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CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social events for January

Annual Banquet 1/18

Other events for January

Homeland Security Training 1/25



All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings. We especially welcome our new members to come and see the inner working of the club.

As you can see, everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings



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 2013 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$8,000 to our charities.

CHIPS for Kids \$4,000.00

Support the Enlisted Project \$4,000.00

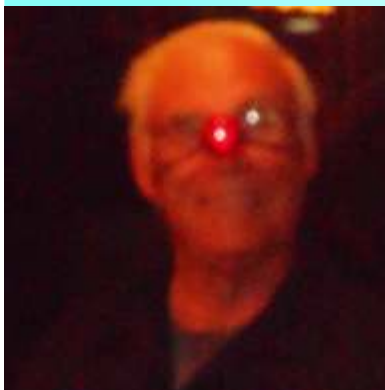
CSS Family Updates

Please keep Michael Baddley, Cindy Orrico, and Connie Killian in your prayers as they are all under the weather.





President Geoff



I cant believe that I have had the honor of being CSS president for a whole year and that I still have interesting (at least to me) things up my sleeves for us to do at meetings and elsewhere. Yes that is a Rudolph nose on me in my mug shot. Too bad the lighting was not better but maybe having it this way I can deny it is me if I need to.

I want to thank all of our members that came and voted at the December meeting and for those that dressed up for the event. I also want to thank everyone that participated in the nominations from the floor process because it brings a new group together to help coordinate the 2014 activities.

For those that did not attend, the results of the voting for officers and board members is as follows:

Geoff Girvin - President
 Tony Schavone - VP
 Bert Wiest - Secretary
 Rich Carias - Treasurer
 Joe Orrico - NCCC Governor
 Doug Mariani - Webmaster
 Newsletter Editor - Geoff Girvin
 Board members:
 Chuck Rosen
 Art Huhta
 Eric Ellsworth
 Gary Plehn
 Laura Schavone
 Donna Stewart - Geoff's Executive Secretary too

I would also like to thank all the officers and board members from 2013 that helped CSS have a spectacular year. First I would like to especially thank Marge Huhta for her professionalism and helping bring the financial position for our club to a stable condition. A big thanks to Ron D as well who has been on the board for 7 years in a row. We need to thank Vicki for helping as secretary this year along with all her other club activities over the years. Jim Cooper is stepping down from the board this year after many years as a board member, officer and car show chairman in the past. Thanks also to Don Pritchard for helping on the board as well. Art is stepping down as VP but will be on the board for 2014, Gary Plehn will also be on the board for 2014 to continue his service. Finally a big thanks to Bob Reed for being on the board and serving as our Charity representative too.

Thanks to everyone for their contribution to CSS last year. We had a spectacular and fun filled year.

Save the wave
 Geoff

The VP's Column

I would like to thank Art for his faithful service to the club and helping me in my first year as President. Art has done a great job keeping us all informed about the activities that we can participate in throughout the year. He also did a fantastic job managing our successful car show. Art will still be helping us this year as a board member. The following is his last schedule before relinquishing the VP post to Tony:



Saturday February 1 San Juan Capistrano Rotary 11th Annual Car Show & Poker Run
<https://sjcrotary.org/carshow/>

Sunday – Saturday February 2-8 Corvette Pirates 6 day Mexican Riviera "Rock and Roll Sea Cruise" Aboard the Carnival Miracle. Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, return Los Angeles. Hot Wheels, Corvette car show, drag races. Live music by Pat Roberts and the Heymakers with swing dance lessons. Waterslide races, theme shirt days. Everybody is welcome. Bring your friends and family. Info: Laurie "Tex" Schwab Email: vettetex@cox.net (602) 790-5788
<http://www.corvettepirates.com/>

Friday – Sunday May 2-4, 2014 6th Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise.

Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club is host. Registration couples \$160, Singles \$130. Poker run, raffle, 50/50. Book rooms at Embassy Suites before April 1, 2014. For info call Katie Ruskell at 831 624 9018 or email cypresspainting@sbcglobal.net. Note www.montereycorvettes.com

Sunday May 18 Plastic Fantastic XXXVII
 North County Corvette Club, San Diego.
<http://www.ncocc.com/calendar.html>

Thursday – Saturday August 28-30 Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green
<http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>

Thursday – Sunday September 18-21 Nevada Silver State Classic Challenge
<http://www.silverstateclassic.com/>

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

““We must dare, and dare again, and go on daring.”
 Georges Jacques Danton (1759 – 1794)

Art





Charities - Karen D.



At the December meeting, we were visited by Karla Winter from "Support for the Enlisted Project". We invited Karla to the meeting so that we could present her with our donation of \$4,000 for 2013. Karla explained a little

about how our donation helps their cause to provide help to enlisted personnel in transition. In addition, all of us collected and then donated disposable diapers to STEP as a gift in kind to meet an immediate need for them.



Also, on December 6th, 4 members volunteered their time to help The Council on Aging through an organization called "Smile Makers". This group provides Christmas gifts for elderly local residents in rest homes in the area to have a Christmas present to open.



You can see that Karen, Debra, Donna and Elaine were having fun wrapping presents. This is just one of the ways that we supported the Council on Aging throughout the year.

It will be at our banquet in January where we will present the CHP with our donation since this will be Donnell's last official CHP duty after 25 years of faithful service to the citizens of California and to the CHIPS for kids program. Donnell retired from the force at the end of December but he has assured me that he will continue to be a "force" in the program and will not be a stranger to CSS.

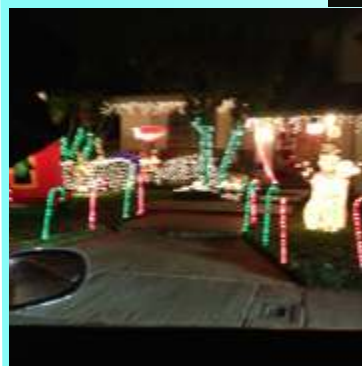




Christmas Light Caravan



Chuck Rosen organized a “Flash” event in December. Now most of us have heard of a Flash Mob, as a group of people with a single event in mind just showing up and performing something. Well, according to Sue Rosen, we were a Flash Drive group of Corvettes driving through a neighborhood in Brea to look at the Christmas lights. Afterwards we came to Geoff and Ginger’s house to chat and snack. Now, something you might not know, is that Ginger found out about the Flash Mob coming to our house afterwards in an email while she was in Oakland. Seems that in my creative response to Chuck on the idea, I forgot to tell Ginger. Oh, well!





Annual Christmas Party:

Tony and Laura graciously opened their home to all of us for our annual Christmas Holiday party. Tony and Laura did a fantastic job decorating and making all of us feel right at home.





The year in Review or in Revue - 2013

Does everyone remember our first general meeting in February where we all wore our favorite hats? How about the month that we all wore our favorite aprons? How about the month that the club racers brought and wore their racing helmets? We do love to dress up don't we. We even went to a murder mystery theater and dressed up like "Gangstas". The theater director said our group was the best group they had had yet and wanted us to come back again. Get ready for more such dress up meetings. I am thinking that there should be a "Wig" meeting, and a Cowboy boots meeting, and maybe your favorite tie, and maybe, just maybe next December doing a Polar Express take off and have us all wear our PJ's.

So here is the Year in Review or Revue depending on whether you remember the banquet at Knott's Berry Farm.

January

January 2013's banquet was at the John Force Race Station. The venue was coordinated through the CHP and was a once in a lifetime opportunity since now we find out that John Force is moving his facility to Wisconsin to be closer to the races that he and his family compete in. Does anyone remember the hat I wore at the banquet?

We also started off the year for our first Homeland Security training event on a soggy, rainy day. So we moved to an indoor range for target practice. I will never forget the grin from ear to ear on the face of Marcia who told me that it was on her bucket list to fire a hand gun.

February

The first general meeting for the year will go down in history as the meeting for hats. Everyone wore their favorite hat and we got baseball caps, to bonnets, to cowboy hats, to fedoras, to Indian head dress, to hats with ear muffs. It was a sight to behold.



We also went bowling and the object was to have a good time and to win prizes but I think it was just practice for the Hokie Pokie. Everyone has a favorite way to coax the ball down the right path to the pins including Donna whose dance reminds me of the Hokie Pokie. Cindy and Joe went with their friends in LVCA to Ventura for an outing. She was working on her skills as Goodwill Ambassador for CSS.

March

In March we started doing our own version of Autocross just like the one that our friends at VTV do at

their car rally. This was the month where all the CSS racers were asked to bring their racing helmets so others could see how much fun we have in our own hot rods at the Autocross events we go to. As I recall, Kelli really got into it and made Cindy look like she was not all that competitive. Hard to believe!

During the month we also went to the USS IOWA and Art led us around on a reverse course from the normal tour path and ran into some resistance from the other docents. Art just smiled and went on. That must be because he was an officer in the Navy.



We also went to the Peterson Auto museum. Does anyone remember this Dolphin car?

April

This was the month for our first ever Regional Convention in Las Vegas. Geoff submitted an article for the Blue Bars that was published in the Fall. John Manfred won his first ever trophy for an event. He got First place in the High speed autocross at Pahrump.



Some went to the Long Beach Grand Prix. It did not rain like the year before. It was my first time and it was amazing. I especially like being in the Corral where folks from GM talked about the new C7. We got the Club participation Award that was signed by all the drivers. When the noise got too much, you could always go back in the Corral and get something to drink and watch on the closed circuit TV.



During the same weekend,, though, some went on the annual Laughlin Run. Does this picture look familiar??



May

We went to the Dinner Theater and tried to figure out who killed Ma Parker. The director of the production said we were the best audience he has had yet and offered to do a special theater production for just us any time.





We went to the Temecula Car show and ran into Doug and Wanda Utash, newest members of CSS. I met Gary Stillwell for the first time.

Some of us went to the VTV Autocross in Santa Maria. Our friend from IEC came, Don Winters, and his dog Rupert. Don said that people love his dog and just tolerate Don. Remember, Don is the one who admitted that he was the one who used to steal our Club Banner at our car shows.



Cindy brought her potato gun to Home Land Security training and some of us went to support Tony who was working the Muckenthaller Classic Car show.

June

June is the month for the Big Bear Bash and the Bash B4 the Big Bear Bash, but first things first. Since June is the start of summer and the start of the BBQ season, I asked everyone to wear their favorite apron to the general meeting. Wow what a surprising array of amazing aprons. Does anyone remember what George wore or the apron that Shirley made herself? How about the matching ones? Does anyone remember who had the tie that matched the apron? I do! All of you are such great sports to indulge my creative side.



Big Bear Bash and the Bash before the Big bear bash at Shirley and Garry's place is our annual event and is more popular than the event itself. Many CSS folks come just for the party at Shirley and Garry's place. But of course there is always the Autocross and the drive around the lake.

Joe and Cindy went to Bowling Greene for the National Convention. While at the convention, Joe called to say that Under the Radar got first place in the Newsletter contest. They called Doug too to say that he got second place for the Website contest.

July

Doug and I wore feather caps made of peacock feathers because we were very proud of our individual achievements in the NCCC contests described above. Some members went to the VTV Autocross. I did not and ended up losing points. DRAT. But, I did play my harmonica on stage with Buddy Greene in Santa Cruz that same weekend so all was not lost. When Joe and Cindy returned from the NCCC convention, they told us about going to visit with the Duck Commander.

August

The general meeting had a Hawaiian theme. Yes we like to dress up. Then there was the Drive In Theater event put on by the Santa Clarita Corvette club. Some went to Laguna Seca and Bob Reed wrote an article about clothing optional on the track. I wish I had gone. I found the Clean Car trophy and had our first Clean Car award presentation for the summer (late). It went to Smiley who by the way detailed the trophy too. We went to the

sunrise senior center to give the residents a day in the sun with corvettes. I met a doctor who used to race Corvettes a long time ago out in the desert. He got misty eyed thinking about the girls that would do anything for a ride in his car. He obliged. Pat Works was recognized for a lifetime achievement award for his lifelong passion for skydiving. He explained why it is called sky diving when in fact it is really sky jumping.

September

Rich Carias came up with a great idea to go on a cruise on the SS Lane Victory. It was a beautiful day cruise to Catalina and back. Do you remember how many wars it was in or what the life expectancy was for a Victory or Liberty ship? Later in the month, some of us went to Santa Maria for the VTV Car show and Rally. We usually get the Club Participation award, but not this time. Ed Norris usually gets first place for C5s in their car show too, but was beat out by a club that had way more members registered. Oh well there is always next year.

September was the month for the CSS Annual Car show. There was a milestone this year when 80 cars were pre-registered. It probably was because of the venue. Or maybe it was because of the advertising that Art and his team did. What ever, it was a great show and a lot of fun. Any wonder why Jason has such a big grin on his face??



Rick and Lynn and Ron and Karen went to the Tahoe Corvette Club's rally at Tahoe. There were great events, lake tours, good food and lots of prizes including gas cards for long distance attendees.

October.

Halloween came early at the meeting. We had members of the Star Trek series, a sweet young thing with little devil horns on hanging on Joe, and Bert came in the hospital garb that he had recently actually used and of course, Chuck came with his cap that says "this is my costume" And Smiley got the Clean Car Award again.

Some members went to Tombstone. I wanted to go but being newly back on a job, I was low man on the totem pole and had coverage duty that weekend.



We went to VTV autocross and I shocked everyone with my new Mohawk helmet. Dave did not go so we all got more points.



Super 7 Sunday came back and we had a great time. Lots of trophies for CSS. Joe and Cindy even though



they brought a metal car, Dough Utash, Ed Norris and Ron D. Don Winters left

Rupert at home for some reason. Maybe it is because Rupert gets more attention that Don does. Go figure.

November

CHIPS for Kids Car show at Back in the Day in Carson was well attended because it took the place of the John Force Car Show





and Toy drive when the John Force organization abruptly canceled all car shows and started their relocation process.

Donnell arranged for us to get the best parking place in the show and we even got Santa to come for a group picture. We got the club participation award but it has since grown legs and is floating around the club. It went first to Jay and Marcia's house but now is missing again. Many club members attended this fund raiser and it required a multi stop caravan. After we got home and watched the news coverage from Channel 2 and 9 on the event, we saw some of our members show up on the news clips. The only clear picture of one of our members is the one included here. It was clear as day. I



save the news segment on my DVR, then slowly scanned forward a frame at a time until I got this picture. Now he is famous!



In the beginning of the month we did the Pie Run and Mystery Tour to Shirley and Garry's place for chili. We saw the Pickup Truck that Garry restored and it was so shiny that you could see yourself on the inside of the hood. Does anyone remember the sign that said "Old Coot Station" I liked the meaning and stood next to it for pictures. We had a great participation in that run even a couple of metal cars that used the Corvette Chase car signs.





NCCC Regional News

In the Blue Bars magazine that is published quarterly by the NCCC, it should be noted that in the West Coast Region, Corvette Super sports has the most FCOA members of all the clubs in the region. So I thought it might be nice to give these Future Owners and their sponsor's some recognition.

First name	Last name	Sponsor
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MADDISON	GUZMAN	ROBERT KUMP
AUSTIN	PRICHARD	DONALD PRICHARD
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One more will be added this month as well
Talan Dacko sponsored by Geoff



Here is Rick Miller's grandson Gavin with his new C7 too



Rick and I say: This is so cool!





December Birthdays

Joe E Orrico	12/12
Sandra McMullen	12/15
Doug Lyon	12/17
William E Darke	12/28

January Birthdays

Dennis Dawson	01/09
Chris Glodery	01/10
Marge Huhta	01/10
Rick Miller	01/12
Kathy Baddley	01/16
Art Huhta	01/16
Shirley Jones	01/19
Ann Meeuwenberg	01/25
Dianne Wiest	01/26

November Anniversaries

Dave and Jenny MacDonough	12/15
Art and Marge Huhta	12/16
Pat and Jan Works	12/19
Michele Boucher and John Manfred	12/24
Roger and Carol Bacon	12/26
Bill and Marietta Darke	12/31

January Anniversaries

Doug and Wanda Utash	1/26
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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 Chevrolet is a family owned and operated business. The dealership was first opened in the late 1950's on Pacific Coast Highway in Newport Beach. In 1963, the Chevrolet dealership was relocated to its present location in Costa Mesa. Connell Chevrolet has earned a reputation for solid deals and quality service. In fact, you are hearing more and more about the "Connell Chevrolet Deal". They have over 200 used cars in stock and are considered a large volume Chevrolet store. They have more master repair technicians than any other Chevrolet dealership in Southern California and their wholesale auto parts department has one of the largest inventories in South California.

Connell Chevrolet is active in the community and is proud to partner with the following organizations: Orange Lutheran High School, Crean Lutheran High School, Costa Mesa High, Fountain Valley High, Estancia High, Orange County 4H clubs, Newport Harbor Corvettes, Corvette Super Sports, Better Business Bureau, Auto Club, Costco, Los Angeles County Police and Fire Departments, Orange County Fire Department, Costa Mesa Police, Newport Beach Police, Huntington Beach Police and Irvine Police. And Corvette Super Sports.

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.

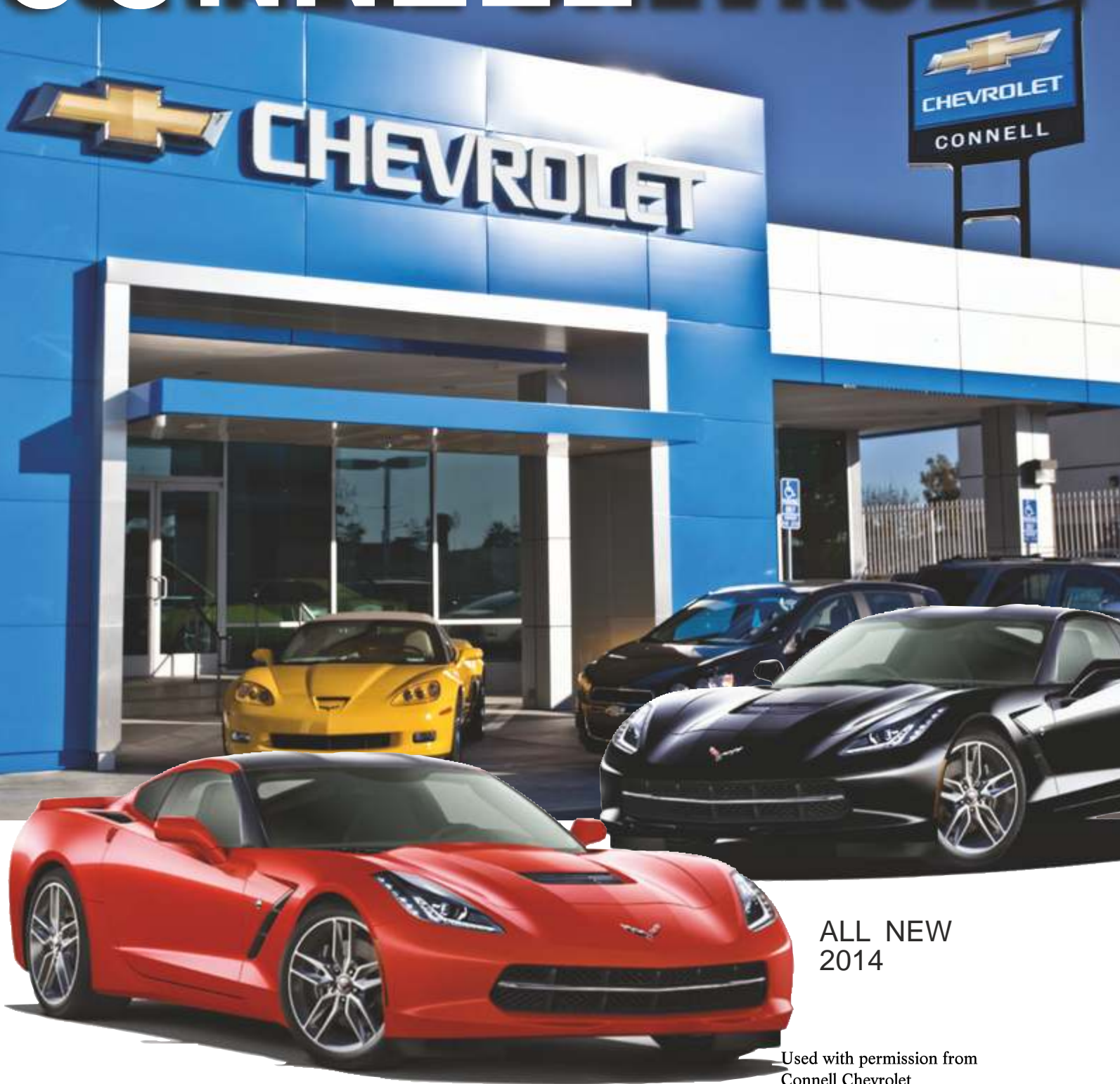
This is a picture of the Sponsor's Trophy given to Connell Chevrolet at our Car Show. It is displayed prominently in the display case in the showroom.



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.



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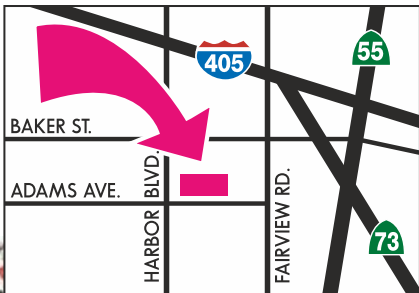
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