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CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social event for April
The Club event for April
Other events for April

Long Beach Grand Prix 4/19-4/20
Regional Convention Las Vegas 4/4-4/7
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 welcome Les, Mark and Smiley as our newest members of CSS - See picture to the right

Also, please keep Sue and Chuck in your prayers as they help their daughter cope with a new baby girl that arrived on 3/11. Her name is Ester and she is on an every 2 hour feeding schedule that is wearing out the parents. So Chuck and Sue are in San Diego caring for the parents.





President Geoff

Many of you have told me that you are really enjoying the monthly meetings because they are fun and I seem to always have something up my sleeve. Our March meeting was no exception. I used to think that Cindy or Jennifer were our

most competitive race drivers, but I now stand corrected. During the break we ran our first in-house autocross that was inspired by our friends at Vapor Trails Vettes. I think that we would have had more participation were it not for Cindy and Kelli who made it quite clear that they were the masters of this track. You can see them in action later in the newsletter. We will have the Autocross competition every general meeting and because it was our very first Auto Cross, all our racers brought their racing helmets. Going forward, we will not need our helmets at the meetings unless you just want to.

Over the years one of the outings that we seem to get a large attendance for seems to have something to do with our US military. We have toured the USS Midway, a World War II carrier, the commissioning of the USS Dewey, a modern Navy Frigate, the commissioning of the USS San Diego, a modern Navy supply ship, a tour of the USS Albuerque, a Los Angeles Class attack submarine, a tour of the US Marine Amphibious Assault School and on Saturday, March 23rd, we toured the USS Iowa, a WWII Battleship now permanently moored in Los Angeles harbor as a tour attraction. Wow. I was very impressed by the sheer size of this battleship and the 17 inch armor plate around the navigation station and around the housings for the 16 inch guns. 31 of us got the cooks tour of the BB61 by Art, our resident docent. Thank you Art. What an impressive ship. It really makes you feel patriotic and appreciate the power and might of the US Navy. It was very interesting to note that they equated the horsepower of each of its engines to that of 154 Chevy Corvettes (53,000 horsepower). Now how did they know that we would be there to see that?? Look for the pictures later in the Newsletter,

For the Corvette 60th anniversary, we also went to the Peterson museum for a look at some very impressive cars and the C7. Thanks to Chuck Rosen for guiding us all into Los Angeles. Thanks to Art for taking the pictures and you can see them later in the Newsletter.

The month of April will be packed with outings as well. We all head to Las Vegas at the beginning of the month for the West Coast NCCC Convention, then to Laughlin on April 18-20, and the Long Beach Grand Prix on April 19-20. The Convention is the attempt by the NCCC to organize regional conventions so that we can encourage more people to attend, but be mindful of the ever increasing costs of fuel. (last count was 340) The Grand Prix, as you all know, runs through the streets of Long Beach, and we are hoping that this year there is no rain like last year.

Save The Wave
Geoff

The VP's Word

A loud shout-out Good Deed is for Chuck and Susan Rosen for leading the caravan to the Petersen Museum. Chuck drove, but we all know that Susan told him where to point the car. More Good Deeds were done during the USS Iowa tour. Tom Cuccio took the point and helped direct the flow of our march through the ship. Geoff Girvin was a good sport by taking the trail position so I knew where our group ended. Marcia and Jay Lynch led the first caravan to Busters Restaurant. My bride, Marge, handled the cash refunds for those who paid in advance. Thanks are extended to all.



Heads-up! Below are some scheduled April and May events.

Saturday, March 2, 60th Corvette Anniversary at Petersen Automotive Museum

We drove to the Petersen Museum Saturday for the 9:00 -4:00 car show. We toured the museum, examined the show cars and had lunch. It was exciting to see the C7.

Saturday, March 9, Rotolo Car Show and Cruise Night.

Rotolo Chevrolet is sponsored a car show/cruise night, 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Saturday & Sunday, March 16-17, Autocross sponsored by Palm Springs Corvette Club
Note their web site at <http://www.palmspringscorvettes.com/>.

Friday-Sunday, March 22-24, Death Valley Run, Color Country Corvettes Their web site is <http://www.colorcountrycorvettes.org>. Hosted by Jim & Peg Lloyd, plloyd47@sunrivertoday.com. There are two locations in which to stay, Stovepipe Wells or Furnace Creek. There are two restaurants; one in the hotel and one in the village area.

Sunday, March 24, Run With a Winner Car Show.

This was at Santa Anita Park 285 West Huntington Drive Arcadia, 7:30-9:30 show car placement. Cars remained until 5:00.

Thursday-Sunday, April 4-7

This will be an exciting weekend. Starting on April 4, The NCCC Regions will host a welcome party. Then on the 5th, Spring Mountain Race Track will open for us. Low speed running in the morning and high speed runs in the afternoon. There will be a Poker Rally to the Track. On the 6th, there will be a car show and two afternoon rallies so we can view the Las Vegas sights. Check in at the Silverton Hotel. If you need to make reservations, use code SCICOR4. For information, contact Allen Morris at 949 367 9000 or Rex Wilhoite at 702 897 9890.

Thursday-Sunday, April 4-7, Thursday-Sunday, April 4-7, 9th Annual La Jolla Concours d'Elegance.

Note their web site at www.lajollaconcours.com. The will be at La Jolla Cove, Ellen Browning Scripps Park, 1133 Coast Blvd., La Jolla. This will show classic and modern automobiles starting at



The VP's Word continued

Thursday-Saturday, April 18-20, Gamblers Classic. Corvette weekend at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino. The event includes a Thursday night Social, Car Show, Poker Run, Friday night Dinner Show, and Awards Ceremony, and a Raffle. Corvettes of Bakersfield website is www.corvettesofbakersfield.org. Last year there were about 280 Corvettes and the same is expected this year. Contact Patti Coffman, (661) 393-6189

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

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.
http://www.vegasvettes.com/Events/2013/20130516NORC/2013NORC_flyer.jpg

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.

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.

"I count myself in nothing else so happy, as in a soul remembering my good friends."(Shakespeare, Richard II) 2.3.46-7

Arthur

Karen on Charities

Here it is already April and the Charity Committee is off an running. As Bob has already mentioned in previous Charity Reports, we are collecting for the following charities

HIS House.

Their wish list follows:

Always in Need

Toothbrush & tooth paste
Children's fever medication
Shampoo & Conditioner
Laundry Soap
Disposable razors
Soap

Children's toothpaste
Neosporin
Deodorant
Socks - All ages
Shower gel
Twin bed comforters & blankets
wash cloths
Diapers size 4,5,6

School Supplies

Flash drives (for job searches and children's reports)
College ruled paper
Back Packs

Pens, pencils

Spiral Notebooks
Wal-Mart Gift Cards

Non Perishable Foods

Canned tuna, chicken or beef
Canned or dry beans
Canned chilli
Canned vegetables
Spaghetti sauce
Canned fruit
Dried fruit
Rice and rice mixes

Bean Soups
Baked beans
Peanut butter
Vegetable soup
Baby food vegetables
Applesauce
Canned 100% fruit juice
Boxed 100% fruit juice

Hint: for all you avid travelers, be it to Las Vegas, Laughlin or anywhere you go, bring home all the hotel amenities like shampoo, soap, and lotions, for our cause. Also the 99cent store is a good source for these much needed items.

Council on Aging



The Council on aging is having a fund raiser luncheon that some of you might be interested in.

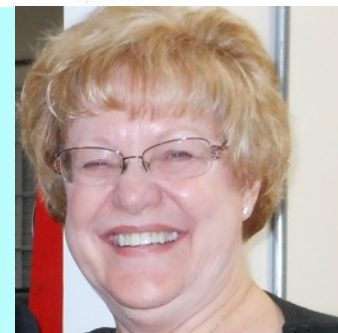
Lisa Jenkins, President and CEO says "...as we celebrate our 40th year, we are working diligently to build awareness about our programs and services so we can server more seniors and their families"

STEP (Support for Enlisted Project)

Formerly known as Operation Home Front, would appreciate anything you can do for them. Please call Karla Shultz 858-695-6810 for further information

Finally, don't forget to donate all your old trophies that are gathering dust so that we can donate them to the Calicinto Ranch, sponsored by CHIPS for Kids. Call everyone you know - they will appreciate the extra space an no dusting.

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





CSS First Monthly Autocross

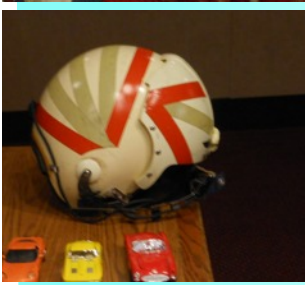
Look closely to Chuck's hat. It really is his helmet



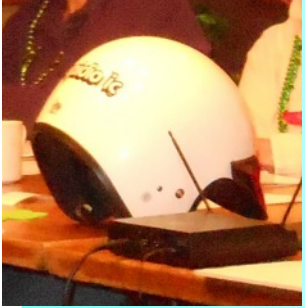
Pat and Jan race Laguna Seca and Pahrump



This is Art's flight helmet from his days in the Navy



Jennifer sporting her new helmet



Geoff's Helmet that says Stupidiotic - a sign from the Stupidiotic store in Bib Bear. Seemed natural to put on my helmet

The Corvette Super Sports Banner reappears!!



It was St. Patty's day celebrations



But look out. The cut throat Auto Crossers are lined up and making nice.



Scoring was a challenge. We will be better next time



Racers started their engines and they are off!!



Kelli won!!!!



Cindy cant believe it!





We went to the Peterson Auto Museum in Los Angeles. It was built on the profits from Hot Rod Magazine. The Highlight of the Show was the new Corvette Stingray C7

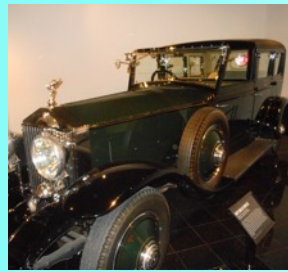
But First things first. We met at the local starting point for a caravan to the Museum We were required to be there no later than 9am because the garage doors would be shut for the car show.



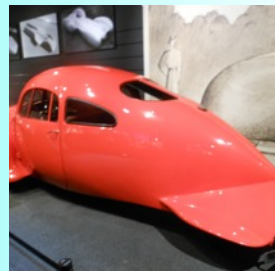
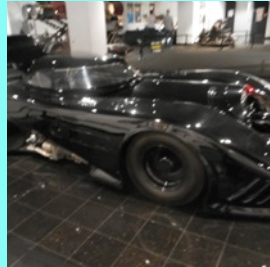
Here we are waiting for everyone to show up. Doug and Jacki brought friends from Corvettes West to join in our caravan.



Eventually we got moving along. Chuck led the pack because he used to work near the museum and knew His way. And then we headed off to see the C7 up close.



Amazing Cars



The Batmobile



and a Dolphin



C7 Front and back



A TRIP TO THE USS IOWA

Every amazing trip that CSS members go on starts with a caravan to the destination. To many, it is all about the journey while others cant wait to get to the destination and miss all the excitement in between the start and finish. Others are taking bets as to whether your fearless leader will live up to the T-Shirt that Chuck and Sue gave me that states in bold letters "U-TURN GIRVIN". Now some will say that the parade lap for drop off before entering the parking area could be considered a "U-Turn" but we will leave that discussion to a later day.

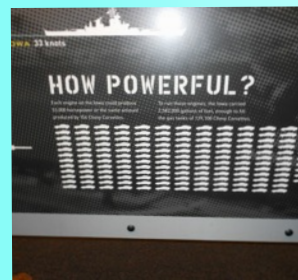
This caravan started at Coco's as usual and Tom and I drove metal cars so we were able to use Chuck's "Corvette Chase Car" placards. I really appreciate Chuck's sense of humor.



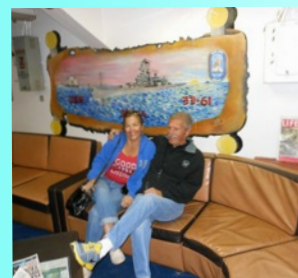
Commander Art, USN Ret. is a docent aboard the IOWA and gave us the cook's tour. We started out on the wharf and then assembled on the stern of the IOWA to look at the regular sized non-armor piercing shell that is shot out of the 16 inch guns. It can travel up to 26 miles and tear up an area the size of a foot ball field. Behind the shell are 6 powder bags. These are canvass but the real ones are made of silk so that there is no residue left in the barrel after firing.

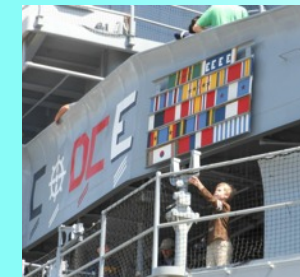


Look at how wide the stern is in the view towards the Vincent Thomas Bridge



Look at the graphic above. It says that each engine on the IOWA is the equivalent to 154 Chevy Corvettes and the fuel tank is the equivalent to 129 Corvettes. How did they know we were coming to visit??





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.



Also, please look at the full page ad we have in the newsletter that shows the new Connell Chevrolet store front!

And of course to top or a delightful day with our very own docent taking us around to see the sights in reverse order and not following the arrows painted on the decks, we all met for lunch and where lese but with a view of Long Beach Harbor.

Thanks again to Art who arranged the event!





NCCC National News.

As the new year gets rolling along, I found that the web site for NCCC actually has some very interesting features that most of us skip over due to the use of bookmarks that we have saved from previous access to the site. We would like to Highlight the NCCC Charity page.

The National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. (NCCC) Charity & Grants Program (Program) began in 1975 and has grown steadily, not only in dollar amounts that are given, but also in the area of service. The Program depends entirely on voluntary participation by NCCC Clubs and their Club Members. Through the years NCCC, as an all volunteer organization, has donated over \$1.5 million to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Spina Bifida Association of America and the National Kidney Foundation. In 1996, NCCC began working with the National Kidney Foundation in support of their Transplant Games and the Organ Donor Awareness Program.

In 1990 the Program initiated the disaster program designed to assist members during times of financial crisis and/or disasters. Monies raised for the Grants are generated through in house craft sales, a 50/50 raffle conducted at each National Governors Meeting and the dollar raffles held at the annual National Convention.

In 1990, the Program established a Scholarship Program for Members and their children to assist with educational opportunities at the college level. Funds for the scholarships are derived from special gifts from Members, Member Clubs, Regions and Sponsors as well as the dollar raffle at the annual NCCC Convention.

Each year since 1977 the Program has held a raffle for a new Corvette. With the assistance of the Chevrolet Motor Division, a new Corvette for the raffle is purchased with Funds that are raised through the ticket sales. Tickets are sold across the country at car shows, meetings, Corvette events and among friends and co-workers.

NCCC Members and their Clubs are also involved in Charity work across the country. NCCC and its Members have donated many dollars and much time over the years. NCCC is truly a first class giving organization!

Here is a link that you should use whenever going to the NCCC web site. It will show you what has changed since you last visited the site.

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

NCCC Regional News

The big news for the West Coast Region is the up-coming regional convention to be held in Las Vegas from April 4th through 7th. Unlike the National conventions where one club hosts the entire event, this year's Regional convention will be hosted by multiple clubs that have specific areas of expertise. The following clubs will be hosting their special events as shown:

- Low Speed Host Club: Vettes'R'Us
- TimeTrials Host Club: Corvette Super Sports
- Poker Rally to the track: Host Club: Inland Empire
- Sat. Car Show: Host Club: The Vette Set
- Sat. Rallies Host Club: Las Vegas Corvettes and Pomona Valley

The Flyer and Registration form are at the back of the Newsletter. The convention center will be the Silverton Casino. You should make your reservations now by calling 866-722-4608 and telling the reservation person that you are part of Code: SCICOR4 PRICE: WED, THUR & SUN \$59 FRI-SAT \$79 + TAX NO RESORT FEES

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

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

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>





March Birthdays

Thomas A. Cuccio, Jr.	03/03
Bert T Wiest	03/09
Don Prichard	03/12
Carol Bacon	03/14
Pat Works	03/17
Ron J DeBartolomeis,	03/30

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

March Anniversaries

Geoff and Ginger Girvin	03/21
Ron and Katie Kennedy	03/24

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



NCCC WEST COAST REGIONAL CONVENTION

LET. S ALL GO AND HAVE SOME FUN!



APRIL 4-7, 2013



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Low speed autocross and Time Trials



Parties, Rallies & Car Show! Go for fun!



Arizona's "Run to Vegas" Chair: Laurie TEX Schwab

602-790-5788 vettetex@cox.net

(see flier attached for much more information)





NCCC -WEST COAST & NORTHWEST
REGIONAL CONVENTION APRIL 4-7, 2013

START WITH A PARTY HOSTED BY "CORVETTE MIKE" ON THE 4TH
RACING AT WORLD FAMOUS SPRING MOUNTAIN RACE TRACK ON THE 5TH
AM: Low Speed Host Club: **Vettes'R'Us** PM: TimeTrials Host Club: **Corvette Super Sports**
(The two racing clubs in the Region)

(Convertibles without roll bars not permitted -Track Rule- NCCC rules apply at all events otherwise)
POKER RALLYE TO THE TRACK Host Club: **Inland Empire Corvettes** (Puts on the most Rallyes)

Findlay CHEVROLET of LAS VEGAS – Sponsor of Sat. CAR SHOW & RALLYIES

CAR SHOW ON THE 6TH IN THE Morning Host Club: **The Vette Set** (45 years' Experience)
TWO RALLYIES IN THE PM COVERING SIGHTS OF LAS VEGAS
Hosts **LV Corvette Club** (Who knows Vegas Better) & **Pomona Valley** (Home of the Rallye experts)
SUNDAY MORNING - AWARDS BREAKFAST – **HOSTED BY G M DOWNUNDER**

HOTEL: SILVERTON – 866-722-4608 CODE: SCICOR4
PRICE: WED, THUR & SUN \$59 FRI-SAT \$79 + TAX NO RESORT FEES
YOU CAN MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW (make by 3-1-13)

Registration NCCC \$25 EA/ Non NCCC \$35 EA (After Feb.26, 2013 Additional \$20) \$_____

(EACH EVENT AFTER FEB. 26, 2013 IS AN ADDITIONAL \$10)

Friday Rallye \$10 per car..... _____

Low Speed NCCC \$40 Non NCCC \$50 per Driver..... _____

Time Trials (High Speed) NCCC \$40 Non NCCC with speed license \$50 EA. _____

Car Show NCCC \$15 Non NCCC \$20 per Car..... _____

Sat. Rallyies (2) NCCC \$15 Non NCCC \$20 per Car..... _____

(Track Transponder rental \$20 per car per day if you want to know your time)....Total \$_____

NCCC # _____ 2nd NCCC # _____ Club Name: _____

Name: _____ 2nd Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

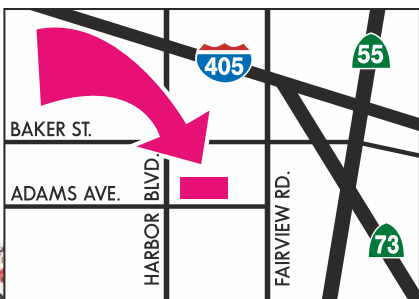
Mail Registration Form and Check made out to WEST COAST REGION NCCC
TO: REX WILHOITE, 3780 W. TORINO AVE, LAS VEGAS, NV 89139
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