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#### CSS News and Upcoming Events

Trick or Treat is 10/1 General Meeting The Social events for October Vapor Trails Autocross 3 events 10/12 The Club events for October IEC Super 7 Rally

10/26 Other events for October **Homeland Security Training** 



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**

Garry Jones is recovering from kidney stone surgery Bert Wiest is slowly recovering from his surgery, and it was good to see him at the car show.

Bob and Kelli's new house will be ready in 2 weeks Steve Salinas and Ellie Jimenez are now engaged to be married.



















































# **President Geoff**

Where did the summer go? The days started off hot in the beginning of the month like we were in for a long Indian Summer and then poof, the days started getting cooler and shorter.



So that got me to thinking that Christmas must be right around the corner since the stores had Halloween deco-

rations out in July. So guess what? As I write this there are 89 days left until Christmas.

OK, enough of that. So why did I put two mug shots into this month's byline you ask? Well, it is because we had such a good time on the SS Lane Victory on September 21st that I just could not make up my mind. Did you know that the SS stands for Steam Ship? I didn't. Read the article later in the Newsletter to hear all about it.

Some of us also went to the Santa Maria Car show and Rally. The difference this year is that only 2 CSS cars went which made the difference in who won the C5 first place trophy and other points for the day. It was very unfortunate that there was an NCCC meeting in St. Louis that weekend which took our resident raffle prize winner away, but where the rest of our club was, I don't know. We usually have 6-9 cars at Santa Maria. Oh well, maybe next year.

On a happier note, though, we hit a milestone with our Car Show committee this year. In all my years attending CSS Car Shows, I can't remember ever having 80 cars pre-registered. In fact we have more pre-registered this year than attended last year's show. KUDUs to Art and his team and to all of you too. I can't wait to see all the different cars especially Dennis Dawson's 1951 Pontiac that could give any of our cars a run for their money.

Coming up this month, right before Halloween, the Inland Empire Corvette Club is returning with their Super 7 Rally. They have not put this on for a couple of years and it has always been fun. Does anyone remember the funkhana they did in the Yucaipa High School parking lot a few years ago? Lets all go there on October 27th and welcome them back.

Also in October, Vapor Trails is doing another Autocross day at the Santa Maria Airport. If you have never done an autocross, you should try it once. It is a blast. So let's have a big turn out there too.

Save The Wave Geoff



Saturday September 28 Cruisin' for a Cure At OC Fair Grounds. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. http://www.cruisinforacure.com/ about the show.htm

Gates open 4:30AM for participant cars. 7AM for spectators Spectators: \$15; \$13 with AAA card; Kids under 12 are free



Sunday September 29 Car

Show Celebrating 60 Years of Corvettes

This is for all GM Cars. At Hooters of Anaheim, 2438 Katella, Anaheim. This is by the 57 Freeway and Anaheim Stadium. 8 a.m.to 2 p.m. NCCC sanctioned. \$35 registration by Sept 21 and \$40 after. Presented by Corvette Super Sports. Note http://corvettesupersports.com/frame/frameset.html

Thursday-Saturday October 3-6 12th Annual Corvettes and Ghost Riders in Tombstone For info http://www.corvettesandghostriders.com/registration.htm

October 4-6 Fall Colors Car Show, Bishop CA

At Tri County Fairgrounds, Bishop. Saturday registration 7:30-10:00. \$70 Show & Shine, Poker Hand, Breakfast, Goodie Bay or \$35 Show & Shine with goodie bag. No limit on entries www.owensvalleycruisers.com

Saturday October 12 SSports Car Show Oakhurst, CA Oakhurst Community Park Entry Fee - \$25.00 - No Entries Accepted Day of Show Mail entry and check to Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce, mail to 43637 Hwy 41, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Checks payable to Oakhurst Area Chamber of Commerce. Information at carshow@fallinthesierra.com or call www.bodysbyboyd.com Dave Wolin at 559.760.1143 wwwfallinthesierra.com

Saturday October 12 Autocross at the Santa Maria Airport Facility By Vapor Trails Vettes. Registration on www.MotorsportReg.com. Contact John Mahoney 805-937-1414 Santa Maria, CA

Sunday October 13 Fifth Avenue Auto showcase 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fifth Avenue, between E and L Street, Gaslamp Quarter, San Diego. To showcase your car, submit your entry application and entry fee \$50 after September 26. Entry fee includes lunch for you and a guest at a participating Gaslamp Quarter restaurant, and a goodie bag http://www.gaslamp.org/fifth-avenue-auto-showcase Saturday October 19 Mariposa Yosemite Hot Rod and Custom Car Show http://www.mariposacarshow.com/

Saturday October 22 All Car Lovers Show Escondido Elks Lodge, 2430 S. Escondido Blvd, Escondido. 10 a.m.-2p.m. Presented by Corvettes of San Diego http://corvettesofsandiego.com

Saturday-Sunday October 26-27 Corvettes at Bondurant School of High Performance Driving Bondurant.com or call 800 842 7223 \$350 entry fee includes all activities. \$150 for additional guest. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. \$500 Corvette daily rental. \$25 hot laps. Host hotel is \$169/night at www.wildhorsepassresort.com

Sunday October 27 Super 7 Sunday Car Show 8 a.m. registration. Show 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. by Inland Empire Corvettes. At Diamond Hills Auto Group, 4545 W. Ramsey St, Banning. NCCC registration \$35 before 10/27 or \$40 on 10/27. Non-NCCC \$50 on 10/27

http://www.inlandempirecorvettes.com/

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

















































#### The VP's word, continued

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 Contact tooshea1@gmail.com

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 Phone 951 325-8180 \$15 registration before 10/30 Onsite registration \$20. Email

Iceccarelli@euclidmanagment.com

Saturday November 9 Vettes for Veterans Corvette car

7 a.m.-9 a.m. T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, 850 Palomar Airport Rd, Carlsbad, Registration \$30 per car

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

"As they say, when the age is in, the wit is out." Much Ado About Nothing (3.5.31-2) Art

### Charities: Karen D.

Karen recently received a letter from Karla Winter-Schulz who is the President of STEP - Support The Enlisted Project. She explained the switching of her program from Operation Homefront to STEP and why.



The following are excerpts from that letter:

"In June of last year, Operation Homefront announced a change in their business model to all independently operating chapters. Moving forward all chapters were given the opportunity to become Field Offices under the new structure or to begin operating separately from the national organization. Since Southern California is home to the largest concentration of military families in the world, our governing board of directors opted to begin operating separately and continue to offer services directly from our headquarters in San Diego and Santa Ana under the new name, Support the Enlisted Project. To that end, the STEP Board of Directors voted to change our mission to compliment that of Operation Homefront by offering services to the E1 to E6 enlisted families regardless of whether the service member is deployed or not. We are adding services to single military personnel facing financial hardship and adding services to those service members who have been honorably discharged within the last 12 months to help them successfully reintegrate back into civilian life once their customary military benefits have ended.

Operation Homefront offers emergency financial and other assistance to the families of our service members and wounded warriors.

STEP offers emergency financial and transition assistance grants to active duty and recently discharged military and their families.

In both cases each organization provides grants not loans to help.

A typical veteran application for assistance received by STEP requests help with their first month's rent and deposit payments because they are no longer eligible to reside in base housing. STEP is pleased to be able to assist in getting them over the hump as they work their way back into civilian life. This is where Corvette Super Sports plays an important role and we are truly grateful for your continuing generosity. We are not government funded and all gifts remain in Southern California. STEP would also be grateful if CSS could conduct a diaper drive in sizes 2-5. We look forward to meeting all of you when these are dropped off at our Santa Ana offices." Warmly, Karla















































#### Vapor Trails Car Show and Rally 9/14



The VTV Car show and Rally was held at the Santa Maria Inn again this year. The hotel has a lot to offer to their guests including a rowdy bar and a wine tasting room for the more gentile. But most of the Corvette members spend their time racing cars and betting on the outcomes just like we

have done in the past at our general meetings. The folks at VTV read our newsletter and I think they were a bit disap-

pointed this year because they had been reading that we were running the same game for practice and were expecting some real challenges.

The car show started at 10am on Saturday, but you know Ed, he was out polishing his new paint job at first light.





During the car show raffle prizes were awarded and everyone wanted to hear about how Hector broke his arm and what Gale told him to do that he did not do. It seems that a banana tree, a missing truck and an axe led to his broken arm. The worst part, according to Hector is that this is just what Gale said

would happen if he did not wait for his son to return his truck.

After lunch we started on the rally. As it turned out we saw some spectacular views and places we had never been. This vear's course led us around for 70 miles and we never went east of the 101 freeway. We even found a Sand Company on a one lane road between some sand dunes. What a wild ride.





sign that said "No Trespassing - Unexploded Ordinance in field" I guess that explained why there were no animals grazing there.

After the rally we played a couple of games, ate dinner and waited for the awards. When the award for the First place trophy for the C5 class was announced, I obviously

thought that Ed's chariot with the flags on the hood would be first, but no, he got second because another club with more members there voted for a different car. But he did get second. He also got second in the poker rally with a flush. I got first place in the first game rally because I had





more stuff in my car including the Corvette Black book, a **Car show Dash** Plaque, and a paper map. No one else even came close.

Now you are probably won-

dering why the VW below is in the Newsletter. Well it belongs to a local Santa Maria guy who has a V8 packed into the front end of his "Bug" and can pull wheelies with no trouble at all. What a sleeper he has because it has the original tail pipes still on the back (not in use of course). His pas-





sengers actually sit half way back to the original back seat though.















































# SS Lane Victory September 21st



On September 21st, 10 CSS members and 2 Corvette's West friends of Rich and Barbara went on a day long cruise on the SS Lane Victory from San Pedro out to Catalina and back. This was one of the 3 fund raiser cruises that the ship conducts each year and can carry over 800 passengers at a time. The cruise provides a continental breakfast, a catered lunch and wa-





ter and snacks throughout the day. There was a mystery person on board that passengers had to identify a a German spy and while out to sea, there was a simulated air battle where the Armed Guard aboard were firing their 5 in guns at the enemy.

There were other exciting things to do as well. We were allowed to go everywhere aboard the ship from the engine room to the bridge and everywhere in between. When we left the dock we were pulled away



by new tractor tugs and they are so powerful that they are able to hang donuts in the water. When



the Los Angeles Harbor Fire Department escorted us back into our berth with a beautiful display of the power of their fire houses.

Throughout the ship while we were cruising, we saw memorabilia from all the service that the SS Lane Victory provided over the years from deploy-

ment in WWII, to deployment in Korea and in Vietnam. There are also plaques on all the passage ways commemorating all the over 1500 Victory and Liberty ships lost in battle and their crews.

It was interesting talking to the volunteer crew members who told us that the reason that the Victory ships only had one propeller is because their only job was to get sup-





plies across the Atlantic during war time just once. But the reality was that no one really expected any of these supply ships to actually make it so why spend the time adding more propellers.

The original Liberty ships were able to move along about 12 mph but these newer designed Victory ships

had steam powered engines instead of internal combustion engines they were able to move along at 18 mph which gave them a distinct advantage, but still during WWII over 1500 ships were sunk. During the height of the ship building the San Pedro Cal Ships produced one new Victory ship every 5 days. The Lane Victory took 20 days.































# SS Lane Victory September 21st

The S.S. Lane Victory began her career as a merchant

ship. She would spend her days carrying military cargo in 3 wars, carrying commercial cargo to ports all over the globe or being laid up in the reserve fleet during intervening years. During the Korean War, she would rescue over 7000 Korean refugees from Wonson, She would also evacuate over 3800 U.S. troops, 1100 vehicles, and 5 tons of supplies from Hungnam while under fire. She ferried ammunition and supplies to and from the warzone in Vietnam. During peace time, she tramped throughout the far-east Pacific ports, crossed the Atlantic several times and even circumnavigated the globe on one of her voyages. During her service she became known as a model ship and was the standard that other ships were judged by. As the Vietnam War wound down, she was the last operational Victory ship sent to the Suisan Bay reserve fleet on April 29, 1970; her career was seemingly over.

If it weren't for Joe Vernick, John Smith, and a feisty group of merchant marine veterans, The S.S. Lane Victory might have continued to silently sit and decay until finally being scrapped like her sisters. On October 18, 1988 President Ronald Reagan signed H.R. 2032 into law conveying the S.S. Lane Victory to the United States **Merchant Marine Veterans of** World War II. On June 7, 1989, the ship was officially transferred to the organization, and she was towed into Los Angeles harbor on June 12.





















She was launched on May 31, 1945. The ship was named for Lane College. which was established as a high school for black youths in 1882 by Isaac Lane, a bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Jackson, Tennessee. The school grew into a prominent liberal arts college. On her first voyage, June 27, 1945, the ship carried supplies in the Pacific. She was operated by American President Lines.

In 1950, the Lane Victory was used to evacuate Korean civilians and U.N. personnel at Wonsan, South Korea during the Korean War. The ship also saw duty during the Vietnam War. In 1970, the ship was placed in the reserve fleet. Because of her excellent condition, the Maritime Administration decided to set aside the Lane Victory for preservation. In 1988, the Lane Victory was acquired by the U.S. Merchant Marine Veterans of World War II and turned into a museum in San Pedro, CA. In 1990, the ship was desig-

nated a National Historic

Landmark.

Today the S.S. Lane Victory serves as a maritime museum and memorial honoring the achievements and sacrifices of the Merchant Marine sailors and Navy Armed Guardsmen in service to our nation. Her volunteer crew continues to keep her running and looking great.







































































































## Lake Tahoe Cruise and Rally By Rick Miller

Oh what a weekend we had!

Our destination was Reno Nv. to attend "Tahoe 45" the Iongest running annual all Corvette event in the U.S. Our hosts, the Corvettes of Fresno, planned and executed a fun filled, jam packed, phenomenal weekend of events. A quick review of the agenda found the event kickoff would be a Welcome Social Thursday evening, Friday morning started with the included Breakfast Buffet at the host hotel, The Silver Legacy, followed by a Poker Run over scenic Mt. Rose Hwy enroute to Lake Tahoe. The final stop for the Poker Run found us nearby Heavenly Valley and a Gondola Ride to the top of the mountain (9k feet) and lunch at the Tamarack Ski Lodge. Plenty of time was provided for a leisurely lunch and perusal of the grounds but it was time to head back the Reno and the Slot Tournament at the Silver Legacy followed by an eve-

Saturday wasn't much different when it came to keeping busy. Once again we enjoyed the complimentary Breakfast Buffet and then Cruised to Zephyr Cove in S. Lake Tahoe for a Participants Choice Shine N Show (part 1). We dusted the cars off a bit, chatted with other owners and numerous spectators for a bit and then headed across the parking lot and over to the dock to board the M.S. Dixie for a 2 hour paddle wheel boat ride across Lake Tahoe into California, Emerald Bay and back to conclude the car show (part

ning at the hotels comedy club

"Catch a Rising Star".

Dinner was amazing and included Salmon, Chicken, Prime Rib and all the fixings. Dessert was equally impressive. The awards portion of the evening was equally incredible with very

2) and voting. Lots of time was

left for a leisurely drive back to

the hotel and a nap before the

pre dinner social at the hotel.

The evening concluded with an

Awards Dinner and Ceremony.

little not being considered. Each of the participants who had a birthday during the event was presented a bottle of wine, YEAH Karen.











A great many of the raffle prizes were monetary and many more were quite nice and generous, all of which were donated enabling all of the proceeds from raffle sales going directly to the clubs named charity. The 50/50 exceeded \$1200 in total and the clubs share was also dedicated to the charity.

Included in the ceremony was an honorable mention of each of the clubs in attendance and a presentation of the Club Participation Award to the group with the most cars. Amazingly the award went to Corvettes of Rochester (Minnesota) with 7

cars in attendance. Each of the winners received a recognition trophy and each car was also given a \$50 gas card. Much to our surprise CSS was mentioned as also having driven a great distance (550 miles) and Ron and Karen and Lynn and I were called up to the front and also presented with a





marked with a reserved

sign with our names on it.

bottle of wine, a \$50 gas card and a sincere thank you for our attendance.

Personally I was most impressed by the friendliness of the host clubs members and the thoughtfulness of the event chairmen, Jim Agar. We arrived a day before most were expected and found the covered parking structure had COF

members awaiting our arrival, greeted us and assisted in finding our prearranged weekend long parking places







































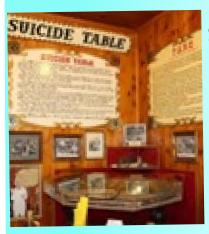








#### Lake Tahoe continued.



Event Registration didn't officially open until Thursday morning but knowing we were arriving early, Jim Agar made it a point to locate us and he and his wife Lynne went over our registration that evening and made sure we had our complimentary breakfast tickets for the morning.

I honestly can't tell you how great the weekend

was. We had seriously considered not going do to the massive Yosemite fires and the reports of smoke and ash in Reno. While the skies at times limited some of the beautiful views around Tahoe I don't think anyone of the 200 plus in attendance physically felt the effects. Thanks to the efforts of the thousands of fire fighters and volunteers over the prior few weeks, the fires were 85% contained and the air quality rating was changed to good on Thursday.



Also worth noting is that our drive north included a stop in Bishop at the famous Erik Shats Bakery for an award winning lunch and another stop in Lee Vining for just enough gas to insure we make it to Reno (\$5.20/gal) and a visit to the "Whoa Nellie Deli". The drive on 395 was easy and stress free both going and coming back and included a stop in Mammoth on the

way home to visit the vacationing Baddleys. Thanks guys for lunch and thanks to Ron for keeping the speed in the double digits.



If you'd like a great getaway and a very fun weekend, make plans for "Tahoe 46". You won't be disappointed!

Editor's note: A big thanks to Rick Miller who provided us with this article and all the pic-























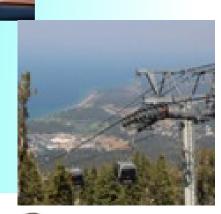


































KuDus to Art and his team! His superb leadership and conviction that a "Hooters" venue would attract more cars was a stroke of genius. Having the car show include all GM cars was amazing as well.

For me, it was a trip down memory lane seeing the GTOs and the El Caminos and all the rest was breath taking.

It was an amazing day. Everyone I talked to said they would come back next year and were delighted by the array of cars,

The committee made a decision early on to have it be an all GM car show and they were adamant that it was to be held at Hooters. I can tell by the smiles on all the trophy winners that these foundational decisions were the best decision. Even from behind the winners at the photo-op I could see their smiles.

But the day could not have gone as well if it were not for the whole team doing their individual parts to keep all the events running perfectly.

A big thanks also goes to Deb and Eric who took the majority of the pictures. I would have never thought to go into the parking structure and take pictures from up above the parking lot. There are 2 pictures that show just how well attended this show was.

As you look through these pictures, pay close attention to the smiles. Look at Cliff Owens when he won the Bondurant raffle. Look at



















Trophy winners too. Look at our members. Smiles everywhere. There is nothing better than this except maymy winning the NCM drawing for a new C7 and we all know what the odds of that happening is. But the odds are that every one of the cars entered this year will be back again next year.

I had the opportunity to hand the Sponsor's appreciation award to the Connell Chevrolet representatives. Accepting for Connell was Monty and Dave. Because we are all treated like family at Connell, and Wayne, the owner, treats all his employees the same way, we are all on a first name basis. Monty actually helped Ginger and me pick up our new Equinox last year.

One of the participants this year and every year that we have done a car show was Al Paer. Al and I used to work together. You can see a picture of his 67 Corvette that he bought new and eventually chromed everything under the hood. You can see a picture of his car on this page. He told me that he does not do as many car shows anymore (maybe it is an age thing) but he AL-**WAYS ENTERS OUR CAR** SHOW. It was great to see Al again. It was good to see Dennis again too. Dennis and I worked the entry way and tried to get the folks

looking for coffee at Angel's stadium to enter the show.

The next 2 pages are just some of the pictures that Deb and Eric took. Enjoy and look for the rest on the website. Finally a special thanks to all the CSS members that volunteered to help make our show a success.



















































































































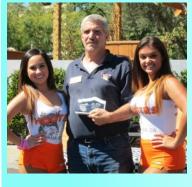








































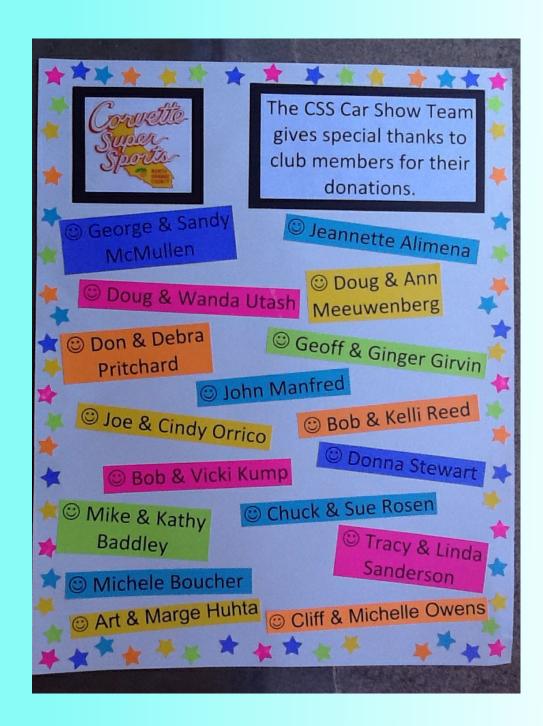


























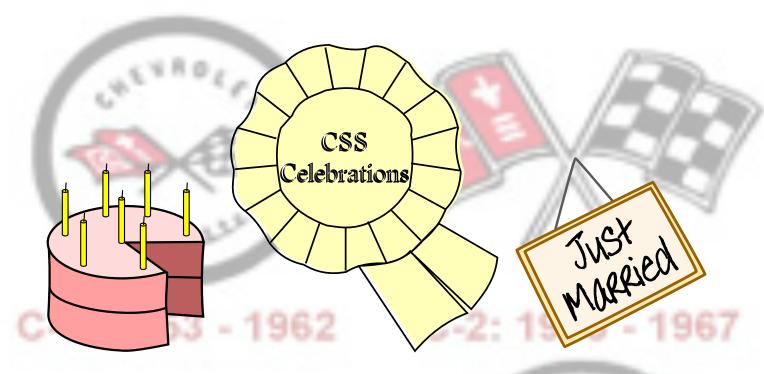












# September Birthdays

Gary R Plehn	09/01
Ginger Girvin	09/03
Karen DeBartolomeis	09/05
Barbara Ortiz	09/08
Debra Ruby	09/08
Shannon Norris	09/10
Carias, Richard	09/13
Renita R Glover	09/13
Michele Boucher	09/16
Katie Kennedy	09/23
Larry Gene Farrell	09/25

## **October Birthdays**

October Birtinday	
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

# September 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

### **October Anniversaries**

Joe and Cindy Orrico	10/14
Garry and Shirley Jones.	10/23

