

# Under The Radar

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**Rally Champion** Open  
**Auto Cross champion** Open



## CSS News and Upcoming Events

**The Social events for December** Christmas party at Tony and Laura Schavone 12/21

**Other events for December** Homeland Security Training 12/28



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.

What do you think Donna is thinking with Donnell holding up the hand cuffs behind her.



## 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 in your prayers as well as Cindy Orrico







## President Geoff



Here it is the end of November and it just seems like it was yesterday when we were thinking about those yummy pies at Oak Glen. And yet, it has been almost a month since we did our annual Pie Run. This year though, it was extra special because we extended

the run into a mystery ride to Big Bear to see Shirley and Garry and Garry's brother. We had a very large caravan and lots of family time together with Shirley and Garry. Shirley made her signature chili and everyone admired the pickup truck that Garry had restored that was parked in their driveway.

Another high light for November was having Donnell and his new sidekick Eric come talk to us about the Holiday Car show that is taking the place of the John Force toy drive for CHIPs for Kids. It is always a pleasure having Donnell come see us. It is hard to believe that he will be retiring after 25 years on the force.

We also did our annual Bowling with Turkeys which you will see later in the Newsletter.

We also decided at the General Meeting to give our charities a total of \$8,000 based on our revenue from our car show and our cash reserves.

December is a very important month for us at CSS. It is the month that we vote on our officers and board members for next year. You have to be present to vote. We also vote for MVP, Most Valuable Person for CSS. The winner gets a huge trophy that anyone would be proud to place prominently in their living room for all to see.

The December meeting is where we conduct our 50/50 drawing that we have been collecting for, all year through your generous donations to the raffle prize kitty that Linda has been doing such a great job on.

So bring your favorite Christmas cookies to the December meeting and share with everyone.

Save the wave

Geoff

## The VP's Word

Friends, 2014 is almost upon us. If there are events you are enthused about, kindly let the 2014 Board know. The board will be planning the 2014 calendar in January. There are multiple events such as racing, autocross, car shows, and social events to support.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:cypresspainting@sbcglobal.net). Note [www.montereycorvettes.com](http://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.



Here we are at the end of the year and CSS has done an excellent job supporting our charities.

1. CHPs for Kids - Calicinto Ranch
2. Support the Enlisted Project - STEP
3. HIS House
4. Council on Aging.

The Charity committee would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for everything all the CSS members have contributed. Bob, Kelli and I have had fun and enjoyed watching how our members have responded. A great big "Hats Off to CSS".

The "Back In The Day" holiday car show benefiting CHPs for Kids toy drive was held on Saturday, November 30th in Carson, California. Over 435 cars attended including Classic cars, Hotrods, Muscle cars, Customs and Sports cars. CSS took club participation with 13 cars and was awarded a large trophy. It was a very rewarding day.

Again, thank you for letting us have the privilege of working on this committee, The dedicated people we have met on our journey has been inspiring.

Bob, Kelli, and Karen



Our Roving Reporter, Bert Wiest, found the following article.

### Dave MacDonald honored.

November 22nd. It was announced today by the National Corvette Museum, that racing legend the late Dave MacDonald, attendee at the first meeting of Corvette Super Sports and brother of former member Doug MacDonald has been inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame for 2014. Other inductees are author Jerry Burton and racer John Heinricy.

In February 1960, MacDonald had his first official ride as team driver for Don Steves Chevrolet at Willow Springs Raceway, where he won the Sunday main event. In his first year, MacDonald entered 15 regional races taking three outright wins, three second places and four third places, very impressive for a rookie.

Dave tragically died in a fiery crash during the 1964 Indy 500 along with driver Eddie Sachs. Dave was a rookie that year driving for racing legend Mickey Thompson.







## Pie Run and Joy Ride!



Some of the troupe went on a hike while at Riley's farm.



Does anyone know what the bark of a Jeffrey Pine smells like? Just ask Jason or Ginger. For those that can't wait to ask, it smells like maple syrup. That is the way to figure out if it is the Jeffrey Pine.



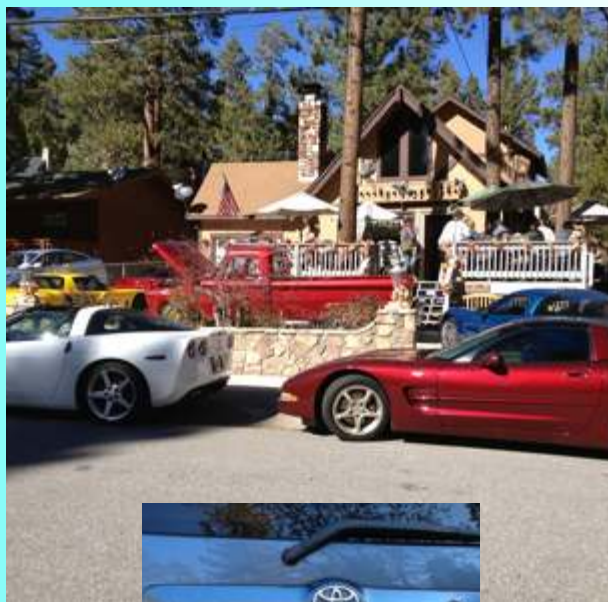
Some found solace at the pond or on a secluded wooden bench.







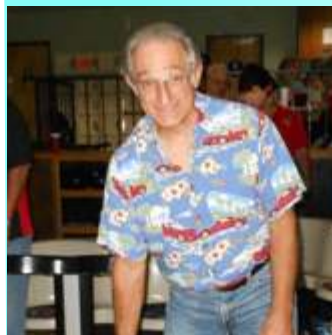
Then the mystery started with a long caravan up the hill to Big Bear to Shirley and Garry's place for lunch. We had so much fun that we decided to call it the Bash After the Bash Before the Big Bear Bash or the Bash way way way before the Big Bear Bash. What ever it was, it was good to be with Shirley and Garry on such a beautiful day!



## Bowling With Turkeys!

Our annual Bowling for/with Turkeys took place on November 9th and many of our new members came and showed us their skills. Little did they know that we were recording their finesse tactics in getting the ball to get to the right place at the end of the alley. I am sure that if they had seen last year's

photos of Donna's Hokey Pokey dance after she delivers the ball, they might have tried harder to show off their own dances. I hope you enjoy these pictures.



at their expressions.

I'm not sure what Garry is pointing at below though.



Donna has just finished the Hokey Pokey and she got a split.

No matter what I do my ball will not curve. It goes straight. Straight to the gutter - straight to the center for a split and occasionally straight to the pock-



et for a strike. The strike usually comes on the practice sessions though and not when it counts.



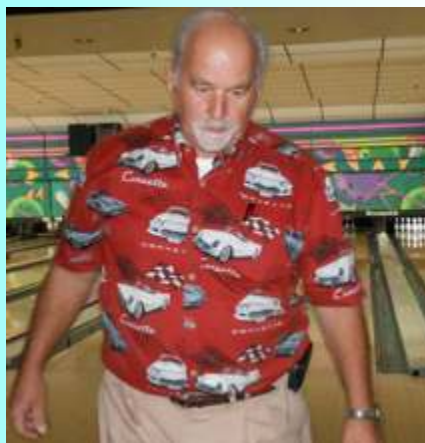




Sandy is looking in the right direction.



Tony is looking for his ball.



Ruthie has the same expression I get when the ball does what it wants and not what I want it to do. - Drat!



And of course, the real reason we bowl is so that we can eat and win prizes. The prizes are coveted by everyone who wins one. I got a serving tray as did Dave MacDonough. Jason got a frozen turkey and was very excited. Someone got the baster and others got boxes of stuffing.

I bet the people at the store where these prizes were purchased thought Linda and Vicki were just preparing for a feast and not purchasing coveted awards.

I even have the canned string beans from 4 years ago on my trophy case.







## First Annual Holiday Car Show at "Back in the Day" - Benefit toy drive for CHPs for Kids.

Twelve CSS cars caravanned from home to the Carson event location for the toy drive for CHPs for kids. The location was amazing because the owner of the event has a number of very interesting venues for everyone to look at. He has cars on consignment, cars for sale, and memorabilia from all kinds of automotive venues.



Donnell got us parking in the main area and was instrumental in getting us priority handling. Not only did we get front

row parking but he provided us with free food tickets from In-N-Out that had a truck on site,

During the awards ceremony, we received the club participation award for all of our cars and members.



The car show had



every kind of car imaginable from a 1915 Packard to Corvettes, to everything in between.

The members participating today were:

Rick & Lynn, Geoff & Ginger, Cliff & Michelle, Gary and Shelly, Will &

Joyce, Eric, George & Sandy, Jennifer, Ron D and his Bear, Jay & Marcia, Richard & Barbara, Tony & Laura and Chuck & Sue. Please enjoy these pictures.







## NCCC Regional News

11-11-2013

Use of the 2014 Corvette pictures, logos, and artwork were discussed at the September meeting. Since that meeting, I have been informed that members CAN use PHOTOS of their own PERSONAL 2014 Corvette on their personal web sites, club web sites, and social media. For example, if your club hosts an activity and someone has their own personal 2014 Corvette at the club activity, a photograph of the car can be used on your club web site, your personal web site or social media. To avoid possible confusion, I would recommend that you state that the photo was used with permission from the owner. We are not allowed to use the imaging of a 2014 model, or logos, that may be available through various media outlets, in conjunction with any NCCC club logos, club merchandise, club literature, club stationary, etc. Still working on that...

Thanks for your assistance with this!

Debbie Lindsey

NCCC Director of Sponsorship

## Homeland Security Agent Training

Due to a scheduling issue and a sincere desire to pat ourselves on the back, we went to Prado to shoot skeet this month.







### November Birthdays

Utash, Wanda	11/04
Alciatore, David A.	11/07
Lynch, Marcia	11/08
MacDonough, Jenny	11/09
MacDonough, Dave	11/18
Raymond, Jim A	11/24
Stewart, Donna B.	11/28

### December Birthdays

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

### November Anniversaries

Jim and Elaine Cooper	11/18
Andy Ersek	11/24
Scott and Reneta Glover	11/21

### December 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





## 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.

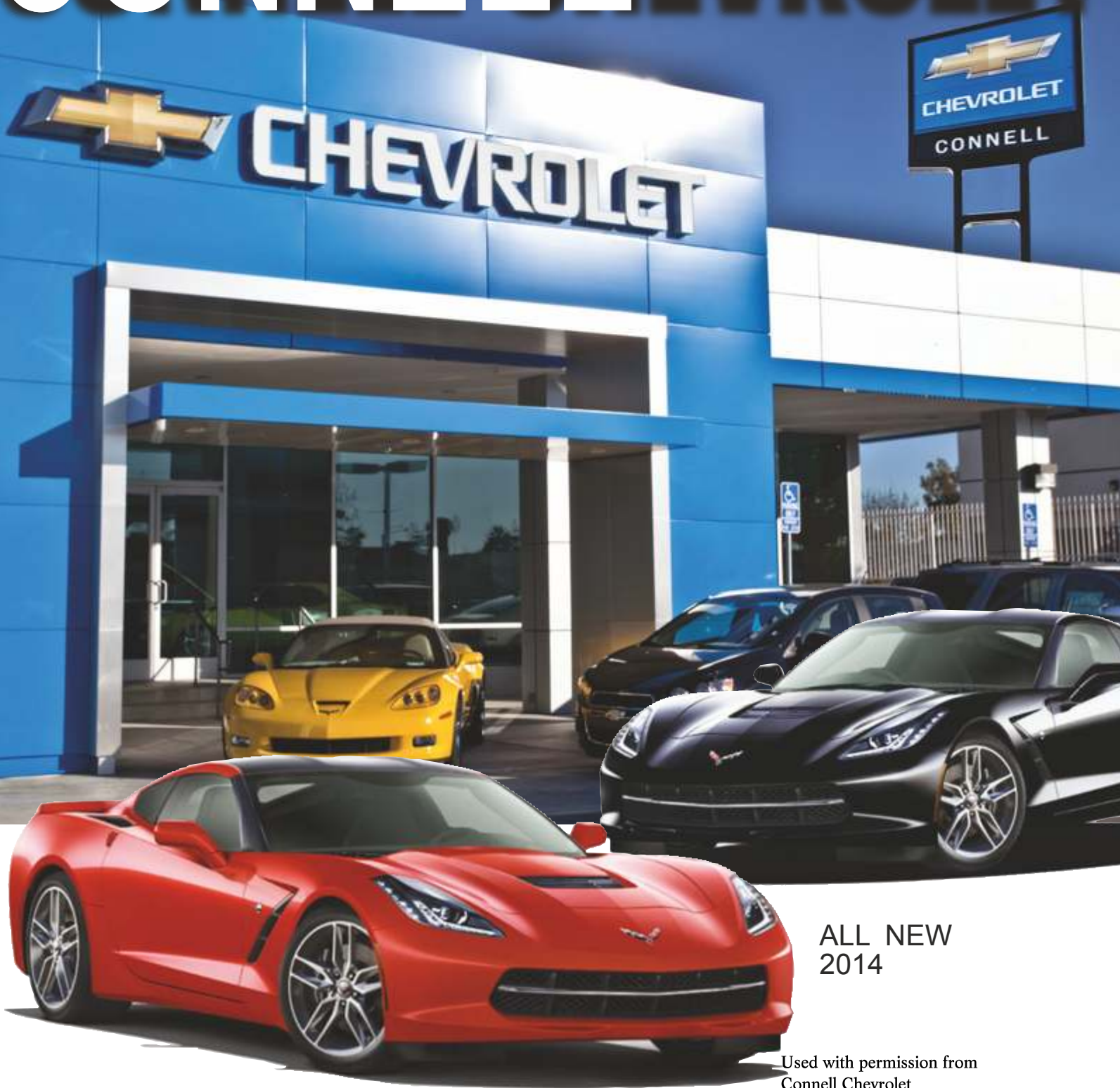


When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.



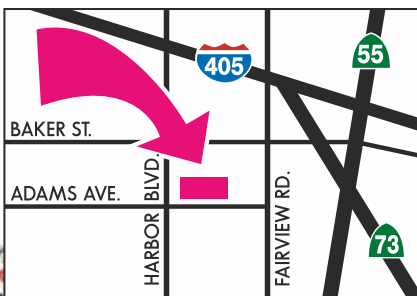


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