

# Under The Radar

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## CSS News and Upcoming Events

**The Social events for September**  
**The Club Event for September**

**Tahoe 46 Corvettes of Fresno 9/4-7**  
**CSS Golf Tourney 9/13**  
**Cruisin for a Cure 9/28**



## 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

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## CSS Family Updates

We just found out today that Kevin Presser just won a 2014 Torch Red Stingray Coupe from the Corvette Museum Drawing. Let's all call Kevin and congratulate him on his investment!







## President Geoff

During the National League All Star game it was decided that Mike Trout from the Angels would receive the honor of being named the MVP. General Motors offered him a Suburban or a Corvette. I bet you can't guess which one he picked. Yes, he picked the 2014 Stingray.

Rick Miller and Tony Schavone thought that it would be a great gesture for CSS to name Mike Trout an Honorary Member of CSS and give him Honorary Member Number 27 to match his number on the Angels. Rick and Tony put together a very nice packet, called the Stadium and were invited to the Stadium to present the packet to Mike and welcome him to Corvette Super Sports. Later in the Newsletter you will see the CSS delegation that went to Angel Stadium and the contents of the packet.

It is late this year but this is the time of the year when the NCCC Convention awards the Newsletter and Web Site awards. In past years, we have had our very own Joe and Cindy at the conventions to find out first hand how our entries did and then call us at a meeting to give us the news. This year, we have to rely on a phone call from the host club to call Joe. It is my sincere desire that our Newsletter does well again this year because this is my last year as Newsletter Editor for CSS. I will be stepping down at the end of the year after shepherding our Newsletter from its meager beginnings to winning First Place in the NCCC Newsletter Contest last year. I started out in 2009 publishing the newsletter based on a Microsoft Word document. A year or so later, Jennifer Spencer suggested that we call the Newsletter "Under the Radar" and the name stuck. A year later, I convinced Donnell Holmes to fake a radar stop in his CHP uniform and motor cycle on his day off. The radar trap and the "Consequences" page have been our covers ever since. You should take a close look at the back page of the Newsletter and pay close attention to Ron D's facial expression. He looks this way because Donnell had just asked him for his drivers license and registration. Ron could not find his registration and Donnell was going to have to actually write him a warning ticket. But Karen ripped the car apart and found it in just the nick of time. The back cover Consequences page picture was found before Karen found the required document.

Two years ago, I purchased a real desk top publishing software package and began the process to completely overhaul the Newsletter from front to back with new headers, double columns of text and a myriad of graphics in each issue. I undertook that task because our rankings in the NCCC contest went from Second, to Fourth, to Sixth and I really did not want to continue that type of progression anymore. All that work paid off and we received First Place last year at this time. Over the years that we submitted our Newsletter to the contest I lobbied the judges to accept the newsletters from everyone electronically because it was very costly to print 40 color pages in 3 copies for the judges. This year they agreed and we submitted via email all 3 issues. I hope you all enjoyed this chronicle.

Geoff

## The VP's Column

The VP's Word

By Tony Schavone

Well, Summer is in full swing and the Events are plentiful!! Check out [socalcarrculture.com](http://socalcarrculture.com) for local events and our own web site.

Here are some dates for upcoming events:



- Sept. 4-7** Corvettes of Fresno. Tahoe 46
- Sept 7** Annual Coastline Car Classic Corona del Mar State Beach
- Sept. 13** CSS Miniature Golf. Bert Wiest will have details later
- Sept 18-21** Nevada Silver State Classic Challenge [www.silverstateclassic.com](http://www.silverstateclassic.com)
- Sept. 28** Cruisin' for a Cure, Prostate Cancer Car show OC Fairgrounds
- Oct. 5** CSS Car Show Connell Chevrolet.
- Oct 4** VTV Car Show Santa Maria
- Oct. 17-18.** Mariposa Hot Rod and Custom Car Show. See Cindy Orrico.
- Oct 25-26** Hotchkiss Autocross @ Auto Club Speedway, Fontana
- Nov. 7-8** NCCC National meeting St. Louis
- Nov. 8** CSS Turkey Bowl, La Habra Bowl
- Nov. 9** Vettes for Veterans. All Corvette Car Show @ TG Fridays, Carlsbad, CA; North Coast Vettes
- Nov 15** Bunko Party - Joe and Cindy's Rec Center

Corvette Time Line: June 1, 1981. A new Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky completes its first build.

**The Car Show planning is coming along. However, we need all members to donate raffle prizes. These raffle prizes are where the income really comes from. So, please talk to the places of business that you frequent and ask them if they could donate anything for our raffles.**

**So far we have 25 cars registered for the car show split about evenly between CSS members and others. Everyone in CSS should be entering their cars in the Car Show.**





## 2014 20th Anniversary Torch Red Stingray Corvette Coupe Raffle: Winner Drawn!

**Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 3pm CT 2014**

Congrats to Kevin Presser of West Hollywood, CA! His winning ticket #856 was drawn by Carrie Woodward of Michelin in yesterday's raffle for a 2014 20th Anniversary Torch Red Coupe!

We sold 2,074 of the 2,500 available tickets



## Red Stingray Corvette Coupe Raffle: Winner Drawn!

**Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 3pm CT**

### Super News in the CSS Corvette Family.

Kevin Presser is the newest winner of the Corvette Raffle at the Corvette Museum. The drawing was today and Kevin got the call from the Museum shortly after today's drawing. If you see Kevin congratulate him. If you don't know who he is just look for the CSS member with the biggest possible grin behind the wheel of a brand new, 2014 Torch Red Coupe.

Posted on the Museum Website:

**2014 20th Anniversary Torch Red Coupe Corvette Raffle**

**Thursday, August 28, 2014 at 3pm CT**

**Kevin Presser West Hollywood, CA Ticket #856**

- See more at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle/#sthash.aBaUPCAj.dpuf>

So yes, it's true! Since I didn't get to go on National Caravan this year after doing the last 4, I bought 1 raffle ticket for the NCM 20th Anniversary Special 2014 C7 Stingray Cpe (Torch Red w/ White Pearl Stripes) in the spirit of it all. I was feeling pretty down this week not being there and just couldn't believe it when I got the voicemail from the Museum. I mean I had to listen to it 3 times to confirm it was for real and have been pinching myself for 2 days now, which needs to stop! Ironically my spirit is now at the Museum in the form of a C7 on display at the entrance! How CORVETTE CRAZY is that? So we can add another C7 to the CSS family roster!







## Vapor Trails Car Show and Rally

In every year as far back as I can remember, the sequence of NCCC events was for CSS to have its car show in August and all our friends from VTV would show up and then they would have their Car Show and Rally and Dinner of Santa Maria Tri Tip and we would all go to theirs in September. Well this year, our two clubs basically swapped schedules with each other. VTV had their car show on August 2nd and we have ours on October 5th. It really seems so odd to do this in reverse. It just seems like yesterday when VTV had their event and Joe dressed up like Elvis, or the time they had their rally in Solvang at Nojoqui park. It just seems like this is the way it is supposed to be having their event after school goes back into session, not the other way around. This is probably why I did not sign up this year. I am so confused. This is probably why other members did not sign up as well, although we did get a big turnout. But alas, the numbers from CSS were just a couple cars less than the Members from Pomona Valley and that is what makes the difference between First and Second place in the car show. Last year and this year we were out voted in the C5 class by PVCA and Ed Norris's C5 did not get first place in the car show. It is just a matter of numbers. I remember last year when they were getting ready to announce first place in C5, Ed and I got up to accept (Ed to accept and me to take a picture) and lo and behold they called someone from PVCA. We both pretended that we needed to stretch and sat back down again quickly looking at each other in disbelief.

The following are the pictures from this year's event. Like last year the rally went to places never gone before. Last year we explored a sand dune company that sell of all things beach sand. This year they went to Pismo and everyone got stuck in traffic. I hope you all take the opportunity to go to the VTV rally. It is a blast every year. It all starts on Friday night with autocross racing in the hotel room. Evidently, Cindy did so well that the gas, entry fees, hotel space and raffle prizes were all paid for before the night was over.







## Aero Wax Day - August 16th

The following story was submitted by Jennifer Spencer who took her C5 convertible to Aero. I know for a fact that her blue car could not be polished in any conventional way as I tried at a VTV event a couple of years ago to no avail. But I saw it after the event at Aero and I have to say it has morphed into a beautiful and stunning Corvette like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon.

### Aero Creates a Waxer (well maybe)

On Saturday, August 16, several of us met at 0-dark-100 to caravan over to Bellflower to the headquarters of International Aero Products ("Aero"). Aero makes premium detailing products and since they will be at our car show, they generously offered to "teach us" how to use their products.

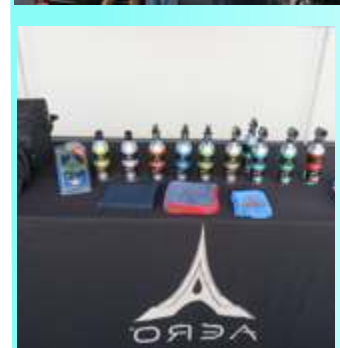
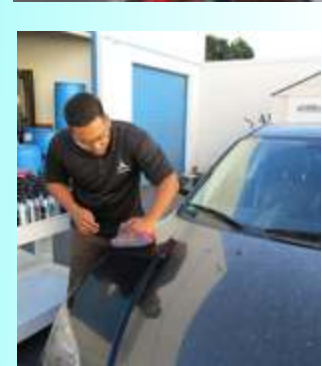
I went for three reasons; 1) I hadn't been able to attend many club social events lately; 2) I won their Mini 6 pack and wanted to know how to use it; and 3) to challenge Aero's products as I knew the people who signed up for this event would likely be "waxers" and therefore their cars would be pretty clean to begin with (as opposed to mine). When we pulled into their lot, I thought I might catch a glimpse of one of the Aero guys getting squeamish but actually I think they were nodding to the challenge.

After a quick demo on a non-Vette that challenged my car to which one was the dirtiest in the lot, we got started. I'm not sure about anyone else but I thought their cleaner was like most and you had to douse your towel in product but contraire, a little product goes a long way. AND WHAT?!? *Shine* leaves no swirl marks or streaks to rub out? Even the glass cleaner (*View*) doesn't streak. I have tan interior in the convertible and the carpets always look dirty (yes, you can say it...because they are) but they cleaned up really nice with *Spot*.

Now I didn't go all crazy like some of the guys did (I think Donna got almost all the guys to work on her car). It's baby steps for me. Next weekend will be the rims and tires. But the body of my car has never looked better since I bought it in 2008. I was so impressed; I even bought the full-size 6 pack!

So in conclusion, I would like to give a big shout-out to Tony for arranging this event and Eric, Dave and Jonathan at Aero for a great day to this "Wa-racer".

[InternationalAeroProducts.com](http://InternationalAeroProducts.com)







## MVP Award for Mike Trout of the Angels.

As soon as Mike chose the new Corvette as his prize for receiving the MVP award at the All Star Game, Rick Miller and Tony went to work to figure out a way to honor him in a unique way. Rick suggested and I agreed that we should make Mike an Honorary Member of CSS with a member number of 27 to match his Angels uniform. But then the problem of determining how to inform Mike of our decision. Tony talked to Tom Cuccio to get a recommendation on who to call and the rest is history.



## New Z06 Automatic Details



Chevrolet seems to be releasing a tidbit every week on the 2015 Corvette Z06 that makes me want one even more.

Not that the 650 horsepower didn't sell me on the car, but hell, this baby just keeps getting better.

The latest news is confirmation that the new Z06's eight-speed automatic transmission will shift faster and smoother than the dual-clutch automatic in the Porsche 911 Turbo S, according to an [Automotive News](#) report.



Sure, we'd heard about this earlier, but Larry Nitz, GM's chief engineer for transmissions, has now confirmed it, saying the quicker shifts will be achieved with fast electronic solenoids and other controls.

I'm betting that will change some opinions on the idea of buying a Z06 as an automatic.

The new gearbox is roughly eight pounds lighter than the six-speed transmission it replaces, and the car is also expected to be more fuel efficient than the outgoing model.

Do you think the new Z06 will make other supercars ([like the Audi R8 V10 plus](#)) irrelevant

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### August Birthdays

Cliff Owens	08/08
Michelle Owens	08/09
Amelia Allison	08/12
Greg Glodery	08/13
Barbara Cuccio	08/16
Claude Allison	08/18
Jan Works	08/31

### September Birthdays

Gary Plehn	09/01
Ginger Girvin	09/03
Karen DeBartolomeis	09/05
Barbara Ortiz	09/08
Debra Ruby	09/08
Shannon Norris	09/10
Richard Carias	09/13
Michele Boucher	09/16
Larry Farrell	09/25

### August Anniversaries

Mark/Cindy Costello	08/07
Ed/Linda Norris	08/08
Jay/Marcia Lynch	08/16
Sal/Teresa Cruz	08/20

### September Anniversaries

Tracy & Linda Sanderson	09/03
John Hanlin	09/09
Cliff & Michelle Owens	09/26
Connie & Sue Killian	09/29
Mike & Kathy Baddley	09/30





## 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.



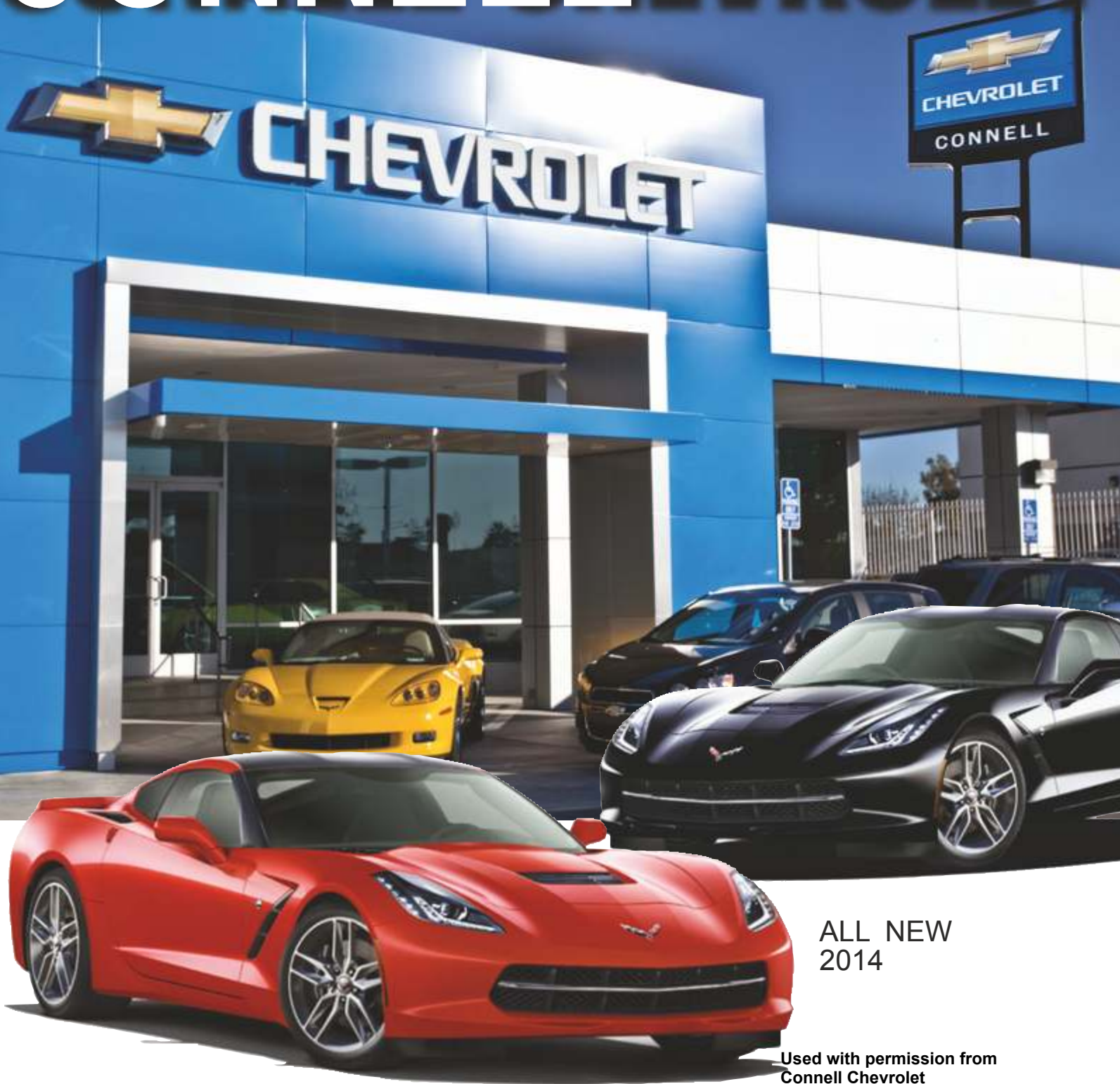
When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.

## Editors' Note

**It is our intention to place the Volleyball Perpetual Trophy at the Connell Chevrolet Trophy Case after we affix the plaque stating our recent win.**

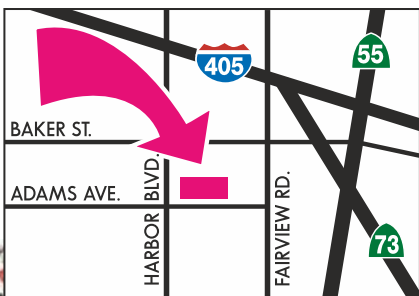


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**CSS Corvette Entries to be Judged Separately**

**Non NCCC Participants are not insured**





# Consequences

