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CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social event for May	"Who Dun It" Mystery Theater	5/17
The Club event for May	Temecula Valley Car Show	5/5
Other events for May	Homeland Security Training:	4/27



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 2012 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$3,200 to our charities.

HIS House	\$800.00
CHIPS for Kids	\$800.00
Council On Aging	\$800.00
Operation Home Front	\$800.00

CSS Family Updates



Please Congratulate John Manfred for receiving his first ever trophy for First Place in Class on the High Speed Time Trials at the NCCC West Coast Convention at Pahrump

Congratulate Gary Plehn for driving in his first ever Autocross at the NCCC West Coast Convention at Pahrump.

Finally, please congratulate Ron and Karen for receiving their first ever trophy for the car show at the Gambler's Classic in Laughlin





President Geoff

At long last, the first ever regional convention became a reality. What a blast it was. We had 340 registered participants but of that number 114 came from outside our region. One couple came from Houston Texas pulling their Vette in a toy hauler.

One of my highlights was meeting Dick Yanko who is a Past President of NCCC and is heading up the Bowling Green Convention. What a very nice gentleman he is. In addition we had Current NCCC President Hal Bellamy and his wife Mary from Florida. There were other past NCCC officers in attendance: Jerry Britner and Tammy Spinrad from Houston, Roger and Nelda Mitchell from Fort Worth and Jay Hommer from Iowa, the former National Treasurer.

One of the best parts of any convention is the time we get between events and the time at night to visit with our friends from other clubs. During one such occasion, I met Doug Utash from Apple Valley who said he had decided to join CSS just because we do so much and our members are like family to him.

Not only was this convention a first for our region, we had a couple of other "Firsts" for CSS members too. John Manfred received his first EVER trophy for his first place performance in the Time Trials at Pahrump. I can tell you for a fact that he was very excited and had a smile on him that was bigger than the Cheshire Cat. Another "FIRST" was that Gary Plehn drove his car in his first EVER Autocross. Gary has ridden along with several of us in the past but this time, he drove himself. He had that same kind of grin on his face. I think he is hooked. Finally, the other big "FIRST" is that one of our newest members, Shannon Norris, did so well on the Autocross that she beat the times of several CSS seasoned drivers. Before anyone blurts in out, I will admit that she beat my time and her mother's time.

Now I would like to explain something about the information that some may think is missing from this edition about the convention. I want you to recall all the times that CSS went to Corvette Track Days at Pahrump and remember that what happens at Pahrump stays documented in the Pahrump Gazette. For those of you that did not attend the Convention, you can receive your own copy of the Pahrump Gazette by subscribing and paying your one time life time subscription fee of \$300 or you can arm wrestle someone who did receive it. The fee has not gone up since it was first published in The Pahrump Gazette in Volume 1 Number 1 on March 9th, 2009. If you decide to subscribe, you will receive, as a bonus, all past issues of the Gazette and learn why we say "What happens in Pahrump, stays in Pahrump, or at least the Pahrump Gazette".

Save The Wave
Geoff

The VP's Word

The April Good Guy was Joe Orrico. He helped Fred & Deni Fosseck of OC Vettes jump start their car. This happened at the Long Beach Grand Prix when they had a dead battery in the Corvette Corral. Fred emailed me asking to forward his thanks to whoever helped him. I know we have many good guys, but I normally do not learn about the stories.



Shout-out Good Deeds to Joe and Cindy Orrico for their hard work to make the Western NCCC Convention in Las Vegas a success. Like the proverbial duck gliding smoothly on the surface, but paddling furiously, they kept a cool attitude. More Good Deeds were done by Doug Mariani for his diligent web site work to post the vast number of NCCC Convention photos.

Congratulations to all who won trophies at the Las Vegas Convention and the Gamblers Classic. Jobs well done running the cars and polishing them.

Friday-Sunday, May 3-5, 5th Annual Monterey Peninsula Corvette Cruise

Hosted by Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club. 100 car limit. Go to www.montereycorvettes.com for information and registration form. Saturday Shine and Show, Poker Run. Dinner Saturday night. Cruise along Monterey and Pebble Beach coastline.

Saturday, May 4, Spring Car Show, Stanton, CA

At the Stanton Civic Center, 7800 Katella Ave, Stanton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advance registration is \$25 or \$35 at the gate. Note www.stantoncarshow.com.

Sunday, May 5, Old Town Temecula Car Show

This is at Old Town Temecula celebrating 60 years of Corvettes. 8 AM Show Begins: 10 a.m. Ballots In 1 p.m. Trophy Presentation: 2:30 PM. Registration \$35

Sunday, May 5 USO Charity Car & Motorcycle Show

At Ontario Airport, 1940 E. Moore Way, Ontario. Sponsored by the USO. Note www.usoontariocarshow.com for registration form. Advance registration is \$20 or \$25 at the gate. For info call Gail at 909 390 4274 or email gail4troops@gmail.com.

Friday-Saturday, May 10-11, ALMS Race Laguna Seca, Monterey

Note web site <http://www.mazdaraceway.com>

Saturday, May 11, Santa Maria Autocross

Low speed autocross at Santa Maria Airport. Contact Vapor Trails Corvette Club. Website is <http://www.vaportrailvettes.com>

Thursday-Sunday, May 16-19 Nevada Open Road Challenge.

Speed class 95 mph to 180 mph. sponsored by La Vegas Corvettes club.

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Sunday, May 19 Plastic Fantastic All Corvette show Located at Seaport Village, San Diego. This is sponsored by North County Corvette Club. Beware of their web site, my anti-virus blocked a malicious virus.



The VP's Word continued

Saturday, June 1 Cowabunga Car show

Show from 3-8 p.m. at Kraemer Memorial Park, North Walnut Ave, Placentia. Produced by the Rotary Club of Placentia to benefit HIS House, College Scholarships, and Boys & Girls Club. Live and Silent Auction. <http://cowabungacrabfest.net> for info email glennebaldwin@aol.com or call 714 528 8834.

Saturday, June 8 Beach 'n Vettes & Classic Chevys show

Ruby's Diner at the Redondo Beach Marina, 245 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach Ca. Registration 8-10 a.m. Towels down at 10 a.m. Trophies awarded at 3 p.m. Register online at www.thevetteset.com. NCCC sanctioned #WC-401-0002. Call John or Linda at 310 378 4062 for info.

Sunday, June 9 San Marina Motor Classic

6:30-10:00 at Lacy Park, San Marino. Tickets \$125 per person. Call 323 964 6359 for questions or purchase tickets. www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com

Thursday-Sunday, June 13-16 11th Annual Corvettes at Lake Tahoe Car Show

At Mont Bleu Resort Casino & Spa, south show of Lake Tahoe, Stateline, NV. Produced by Lake Tahoe Corvette Club. Registration is \$125 per person or \$150 per couple. For Info www.laketahoe Corvetteclub.org. There is a menu of other costs on the website. Email www.laketahoe Corvetteclub@hotmail.com with your questions.

Saturday, June 22 6th Annual Charity car show

At Cucamonga-Guasti Regional Park, 800 N. Archibald Ave, Ontario. Grass setting by the Lakes, Picnic Area. Produced by JDRF Inland Empire Branch. 7:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Registration is \$25 by June 10 and \$35 after. www.jdrfinlandempire.com. For questions, call 951 784 4156 or email inlandempire@jdrf.org.

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 NCCC Convention, Bowling Green.

Go to www.CorvettesNCCC.org for gobs of online information.

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 Bloomington Gold, Corvettes USA

At Assembly Hall, University of Illinois, 1800 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois. Go to website to see the long menu of costs. www.bloomingtongold.com email shelly@bloomingtongold.com.

Friday-Sunday, June 28-30 Bash Before the Bash and the Big Bear Bash

The BBBBBB is Friday at the Jones, Big Bear. Thanks again, Shirley & Garry, for hosting this. Bring something for the potluck. The Big Bear Bash is run by Corvettes West. www.corvetteswest.com Registration is \$75 per person for 3 days. Host hotel is Marina Resort, 40770 Lakeview Drive, Big Bear Lake. NCCC sanctioned event. www.corvetteswest.com. For questions email 2swift@att.net or call 951 776- 0936 shirts and hats for sale. Individual day pass is \$35.

Beware, beware, beware...some Corvette Club web sites are contaminated with viruses. Be sure to keep your anti-virus software up-to-date.

If I have omitted any events, let me know the information so I can include it.

"There is flattery in friendship." Shakespeare, (Henry V 3.7.102, Constable to Orleans)

Art

Kelli on Charities

We always mention during our General Meetings that H.I.S. House provides a roof over the head of a person in need, but it does much more than that. One of its main goals is to make that person self-sufficient. One of the ways that this is done is to provide assistance in career development. The focus of the H.I.S. House Career Development Program is employment; therefore, it is a requirement that all residents must be able to work.



Greg, the H.I.S. House Career Developer, meets with each resident and creates a resume from their job history. A well written resume, even for one with little experience, can lead to the next step in the hiring process. Often times if a resident's work experience is extensive, Greg will develop specific resumes for each career path they have taken. He also works with applicants by performing mock interviews arming them with frequently asked questions that employers may throw their way.

Residents are asked to provide 25 job searches per week. H.I.S. House requires the resident to complete and turn in their job search progress report at their weekly case management meeting. Each adult is expected to secure employment within the first 45 days of becoming a resident, though in this economy it is a challenge. Often, those with desired job skills do find employment and enter the road towards self-sufficiency.

Residents are given vouchers to shop at Charity's Closet, the neighborhood thrift shop run by H.I.S. House. Sometimes, women and men are sent to Working Wardrobes. However, this can cost up to \$175 per person. It is a fact that a well dressed applicant may make the difference between securing or not securing a job. This is where you *can give and it won't hurt*. Business-type clothing, shoes, belts, purses, are always in need at Charity's Closet. They can be dropped off at the General Meeting or Charity's Closet.

Remember, that donation receipt they provide not only represents a possible tax deduction, but it may represent the golden ticket that helps someone start down a new path in their life.

Bob, Kelli, and Karen - Charity Committee says "Thank you CSS for all you do"





NCCC West Coast Convention - April 4-7

The Convention started in earnest on Thursday morning with the Tech Inspection for the races and the rallies. Then later that day there was a welcoming party. Friday morning at 6:15 am the racers headed out for Spring Mountain Raceway for the autocross and time trials.



Saturday was the Car show and rallies. We had a great gimmick rally put together by Benita Klaizner of LVCA and a poker rally hosted by PVCA.

Sunday was the awards breakfast. The trophies are truly a one of a kind with amazing art work. CSS got its share of awards although in consideration of time, only the first 3 places were announced. The complete scores for CSS are shown later in this issue.

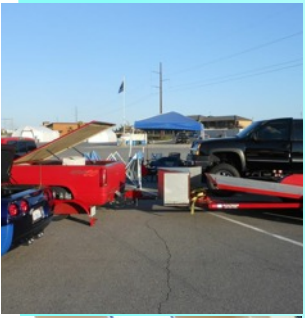


But the glue that held the event together are the sponsors and the individual clubs and their members that organized each of the events.

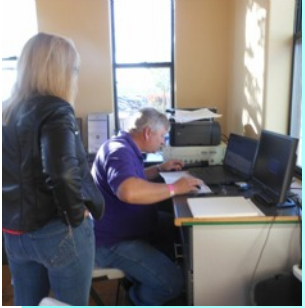
From the beginning of the convention at the welcoming party hosted by Corvette Mikes, to the first Poker Run to the track hosted by Inland Empire Corvettes, to the awards ceremony hosted by GM Downunder and all the other sponsors and hosts of the events, our hats are off to you.



No convention is complete without an Autocross event. That function alone either requires very large registration fees or a very generous sponsor or both. In our case, KUMHO Tires did an amazing thing. They provided our convention with funding to rent Spring Mountain Raceway in Pahrump for both low speed autocross and high speed time trials. KUMHO Tires needs a big "shout out" from all those that attended for their sponsorship and for providing a set of tires for the raffle drawing at Pahrump



The low speed event was hosted by Vettes'R'Us and the high speed event was hosted by Corvette Super Sports. Both clubs paid tribute to KUMHO for their sponsorship and for the quality of their tires that were seen on many of the competitors. Most of us who have participate in low speed events in the past know that when TC McNett is in charge, the event is professionally managed, and a great friend is in charge. All of us appreciate TC,



his computer skills, his racing skills, and his indepth knowledge of racing. TC is a great proponent of KUMHO as well. The High speed event was hosted by none other than our very own Joe Orrico. Were it not for Joe, there would not be any high speed events in the region. His advocacy of the use of transponders to track times and his extensive racing experience made for a great event.

On Saturday morning, those racers that participated on Friday, had to be up at dawn to clean their cars. No one thought ahead enough to completely cover their cars with racing tape to make the car show preparation easier. The car show, hosted by our friends at Vette Set from Carson, showed off our cars and the ones that had raced the day before looked like all the others - show room ready. The Car Show was just the right amount of time too and immediately following was the launch of 2 rallies. One was the sights of Las Vegas hosted by the Las Vegas Corvette Club and managed on site by our friend Benita Klaizner. The other was the Poker Rally hosted by the Pomona Valley Corvette Association. Both rallies ended at Findlay Chevrolet where we were treated to such friendly people and access to some amazing cars including some Callaway upgraded ones. We also were treated to some awesome raffle prizes.

Vicki's Perspective

A BIG Kudos goes out to all the Corvette clubs involved in putting together an organized, fun filled, enjoyable weekend!

When we arrived on Thursday we were greeted with champagne and a big welcome in the registration suite :) In the evening we all gathered around the pool for the Welcome Party where we caught up with old friends and made some new ones. We were treated to wonderful Hors d'oeuvres passed around by the hotel staff that was attentive and very friendly. It was very nice way to spend the evening.

Friday was racing in Pahrump; the racers were out bright and early. Those of us that didn't want to get up quite so early did the Poker Rally to





Pahrump which was a very pleasant drive. However, Bob and I found out two pair doesn't win a rally. After the racing 35 of us met at the Mexican Restaurant for dinner and to compare notes on the day's events. All I can say is that the food and drinks were good :)

Saturday morning found most of us up early to clean our cars for the car show after our trip to Pahrump we needed it. I believe Bob and I had thirteen cars in our class and we placed second. In the evening we were invited to Joe and Cindy's room for pizza, champagne and fun! Need I say more??? What happens in Joe and Cindy's room stays in Joe and Cindy's room!!!

After the awards breakfast where Corvette Super Sports picked up a few awards for the rally, racing and car show we just kicked back by hanging out at the pool to work on our tans, or some of us watched the sports on 10 big screen TV sets at the Sports Bar, some did a little gambling while others went to see the Jersey Boys and Rock of Ages.

Monday morning we woke up to 60 MPH wind and rain to head home in :(Now it is time to clean our cars to get ready for the next event :)

In looking back the things that stand out in my mind are the awesome shirts that Shannon Norris made for Team Norris Racing, Cindy Chee's chocolate chip cookies, the chocolate shakes from Johnny Rockets at 9:00 at night and sitting out in the parking lot after the car show relaxing while everyone was lining up for the gimmick rally.

What a fun weekend!!! We are looking forward to the next NCCC West Coast Regional Convention!!!

Thank you Vicki!!!





After conferring with Joe, we have some of the unofficial results as follows:

Low Speed Autocross

Bud Norris	1st in Class	2J
Joe Orrico	3rd in Class	2J
Dave Alciatore	1st in Class	RP
John Manfred	2nd in Class	RP
Jackie Lyon	1st in Class	3HL
Jennifer Spencer	2nd in Class	L2J
Shannon Norris	3rd in Class	L2J
Dawnette Norris	4th in Class	L2J



High Speed Time Trials

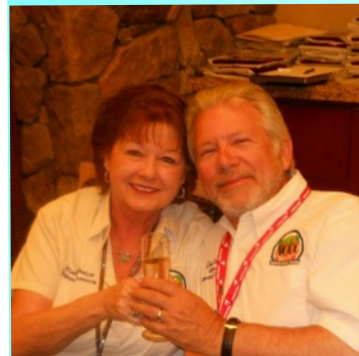
Ed Norris	First in Class	1J
Geoff Girvin	3rd in Class	1SK
Mike Baddley	1st in Class	1SM
Bud Norris	First in Class	2J
John Manfred	First in Class	RP
Doug Lyon	2nd in Class	3H
Dave Alciatore	2nd in Class	RP
Dawnette	2nd in Class	L2J
Jennifer	3rd in Class	L2J



Car Show

Bob Kump 2nd in class
Larry Farrell 3rd in class

The NCCC points standings are available by accessing our web site, then clicking on the Event Calendar, then clicking on the point standings link at the top of the page.



Long Beach Grand Prix - Corvette Corral

On April 19-20 the annual Long Beach Grand Prix comes to town. Some people will go to the Grand Prix though and never experience the true flavor of the race because they do not own a Corvette nor do they have the opportunity to go to the Corvette Corral.

Yes, the grandstands give attendees the ability to see the section of the race course and the big screen TV at most turns show what is happening at other turns, but the Corvette Corral gives us a much better perspective on the entire event. Not only are there TV screens to view the race but we also get seminars that help us understand why race drivers drive!

This year was no exception. Not only that, but the Corvette Race team drivers came to the tent for an autograph signing session and to answer questions. We also had representatives from Michelin tires explain about the design process for the Corvette tires and the design philosophy for the new C7.



The representative from Mobile 1 explained the reason for running a higher weight engine oil in our cars on race day as well as the differences between Mobil 1, a 100% synthetic and the new GM synthetic blend engine oil.



Later in the program we were treated to a discussion of the C7 by Harlan Charles, the product marketing manager for the C7 who explained how they finally got to the "Sting Ray" designation as well as how they work hand in hand with the Corvette Racing Team to build into the production model cars the components and performance characteristics needed by the racing team. His Q & A session was most enlightening and one tid bit of information included how the front license plate was being designed to adhere to the individual state requirements.



One of the high lights was listening to Doug Fehan the Corvette Racing Program Manager who explained why GM is racing and why we as Corvette owners are so important to them. Ron Fellows rounded out the weekend by talking about his experience as one of the Race Team drivers in the past.



The program was divided up so that we all had plenty of time to visit the other parts of the venue where we could see the Cor-

vette race cars being prepared for the actual race. It was very exhilarating to be able to ask a team member at the paddock about something that was said in the Corral and then watch the expressions on the faces of the other bystanders.

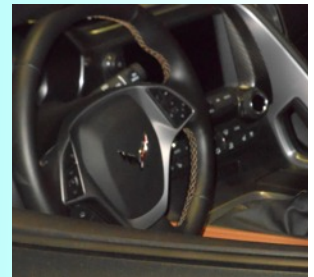
Each year the Corral team will also determine which Corvette Club had the highest attendance and CSS received that trophy again this year. It was a very proud moment for me to finally receive an award as your President and your representative at an event. This trophy will be on display in the display at Connell Chevrolet. It is signed by all of the Corvette Race team. The members that attended were John and Michele, Mike and Kathy, Joe and Cindy, Geoff and Ginger, Ned and CynDee, Jay and Marcia, and Jim and Elaine.



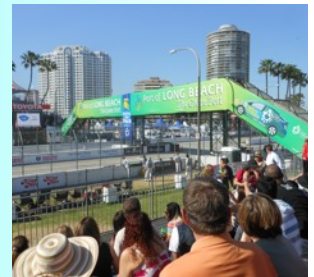
After Harlan talked about some of the finer points of the C7, we had a chance to view it up close and personal at the convention center. He said that it has a new steering wheel designed specifically for the C7.



The rest of the weekend was spent either in the grandstands, or walking around to see better views of the track while each of the other classes in the race were either practicing or running their qualifying races. It was very amazing being in the paddock area with the cars racing around three sides of the area.



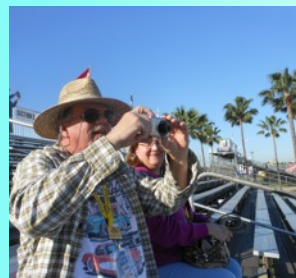
As always on such events there were food stands but the advantage of being at the Corral was that there was plenty of food to go around so it was not entirely necessary to purchase over priced food from the concessions.



The Corral folks also had some very nice raffle prizes and John and Michele were lucky from CSS.



At the end of the race, Corvette Racing placed 6th and 9th and Gavin remained 1st in class in the GT ALMS Series.



Gambler's Classic - Laughlin Nevada April 19-21

On the same weekend as the Grand Prix, the CSS team took their annual trek to Laughlin for the Corvettes of Bakersfield's annual Gambler's Classic at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. 11 cars from



CSS went to Laughlin and had it not been for the Long Beach Grand Prix, we would have won the Club Participation award. But that did not deter us from raking in some spectacular raffle prizes, some great trophies and some great adventures.

I was told by a reliable source that Ron and Karen got their first ever trophy for a car show and that Karen

ran to the front of the room to get the trophy before Ron ever got out of his chair. The rest of the 11 were Rick and Lynn, Scott and Renita, Art and Marge, Bob and Vicki, Ed and Linda, Bud and Dawnette, Bob and Kelli, Rich and Barbara, Donna, and Ed and Maria Foye.

Everyone knows though that the one of the main reasons that the Laughlin trip is so well attended is the trip to Oatman to visit relatives (other clubs of course) But if you ask anyone they will say it is for the caravan to Oatman is why they go.



I am sure that you can recognize someone in this picture.

In addition to the caravan to Oatman, there is a car show and lots of trophies and raffles



Laughlin from Vicki's point of view

Corvette Super Sports are on the move again....some going to the Long Beach Grand Prix while others are headed out to Laughlin for Corvettes of Bakersfield's Gambler's Classic.

We are in the group heading to Laughlin with a caravan of six cars heading out there, but not before a stop at Peggy Sue's for breakfast. We are very excited to have Linda and Ed's daughter and granddaughter, Tracie and Danielle joining us from Texas this weekend. Danielle is riding with Ed in the lead car while Tracie is riding with Linda in their "Corvette in Training HHR". (Linda should be racing; I think she could beat Rita).

We all arrived in Laughlin and checked into our rooms and registered for the event. After a beer and glass of wine to calm our nerves from the drive we gathered in the Celebrity Theatre for a buffet dinner and an evening of Country Western entertainment. Saturday morning we were all up early to clean our cars for the car show. In the afternoon we were off on the Poker Rally in Linda's "Corvette in Training" while the guys stayed at the hotel relaxing. The rally took us to Oatman where we found donkeys were roaming the streets looking for food from anyone who would feed them. While in Oatman we were entertained with a gun fight between bank robbers and of course there was also some shopping to be done.

When we arrived back at the hotel it was time to meet everyone for the awards to be handed out and the raffle prizes to be won. Corvette Super Sports came away with trophies and raffle prizes and also honorable mention for having 11 cars representing our club. Limited Corvettes took home the trophy for having 29 cars there. Those helping Corvette Super Sports get honorable mention were, Bob and Kelly Reed, Art and Marge Huhta, Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis, Rick and Lynn Miller, Scott and Renita Glover, Bob and Vicki Kump, Ed and Linda Norris, Bud and Dawnette Norris, Donna Stewart, Barbara Ortiz and Richard Carias, and Mel and Maria Foye. The car show trophies went to Ed and Linda, second place for their C-5, Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis, 5th place for their C-6, (Karen is still in shock), and Rick and Lynn Miller, 4th place for their C-6.

The big winners in the raffle were Ed and Linda won a weekend in Laughlin, Bud and Dawnette won a TV and Scott and Renita won a few days in Mammoth, other prize winners were, Bob and Kelly, Mel and Maria, Bob and Vicki.

It's Sunday morning and time to say good-bye to a really fun weekend and looking forward to next year.



Technology Corner

Reengineering the sound in "Jake" my C6 Vette

Written by Madden T. "Pat" Works

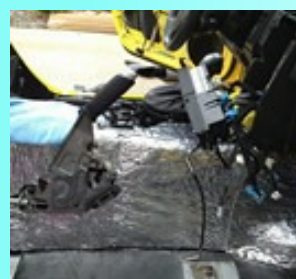
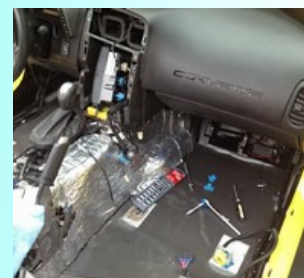
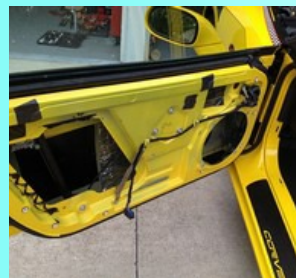
Some cars are noisy; some aren't. Stock Luxury automobiles are delivered with high-quality noise attenuation systems, OEM, from-the-factory. Our Corvettes have neither vibration nor noise dampers. This is logical because for Vette applications, GM favors lowering weight and cutting costs over reducing road noise. Undeniably, vibration dampers and sound deadening materials are pricey, add weight, and increase labor costs.

On the other hand, they bestow a quieter C6 and improve its faculty to host high fidelity music. We found our car too noisy for long trips so I took it down to the bare panels and installed sound deadening. Layered pads now line the line floor pans, engine compartment, hood, doors, firewalls, and body panels, quarter panels and cargo area. The bottom layer is 3Ms Sound Deadening Pad (from Amazon). The 3M Sound Deadening Pads suppress noise, vibration, and control resonance in panels. An over layer of Mass Loaded Vinyl is a noise barrier. (Kit from Mid America) To finish, I added a layer of closed cell foam/foil over the console - transmission area as a heat shield. (Duct insulation from Home Depot).

At the same time I totally replaced both the factory C6 Corvette factory-Premium Voice, radio 'head unit', (AM/FM/CD/XM/NAV) and the seven-speaker Bose audio system, along with the factory Navigation System, the 3 Bose Amplifiers, and wiring. I love MUSIC so I installed a Custom Kenwood 9990 system and it sounds awesome. The head Unit, 9990 Kenwood System includes: Garmin GPS Navigation System; Hands-Free - Bluetooth hands-free phone; A2DP Music Streaming - wireless music; Digital HD; iPhone and iPod connections; jacks to connect USB thumb drives and external hard disk drives; Pandora; SiriusXM; rear View Camera; Triple 2.0V Pre-outs; and control on steering wheel. I upgraded to different amplification using a primary amplifier and 4 channel secondary amplifiers paired with a Kenwood KAC-8405 60Wx4 Car Amplifier. You need the power for clarity to adjust the acoustic environment of the car. I have control over time alignment, crossovers and parametric EQ's. These Amps all feed Seven-each (7) automotive use Kicker speakers. PRO: For me, next to the "Jake" paint, it was the best mod I've done to the car.

Top off and exhaust + road noise wailing I hear loud and clear. Sound deadening is a good thing. My less-noise Vette is a delight. Now we can converse. The upscale system sound stands out! Audio sounds wonderful. Jan agrees: crisp highs, solid Mids and rich lows. Kenwood's 9990 lush feature set is wide and deep. It offers more options than I have IQ. Garmin GPS' is the best. Bluetooth everything connectivity enhances and enables; Audio system grants tune-ability. Back up camera is great for tail-in parking with élan. High satisfaction for us. Happy campers.

CON: Not easy. Blood, sweat, and tears intensive. High Cost: about \$4k; High Tech: Kenwoods' extensive technology set, is like an iPad's learning curve. Superb control: Impressive System tune-ability is also befuddlement.



TOOLS: Door-panel popper tool, nylon pry-bars, door-panel replacement pins, adhesives & tapes, speaker wire connectors, zip-lock bags and zip-ties. Installer: David Arce and me.

PARTS LIST:

- Kenwood DNX9990HD Navigation Receiver, Kenwood KAC-8405 60W x 4 Car Amplifier
- Kicker 10CVT654 6.75" 4-Ohm Component Subwoofer
- Kicker 11KS525 5-1/4" Coaxial Speakers, Kicker 11KS35 3.5" Coaxial Speakers
- SiriusXM SXV200V1 Satellite Radio Tuner
- Metra ASWC Auto Sensing Steering Wheel Cntrl Intrfc
- GM VT-GMOS-04 GM Class II Data bus Interface, Kenwood KCA-IP202 iPod Cable, GM Antenna Adapter
- Boyo VTL402C Back Up Camera, EFX Amplifier Wiring Kit 8-gauge w/Patch Cord
- Monster Cable XP 50 foot MiniS with clear jacket, EFX 17-ft. Stereo RCA Patch Cable



Sponsor's Corner:

As all of you know, Connell Chevrolet is our club sponsor and they are a great group of people. When we go into service our cars, both Corvettes and other cars we might have, the service advisors treat us like family and give us all the impression that they are truly interested in our best interests. This family extension is directly attributable to the owner of Connell Chevrolet, Wayne Doddridge.

Art, our CSS VP, stopped by to talk to Wayne recently and it became very clear why the Service Department and the Sales Department and every other department at Connell Chevrolet make us feel so welcome. The following is from Art's chat with Wayne.

Wayne Doddridge manages Connell Chevrolet.

Connell has been a family run business since Wayne's father purchased the franchise in 1989. Wayne is the active general manager, while his dad is more passive.

Doddridge said his philosophy is to "take care of your people as you would like your wife treated." He is a family man with six children and wife at home. When I last visited the dealership, I found him in the hall chatting with the sales staff. I introduced myself and he graciously turned to chat with me.

I asked him about the C7. "Some of my staff saw and touched it. They are Ga-Ga over it," he said. He expects to have one in the show room later this fall. Wayne agrees that we should have a "C7 Welcome Party".

Connell offers full service as well as offering new and used cars.

Look for Wayne the next time you are at the dealership and introduce yourself.

When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.





NCCC National News.

One of the newest programs implemented by the NCCC at the national level is the Family Helping Family program.

We would like for this program to be available for use by all NCCC members. If you are traveling and something would happen to you or your car, wouldn't it be better to have a

fellow NCCC member to help you out instead of a stranger?

To make this program successful, we will need to enlist your Club and Region's assistance. Each Region Executive is asked to forward this information to each of the Governors in their region to sign up at least two or more club members from each individual club to be on the contact list. We hope out of each club member that signs up, we would have someone that has mechanical knowledge, someone with a trailer, someone with a spare bed and if someone wanted to stop and have a cup of coffee and conversation that we have someone sign up for just that. If you decide to sign up, then you have agreed to provide assistance for free, to help out a fellow NCCC member. You have made a commitment to respond as soon as you can or to find someone else who can. We don't want someone to wait for hours just because it may be in the middle of the night. If it was you that was needing help, you would want someone to respond as quickly as possible. We would hope that the person receiving assistance would offer some type of appreciation, maybe help with gas money or even lunch.

This list will not be used for outside Solicitations or Distribution. It is intended to be used for NCCC member assistance. Please do not use this list to ask about what tires to buy or if you are looking for a particular part unless you have broken down and this is the kind of assistance you need. Do not make a mailing list for solicitations or jokes from this list.

Use the list for the purpose it was created for. Each member of NCCC will be informed on how to access this list by information provided by their club's governor. A separate form will be used for you to volunteer and that will also be placed on the NCCC web site. The information you provide will be in a secure non-publicly linked area. We ask that the form or information on the form be sent to 3 individuals who have volunteered to help get this program started. Each of the 3 individuals will have certain Regions assigned to them and we ask that you submit your information to that individual.

Hal Tumbleson can be reached at e-mail address BusinessManager@corvettesnccc.org or fax number 719-667-7266 or phone number 719-641-7275. Hal will have the Michigan, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Roadrunner, West and West Coast Regions assigned to him.

Douglas McMahan can be reached at e-mail address PublicRelations@corvettesnccc.org or cell phone number 972-998-1589. Douglas will have the Carolina, Florida, Midwest, Southeast and Southwest Regions assigned to him.

Ron Ruston can be reached at e-mail address Sergeant-at-Arms@corvettesnccc.org or phone number 405-348-3545. Ron will have the East, East Ohio, Indiana, Northeast and West Ohio Regions assigned to him.

NCCC Regional News

Access to the West Coast Regional Web Site - use this link:



<http://www.ncccwcregion.org/>

The biggest event for The West Coast Region this month was the Convention in Las Vegas on April 4-7. Our Regional leadership was in attendance in full force. Allen Morris, Regional Executive, Cliff Harris, Regional Membership Director, Joe Orrico, Regional Competition Director, Cindy Orrico, Regional Secretary and Ellis Chee, Regional Treasurer, helped run and participated in the first ever NCCC Regional convention.

In addition, NCCC National officers and directors attended from all over the country. We thank Hal Bellamy, Current NCCC President, Dick Yanko, past president of NCCC, 1999-2002 and 2007-2010, Jerry Britner, past NCCC president 1995-1996 and VP of Membership 1980-1981, Jay Hommer, past NCCC Treasurer 2001-2005, Roger Mitchell past NCCC President 2003-2006, and Pat Spinrad, NCCC secretary 1973-1974

The sponsors of the event were Kumho Tires, Corvette Mike, GM DownUnder, and Findlay Chevrolet. Kumho tires sponsored the race day at Spring Mountain in Pahrump and donated a set of tires for a raffle. Corvette Mike sponsored the welcoming party and GM DownUnder sponsored the awards breakfast. Findlay Chevrolet sponsored the trophies and the Raffle prizes at the end of the Rally on Saturday.

340 people registered and attended with 114 coming from outside of the West Coast Region. In all, it was a fun filled weekend at the Silverton Casino with autocrossing, rallies car show and raffles.

NCCC West Coast Regional web links for:

1. WC Regional Google calendar page

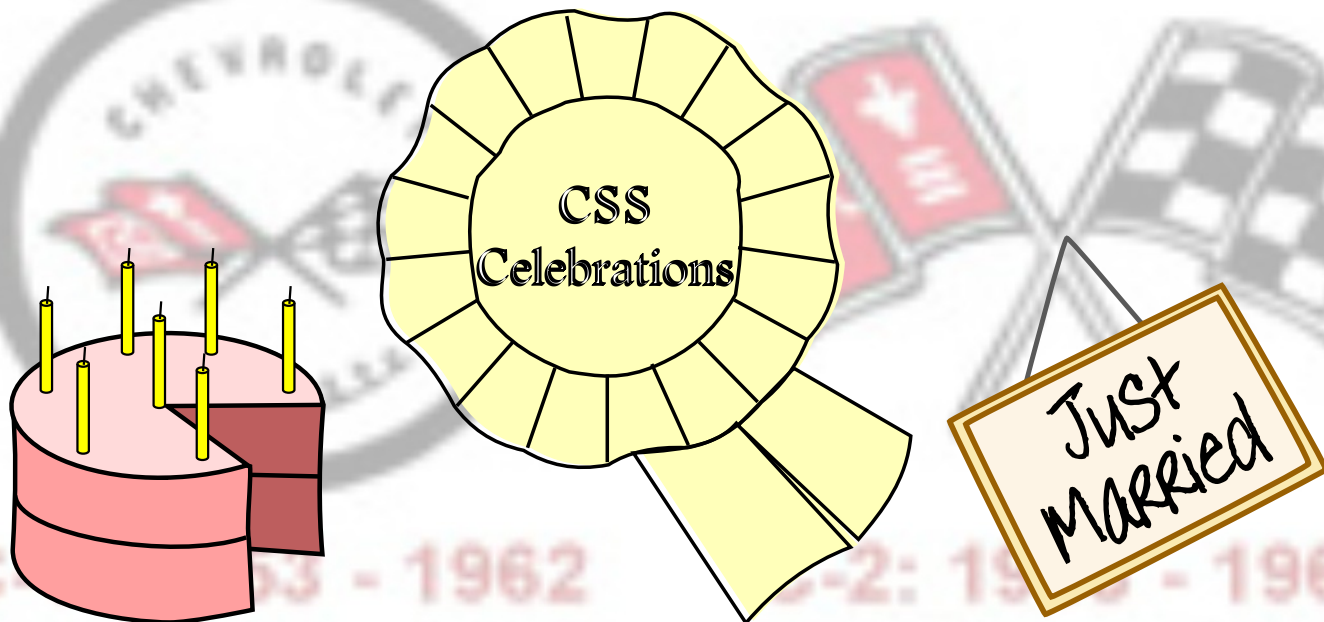
Direct web access for users

Regional Events and flyer downloads

<https://93075438.domainhost.com/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2013/Programs/ListEventsForRegion.php>

Regional Championship points reported and results downloads

<https://93075438.domainhost.com/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2013/Programs/PointsCalculations.php?Region=WC>



April Birthdays

Jim M Cooper	04/05
Connie Killian	04/14
Linda Norris	04/16
Vicki Kump	04/17
Lynn Miller	04/17
Jennifer Spencer	04/25
Jay Lynch	04/27

May Birthdays

Bob Reed	05/04
Sue Rosen	05/08
David Dunn	05/14
Cindy Orrico	05/21
Chuck Rosen	05/23
Garry Jones	05/26

April Anniversaries

Doug & Jackie Lyon	04/08
Don & Debra Pritchard	04/12
Greg & Chris Glodery	04/21
Chris & Jennifer Spencer	04/21
Ron & Karen DeBartolomeis	04/27
Rick & Lynn Miller	04/29

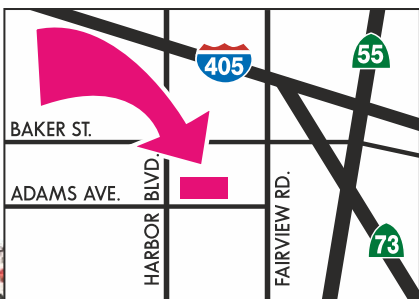
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Tom & Barbara Cuccio	05/27

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