

# Under The Radar

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## CSS News and Upcoming Events

<b>The Social events for November</b>	<b>Turkey Bowling</b>	<b>11/9</b>
<b>The Club events for November</b>	<b>Pie Run and Mystery Tour</b>	<b>11/2</b>
<b>Other events for September</b>	<b>Homeland Security Training</b>	<b>11/23</b>



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







## President Geoff



I really can't thank all of you enough for indulging my creative side. I get these ideas in my head about fun things to do and all of you play along with me.

So read the article and look at the pictures of all of us at the last meeting. It was early Halloween and there

are some very cute pictures of all the couples.

So I am going to ask for your indulgence again. At the meeting in November we will have a special guest talking to us about a fund raising event for November 30th which is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Our special guest will be Officer Donnell Holmes explaining about this upcoming event that will take the place of the John Force toy drive that was canceled. I really hope that everyone can attend this event.

November is the month for our bi-annual "Pie Run" to Oak Glen. After stuffing ourselves with apple pie, we will have some more adventure by following me around the country side on a mystery run.

November is also the month that we need to start thinking about who should get the MVP award. Everyone should bring to the November meeting a written statement about who they think deserves this award and why or you could also just send your nominations to me. I will take all the responses and compile them into a summary so that everyone will get a voting booklet explaining what people did so we can vote in the December meeting.

Also at this time of year, the nominating committee is having to do a lot of arm twisting to find people who would be willing to be President of CSS for the coming year. I can tell you right now that I had such a great time this last year that I want to be your President for as long as I am able. I have some really cool ideas about what we all might wear to upcoming meetings. I will give you a hint. Does anyone know the story of the "Polar Express"? We just let your minds wander a bit and you will guess what I am thinking. So if the nominating committee, Sue and Marcia, call you please give it some thought to volunteering some time.

This month's newsletter is chock full of pictures and outings that all of you have done. Some of us went to the Autocross in Santa Maria, some went to Tombstone, some went to Bondurant in Phoenix, others went to the IEC's Super 7 rally (and Karen won the 50/50), and others went to the range to see if we could obliterate more clay pigeons. All in all, October was a busy month

Save the wave

Geoff

## The VP's Word

**Saturday November 2 All Car Lovers Show at the Elk's Lodge in Escondido**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. By Corvettes of San Diego. Lunch served to all registered guests and an event T-shirt. Entry forms at [www.CorvettesOfSanDiego.com](http://www.CorvettesOfSanDiego.com) Contact [tooshea1@gmail.com](mailto:tooshea1@gmail.com)



**Saturday November 9 Vettes for Veterans Corvette car show**  
7 a.m.-9 a.m. T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, 850 Palomar Airport Rd, Carlsbad, Registration \$30 per car

**Saturday November 2 Car Show and Street Fair**

10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Four Seasons, 237 Four Seasons Blvd, Hemet, Ca. by [www.diamondvalleyvettes.org](http://www.diamondvalleyvettes.org)  
Phone 951 325-8180 \$15 registration before 10/30 Onsite registration \$20. Email [Iceccarelli@euclidmanagment.com](mailto:Iceccarelli@euclidmanagment.com)

**Sunday November 3 Big Turlock Hot Rod Hangout**

Stanislaus County Fairgrounds, 900 North Broadway Ave, Turlock, CA. Info: 209 579 4797. \$8 General admission. \$20 Car for show or sale.

**Saturday November 16 Pacific Coast Corvettes Gimmick Rallye**

10:00 am meet at Hicks Community Park, 3648 Viewpark, Irvine (Culver & Irvine Blvd.) for a drive through Irvine and Santiago Canyon. There will be printed directions and questions with about 25 stops. End at Arthur's Restaurant, 220 N. Tustin for food and socializing. \$10 per car. Prizes. Bring clipboard and pen.

For info call Ellis 949 310 3255 or Dave 949 887 6797

**Sunday November 17 SCCA Autocross Las Vegas Motor Speedway**

Note [www.vegasvettes.com](http://www.vegasvettes.com) for info. Registration is \$45.

**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)

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

"I don't mind what Congress does, as long as they don't do it in the streets and frighten the horses." Victor Hugo (1802 - 1885)

Art





## Charities: Karen D.

The November meeting is a very important meeting for CSS in regards to our charities. We will be voting on motions from your board on the amount and distribution of funds to our charities. Please come and vote and be part of the decision making process. It is your club and you certainly should take part in this decision.

### STEP - Support The Enlisted Project

This is a reminder that we need you all to continue donating diapers per the request of STEP. They are in need of sizes 2,3 and 4. Please bring them to the November meeting so that we can get them to the local STEP office in Santa Ana. We are hoping to see what CSS is known for - going all out for our charity's needs.

### Council on Aging

Please reserve December 6th on your calendars from 9-11am. We will be meeting to help box and wrap gifts that were donated to the CoA to give to Seniors in the Community for the "Smile Makers" organization who organizes this each year.

Thanks to all of you for your support this year.

Your Charity committee.

## Early Halloween or The October Meeting.

As I said in my byline, I cant thank you enough that you indulge me and my creativity. Thank you for dressing up for the October meeting. We had some very artistic and creative costumes that made the evening very amazing. We also brought back the coveted "Clean Car" award and by process of elimination and with the unbiased attention to detail and shiny cars, Bert found the cleanest car in our parking lot. It turned out to be Smiley's corvette giving Smiley a 2-for. That is he won the contest 2 times in a row. Now, I want you to know that when he had the trophy the first time 2 months ago, he detailed it and made it a close second to his car. Good Job Smiley!



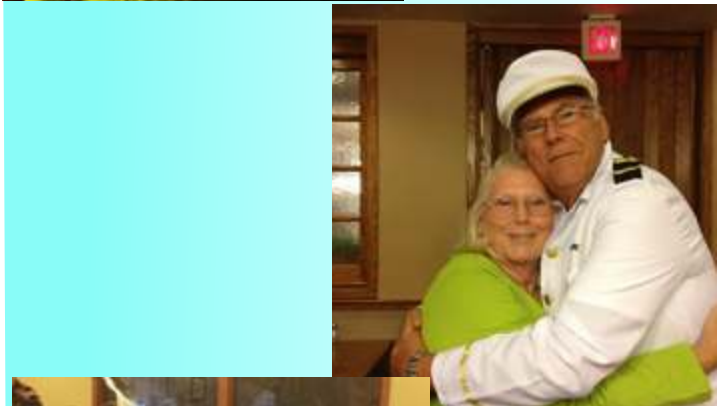
The following pictures are amazing. We really do have a good time.







Early Halloween at the meeting!







## Tombstone Arizona

Some of our intrepid members went to the Tombstone event in Arizona this year. I was supposed to go, but because I have just started a new job, I was unable to get off in time to go. The organizers of the event wrote me a letter and said that they would refund me the entry fee, but I told them to just make my entry fee a direct donation to their charity. They were so taken aback by that they offered to send me one of their event T-shirts. That was very nice of them. Do you recognize our CSS folks? Here is a link for the official pictures for the weekend:

[http://vettetex.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?s=0&username=vettetex&a\\_id=6276059&s\\_id=7203034&q=http%3A%2F%2Fvettetex.phanfare.com%2F6276059](http://vettetex.phanfare.com/slideshow.aspx?s=0&username=vettetex&a_id=6276059&s_id=7203034&q=http%3A%2F%2Fvettetex.phanfare.com%2F6276059)



Yet another chance to dress up!



## VTV Autocross - Santa Maria

Since it is getting to be the end of the year and several CSS members are in the top 6 in the point standing, it was imperative to attend this 3 race event to preserve your place in the standings. So, Jennifer, Geoff, Ed, Jackie and Doug did our best with our friends at Vapor Trails. Hector was not there because his broken wrist (see last month's Newsletter for more details about how he did what Gale said not to do) needed more surgery.



See I wore my new helmet.

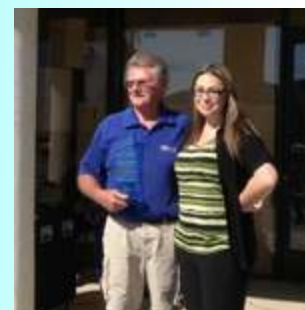






## Super 7 Sunday!!!!

After several years of no Super 7 rallies, the Inland Empire Corvette club brought back their Super 7 Sunday at their new sponsor Diamond Hills Auto Group in Banning. The dealership was very cordial and the event was a lot of fun. This year they had a car show and 6 games that looked easy but weren't. One game was to throw 2 balls attached by a short rope over a ladder to see if you could get the balls to stay on a rung. NOT. Then there was a gold driving range with marshmallows that were old 5 years ago. It was a distance game - easy right? NOT. Then there was a bean bag toss - easy right. NOT. Then there was a dart game to throw darts at a board to get 5 poker cards for a poker hand. The board was just a few feet away and all we had to do was hit the board with the darts - easy right NOT. I hit the wall behind the board. Ahhhhhhhhhh. The next was a poker hand by drawing cards. Now that was easy but lady luck was against me because the 3rd place hand was 4 Queens. The last game was the auto race that we have done at our meetings. Every time I rolled the dice I moved Don Winter's car forward. Ahhhhhhh! Anyway, enjoy the pictures below. We had a great time. 7 CSS cars went: Geoff and Ginger, Ron and Karen, Doug and Jackie, Doug Utash, Ed and Linda, Rich and Barbara, Cindy and Joe (in the Audi). It is a shame that more of us did not go because it was a great day to raise money for the IEC charity.





## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

### Regional Notes:

#### New Race Site infor from Jimmy Belson:

By the way are you aware of the Carson track....they broke ground 2 - 3 months ago.

Here's a link...

<http://www.autoblog.com/2011/11/18/porsche-announces-second-experience-center-to-open-in-southern-c/>

Good race/convention site if they will allow Vettes.  
Jimmy B.

NCCC West Coast Regional web links for:

#### 1. WC Regional Google calendar page

Direct web access for users

### Regional Events and flyer downloads

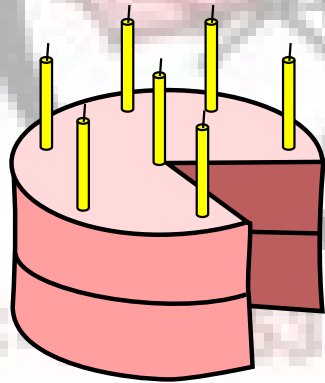
<https://93075438.domainhost.com/NCCCCompetitionDatabase/2013/Programs/ListEventsForRegion.php>

### Regional Championship points reported and results downloads

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







### October Birthdays

McMullen, George	10/05
Lyon, Jackie	10/10
Hanlin, Karen	10/18
Schavone, Tony	10/18
Stathes, Mark	10/21
Ersek, Andrew L	10/22
Norris, Bud	10/27
Norris, Ed	10/27
Grohmann, Joyce	10/31
Sanderson, Tracy	10/31

### 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

### October Anniversaries

Tracy and Linda Sanderson	09/03
John and Karen Hanlin	09/09/89
Cliff and Michelle Owens	09/26
Mike and Kathy Baddley	09/30

### November Anniversaries

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



## 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.

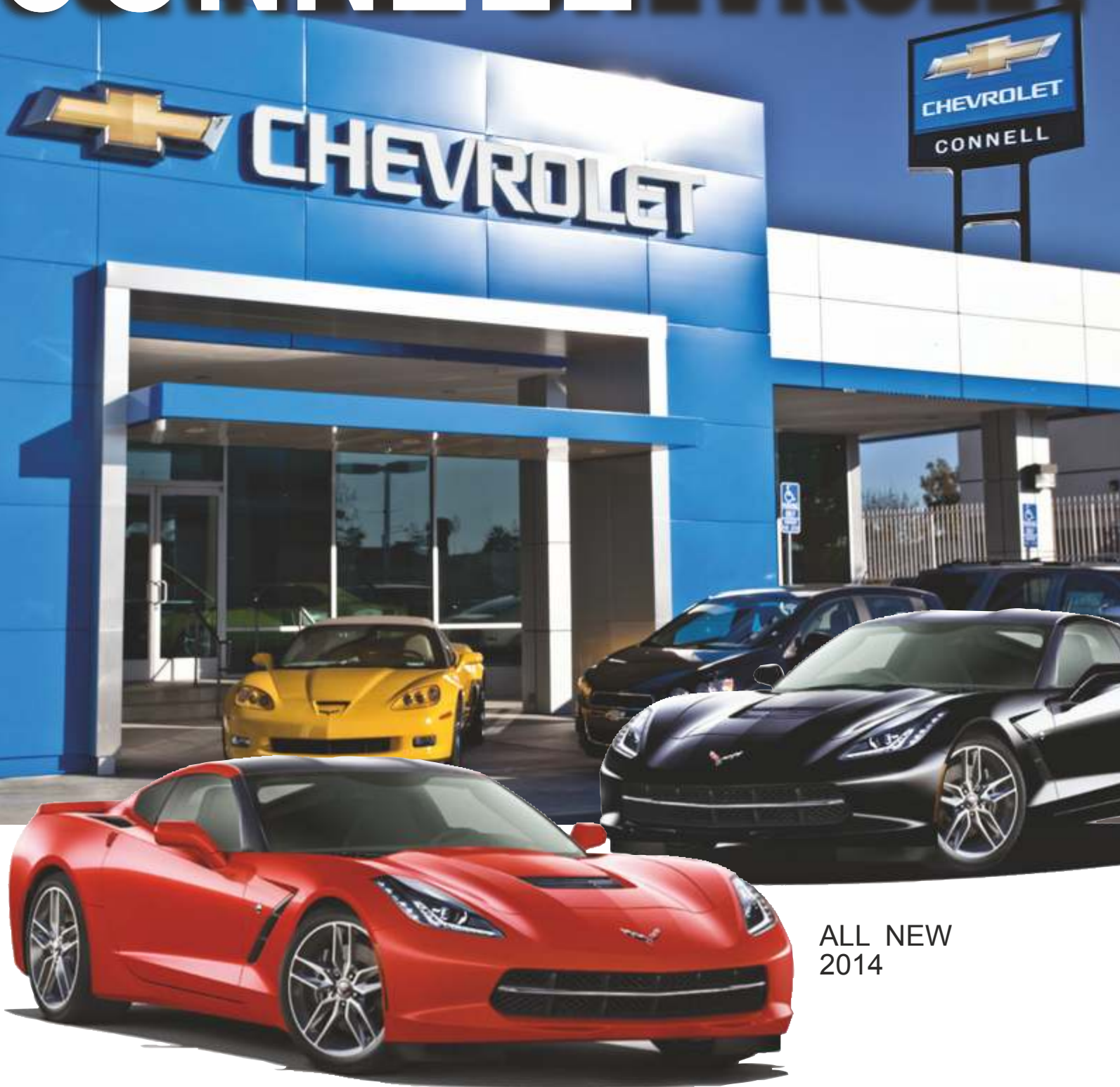


When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.

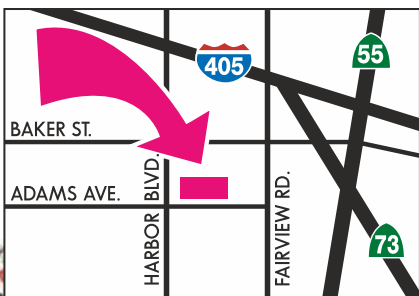




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