

# *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 be funded. If the family is unable to pay, the House is supported by the general public or donated by the community as a whole. The Pop Tab Program is one of our ongoing fund-raising programs that help support our mission of being a "home-away-from-home" for the families of children requiring medical treatment at area hospitals.



Pop Tab Houses  
We need your help to build a better house for you. The pop tab house is constructed and built about one pound of tabs about 100. The pop tab house is built about 20-25 pounds of tabs about 100. Each weekly day for and assembly with.



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

Remember ... it's all about



# 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 New Year



Well for me as your new President, it is Happy New Year for sure. I have to admit that there was not a lot for me to do in January as President of CSS because the banquet committee (Karen, Donna, Linda and Vicki) took care of everything so well, my sweetie (aka Bert), handled the music beautifully, Geoff delivered the best yet slide presentation, and Cindy was Emcee. So January has come and gone and now it is time to get serious and finish the annual calendar so we can all begin to plan for our next set of exciting events for 2012.

I would also like to make a few changes in our meeting format because from my experience, when the club is united in their actions, we move as if we were one with nature. One of the things that occurred in 2009 that I thought was exceptionally exhilarating was to have all the members stand and recite the “Ten Commandments Of Corvette Owners” at the beginning of the meeting. I think that we should all stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance, then recite the Ten Commandments and then begin the meeting. To help you all remember what to recite, I have included it here in my byline.

#### 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.

Do you all remember the last time that our Secretary (aka Bert) took care of the music at an event of ours? It was at the Birthday Party for CSS in 2009. His “Radio Show” was such a hit that I have decided to change the format of the club monthly general meetings to be more like his spoof on the radio. Bert will actually run the meetings and interview each of the officers for their comments. KCSS will be “On the

Air” and if any of our members want to know something, they will have to call him on his cell phone and ask for a special request.

I am also thinking that the General meeting in June we will have no tables set up in the room. Instead, if you want to eat dinner before the meeting, please do so in the dining room adjacent to the meeting room. In our meeting room, we will have a line dancing session where Donna, Vicki and Linda will teach us all how to do the Electric Slide and the Boot Scoot Boogie. It is important for all members to attend this meeting so that we can practice and be ready for the Big Bear Bash. We need to get up as a club and dance in unison at the Big Bear Bash and challenge other clubs to see if they can do better. Donna and I decided on this at the banquet. I was so taken aback by Donna’s “dancin’ dress” that I remembered her telling me once that back in the day, CSS used to do skits and dance for everyone at the Big Bear Bash. We decided that we need to do that again. Who knows, maybe we can all dance at the end of the second annual Talent show too.

I hope you all enjoy the pictures of the Banquet that everyone took in this month’s “Under the Radar” and see if you can name all the people in the pictures .

See you on February 7h. Remember to bring your 10 Commandments.

## CSS News

**The Social event for February 2012: Valentine Bowling 2/11/2012 at La Habra Bowl**

**The Club event for February 2012: HomeLand Security Advance 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**

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**

Annual meeting minutes

Date: January 28, 2012

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

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

We were welcomed by Karen who introduced outgoing club President Cindy.

The meeting, held at the Fullerton Elks club, was called to order at 7:47 PM by outgoing President Cindy. She had comments regarding last year including, the state of the club is terrific, we have 95 current members, we are NCCC regional champions now for 3 consecutive years and comments about what a great time was had at the car show.

Marge was called upon to give the Treasurer's report. Income for 2011 was 12,871.30, expenses for 2011 were 16,856.89 and the year-end balance is 12,298.18. Total membership is 93 at year end, therefore the quorum of 47 is needed to conduct business and adopt motions.

Cindy awarded club pins for years of membership:

5 years to Roger and Carol, Marge and Art, Gary, Chuck and Sue, Larry, Robyn and Larry, Bert and Dianne.

25 years to Linda and Ed

35 years to Ilona, posthumously

45 years to Doug

Donnell and Vince, from CHIPS For Kids, gave their thanks to the club for our continued support over the past years, reporting that the charity last year directed over 50,000 toys. They reported that Red Robin Restaurant had joined the list of contributors to the charity with a sizeable donation. Also mentioned was that Donnell may be retiring after this year or next year.

Other invited guests were Dave from club sponsor Connell Chevrolet and Teri and husband from club charity HIS house. Terry reported about the HIS house program, that they had helped 95 people last year and have a 38% success rate. She explained that the organizations goal is to help people to self-sufficiency and that 75% of the people seeking help are single mothers with children.

Geoff gave out awards to all Homeland Security participants. These awards were all personally made by Geoff. Art and Michelle received the "Top Gun" awards for the most accurate shooting. It was also reported that next year's shooting will involve sporting clays, somewhat different and more challenging from the past "trap" shooting.

Donna, Linda and Vicky gave out the bowling awards, the next club bowling event will be on February 11, 2012.

Cindy had several "personal" awards to distribute:

The "Motivation" award to Donna

The "Inspiration" award to Dawnette

The "Big Game Hunter" award to Jim

The "Corvette" award to Jennifer

The "Lost Registration" award to Jay and Marcia

The "lost Comma" award to Webmaster Doug

The "Can Stop At a Rally" award to Gary

The "Cracker Barrel Junkie" award to Karen

The "shark Sizing" award to Bud

The "Blue Tape" award to John

Cindy introduced New President Dianne who gave thanks to all that helped put on the banquet. Dianne announced the recipient of the club annual Rookie of the year award, Bob and Kelli. Unfortunately Bob and Kelli were not able to attend the meeting and the award will be given to them at the next general meeting.

Dianne introduced former MVP winner Jim to present the award to Geoff. Jim introduced Geoff, underscoring his many contributions to the club as Newsletter Editor and Social chairman, harmonica accompanist, unofficial club photographer, and the "year-in-review" slide show producer that is shown at the banquets, explaining the countless hours of work each of these positions require, and made the award. Geoff very graciously and humbly accepted the award.

Dianne adjourned the meeting at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bert Wiest, Corvette Super Sports Secretary, 2012

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

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

<b><u>JANUARY BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	<b><u>JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>
Chris Glodery 10th	None that we know of
Marge Huhta 10th	
Richard Miller 12th	
Kathryn Baddley 16th	
Arthur Huhta 16th	
Shirley Jones 19th	
Ann Meeuwenberg 25th	
Dianne Wiest 26th	
Tim Pearson 30th	
<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	

## **Social Corner**

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

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

The Club event is defined as our club participating in another Corvette Club's activities to support their charities. The following is our annual schedule will be completed after the February General Meeting:

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

If you have a suggestion for a Corvette Event or a Social Event, please contact Geoff at [GBGirvin@yahoo.com](mailto:GBGirvin@yahoo.com)

## **Club Events for January**

The month of January is filled with Football games and parades and parties and unfortunately, no NCCC Events. But that did not hold Corvette Super Sports back. We made up for the lack of a final calendar for the year by attending the annual CSS Banquet. The banquet was planned and produced by the ever clever Karen and her entourage made up of Donna, Linda and Vicki. But what is a party without music. Bert did a fantastic job with the music and the music themes for all the people coming up to the podium for awards or business. Donna and her court handed out awards for the 2 bowling events held last year and Gary and I got the best awards. We got bowling pins to use to practice before the February 11<sup>th</sup> Valentine Bowl since we seem to need practice based on our scores from last year. Geoff called 17 people to the stage to hand out the awards for HomeLand Security. The Top gun awards this year went to Michele for the Women's high score and to Art for the Men's high score. All the rest of the agents received an award as well with their official CSS Badge and a clay pigeon with their qualifying scores.

From the pictures below, you will see that we did have fun. Thanks to all the crews that made it happen and thanks to all the guests and members who are an inspiration for me.



**The Trophy Table (underneath too)**



**Aren't they beautiful!**



**The HomeLand Security Crew awaiting their awards**







**See, Gary and I got the best Bowling awards!!!!**



**Before they all arrived .....and after arrivals**



**Poor Joe. Cindy has more time to catch him now**

**More of us.**



**Want to see what Jan was taking a picture of – just see below**



**And of course the newlyweds Maria and Donnell**



**See Jan knows a good picture!**



**And then the awards began**



**Wow Dawnette likes her trophy**



**John looks pretty happy too.**





**Jen's award or her smile – you tell me which is the best**



**And Gary gets another special award**



**Karen's award is for going to the most Cracker Barrel stores on all Corvette outings**



**Jim presenting the MVP to Geoff**

**I saved the best for last though. Our Music man brought back up the Village People from the Talent show for an encore performance of YMCA!!!**



**Karen is lost without her whip .....But Ginger, it is 4 to 1 “C” not “J”**



**And of course there was close dancing -----see below**







**Pat got it right – take wine to the dance floor**

**And of course our very own big game hunter gets his award too.**



## **NCCC National News**

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

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

## **West Coast Region**

<http://www.ncccwcregion/>

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/>

## **Corvette Racing Team News**

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

### **Corvette Racing Announces 2012 Driver Pairings**

#### ***New Driver Alignment to Optimize Performance in Sprint and Endurance Events***

**DETROIT, Jan. 20, 2012** – A new alignment of drivers will pilot Corvette Racing's new Compuware Corvette C6.R race cars when they make their competition debut at the season-opening 60th Anniversary Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. With additional testing following the announcement of the 2012 driver roster, the team has now finalized the lineups for the twin Corvettes.

Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia will be full-season drivers in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R, joined by Jordan Taylor as third driver in endurance events (Sebring, Le Mans, and Petit Le Mans). Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner will co-drive the No. 4 Corvette C6.R, with Richard Westbrook joining them as third driver in the three long-distance races.

"As part of our comprehensive review of Corvette Racing, we considered every element of the program, from the chassis and engine to the driver pairings," said GM Racing Director Mark Kent. "Preseason testing and data analysis suggested that a revised driver alignment could improve the team's overall performance. Certainly physical size is a factor in minimizing the time required for driver changes during pit stops, but we also evaluated the drivers'

individual styles and their preferences on chassis setups. With these pairings, we can minimize compromises and maximize driver confidence.

"This new alignment also combines experienced and younger drivers," Kent added. "We expect the veteran drivers to mentor the younger drivers, accelerating the process of learning and development."

This new driver alignment sees Magnussen, 38, return to the No. 3 Corvette C6.R that he drove from March 2007 to August 2010. The Dane will co-drive with Garcia, 31, who moves from the third-driver role he began in 2009 to a full-season campaign in the American Le Mans Series and the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The team's newest member, Jordan Taylor, a 20-year-old from Apopka, Fla., joins Magnussen and Garcia as the third driver in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R.

Tommy Milner, 25, of Lake Mary, Fla., joined Corvette Racing in 2011 as a full-season driver in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R. Milner now moves to the No. 4 Corvette C6.R alongside Oliver Gavin, 39, a Corvette Racing driver since 2002. Richard Westbrook, 36, will mark his second year as third driver in the No. 4 Corvette C6.R.

Corvette Racing will introduce its new driver lineup at the Sebring Winter Test on February 8-9 in preparation for the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring on March 17.

## ***GM Unveils New 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible and 60th Anniversary Package***

by Keith Cornett on January 12, 2012

With the 2013 model year being both the 60th anniversary of the Corvette as well as the C6's final year of production, it has been widely anticipated that Chevrolet will offer something special for Corvette enthusiasts. This morning the rumors of anniversary packages and a new special model have been answered as we are very excited to introduce the 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition as well as the all new 2013 60th Anniversary package.



## NCCC Regional News

Corvette Super Sports, once again, for the third year in a row has won the coveted Regional Championship for 2011. CSS accumulated more points than the rest of the clubs in the region and may have set a Regional record for the most consecutive Championships. This is a direct reflection on us as a club and as a family. We look forward to doing things together, we talk up the events, we get new members to try something new and we celebrate every chance we get. Many times we get the "Club Participation" award at the events that we attend because we had so much fun the previous year.

Lets make it 4 years in a row.



# Consequences

