

# Under The Radar

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## Officers 2014

**President:** Geoff Girvin  
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2014

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**Phone Committee:** Donna Stewart  
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**Trophies/Awards:** Tom Cuccio  
**Dealer Rep:** Cindy Orrico  
**Car Show:** Art Huhta  
**Banquet:** Karen, Linda, Vicki, Donna, Marge  
**Historian:** Pat & Jan Works  
**Care & Kindness:** Dianne Wiest  
**Car Show Champion:** Art Huhta  
**Rally Champion:** Open  
**Auto Cross champion:** Open



## CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social events for February

Sweetheart Bowl 2/8

Other events for February

Homeland Security Training 2/22



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.

As you can see, everyone is welcome to attend the Board meetings



## 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, Cindy Orrico, and Connie Killian in your prayers.







## President Geoff



The CSS banquet was amazing. A big Thank You is in order for the committee made up of Karen, Donna, Linda, Vicki, and Marge. Another big Thank you goes to Bert for jumping in at the last minute and taking care of the music. I also need to thank Debbie, Donna, Linda and Vicki for dancing with me. I am the luckiest guy from the banquet because I

was the only guy on the dance floor.

Thank you to all the participants of the Bowling events especially the ones that have created new steps to the Hokey Pokey. I am thinking that we need an award this year for the best steps.

I also want to thank Rick Miller for helping me create the awards for the HomeLand Security team members. The personalized mugs were a big hit. But most of all I want to thank Rick for making me a special mug showing me on the "Duck Dynasty" shooting team. I just grin and grin whenever I look at the mug. It is very creative and it occupies a very special place in my home. It comes at a time when I must give up the coveted MVP perpetual trophy which I adore and have had displayed prominently in my living room. I was afraid I was going to go through withdrawals having it go away, but now I have my very own Duck Dynasty mug to take its place.

That MVP trophy now resides with Doug Mariani, our fantastic Web Master who not only deserves the recognition, but also deserves the NCCC award in 2013 that he won for all of us as well. Congrats again to Doug.

Thanks to Debbie and Eric for taking the time to take pictures at the banquet and at all the other events this last year. It really took a load off of me.

Contrats go to our Rookies of the year, Laura and Tony and Debbie and Eric. These 2 couples are part of what makes CSS such a special group. They joined our family and then jumped in and went everywhere with us and contributed mightily to our success during the year. Congrats to each of you as well.

But we missed our Tom Cuccio because he had to work. Tom has been in the club more than 40 years and has only missed 2 banquets. He is responsible for getting the trophies for us each year, and we all appreciated the letter he asked us to read before the presentation of the MVP and Rookie awards.

Save the wave  
Geoff

## The VP's Column

The VP's Word

By Tony Schavone

2014 is here and while we're having Summer like weather (good for car shows) here in Southern California, the rest of the country is experiencing cold and snow.

Almost every weekend in SoCal there is a car show or automobile related event. The best source for this information is "So-Calcarculture" found online.

NCCC's regional calendar is slim pickins until April. If you have an event that you are familiar with and want to share with the Club, please notify me or the Board.

The following are some events starting in April and on.

April 5th: Low Speed Autocross at Santa Maria Airport - Vapor Trails Vettes. Sign up at "Motorsportsreg.com."

May 18th: Plastic Fantastic XXXVII - North County Corvette Club, San Diego. [www.NCOCC.com/calendar.HTML](http://www.NCOCC.com/calendar.HTML).

August 28-30: Corvette caravan to Bowling Green - [NationalCorvetteCaravan.com](http://NationalCorvetteCaravan.com)

FYI. Corvette Timeline: January 17, 1953. New sports car introduced to public at Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Ed Cole selects the name "Corvette" from 1500 names submitted.

**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/>







## Charities - Debra Ruby

During the Banquet Debbie and Geoff had a chance



to talk to Eric Sumner, our new CHP rep about going to the Calicinto Ranch in the near future as a club



outing.

Not only will we see a new group of young people that are benefiting from their experiences at the Ranch, but we will also have the opportunity to take two huge boxes of trophies that have been donated by Roger Bacon.

These trophies are used by the ranch to provide awards to the children at the ranch during their campership weeks for outstanding behavior.

## Future Mystery Run

By Art Huhta

Art recently went on a photography outing and sent us a story about his adventure. The following story is so captivating that we might need to make it a future event site.

A Mechanic's story

On my trip last week, I entered Jerome, Arizona, 19 miles south-west of Sedona. It started in 1876 as a copper mining claim and is now a tourist site with historic buildings, art boutiques, restaurants, souvenir stores and hotels.

It also has a "ghost town" built by entrepreneur mechanic, Don Robertson. It appears to be a junk yard because of the scattered car parts, tools and many old vehicles, some of which run. There are several dozen cars, trucks, buses, fire engines, and motorcycles. He builds machinery and gave me a 2 hour tour. From a photographer's point of view, there is too much stuff for a simple picture. From an auto-buffs point of view, this is a gold mine of machinery.



This is a Ford Model-T converted to a tractor. Farmers would buy a kit and convert the car to a tractor.

Don has a Harley Davidson motorcycle that he added NOX2. PHe said that fast bikes would pull up alongside, see the NOX2, and decline to race.



He bought a diesel submarine engine from the US Navy. Photo #6934. He hauled it up the hill and attached a belt drive to run a saw mill. Photo #6930. He started it to demonstrate how the saw works.

He built a race car from a 1928 Studebaker. Photo#6927. It's all mechanical; no power assist for brakes and steering. It's powered





by a 1928 Studebaker straight-8. He started it for me using the hand crank.

He bought an electric power generator from an Arizona power plant. I did not get the measurements, but it appeared to me 15 feet by 15 feet, maybe larger. Because of the size, he contacted trucking companies to haul this monster up the hill. They said it was too big, too heavy and they said no. Consequently, He decided to haul it himself; so he modified one of his trucks by reinforcing the suspension. He welded I-beams

to the frame to hold the machine. As he was driving, he had a flat tire, not a small problem with this heavy load. An Arizona Highway Patrol stopped to see what he was doing. The cop looked, shook his head and said that Don had enough problems. He was going to ticket speeders and leave him alone.



## CSS Banquet

Once again, CSS members put on the Ritz and ventured out to our annual meeting and gala for the year. This year it was at the Conference center at the Navy Golf Course in Cerritos and the accommodations and the food was just perfect.

Donnell then introduced Erick Sumner as his replacement on the Chips for Kids program and Erick had a chance to speak to us. I found that by sitting with him at the dinner table, I had the opportunity to talk to him at length about what got him interested in the CHP, and how he decided to ride motor cycles on the force and about his military service.

During the meeting we had a chance to reward some special groups of members for their participation during the year, and we had the very special opportunity to thank Donnell Holmes for his friendship support during his career with the California Highway Patrol. During the meeting we presented Donnell with a trophy designating him an Honorary Member of CSS.

We presented 2 Rookie of the year awards to Laura and Tony and to Eric and Debra. I think they were surprised!



The next award was for the MVP. This year Doug Mariani was recognized for his constant attention to our website. Doug has done a masterful job at keeping our website running for 5 years. This is important because a majority of our new members say they were attracted by the website. Doug gets to take the perpetual trophy for a year and keep this trophy to the right forever.



Doug presented me with a 1953 Matchbook Corvette Super Sport Car to be used as a perpetual gift for all CSS Presidents going forward to have and to hold.







## More Banquet!

The highest scoring bowling team for the year



Then we honored our Homeland Security Agents



Elaine and Dave won Top-Gun honors this year

Next is our Banquet Stars



Then the biggest Turkey award



And of course our Members







## And more Banquet.

Our MC's



And our Dancers



And Table Decorations







## HomeLand Security Agents

We all met at the Prado shooting park and Dave brought Jenny for her first ever attempt at hitting those pesky orange pigeons. Dave let her use the 410 pop gun but for some reason, he let her try to use the gun that did not work right. It is an over-under and the top barrel would not fire and to make matters worse, it would not eject the shell either. So Jenny just shot from the bottom barrel. Much to her surprise, she did very well for her first time and if it had not been for me having a gun smith work on my gun she would have beaten me as well. She ht 6 of those pesky pigeons the first time and 2 the second time. Way to Go Jenny. I just wish we had pictures of her expressions when she hit them. Priceless!



Miss Top Gun got a run for her money in the first round



Afterwards, we all went to Flo's Chino Airport Diner where we met Erick Sumner, our CHP representative that we met at the banquet. He had his wife and 2 kids in tow, but he was on a tight schedule, being a family man and having kids, so we said good bye and went in to eat.

It was a great day

P.s. Some of you might want to know what the gunsmith did to my shot gun though. Well it became very clear in December that my shotgun was not set up for Trap, Skeet or anything other than ducks, geese, and gophers. So I had a gun smith put a device called a choke on the end of the barrel so that the pellets in the ammo would spray wider and hit the little orange thingies. I actually did better than any time last year. Woo Woo.







## NCCC Regional

### News

In the Blue Bars magazine that is published quarterly by the NCCC, it should be noted that in the West Coast Region, Corvette Super sports has the most FCOA members of all the clubs in the region. So I thought it might be nice

to give these Future Owners and their sponsor's some recognition.

First name	Last name	Sponsor
RILEY ANNE	ERSEK	ANDREW L ERSEK
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CHASE	ELLIOTT	ROBERT KUMP
BRANDI	KUMP	ROBERT KUMP
TRAVIS	KUMP	ROBERT KUMP
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SAMI	DARROW	ELLIS CHEE
SARA	CHEE	ELLIS CHEE
LINDSEY ROSE	MIELKE	TAMMY MIELKE
JACOB	VIRAMONTEZ	JOE ORRICO
LOGAN	MILLER	LYNN MILLER
SAMANTHA	MILLER	LYNN MILLER
JOSHUA	MILLER	RICK MILLER
JACK	MILLER	RICK MILLER
MADISON	MILLER	LYNN MILLER
JACOB M	BADDLEY	KATHYRN BADDLEY
MICKENZIE L	BADDLEY	MICHAEL R BADDLEY
JEREMY M	BADDLEY	MICHAEL R BADDLEY
ALICIA M	FARRELL	LARRY G FARRELL
KAYLA LENA	FARRELL	LARRY G FARRELL
KYLE ASHTON	FARRELL	LARRY G FARRELL
AIDEN	MACDONOUGH	DAVE MACDONOUGH
MADDISON	GUZMAN	ROBERT KUMP
AUSTIN	PRICHARD	DONALD PRICHARD
DARYN G	MURPHY	ANDREW L ERSEK

Place	First Name	Last Name	Total Regional Pts	Tot Events
1	ED	NORRIS	164	27
5	DOUG	LYON	142	21
7	GEOFFREY	GIRVIN	126	26
20	BUD	NORRIS	65	10
21	JOE	ORRICO	58	10
30	DOUGLAS	UTASH	39	8
36	JOHN	MANFRED	35	10
42	RON	DEBARTOLOMEIS	32	8
45	RICHARD	CARIAS	28	8
50	DAVID	ALCIATORE	25	3
1	JACKIE	LYON	141	20
2	JENNIFER	SPENCER	100	13
10	LINDA	NORRIS	68	17
13	DAWNETTE	NORRIS	60	10
20	GINGER	GIRVIN	43	14
25	SHANNON	NORRIS	34	5
28	KAREN	DEBARTOLOMEIS	32	8
31	BARBARA	ORTIZ	28	8
45	KELLI	REED	20	5
58	VICKI	KUMP	16	4

CSS took 2nd place in Club points with 1517

## National News:

### New Corvette to come with built-in dashcam:

By Gregory Wallace @gregorywallace January 6, 2014: 10:22 AM ET

It looks like a video game, but is real life.

General Motors unveiled on Sunday a system that pulls together driving performance data with dashcam video -- giving drivers of its flashy Corvette sports car a way to record and share their experience behind the wheel.

The Performance Data Recorder will be available on the 2015 Corvette Stingray, the auto-maker said, calling it an "industry first."

"The fully integrated system enables users to record high-definition video, with telemetry overlays, of their driving experiences on and off the track," GM (GM, Fortune 500) said.

After parking, drivers can relive their route -- whether it was around a racing speedway or downtown for groceries.

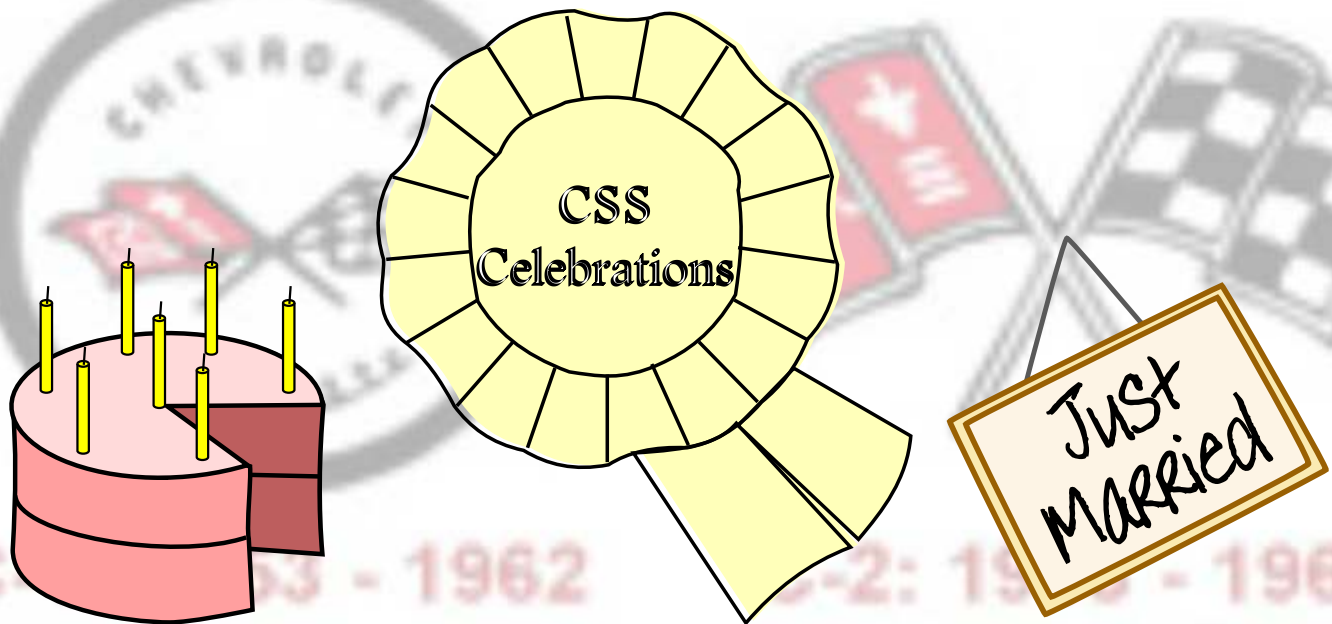
The video can be queued up on a dashboard-mounted monitor or downloaded to a driver's computer. The display shows the video plus a speedometer, throttle display and gear indicator. Drivers who use it when racing on an established race course can also see a map of the track and their lap time.

GM said it envisioned racers using the footage to "analyze their laps in incredible detail." The average driver could share the footage on social media.

The system pulls together a video camera mounted on the dashboard, a GPS receiver and the car's computer. A 32 gigabyte card inserted near the glove box can hold about 13 hours of driving data, GM said. It was designed by the company that works with the Corvette Racing team.

GM has not said how much the system will cost.





### January Birthdays

Dennis Dawson	01/09
Chris Glodery	01/10
Marge Huhta	01/10
Rick Miller	01/12
Kathy Baddley	01/16
Art Huhta	01/16
Shirley Jones	01/19
Ann Meeuwenberg	01/25
Dianne Wiest	01/26

### February Birthdays

Doug Meeuwenberg	02/15
John Manfred	02/19
Mark Costello	02/24

### January Anniversaries

Doug and Wanda Utash	1/26
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### February Anniversaries

Bert & Dianne Wiest	02/14
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## 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.



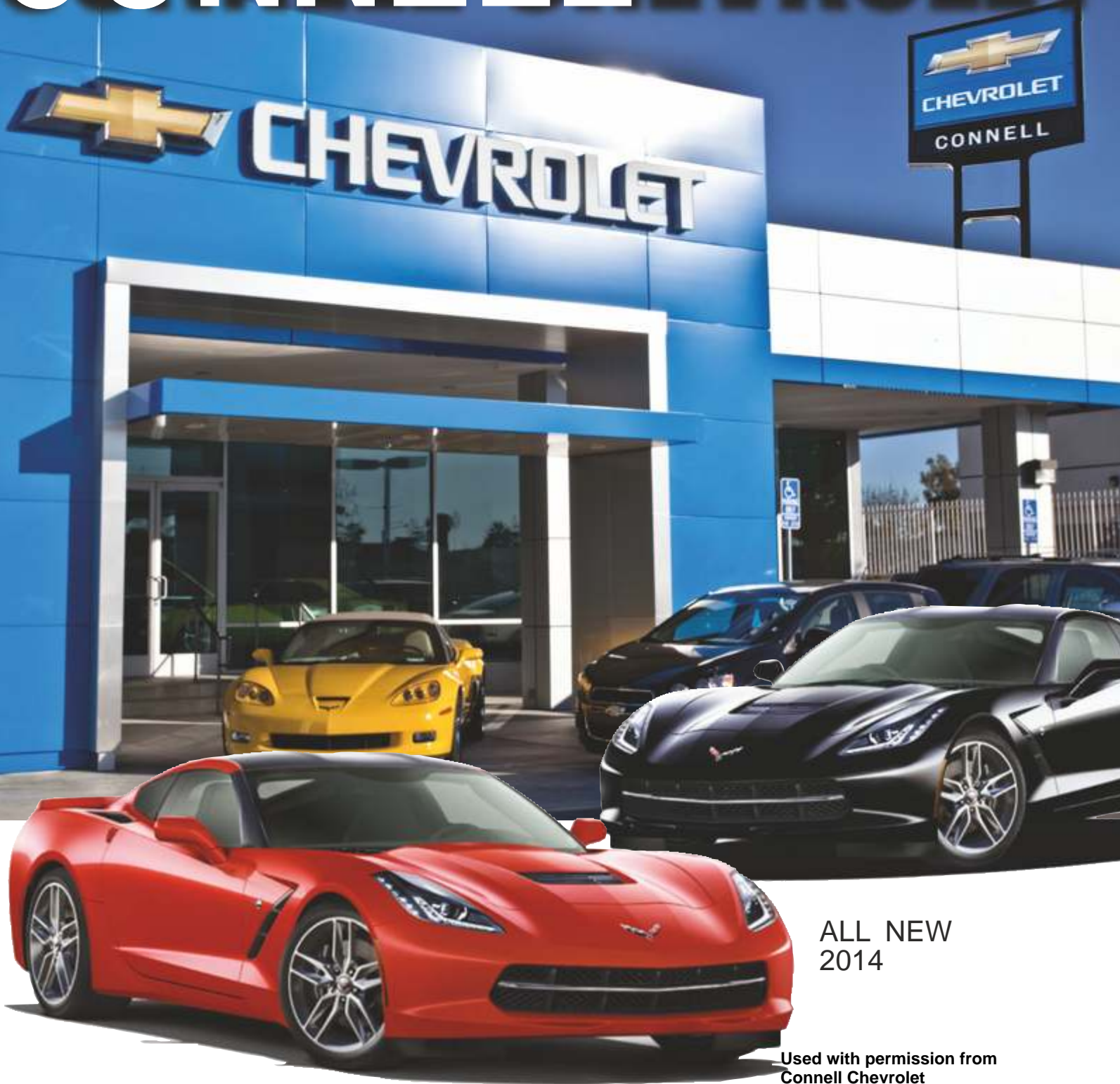
When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.

## Editors' Note

**I had a delightful conversation with Wayne this month. He was truly disappointed that Connell representation at our banquet would be missing this year due to unexpected issues. During our conversation, I expressed a desire to meet with his Service Manager and with his Sales Manager to improve our full page adds that are in the newsletter. Specifically we agreed that we we would make the advertisements be more relevant and current with information from both Sales and Service that can benefit both Connell and CSS. Thanks, Wayne, I appreciated the time.**



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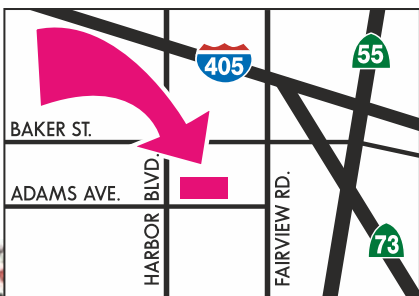
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# Consequences

