

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 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 be kept open. 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.



"The House That has built"



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Summer 1996

Everyone can get involved!

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

Pop Tab Houses

We need more volunteer collector houses for you. The pop tab house is a collection of pop tabs that are placed in a jar or container. The jar is then filled with pop tabs and the jar is placed in a public place. The jar is then filled with pop tabs and the jar is placed in a public place.



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 May General Meeting got 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!



During the meeting, Bob Reed finally came back after his back surgery looking thinner but no more worse for wear. We finally were able to present him with his “Rookie of the Year” award that he and Kelli were supposed to get in January at the banquet but because of a series of unfortunate events, they were unable to receive it until now.

Message From The VP.



Dianne is out of town yet again. She and Bert and Jim and Elaine Cooper went to watch the Indianapolis 500 race as and left me at home alone. May, as it turns out is one of the months where the NCCC point chase has not really warmed up yet but we seem to have no trouble in finding things to do. May was one of the months where both of the events that we wanted to go to as a club were events that I just could not attend. Lucky for me, I had my “Cub Reporters” who went instead and took pictures and wrote stories for this issue. I was able to continue to hone my aiming skills but even at that, I still like my regular race helmet better than the one I have on above.

CSS News

The Social event for June 2012:

6/2 Autocross at Vapor Trails Vettes – Santa Maria
6/29-7/1 Big Bear Bash

The Club event for June 2012:

6/29 Bash Before the Big Bear Bash – Shirley and Garry Jones house – Big Bear

Other Club social events for May 2012:

6/23 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



UNTIL WE FIND THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH. . .

By the time you read this article in our club's newsletter, Kelli and I will be sailing along the coast of Italy on our way to Greece. That does not mean that I can shrug my responsibilities as Charity Chairperson. For our June meeting I have arranged for CSS club member Bill Darke

to bring us up to date on how the *Council on Aging* is supporting the elderly in our community. As you probably are aware, *Corvette Super Sports* has supported *Council on Aging* in the past and has again been recommended by the Board for 2012 support. I am confident that Bill will update us on the happenings at *Council on Aging* and how our dollars are supporting those that may be of our age but not able to afford some of the things that we take for granted. You should keep in mind that they are available for us too! They have a vast education program that provides guidance to caregivers, medication control, nutrition information for the elderly, managing chronic illnesses, and more. They offer monthly "Road Map" courses to help guide you through the confusing option of such things as Long Term Care and Medicare. These and other educational courses recommend a \$20 donation, but heck, if \$5 is all you have, or if nothing is available, they will still find you a seat.

Today there is an ever growing problem of fraud against the elderly. You can hardly turn on the news without hearing of someone being taken for their hard earned dollars that were meant to get them through their twilight years. *Council on Aging* has a group of public and private professionals who volunteer their time to advise Adult Protective Services (APS), the Ombudsmen, law enforcement and private attorneys on matters of vulnerable adult financial abuse.

The last thing that I want to discuss is a program they sponsor called "*SmileMakers*". The name speaks for itself; *SmileMakers* makes people smile, and it is easier than you might think. Each year, the *SmileMakers* Project remembers more than 1,600 frail and often forgotten seniors living in nursing and residential care homes as well as dependent adults living in the community. Recipients are interviewed as to their wish lists - - gift preferences and/or special needs, including colors and sizes. Typical gifts include clothing, slippers, long distance telephone certificates, fruit and candy and miscellaneous items specifically requested.

By now, I am sure you are thinking, "How can our club help?" Well, it is just three simple words: Shop, Wrap and Deliver.

Shop: Gift lists are assigned to "shoppers" who purchase requested items

Wrap: The Council hosts an annual Wrap Party in early December where volunteers enjoy a festive day of food and fun as they wrap and tag the gifts.

Deliver: Volunteer drivers deliver the gifts to participating facilities and to individual homes.

You will hear more about *SmileMakers* and how you can participate in this worthwhile project the closer we get to the holidays.

For now, I say arrivederci!

CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS –GENERAL MEETING

General meeting minutes
May 1, 2012

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

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

President Dianne called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum was present. She thanked the club for all the cards and well wishes during her recent hospitalization and recuperation.

TC from Corvettes West spoke about the Big Bear Bash, flyers were made available.

DJ from Connell spoke about the upcoming Barrett-Jackson Cruising Car show on Fathers day. He called for club members to volunteer help for the event.

Andy E. spoke about the Muckenthaler car show on June 20th.

The treasurer's report was dispensed with due to Marge's absence.

Geoff announced the birthdays for the month: Bob R., Sue and Chuck R., David D., Cindy O., Garry J. The anniversaries were Doug and Ann M. In addition to the upcoming events, it was announced that Homeland Security has been rescheduled to May 12 from May 19. Geoff then called upon Cindy to present the Rookie of the Year award for 2011 to Bob and Kelli R. Bob also expressed thanks for cards, well wishes, etc. Bob announced that a representative from Council on Aging would be at the June meeting to share what they do.

Webmaster Doug announced that the past MVP awardees would be posted on the website, Bert was to send the list and that the forum is still up and running.

Joe shared the Club Participation award from the Long Beach Grand Prix Corvette Corral and handed out several signed posters from Corvette racing.

Cindy spoke about the car show.

Belinda won the 50/50, Sandy M won the free dinner and Jay L won the free registration to the Big Bear Bash.

Kathy B was not present due to Mike's recent hospitalization but reports are that he and the others who have had problems lately are improving.

A motion was made: "Moved that the club health and welfare budget be increased from 400.00 to 600.00." The motion was seconded , the vote called for and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Bert Wiest, Secretary, Corvette Super Sports

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<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		
<u>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</u>		<u>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</u>	
Cruz, Sal	06/05	Bill and Marlene Stel	6/24
Girvin, Geoffrey B	06/13	Ellis and Cindy Chee	6/26
Mariani, Douglas	06/14		
Darke, Marietta	06/21		
Cooper, Elaine	06/22		
Costello, Cindy	06/28		

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
May 26-27	Pahrump High Speed Autocross – Porsches taste like chicken!
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 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 May

PAHRUMP, NEVADA MAY 2012

By Cindy Orrico

Well, it's not really true – What happens in Pahrump sometimes does get published!!!

Small group this time, Joe, Cindy, Jennifer, Chris, Dave Alciatore and joining us were Jim and Dawn Gregorio from Las Vegas Corvettes. Small group or not, we still had fun – how can you not have fun in Pahrump? Well, let me explain.....

Driving out on Friday, the forecast was '**WINDY**' – BOY THEY WERE NOT KIDDING! Gusts up to 60 MPH – I'm sure I found them driving from Baker to Shoshone! Visibility – zero, but got through it and all was good.

Saturday – well..... Jim was coming around turn 9, behind a BMW, which just so happened to drop oil for Jim to slide into and then slide right off track..... may it be lucky or unlucky, at least he hit the tire wall – Jim is fine. Car damage – yes. We had all ready left the track, but as Jennifer's text stated "OUCH" for the car. It required being towed back to Vegas..... ☹ Jim happens to be a "Corvette Only" mechanic at the dealership! I'm going to wait until tomorrow to call to see how they are.....

Dave has more energy than he deserves, I swear. He brought Little Engine, took the exhaust pipes off, and changed all kinds of things on the car – he was just like the Energizer Bunny. And he does this all by himself. I did hold an umbrella over him for a few minutes for shade, so I guess I helped! Even though the weather was nice, we appreciated his trailer for shade!

Joe got to use his new helmet. We also had the capability to talk to each other, via radio, while he was out running. He's very handy with setting up those cool things!

And for Jennifer – per her Text – her initiation is over – she finally 'dropped a wheel' off the track, but kept going! Her 1st time off track, so to speak! She was hauling you know what both days, just getting better and better, beating her own times – you go, girl! Gee, wonder who just might get NCCC Ladies champ for 2013..... Hmmm.....

For those of us who have gone to Pahrump and discovered that awesome Italian restaurant, Tomisina's? Sad to say – It's no longer there!! Out of Business – so sad!

For those who are adventurous and are curious about beautiful downtown Pahrump – we have another weekend coming up in October! Be there!

Cindy says that the following picture is Corvette Camp. I see though that there are plenty of snacks parked close by too (remember that Porsches taste like chicken)!



Dave has a lot of toys. He pulls his Red Vette, “Little Engine” in his toy hauler behind his truck. I’m thinking he needs a Drum or some ears because the new moniker that Cindy has given him is going to stick for sure. “Energizer Bunny”. He swears that the last time I was at Pahrump and his “Little Engine” had to be towed in from the track was NOT because he ran out of gas, but we know better.

For those of you who wonder why it is called “Little Engine”, here is a better picture of the back of the car from a recent photo at the Temecula Car Show last month.



Now back to Pahrump racing:



For those of you who have not been to Pahrump in a while, this area use to be the starting grid for the races, but after they reconfigured the track to be 3.1 miles long by making the back stretch longer and then inserting a choke point, they moved the starting grid over by the club house. This is another proof that Dave runs well at the track (as long as he has gas in the car).





I wonder if this was an omen to what was to come on the track. Good thing Jen was sideways here in the starting grid and not on the course, but dropping a tire is not what I have observed in the past. She is all about her line on the course and doing better each time.



Joe is hard to recognize without his signature race numbers on the side of his car. But since the car is for sale, he had them removed along with his “Joe and Cindy” signature on the roof above each door window. But this is Joe chasing points.

I want to thank Cub Reporter, Cindy, for taking the pictures and sending us an article about our club’s high speed event. I will let her get away with not living up to the club members motto of “what happens in Pahrump stays in Pahrump” this one time. Normally this would be published in the “Pahrump Gazette” for just the participants. Back issues of the Gazette are available for \$75 each. There are a lot of very interesting things to see in these issues. Contact me if you want one.

USS San Diego LPD22 Commissioning

May 19, 2012

By Arthur Huhta

Commander Meyers, USN, barked the order, "Set the first watch," and the USS San Diego began her service with the U.S. Navy. "Bring the ship to life." The crew ran from the pier to their duty stations and activated equipment. Sirens wailed. Horns sounded. Dark smoke rose from the stack. Guns and missile launchers moved left and right, up and down.

Several CSS members witnessed this celebration. Joe and Cindy Orrico were accompanied by his son Vince and grandson Vince. Art Huhta came with his 7 year-old grandson Albert. John Manfred and Michele Boucher drove over from their Pacific Beach home. We all agreed that this is an emotional event.

Since December 1775, the U.S. Navy has a tradition to bring ships to active duty. The May 19 ceremony in San Diego started at 10:00 a.m. with the presentation of colors and National Anthem. Officials spoke from the lectern to praise the ship, its builders and the crew. Then Commander K. P. Meyers assumed command. A concluding benediction was offered and the colors were retired. Finally, guests were invited aboard.

Joe Orrico said, "I counted a 17 canon volleys for Sean Slackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy." During his speech, Slackley said, "This ship was planned several administrations ago."

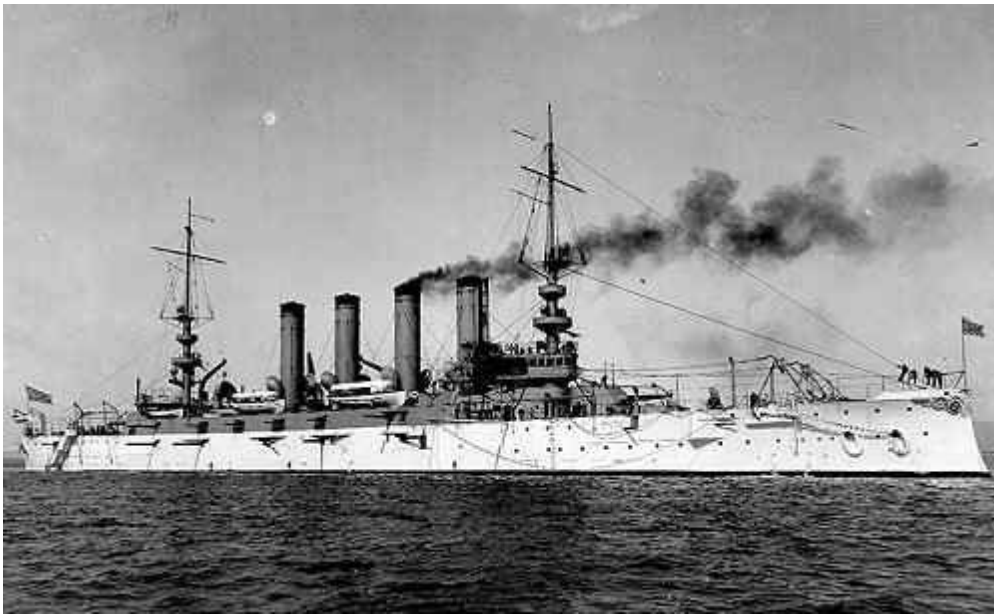
Manfred said, "The ship is impressive and purposely built. I am proud that it is home ported in San Diego. It's our ship." "I liked the speakers. They were not long winded. I was surprised at that."

The USS San Diego (LPD22) is an amphibious transport dock. It is designed to transport 800 Marines and equipment to shore by air and sea. Accordingly, the after deck can launch V-22 Osprey vertical takeoff aircraft and helicopters. The stern of the ship opens to the sea so air cushion craft can launch.

Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, Mississippi laid the keel in May 2007. She is 684 long and has a 105-foot beam. Powered by four Colt-Pielstick diesel engines, it can exceed 22 knots. It displaces approximately 24,900 tons, fully loaded. The 360 Navy crew is composed of 332 enlisted, 28 officers, and 3 Marines. The USS San Antonio was the first LPD17 class and the USS San Diego is the sixth one built. Two more are planned.

Soon the USS San Diego will be forward deployed into harms way. May she have fair winds and following seas.

Thanks to Cub Reporter Art and Cub Photographers Jim Clark, John Manfred and Cindy Orrico



The USS California in the Great White Fleet in 1908. An Act of Congress resulted in the names of states being reserved for battleships. Therefore on 1 September 1914, the Armored Cruiser California was renamed the San Diego.

The following is a picture of the USS San Diego number 2 in 1944

Photo # 19-N-60146 USS San Diego off San Francisco, California, 1 January 1944



Here she is today:





HomeLand Security Training

On May 12th, our intrepid security team gathered for more advanced training. The attendees were Art and his son Eric, Geoff, Dave MacDonough, and George McMullen. When we arrived at the range, we found that there were hundreds of avid shooters all practicing for the national competition several weeks in the future. We met people from as far away as Santa Maria, Fillmore, and Fresno. Given that most of us on our team have gotten used to shooting the sporting clays, we decided to try a different venue and option for advanced training. We shot at what is known as “5 Stand”. In this venue there are 5 shooting stands, much like shooting trap. But this is where the similarity ends. This venue requires a dedicated “puller” because it is difficult for a shooter to move around between the shooting stand and the launch site. At the venue, there are 10 separate launchers that shoot pigeons in 10 different trajectories. The object of the

training is to enhance marksmanship and reaction times. At each of the 5 stands, there is a different combination launch stations and each stand takes 5 to 8 shots. The first shot is a single pigeon. The second round is a pair of pigeons. The first one is launched when the shooter is ready and calls “pull”. The second pigeon is launched from a different launcher upon “report”, that is, as soon as the shot is heard. The third round is called a true pair. 2 pigeons are shot at the same time from different launchers. In at least one of the 5 stands, the true pair of pigeons actually cross each other’s flight pattern and one might be able to kill 2 birds with one shot. Not us though. After everyone has shot at each stand we rotate to the next stand and the launch sequence is the same but the launchers are different. It is quite challenging. We shot 2 groups of 5 stand, basically 50 birds but way more than that in shells. It was a humbling experience but one that I think we will do more of because at least the other shooters gave me a chance since none of the other shooters hit more than half of their launched targets.



Eric at the firing lineand Art (yes Art they are hard to see)



And Daveand George



And Geoffand a sample menu



And a couple of the enemy launch sites.

After we were done some of us went to Flo's Café at the Chino Airport to try to distort the morning facts.

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

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
	24			
	25			
WC-446-010	31	CANCELED	Milleninum Corvettes	Corona, CA
	APR			
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
	8			
	14			
	15			
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	Temecula, CA

			Valley	
WC-325-034	28	CANCELED	Orange Cournty Vettes	Irvine, CA
	29			
	May			
	5	National Meetings	NCCC	St. Louis
	6	National Meetings	NCCC	St. Louis
	12	Governers Meeting	Vapor Trails Vettes	Santa Barbara
	13			
	19			
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
	26			
	27			
	June			
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
	10			
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
	17			
	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
	July			
WC-326-027RS	1	Rallye	Corvettes West	Big Bear, CA
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	14			
	15			
WC-325-033	21	Poker Rallye	Orange Cournty Vettes	Irvine, CA
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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
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Corvette Racing Team News

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

Our man, Chris Draper, was at Laguna this past weekend. The following is his story --

Laguna Seca never has lack of action. This year's race was no exception. Friday's qualifying saw a bit of a shock when [Aston Martin](#) showed their true hand and posted a 1:22.229 for pole position. Tommy Milner in the #4 Corvette took 2nd at 1:22.661, and Jan Magnussen posted a 1:22.919 on his 8th lap, 4 more then the #4 car.

Race day was a test of will power. Aston Martin in the opening laps showed they had the speed and started pulling away from the rest of the GT pack until the first full course caution really shook things up. AMR had a fuel fill issue that shook them from 1st to 5th. Our badboys capitalized and the [#4 Corvette](#) took the lead.

Throughout the 6hr battle, there were 5 or more GT cars absolutely nose to tail lap after lap. It could have been anyone's race, but mistakes were seen from all teams. The #4 Corvette saw a fuel fill issue that took them from their healthy lead down to 5th. The [BMWs](#) experimented with some different tire compounds early on and guessed wrong and after a full stint nearly cost both cars a lap. The [#45 Porsche](#) had the pace, but penalties cost them the race.

Ultimately, it came down to [Corvette](#) vs [BMW](#) once again. Milner and Gavin fought back with the Take No Prisoners attitude and got back into the lead and made it count. The #3 Corvette got passed by the #56 BMW after a caution restart, but Magnussen fought back hard and made the [move of the race](#).

During Magnussen's maneuver, he flat spotted the tires. With about 8 minutes left the BMW was biting back inch by inch each lap. The injured [Michelines](#) held in just long enough and on the final corner of the final lap the BMW got a little too hard on the gas, fishtailed out of the corner, and the cheers for the Corvette Racing camp could nearly be heard over the sound of the thundering V8s crossing the finish in a [1-2 style victory](#).

IN THE COCKPIT: Oliver Gavin, Monterey

Tommy Milner and I, driving our No. 4 Chevy Corvette C6.R, won what people are saying was one of the most exciting GT battles ever seen at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca...

Well I'm very, very happy to be writing this on the back of another ALMS win, and even more so because of the way we had to work for it – the harder ones are always the sweetest. Tommy Milner and I, driving our No. 4 [Chevy](#) Corvette C6.R, won what people are saying was one of the most exciting GT battles ever seen at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca yesterday, and a mark of just how competitive it was is that seven cars finished within 10 seconds of each other after six hours of nose-to-tail racing.

It was edge-of-the-seat racing throughout, no matter whether you were competing or spectating, and to get a back-to-back victory after Long Beach was great. There was a bit of rubbing and bumping along the way and the last 90 minutes were unbelievably entertaining with some up close and personal racing.

There was always something going on, with lots of chopping and changing positions, and we weren't racing any one car but maybe five or six and always one with different characteristics – our sister car, Jan and Antonio's Corvette (which eventually finished a great second behind us), both the BMWs, the Flying Lizard Porsche at times and the Aston Martin at the start. You had to think really carefully about how to pass and make it stick, and every lap was a challenge which kept you on your toes the whole time.

I started from the front row, after a mega qualifying effort by Tommy on Friday, and had a pretty trouble free first couple of hours. The first round of stops, which took place under the first of six full course caution periods, set us on the right road for a win as our No. 4 crew were mega quick and slick and managed to get us out ahead of everyone else. I then had a fairly quiet time holding position until our third pit stop when a fueling problem delayed us massively and dropped us back to seventh in class.

It would have been easy to let your head drop after something like that, but Tommy set about clawing back the

deficit and had a very solid middle stint which kept us in the hunt, gaining back some places and always part of the GT train.

We both said afterwards that it was mad; you'd have a fairly quiet time then all of a sudden it would go crazy for an hour or two with stuff flying everywhere from other cars, sand on the track, a gaggle of slower GTC or PC cars to get past. You could never relax as the car was sliding around constantly underneath you.

I was back in the car for the last two hours but it wasn't until the final round of pit stops – with just over an hour left to run – that the tables really turned back in our favor. Our pit crew, led by Brian Hoyer, gave us another flawlessly fast turnaround and a re-shuffle of the whole GT field gave us the chance we needed.

I had a drag race with Joerg Bergmeister out of the pits for second place but had to yield to him at the last minute as there was an abandoned P2 car parked in the blend line and it was a case of either hit Jorg, hit the other car or let it go and worry about it later! Ultimately luck had a part to play (good for us and bad for them) as the Lizard Porsche had a penalty for a pit infringement.

With just Wolf Henzler's Falken Porsche ahead of me, I had to go for it and had another drag race all the way from T11 to T2 before I muscled past him. He was hard but fair, and gave me just enough room to get by... just! I then had 40 minutes of the race left to run and started to eke out a bit of a gap but, as through the whole race, every time you managed to do that there'd be a caution period and it would be taken away again.

Anyway, we caught the breaks this time around and fastest race lap and the GT championship lead were definitely icing on the cake. The wins also give us a huge boost of confidence going forward to Le Mans which is our next race. What are the chances of a triple? We'll certainly be going for it!

~Olly

A former British F3 Champion and Formula One test driver, Oliver Gavin has raced in North America for the last decade for Corvette Racing, representing General Motors. He has achieved three American Le Mans Series GT1 Championship titles and four GT1 class wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and in 2012 will also be racing in select races with Spirit of Daytona in the Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series.

Corvette Racing Reigns in American Le Mans Series Monterey with One-Two Finish

Gavin and Milner Score Consecutive GT Victories; Magnussen and Garcia Take Second in Six-Hour Race

MONTEREY, Calif., May 12, 2012 – Corvette Racing broke its victory drought at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in convincing fashion today, sweeping the fiercely competitive GT class with a one-two finish in the six-hour American Le Mans Series Monterey. It was the team's first victory at the central California circuit since a win in the GT1 class in 2008, and its first one-two finish since moving to the GT class in 2009.

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner scored their second straight victory in the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R by a 3.45-second margin over their teammates Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia in the sister No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R. The winning Corvette drivers completed 232 laps after rebounding from a troubled pit stop that dropped them to seventh place at the midpoint of the race. Today's win was the 36th career ALMS victory for Gavin, and the second for Milner after the pair won one month ago in the streets of Long Beach. The victory vaulted Gavin and Milner into first place in the GT driver standings and gave Chevrolet the lead in the manufacturers championship after three of 10 rounds. Corvette Racing has now notched 83 class wins and 55 one-two finishes.

"We had a lot of ups and downs today, but ended up with a great result," Gavin said. "The Corvette C6.R car was spectacular and Corvette Racing did a brilliant job. We were all the way back to seventh at one point, so it took great pit stops and a fantastic setup to pull us back to first."

"It was just a crazy day, and winning feels really good," Milner said. "Our Corvette was phenomenal. We had one hiccup in pit lane, but this Corvette Racing team never gives up. We fought back and Oliver did an amazing job in his final stint. Just a great day for Corvette Racing!" Gavin made the winning pass with one hour to go, taking the lead from Porsche driver Wolf Henzler. "I knew that he was strong and I needed to get it done and make it stick as soon as possible," Gavin reported. "I got just enough inside of him and he gave me just enough road. We had a bit of a rub in the last turn; Wolf's hard but fair."

Magnussen put on a show in the final hour, moving from fifth to second with a series of power plays. The Dane passed a Porsche and a BMW in a single move on the front straight to take second, but subsequently lost the position to the No. 55 BMW. With 15 minutes to go, Magnussen regained the runner-up spot by following a prototype through on the inside line in the Andretti Hairpin. "I knew it was an opportunity for something to happen," Magnussen said. "The BMW got a little sideways, and I could see the P-car starting to pass on the inside. I was going to try to follow the P2, but he braked early and took all the air off my front end. I locked up the front brakes and kind of pushed him past the BMW."

Antonio Garcia drove the middle stint in the No. 3 Corvette C6.R, taking the lead shortly before the four-hour mark. "It was a very hard race, which is why GT racing in ALMS is the best in the world," Garcia said. "A six-hour race and in the end it comes down to hundredths of a second. I'm very happy for Corvette for its first one-two of the season. We were very solid all the way through, and we just need to keep digging. The next stop is Le Mans, and that is where we need to do another one-two!"

Today's victory at Laguna Seca marked a change of fortune for Corvette Racing, which has struggled at times to come to grips with the roller-coaster 2.238-mile, 11-turn circuit. "Last year, Laguna was probably our toughest event," noted Engineering Director Doug Louth. "Our cars have changed a great deal from 2011, but the biggest difference this weekend was the 2012 Michelin tires and the work that engineers Chuck Houghton and Kyle Millay did to arrive at the baseline setup for this event. This is always a difficult track to keep a handle on through changing conditions, and any year that you have good cars every session and throughout the race is remarkable."

Corvette Racing's focus now shifts to the 24 Hours of Le Mans, the crown jewel of endurance racing. "We have a long month of June coming up, and Le Mans is a very different beast," Milner observed. "I'm looking forward to going back and driving down the Mulsanne Straight." Corvette Racing's next event is the Test Day in Le Mans, France, on June 3, followed by the 24 Hours of Le Mans on June 16-17.

American Le Mans Series Monterey GT Results (Top 10)

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

- 1. 4 Gavin/Milner, Corvette C6.R, 232**
- 2. 3 Magnussen/Garcia, Corvette C6.R, 232**
3. 55 J. Mueller/Auberlen, BMW E92 M3, 232
4. 56 D. Mueller/Hand, BMW E92 M3, 232
5. 01 Sharp/van Overbeek, Ferrari 458 Italia, 232
6. 45 Bergmeister/Long, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 232
7. 17 Henzler/Sellers, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 232
8. 007 Fernandez/Turner/Mucke, Aston Martin Vantage, 230
9. 44 Neiman/Holzer, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 230
10. 48 Miller/Maassen, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 229

Consequences

