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CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social event for October 2012: CHP Mystery Cruise 10/7
The Club event for October 2012: VTV Autocross Santa Maria 10/13
Other events for October 2012: Home land Security Training 10/6



All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. As you can see, many did

You can also see that we do have a good time too.



Who We Are

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.

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.

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



Madam Prez

BOOOOOO!! Did that scare you? It should, the year end is rapidly approaching and we all have so much to do. In October, the nominating committee consisting of Sue Rosen, Jenny MacDonough and Marcia Lynch will begin phoning members to inquire who would like to hold an office for next year. All officer and board positions are available for anyone who is interested. At the November meeting we will be passing out selection slips for nominations for club MVP. Make your nomination and the reasons why you feel this person should be chosen for the MVP, what they have done, how they have contributed to the club, etc. The selection slips will be collected at the meeting and the nominees and reasons posted by e-mail to the members (like a sample ballot) so that when it comes to the voting in December, the process will be easier. Also, don't forget our annual banquet in January at the John Force race station. I attended the Cruise For A Cure car show at the Orange County Fairgrounds on Saturday the 22nd. Every penny collected goes directly to finding a cure for prostate cancer. I was absolutely overwhelmed. There were 3500 cars in attendance. I don't think there was a make, model, color, or type of car made that was not on display somewhere in this show. There was a coffin on wheels, a beautiful carriage being pulled by a carousel horse on top of the exposed engine. But the best were a beautiful restored 1984 Montreal blue GTO, a blue and white 1973 Camaro, and a fabulous Torch Red Corvette. If you have never attended this show, put it on your bucket list for a yearly event. I have heard that Donna's pool party was a great success (as always!) Good friends, good food and a good time was had by all who attended.

Save the Wave
Dianne



VP and Director of All Things Social

One of the best parts about being a member of CSS is the diversity of our events. Not only do we have "Waxers" but we have "Racers" and great friends that look forward to getting together pretty much anywhere in the state. This month, we went to Santa Maria for the annual VTV car show and rally. We even learned how to race model cars and handicap them too.

In October we have a special opportunity to go on a Mystery Run sponsored by the CHP and will prove to be an event that will tug at your heart!

Save the wave
Geoff



CHARITY IS IN THE CARDS

At our last General Meeting I had mentioned that I had just sent St. Jude's Ranch another eight pounds of greeting cards to be recycled into new cards. As I have reported before, St. Jude's Ranch is dedicated to serving the needs of abused, abandoned and neglected children. These eight pounds of used cards that we usually would just toss out are being given second life as a new card that had been reconstructed by the needy children at the ranch. Cards are then sold in packs of 10 for \$10.00 and are available to fit most occasions such as Christmas, birthday, Easter, Thank You and general all occasion cards.

Funds collected from selling the cards go to support the programs at St. Jude's Ranch. These include "Early Head Start" for infants and toddlers from age 0-3 years. They work with teen mothers on how to care for their child. Recently they acquired "Child Focus" an agency that connects separated siblings in foster care. "Crossing" a supportive housing program helps those children who are now adults transition into the world. Most are helped with the completion of high school (they have a 100% graduation rate), how to apply for a job, and up to 12 months temporary housing while they are getting on their feet.

According to the information that I have received, more than 86% of donations go directly to the care of the children.

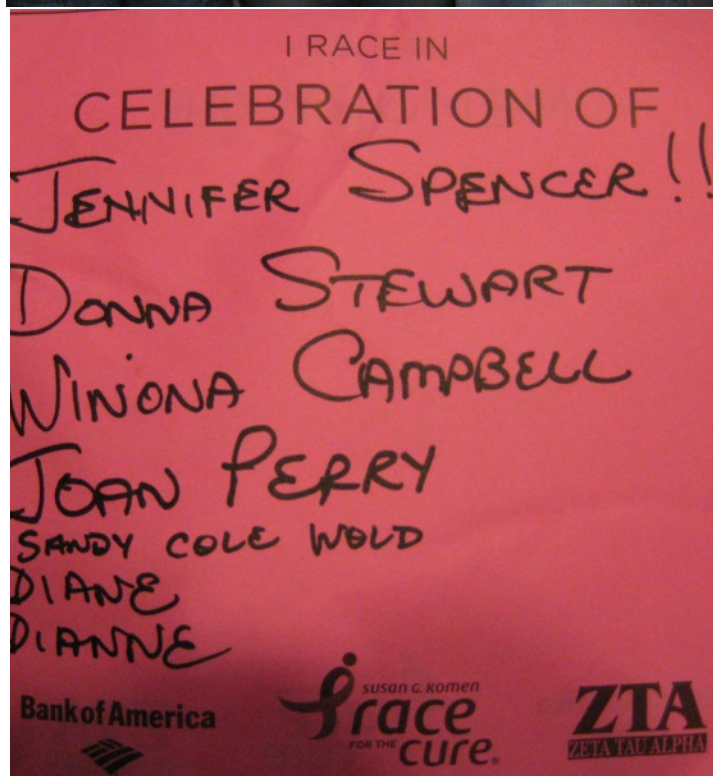
St. Jude's has other ways you can help besides sending greeting cards and cash. To find out more about St. Jude's Ranch and how you too can help, go to their website at: www.stjudesranch.org.

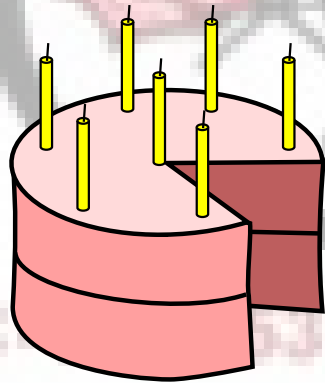
At the last General Meeting of CSS I announced that I was relinquishing my position at Charity Chairperson. It is amazing how fast two years' passes by.

It is time for someone to fill my shoes. Usually that statement implies that that will be tough to do but it won't be. In fact, just like Cinderella's slipper, they will fit someone just right!

regardless if they are slip-ons, ties, buckles or Velcro, you will be ready to walk the extra mile. The only real prerequisite for the job is that you just have to care about your fellow man! Sure there are many nouns, verbs and adjectives that can complete the story but when it comes right down to it, I will stick with "You just have to care about your fellow man."

So if the shoes fit, wear them!





September Birthdays

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| Gary Plehn | 1st |
| Ginger Girvin | 3rd |
| KarenDeBartolomeis | 5th |
| Barbara Ortiz | 8th |
| Richard Carias | 13th |
| Michele Boucher | 16th |
| Larry Camp | 22nd |
| Katie Kennedy | 23rd |
| Larry Farrell | 25th |

October Birthdays

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| George McMullen | 5th |
| Jackie Lyon | 10th |
| Andrew Ersek | 22nd |
| Bud Norris | 27th |
| Ed Norris | 27th |
| Neil Aerts | 28th |
| Tracy Sanderson | 31st |

September Anniversaries

Tracy & Linda Sanderson 09/03/88

Cliff & Michelle Owens 09/26/??

Michael & Kathy Baddley 09/30/78

October Anniversaries

Joe & Cindy Orrico 10/14/06

Garry & Shirley Jones 10/23/99

C-5: 1997 - 2004

C-6: 2005 - 2013

**General meeting minutes
September 4, 2012**

Officers present: Dianne Wiest, Bert Wiest, Marge H., Doug M., Geoff G., Joe O.

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

Members present: 41 – a quorum was present.

President Dianne Wiest opened the meeting at 7:03 PM. She made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting; the motion was seconded by Jim C., the vote taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Donna introduced the evening's visitor Tom Nix.

Dianne asked the membership to start thinking about who would like to run for positions on the board.

Geoff announced the birthdays: Larry F., Ginger G., Karen D., Gary P., Barbara O., Rick M., Michele B. The anniversaries were: Tracy and Linda, Cliff and Michelle, Mike and Kathy B.

The September social event is Donna's pool party on Sept. 22nd, the club event is the Vapor Trails car show and rally on Sept. 15th. On Oct. 7th there will be a mystery run. Lunch provided by Donnell Holmes, meet at Coco's on Imperial Highway, time TBD. Rich C. And Barbara O. received their badminton excellence certificates, John Hanlin his Homeland Security trophy. Those who went to the Big Bear Bash were awarded 1000.00, the disbursement to be decided shortly.

Marge gave the treasurer's report. Dues are now due; members have till November 15th to pay them. She also gave a car show financial analysis.

Bert mentioned that the venue previously used for the talent show is no longer available; a new venue is being sought. If any members know of one, please contact Bert. The annual meeting and banquet will be held at the John Force Race Station, January 19th 2013. The locale is made possible by the generosity of Donnell Holmes and Chips for kids. The price is 24.50 per member, 34.50 non-members. Flyers were made available with reservation slips.

Bert mentioned that all reservations must be in by January 12th due to the low pricing on the banquet; the caterer must know the exact number attending and will not bring any "extra" percentage of food. Members may now begin making their reservations if they would like to. The motion was seconded, the

motion passed unanimously.

Joe O. reported that the next national meeting is in St. Louis. There will be time trials with the Porsche club in October, there will be a 60 year Corvette event at Laguna Seca raceway and an all Corvette event at the Bondurant facility December 7-9.

Doug M. reports that the website is running smoothly, no problems.

Cindy O. gave a car show update with thanks to all who helped.

Bob R. reported that 40 cell phones were turned in at the car show had extra posters to pass out and he will not be the Charity chairperson next year.

John M. won the dinner raffle.

There was some discussion regarding the bylaws revision with the motion by Donna: "Moved that the bylaws discussion be put off and continued at a special meeting devoted to the bylaws." The motion was seconded, the vote called for and passed unanimously and wholeheartedly.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm by President Dianne Wiest.

Respectfully submitted, Bert Wiest, Secretary



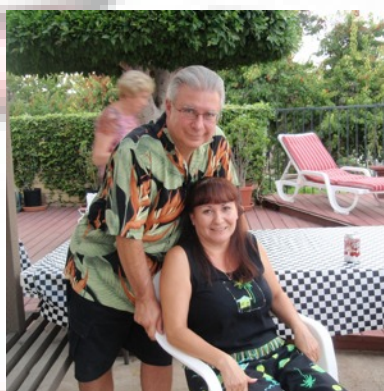
Vapor Trail Vettes - Car show and Rally - Santa Maria

On September 14th and 15th, 6 CSS cars converged on our friends from Vapor Trails. The folks from VTV really know how to put on a great party, Rally, and Car Show. Those CSS members who attended were Joe and Cindy, Bob and Kelli, Ed and Linda, Doug and Jackie, Geoff and Todd, and Dave Alciatore. Most of us showed up on Friday night just because the hospitality suite is like an old English Pub but instead of darts, there was a Corvette Race course (top row center). Saturday brought on the Car show and I got a great picture of Ed polishing the inside of his engine compartment. Ed is one of those rare breeds that is a waxer and a racer. Most of us are one or the other. We have no pictures of the actual Rally because, well, it was busy. But when we got back to the dinner it was apparent which club did the best. We always get the Club Participation award and this time was no exception. Dave and Ed did the Rally together for reasons that will not be printed here, We always have a good time with our VTV friends Hector and Gale, John and Debbie and Charlie and Joan.



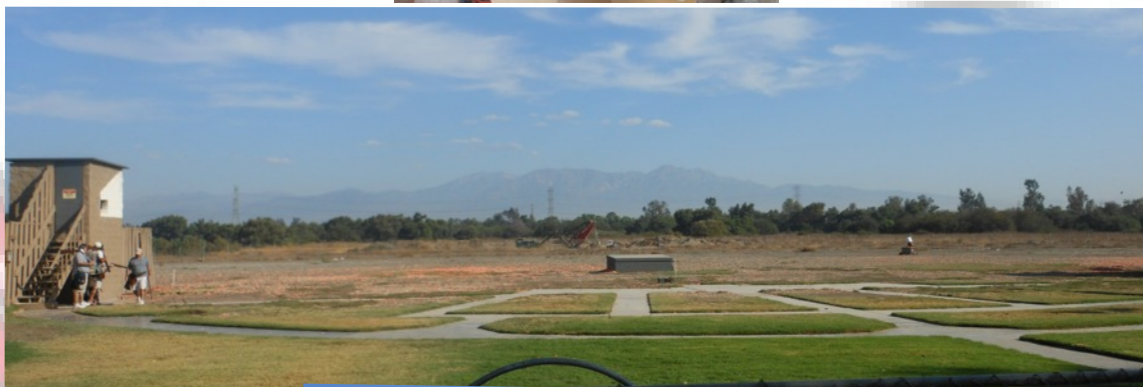
Donna's Pool Party

On September 22nd Donna hosted the annual Pool Party. This potluck is attended by current and past members that come year after year. Some day I will post pictures from past pool parties and see if you can recognize the people. The pool is always colder than the hot tub and over the years, more and more people gravitate to the Hot tub. I wonder why that is? We do know how to have fun.



Homeland Security Advanced Training

On September 29th, our intrepid band of agents went to Prado to test our skills on the Skeet range. Now anyone who has followed our training all these years knows that we started off at the trap field, then migrated to the sporting clays, then to five stand and back to the trap range. Skeet is different and the same in some cases as all the other training we have encountered. The most difficult part of Skeet shooting is learning to shoot where the clay pigeon is NOT. That's right, we have to lead the clay by 1 to 3 feet to have the pellets arrive at the point in space that the clay will be in a half second later. This will help us in all the other ranges, but is indeed humbling for me once again.



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Racing News From George Johnson CSS roving reporter

"Congratulations to No. 10 SunTrust Racing Corvette Daytona Prototype, and the No. 57 Stevenson Motorsports Camaro GT.R on winning today's GRAND-AM Rolex Series season finale at Lime Rock Park," said Jim Lutz, Chevrolet Racing Program Manager, GRAND-AM Road Racing. "It was an exciting race with close action from the green flag to the checkered. Having an all-Corvette Daytona Prototype podium is a tremendous way to end the season and cap-off the Engine Manufacturers' Championship. It was a strong finish to the season for the No. 57 Stevenson Motorsports Camaro GT.R as well to solidify their second place finish in the GT team standings. I am extremely proud of the dedication and determination of all of our teams this season." Taylor took the lead the final time on lap 118 of the 167-lap race. The SunTrust pair led 92 laps, and in total, Corvette Daytona Prototype drivers led 156 laps during the 2.75-hour race on the 1.5-mile, seven turn road course. "The team worked so hard all year, said Taylor from Victory Lane. "They gave us great cars. At times I was doubting myself, but Max and the whole team stood behind me. This is an unbelievable feeling. And I can't believe it." Angelelli added: "He (Taylor) did well; not just this weekend, but all season long. So it's great. I'm very happy for him. I'm very happy for Wayne (Taylor) and for everybody."

Want to know more about the January new Corvette TV show? Join the open Facebook group to keep up with the news! (not a member of Facebook? You should still be able to access the link below)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/342653265825473/>

This group is promoting our upcoming TV Show called "Vette, A Corvette Series". We will begin broadcast in January 2013 on the SPEED Channel in Prime Time. The show is all about Corvettes, their owners, and their stories. We'll have Corvette Racing, we'll visit the plant, we'll meet famous people and their Vette's. We'll be visiting many Corvette Clubs along the way. Stay tuned for updates as we get them.

Charley Robertson

Corvette Racing Sweeps ALMS GT Championships with VIR 240 Victory

*Gavin and Milner Win Drivers
Championship with Fourth Victory;
Chevrolet Clinches GT Manufacturer
Championship, Corvette
Racing Takes Team Title
ALTON, Va., Sept. 15, 2012*

Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner won the American Le Mans Series GT Drivers Championship with a victory today in the VIR 240 at Virginia International Raceway. Their fourth victory in nine races clinched the GT Manufacturer Championship for Chevrolet and wrapped up the GT Team Championship for Corvette Racing. "This is the kind of day you hope for – a perfect race, a great race car, the right pit calls, and no drama," said Milner. "I got my start in professional sports car racing at VIR, so to get my first championship here in my home state of Virginia is very special. I can't say enough for Oliver and the Corvette Racing crew; they've been best friends from the day that I arrived. Just a great day!"

Gavin avoided trouble in a chaotic start and took the lead at 42 minutes into the four-hour race. A

well-timed pit stop at the one-hour mark put the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R in control with Milner taking the two middle stints. Gavin then drove the final hour and crossed the finish line with a 19.5-second margin of victory over the second-place No. 45 Porsche.

"There is no better way to crown 60 years of Corvette production than by winning the ALMS GT Manufacturer Championship," said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President for Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. "This achievement is the result of a tremendous effort by the entire Chevrolet team. Start with a high-performance platform from the Corvette production group, add power, durability and efficiency developed by GM Powertrain, perfect the package with the engineering expertise of Corvette Racing, put exceptional drivers behind the wheel, and then go head-to-head with world-class competition in the most intense road racing series on the planet. Corvette Racing's championship season reflects Chevrolet's commitment to winning on the race track and in the showroom."

Regional News

Hi Governors, As always, "as it happened"...Friday, September 7th, Membership Committee meeting: Blue Bars editor Sylvia Hoaldrige told us she has a backlog of articles but still wants more. The deadline for the next issue is September 30th. It will be aimed at the October through December time frame. I wrote "Reg Conv.", but don't remember what that means. Maybe it's "regional convention", meaning that we should get something into Blue Bars about our upcoming regional convention? After going back and re-reading this, I remembered that I wanted to suggest to Allen that he talk about the regional convention in the West Coast Region section in the next issue of Blue Bars. The proposed dues increase for new and late renew Primary members will be to \$45. I have been thinking it was \$40. Don't know what happened there... They said it was proposed by the NCCC Treasurer (normally a dues increase would be proposed by the Membership Committee) and will be voted on in November at the governors meeting because it is part of the Standing Rules and not a By-Law change. There is specific wording in the Standing Rules that requires that all motions for dues increases must be tabled for vote at the following governors meeting. I thought it would be on the ballots all governors would be voting in October, but apparently I was wrong on that also. The membership database will be closed on October 8th to allow for membership transactions to be processed and checks received by the RMDs before renewals start, which will be on October 15th. That's all I wrote down, so I guess the three or so hours we spent was taken up by stuff that I didn't think was important...

Saturday, September 8th, National governors meeting: They are planning to do the voting around October 10 to 15. They are not sure how the Membership shutdown will affect those dates. The governors may be locked out of the database and not able to vote.

The voting takes place inside the database so that might be a problem. They're working on that. Blue Bars editor Sylvia Hoaldrige said the summer issue hasn't been sent to the printer yet. She said she is looking for technical articles because they have been requested by several people. She said that if a copy of a published article is sent to her that you make sure to get written permission from the copyright owner for it to be published in Blue Bars. Debbie Lindsey, Director of Sponsorship, said to check the NCCC web site for the discount codes for the various sponsors. She said they sometimes have their own secret code and "NCCC" doesn't always work. Future Corvette Owners Association director Pat Kelly said many FCOA members are turning 16 and can no longer be FCOA members. They need to be converted to Youth members in order to remain a part of NCCC. One problem with that is that many of these kids were sponsored by grandparents who don't live near the kids so they don't realize that they are getting dropped and it's not convenient for them to convert the kids to Youth members. It has been suggested that a letter be written to the sponsor advising them of the situation. Pat has had family health issues lately that have taken a lot of her time and that letter has not been written yet. Convention Coordinator Deb Murphy told us the 2012 Convention books are not closed yet, but there will be a profit. She said they are looking for bids for the 2015 Convention. The bids should be submitted before the February 2013 national meetings. Dick Yanko, past NCCC President, 2013 Convention Director and Bowling Green resident, said the 2013 Convention in Bowling Green, KY will have a funk hana, rallye and car show. They don't know yet if they will have a low speed autocross or drags. They said it's been a strange process negotiating these events and things are "fluid" (they previously said there would be

a low speed autocross, but apparently there was a problem with the venue). Deb Murphy talked about the 2014 Convention that will be held in Savannah, GA. Lots of fun and interesting things to do there. Bernyce Molenda, NCCC Treasurer, read a motion to increase the dues for new members to \$45. After some protests and arguments (you wouldn't believe what we put up with at these meetings), it was determined that the motion she read had two words that were different than the motion that was read and tabled in May. She then withdrew the motion and we proceeded, using the wording from the original motion, which was read from the May meeting minutes. Allen Morris "called the question" before discussion began because he had to make a flight and didn't want to miss the vote. The question was voted down and discussion on the motion proceeded. Allen left... After some discussion the motion was finally voted on and it was defeated. There will be no dues increase. We didn't expect that because there was a lot of support for the increase. Chuck Heretta gave an impassioned speech and made a motion that NCCC buy an acre of land in the new NCM motorsports park. An acre costs \$15,000 and the cost would be \$3000 per year for 5 years. This amount had already been put in the budget. Part of the perks of owning an acre is that NCCC would have access to the track for events, as well as advertising. This money is going into an escrow account and will be returned if the motorsports park is not built. They are 100% sure that it WILL be built and the land has been purchased with options on surrounding acreage. The groundbreaking has already been scheduled for next year. The architects have been at work for some time and permits and environmental impact studies are ongoing. GM has made contributions to the design and one of the interesting features will be the duplication of significant parts of world-famous tracks. The motion was voted on and passed.

See ya, Cliff



Hosts the
FOURTH ANNUAL ALL CAR LOVERS SHOW
 Saturday, **October 27, 2012** from 10 am – 2 pm
 Escondido Elks Lodge #1687 at 2430 S Escondido Blvd, Escondido,



All domestic, foreign, sports, muscle cars, street rods, customs, slammed and vintage cars and trucks are welcome. This is a San Diego gear head celebration! Portions of the proceeds will go to the Escondido Elks Lodge charities.

- **Only \$25 entry fee per pre-registered vehicle; includes 1 BBQ lunch (event).**
- **NOTE:** Additional lunches are \$5 each and event shirts are \$15 each.
- **Pre-registration deadline is Monday, October 22, 2012.**
- **\$30 entry fee post-deadline and same day registration.**
- **Reserved parking for all pre-registered vehicles.**
- **Awards and parade of winners for the car show favorites!**

Traveling northbound on I-15, exit West Centre City Parkway. Turn right onto West Citracado Parkway for 1/2 block then left to the Escondido Elks Lodge on the right.

Traveling southbound on I-15, exit Felicita Rd. Turn left onto Gamble Lane, which becomes West Citracado Parkway, for 3/4 mile to the Escondido Elks Lodge. All participants will be requested to sign a standard release of liability.

For more info, please contact Paul Heeter, Chairperson, at (858) 485-9888 or visit the club website at:

www.corvettesofsandiego.com

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NCCC -WEST COAST & NORTHWEST
REGIONAL CONVENTION

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN IN LAS VEGAS

APRIL 4-7, 2013

START WITH A PARTY HOSTED BY THE REGIONS ON THE 4TH.

RACING AT WORLD FAMOUS

SPRING MOUNTAIN RACE TRACK ON THE 5TH.

LOW SPEED IN THE AM & TIME TRIALS IN THE PM

CAR SHOW ON THE 6TH IN THE AM

RALLYE IN THE PM COVERING SIGHTS OF LAS VEGAS

SUNDAY MORNING AWARDS BREAKFAST

HOTEL: SILVERTON – 866-722-4608 CODE: SCICOR4

PRICE: WED & SUN \$59 THUR-SAT \$79 + TAX NO RESORT FEES

COST OF EVENTS WILL BE ANOUNCED LATER

ESTIMATED COST BELOW:

REGISTRATION \$25 EA LOW SPEED \$30 TIME TRIALS \$40

PLEASE NOTE NORMAL COST IS \$300+ TO RUN AT SPRING MTN.

CAR SHOW \$15 RALLYE \$10

INFO: ALLEN MORRIS – REGIONAL EXECUTIVE 949-367-9000
(NO EMAILS OR TEXTING)

OFFICAL REGISTRATION FORM TO FOLLOW

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESVATIONS NOW

Consequences

