Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am</b>

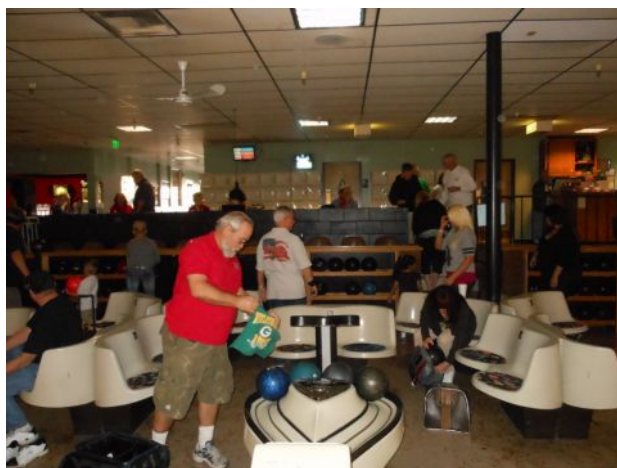
August 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
September 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Donna's Pool Party
September 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Poker & Game Rallye... Newport Harbor Corvettes Santa Maria, CA
September 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Vapor Trails Car show and Rallye
September 29 <sup>th</sup>	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Oct. 13 <sup>th</sup> .	Vapor Trails Autocross Santa Maria Airport
Oct. 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Bowling with Turkeys
Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Homeland Security Advanced Training 9am Final Exam

## Club Events for February

### Valentine's Bowl

On February 11<sup>th</sup>, we met at the La Habra Bowling Alley to once again strain our backs, do the Hokie Pokie on the approaches and attempt to look like bowling professionals. And once again, we succeeded to have more fun than a barrel of monkeys or a bowling alley of monkeys. I wish that we had a movie camera available because I think that if we posted Donna's bowling ball dance on YouTube, it would go viral and we could make money on it. Afterwards we had another great pot luck dinner and got our trophies and told lies.

I got a crying towel for something I did. You will remember that I got a bowling set at the banquet to help improve my score. It did not help. What helped was to be on a team with Ed Norris.







Take note of my shoes. Pat Boone Specials!



Look at Ed. He is trying to ignore Donna



This is one of our new members Richard!



The Peanut Gallery



A better picture of Richard



The teams



And yes I guess I do drool.



More Peanut Gallery. I think Cindy was telling Dianne all the stuff that she needs to do as Pres. Why the rest of the ladies are talking and not paying attention – well you know!







See it does look like the Hokie Pokie. That is Gary putting his back side in !



And then there was food.



Cute pic of Carol and Bruce.

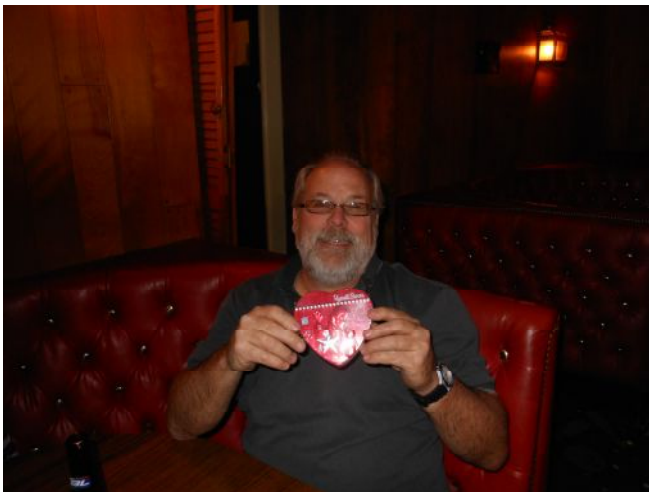
These next pictures are the reason we all like Valentine's Day!







**We also like the prizes we get!**





They get body paint, ..... I get a crying towel



Shannon looks happy!



Joe and Cindy always get the "right" prizes!!



# HomeLand Security Advanced Training

All last year the HomeLand Security agents practiced shooting trap as a basic training course. Qualification on the course gave all the agents an understanding of their weapons and how to anticipate where the clay pigeons would fly. This year, we are undertaking advanced training by shooting what is called “Sporting Clays” In this environment, there are 15 stands where the launchers are hidden out of sight and the trajectories of the clay pigeons are somewhat random and at variable speeds. This course will prepare all of the agents for field work because the pigeons are just as unpredictable as real life targets.

At each of the stations there are 2 birds that need to be dispatched. The object is to dispatch the target and it does not matter how many shells it takes. This means that the magazine will generally be filled with multiple shells. The targets can be fired manually or automatically. During our first few outings, we will continue to fire the targets manually, but soon we will have them fired automatically with a small delay between each. The purpose of this advanced training is to be able to anticipate targets and better protect this land we live in.

The following are some of the pictures from the outing.



This is a typical stand. The shooter is inside and the targets are launched from behind them









# **NCCC National News**

**[PublicRelations@corvettesNCCC.org](mailto:PublicRelations@corvettesNCCC.org)**

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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](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

<http://www.ncccwcregion/>

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

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

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

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

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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	29	Governors Meeting	Corvettes West	Redlands
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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.**

ALMS: Jordan Taylor Aiming High With Corvette  
Written by: John Dagys  
Date: 02/20/2012 - 03:06 PM  
Location: Sydney, (AUS)

One of the most successful sports car racing brands over the past decade has arguably been Corvette. With the likes of Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell, Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta having all achieved countless victories and championships, the iconic yellow and black beasts have been a dominant force in both the American Le Mans Series and at the 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Fresh off its seventh class victory in the twice-around-the-clock French classic, the Pratt & Miller squad will return to La Sarthe not only with an updated pair of GT-class contenders but also new blood in the driving strength, as rising star Jordan Taylor joins the lineup for 2012.



Son of three-time sports car champion Wayne Taylor, the 20-year-old GRAND-AM GT runner-up adds his name to an illustrious group of drivers that have piloted the factory Corvette C6.Rs since the program's inception, in what the second-generation driver calls a dream come true opportunity.

"When you think of GT racing or sports car racing, you think of Corvette," Taylor told [SPEED.com](http://SPEED.com). "I went to Le Mans in 2001 and 2002 with my dad's Cadillac program and we were [set up] right next to the Corvettes. I've basically been watching these guys since I've been 10 years old. For sure, it's a dream come true."

Taylor is no stranger to the North American sports car racing scene, namely GRAND-AM, where he's coming off his most successful season yet, which saw a win at VIR and numerous podiums driving an Autohaus Motorsports Camaro GT.R.

While his Rolex Sports Car Series program will take center stage again, as he chases the GT class title, Taylor's impressive test with the factory GM team in December earned him a seat alongside Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R for the endurance rounds this year, which includes a much-anticipated debut at Le Mans in June.

"Le Mans will be a huge learning curve. I've got these great names like Magnussen, Garcia, [Oliver] Gavin, [Tommy] Milner and [Richard] Westbrook to learn from and I also have my dad and Max [Angelelli] to help me out," Taylor said. "But it's going to be a lot different when I'm there, myself sitting in the seat of the Corvette and having to learn it myself."

"It's going to be a lot of learning but I'm doing my homework now, so hopefully it will pay off once I get there."

As a mechanical engineering major at the University of Central Florida, Taylor took a few "sick days" and headed down to Sebring earlier this month for the ALMS Winter Test, where he quickly came to grips of the new wide-body Corvette.

Along with co-drivers Garcia and Magnussen, the trio proved to be right on the pace of the leading contenders, which bodes well heading into March's ALMS season opener, where he'll kick off his campaign with the Corvette squad.

Success no doubt runs in the Taylor family. With father Wayne having earned a pair of IMSA championships and the 2005 Rolex Sports Car Series title, and brother Ricky racking up Daytona Prototype victories and nearly breaking the series' consecutive pole record last year, Jordan is quickly making a name for himself as well, and 2012 could very well be his breakout year.

"I don't know what the future would hold, but for sure, I want to stay associated with Corvette Racing, go to Le Mans for the rest of my life!" he said. "I love GT cars, so I really don't have huge aspirations of going any higher than this. I enjoy the racing and the formula of the different manufacturers competing. So, I'm pretty happy where I am right now."

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## **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

