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Car Show Champion: Tony Schavone
Rally Champion: Art Huhta
Auto Cross champion: Open



CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social events for April

Long Beach Grand Prix 4/11

The Club Event for April

Autocross VTV Santa Maria

Other events for April

Homeland Security Training 4/26



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

Prayers work. Mike Baddley is back to work, Cindy is off chemotherapy and Connie is up and about.

We also need to volunteer our time to help out our CSS family members whose houses suffered major damage in the 5.1 earthquake that hit on Friday evening, 3/28. So far we have reports from Donna and Laura and Tony. No one was hurt, thank God, but houses don't always do well in earthquakes.





President Geoff

First let me say that I really appreciate Tony standing in for me at the last general meeting. I know it will sound odd, but I really did have to go to a business meeting in Napa. It was a grueling 3 ½ days with 16 hours each. So thank you Tony for taking care of things while I was out. You

really did a great job but I am glad to be back in the pilot's seat again. However, don't get too used to just being the VP, because we need you to stand in again for the General Meeting in June while Ginger and I are out of the country.

April is the month that all the NCCC events are starting to gear up and speaking of events, your Board has been slaving away for a month on what events we should all go on this year. That event list is now posted on the "Award Winning" CSS Web Site.

We now have an official Car Show Champion for 2014. Tony has stepped up to lead the team to do our car show on September 20th as well as get us geared up to go to the best car shows in the area. We also have Art Huhta who has agreed to be our Rally Champion for 2014. He is working on a rally and poker run for later in August that is organized around some of the Cultural sites in Orange County. Hence the name The Culture Club Rally. We will be visiting some of the little known museums in Orange county and then heading off somewhere for lunch and awards. This will be our first such Rally as an NCCC Event and since there haven't been any put on in the area for a long time, we thought it would be a great fund raiser for us. More about this as time proceeds. Donna agreed to have her world renown Pool Party again this year on July 26th. There is nothing better than sitting in the hot tub and drinking a beer at Donna's. I even decided to do another Mystery Run. This time it will involve Olive Oil, flavored vinegar, Scotch Whiskey and badminton. That is all I can say! But that is not the only mystery. We will be going back to Fillmore for a Murder Mystery Dinner Theater and stay at the Santa Paula Inn just like last time.

I am thinking that this year will go down in history with many members participating in every event just like the year of the "Alien Invasions". Do you remember that year with Joe's Z06 losing it tranny due to the aliens from Area 51, or the flying saucer crash site in Hollywood, or the hunt for aliens at Mt Palomar. That was a great year and this year will be one too.

But since we do not have an Autocross Champion, let me say that Autocrossing is a fun way to spend the day. It is an obstacle course of orange cones on a track that is usually less than a half a mile around. You do not race against other cars on the track at the same time - instead you are timed on your own lap time and the fastest time of the day gets a trophy. For anyone who has never done this before, you give it a try. Cindy told me a long time ago that I should try it once and then make up my mind whether it is fun or not. The next one is April 5th in Santa Maria. Come on and go!

Save the wave, Geoff

The VP's Column

The VP's Word

By Tony Schavone

Well, Spring is upon us and the Events are plentiful!! Chek out socalcarculture.com for local events.

Here are some dates for upcoming events:



April 5. Redondo Beach, The Vetteset 39th Annual judged car show.

April 5. Santa Maria Vapor Trails Vettes. See MotorsportReg.com

April 6. People's Choice Car Show. Pomona Valley Corvettes.

April 6. The California Festival of Speed, Porsche Club of America invites CSS to super car paddock. Autoclub Speedway, Fontana.

April 11-13. Long Beach Grand Prix Corvette Corral. See Rick Miller.

April 26. Ronald Reagan Library & Museum Tour. See Ron DeBartolomeis for details.

May 2-4. 6th Annual Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise. <http://www.montereycorvette.com/>

May 3. Progressive Dinner. CSS Club Event

May 17-18. Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival, Fullerton. Flyers Available from Tony

May 18. 34th Annual Plastic Fantastic Car Show, San Diego North County Corvette Club. www.NCOCC.com

June 1. OC Vettes Car Show. Huntington Beach Concourse. NCCC

June 8. COTV Car Show in Temecula. NCCC

June 14. Vapor Trails Vettes Auto cross. Santa Maria. NCCC

June 21-22. IEC Super 7+3. Banning. NCCC

June 27-29 Big Bear Bash. NCCC

July 12. OC Vettes Poker Rally. NCCC

July 19. CSS Mystery Run. Geoff's Club Event

July 26. Donna's Pool Party

Aug. 2. Vapor Trails Vettes Auto Cross. Santa Maria NCCC

August 22-30. Corvette caravan to Bowling Green, Kentucky. 6-day trip. Starts on August 22. www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com

Aug. 25-29. NCCC Convention, Savannah, Georgia

Sept. 18-21. Nevada Silver State Classic Challenge. www.silverstateclassic.com

Oct. 17-18. Mariposa Hot Rod and Custom Car Show. See Cindy Orrico.

CORVETTE TIMELINE: April 10, 1960. John Fitch and Bob Grossman bring the #3 Corvette home in 8th place overall at the 24 Hours of LaMans.





Corvette Caravan to Bowling Greene.

CORVETTE CARAVAN IS COMING!

Once every five years, Corvette owners from all over the country and beyond hear the call and begin their exodus to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the National Corvette Caravan. Individuals and clubs join groups along the way, forming long caravans reaching from coast to coast, converging on the National Corvette Museum the last week of August 2014. With fun stops along the way, this is something every Corvette enthusiast needs to do in their lifetime.

Note that the registration for the 2014 Caravan is all web-based. The web page at which the registration process begins is at:

<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/registration/celebration/20info.shtm>

Labor Day weekend 2014 marks a major milestone in Corvette and Museum history; Corvette, the longest running single marque, is in its 7th generation and the Museum, a member driven organization, celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Grand Opening. In keeping with tradition, which is one of the hallmarks of the Corvette world, the kick-off to the celebration starts with thousands of Corvette enthusiasts from all over the world making their way to Bowling Green, Kentucky in ever-growing caravans converging on the home of Corvette for 3+ days of exciting Corvette lifestyle.

Although months away from finalizing the on-site activities, planning for the [National Corvette Caravan](#) has been underway for several years. In one significant change from the past there will be only a single registration for both the 20th Anniversary Celebration and the National Corvette Caravan. Base registration is for the on-site event and there are options to add your Caravan selection, the Hall of Fame Induction Banquet, event shirt and, for Lifetime members, the Lifetime/VIP dinner.

As activities are finalized and an agenda created updates will be posted to this page and announcements will appear in [eNews](#) and on [Caravan Chat](#).

All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hardcard credential, lanyard, and an event pin. Lifetime registration is free, member registration is \$15 per person and non-member registration is \$25 per person.

Caravan registration is \$5 per person. Please note – this is per person/ not per car.

BOTH participants in Corvette must register for the Caravan to be able to take part.

CSS Honors Donnell Holmes

On March 1st, a large contingent of CSS members went to honor Donnell Holmes on the occasion of his retirement from the California Highway Patrol. It was a grand evening seeing Donnell in a 3 piece suit. I thought he must really have had to go to the gym a lot to look so thin in his suit, but then I remembered that we usually see him in his uniform when he wears the bullet proof vest that puts 35 pounds on him. All kidding aside, Donnell and Maria looked amazing.

It was great to talk to his friends and relatives and to meet his mom. His aunts were a kick too, and one of them took over the MC job a couple of times. Donnell brought his girl's soccer team and they performed a cute routine for us too. There was even some video of his early days on the motor cycle with "Ponch" from the TV serial "The CHP". As you can see below, Donnell has never had any trouble finding Shirley and Donna in a crowd.



Deb and Eric, being our club photographers, go a cameo appearance from Donnell as well.



This is a picture of Donnell and Erick Sumner who is taking Donnell's place on the Chips for Kids position. Along with them is Erick's wife Mara-sol.





The evening was really a blessing for all of us. The MC was Rich Fields from Channel 9 Weather and evidently Donnell has spent many a day at the studios. There were many stories told. When Donnell got up to speak, he did confide in us that he did get road rash once in his career. It was early in his career while he was still training. He told us that he felt very blessed and that he also felt that he had a guardian angel riding with him all the time. The following pictures were taken by Debbie Ruby.





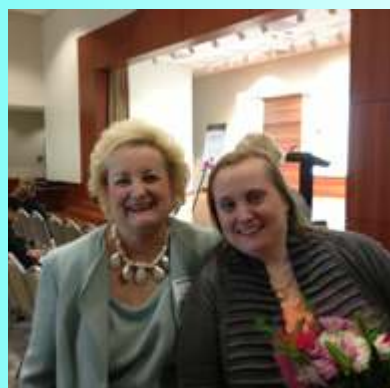
Congratulations to Joyce Grohmann



Joyce was selected as a recipient of the 2014 Woman of Distinction award for the 65th State Assembly District out of Sharon Quirk Silva office. She was honored at a reception March 29th 11 AM - 1PM at the Walter Ehler Community Recreation Center- Heritage Hall on Knott Ave. in Buena Park. She said that "It is a honor and surprise! I have been doing community- Education work since 1958 and have already received 2 state awards. One was California Teacher of the Year for Home Economics in 1989. Many years and hours of hard work." Chuck and Sue, Karen D and Geoff and Ginger attended the gala event as a show of support for all of her years of volunteering.



We met Joyce and Will's daughter Kim, and other friends too. Here is a PICTURE OF Joyce and her daughter Kim



Will introduced us to Gary and Sharon Sunda and they have a 58 and a 98 Corvette. The 58 was Gary's daily driver for 40 years until he got the 98. They own Orange County Speaker in Garden Grove.



After the reception, we went to a local eatery for a bite to eat.





Corvette Wax Day.

Editor's note: We all know that there are "Waxers" and "Racers". I have tried my best to get into using q-tips to get dirt out of places too small to see. I have even tried to understand why one would go to a judged car show after seeing what one judge called lint and I called stressed plastic. I even stand in awe of a particular Blue C6 that gets a passionate "Zano" finish as often as possible. I respect my waxer friends and envy non-white cars at how remarkable they look. Some times I even take my own picture in the reflection on their raised hoods. But my passion is Autocross. No q-tips, just masking tape. No spit and polish, just pedal to the metal.

But last weekend, even after the 5.1 earthquake that rattled all our houses, a group of intrepid CSS Waxers went on a caravan to International Aero Services in Bellflower. The members who went were Tony, Rick, Ron, Dave M., Doug, and Gary. Our hosts were very cordial and they provided coffee, donuts and juice.

Now our band of merry men are not first time waxers. They are professionals. They go to judged shows, they have 1000-count boxes of q-tips, and they even have a little of Tom Sawyer in them by telling people that it is fun to rub the wax off their cars and getting them to do it too.

But one such waxer told me that he actually learned some new tricks. This is what he had to say:

Here's a couple of tricks that I had learned and surprisingly it's so easy to do that you just don't think about it.

1) When cleaning your Windows, clean one side horizontally and the other vertically. This way if you see streaks you'll know which side of the glass there on.

2) Most Corvette owners who have a dark color (example red, black etc.) know that when they wax their car they're going to get streaks in the paint. Trick no.2 is when waxing your car, wax it in small 2 square-foot areas and immediately wipe off the wax with a clean microfiber towel. This will greatly reduce the streaking.

If you wish you had gone, they will be at the next meeting to talk about their products and their process.





Home Land Security Begins at Home

As all of you know, we have a band of freedom fighters who are part of Corvette Super Sports and we meet once a month at a local range to make sure that we are ready should our government call on us to protect this great land. At one time we were trying to figure out what would be a good T-shirt to wear as a uniform when we go to our training exercises. I just ran across one of the ones we thought to be particularly good. What think?



We are a fearsome group. We did our most recent training for the month of March at Raahauges range in Corona. We trained on the sporting clay range where the targets are more like real life, that is, they come from all different directions, angles, and speeds. This is good training for all that life throws at us.



Here we are all watching another group that were finishing up at the target we were going to use. It was interesting trying to figure out where the targets were coming from before we were to stand in the cage for our turns.

When we are ready to train, Jason is an integral part of the team. He pushes the buttons that causes those pesky orange birds to whisk by and scream nener nener nener.





NCCC National News:

From time to time I like to go through the NCCC Web site and pull out interesting parts that I think CSS members would like to see. One such section is on the companies that extend discounts to NCCC members

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR NCCC MEMBERS!

The Companies below have formed a friendship with NCCC! Please visit their sites by clicking on their Logo on the NCCC web site.

Allied Van Lines	GRYYP
RoadRUNNER Magazine	LogoBall Pro
Brakeworld	Hawaiian Island Shine
Safeguard, Inc.	Canvas Art
Seat Armour	Car Art Work
Members on Vacation	Sears Commercial
Car Guys Flooring	Motorbooks.com
SharedBook	Chevy Corvette Keychains
Nationwide Auto Transport	Southern Car Parts
Choice Hotels Neon Clocks USA	StreetSide Auto
ClassicCars.com	only-flags.com
Trackn.com	Extreme Supply
Racing Furniture	Ventura
Hagerty Insurance	R1Concepts
Vette Collectibles	

Technical News

New Corvette C7

Highlights

- FUEL ECONOMY (CTY/HWY): 17/29 mpg
- CAR TYPE: Coupe
- TRANSMISSION: 7-speed Manual
- BASIC WARRANTY: 3 Yr./ 36000 Mi.
- ENGINE TYPE: Gas
- TOTAL SEATING: 2
- CYLINDERS: V8

Colors

Arctic White
Black
Blade Silver Metallic
Crystal Red Tintcoat
Cyber Gray Metallic
Laguna Blue Tintcoat
Lime Rock Green Metallic
Night Race Blue Metallic
Torch Red
Velocity Yellow Tintcoat

Specifications

LENGTH 14ft 8.9in
WIDTH 6ft 1.9in
HEIGHT 4ft 0.8in
Exterior Measurements
WIDTH 6 ft. 1.9 in. (73.9 in.) **HEIGHT** 4 ft. 0.8 in. (48.8 in.)
LENGTH 14 ft. 8.9 in. (176.9 in.) **FRONT TRACK** 5 ft. 2.9 in. (62.9 in.)
REAR TRACK 5 ft. 1.7 in. (61.7 in.) **WHEEL BASE** 8 ft. 10.7 in. (106.7 in.)
Fuel
ENGINE TYPE Gas **FUEL TYPE** Premium unleaded (recommended)
FUEL TANK CAPACITY 18.5 gal. **RANGE IN MILES (CTY/HWY)** 314.5/536.5 mi.
EPA MILEAGE EST. (CTY/HWY) 17/29 mpg
Weights and Capacities
CURB WEIGHT 3298 lbs. **CARGO CAPACITY, ALL SEATS IN PLACE** 15.0 cu.ft.
MAXIMUM CARGO CAPACITY 15.0 cu.ft.
DriveTrain
DRIVE TYPE Rear wheel drive **TRANSMISSION** 7 speed manual
Engine & Performance
BASE ENGINE SIZE 6.2 L **CAM TYPE** Overhead valves (OHV)
CYLINDERS V8 **VALVES** 16
VALVE TIMING Variable **TORQUE** 460 ft-lbs. @ 4600 rpm
HORSEPOWER 455 hp @ 6000 rpm
Suspension

- Double wishbone front suspension
- Double wishbone rear suspension
- Four-wheel independent suspension
- Front and rear stabilizer bar

Warranty
BASIC 3 yr./ 36000 mi. **DRIVETRAIN** 5 yr./ 100000 mi.
FREE MAINTENANCE 2 yr./ 24000 mi. **ROADSIDE** 5 yr./ 100000 mi.
RUST 6 yr./ 100000 mi.

Features

Interior Features

Front Seats

- 8 -way power passenger seat
- 8 -way power driver seat
- Height adjustable driver seat
- Height adjustable passenger seat
- Premium leather





- Bucket front seats

Power Features

- Remote power door locks
- Power mirrors
- Heated mirrors
- 2 one-touch power windows

Instrumentation

- Clock
- Tachometer
- Trip computer
- External temperature display
- Low fuel level warning
- Compass

Convenience

- Cruise control
- Front console with storage
- Front cupholders
- Front door pockets
- Remote trunk release
- Retained accessory power
- Electric speed-proportional power steering
- 12V front power outlet(s)
- Tilt and telescopic steering wheel
- Audio and cruise controls on steering wheel
- Rear view camera
- Hands-Free Calling*
- Roadside Assistance*
- Concierge Service*
- Destination guidance (also Turn-by-Turn Navigation)*
- Destination Download*

Comfort

- Interior air filtration
- Dual zone climate controls • Sun sensor
- Cargo area light
- Alloy and leather trim on center console
- Alloy trim on dash
- Alloy and leather trim on doors
- Front reading lights
- Alloy and leather trim on shift knob
- Leather steering wheel
- Front floor mats
- Dual illuminating vanity mirrors

In Car Entertainment

- Diversity antenna
- Bose premium brand speakers
- 9 total speakers
- AM/FM stereo
- Sirius XM satellite radio
- Adjustable speed sensitive volume control
- Auxiliary MP3 audio input
- 3 Months of provided satellite radio service

- Memory card slot
- Radio data system
- USB connection

Telematics

- Voice directions only via subscription service navigation system

- OnStar telecommunications service

* Feature available with a subscription to [OnStar](#)

Exterior Features

Roof and Glass

- Variable intermittent wipers
- Targa roof
- Rear defogger
- Removable hard top

Tires and Wheels

- Painted alloy wheels
- 19 x 10.0 in. wheels
- P285/35R Z tires
- Run flat tires

Safety Features


- 4-wheel ABS
- Dual front side-mounted airbags
- Remote anti-theft alarm system
- Front and rear ventilated disc brakes
- Daytime running lights
- Engine immobilizer
- Auto delay off headlamps
- Dusk sensing headlamps
- Xenon high intensity discharge headlamp
- 2 front headrests
- Passenger airbag occupant sensing deactivation
- Front seatbelt pretensioners
- Stability control
- Traction control
- Electronic brakeforce distribution
- Front integrated headrests
- Post-collision safety system
- Tire pressure monitoring
- Emergency Service*
- Airbag Deployment Notification*
- Stolen Vehicle Tracking/Assistance*

Options

Packages

- Equipment Group
- Base Equipment Group
- Preferred Equipment Group
- Visible Carbon Fiber Roof Panel
- Body-Color Dual Roof Package
- Carbon Fiber Dual Roof Package
- Battery Protection Package





Exterior Options

- Color Combination Override
- Customer Selectable VIN
- Front License Plate Bracket
- Cyber Gray Painted Grille
- Black Front End Cover
- Carbon Flash Hood Stripe
- Competition Sport Bucket Seats
- Wheel Center Caps w/Stingray Logo (Late Availability)

- Transparent Removable Roof Panel
- Gray Indoor Vehicle Cover
- Black Indoor Vehicle Cover
- Z51-Style Spoiler (Late Availability)
- Black Outdoor Vehicle Cover
- Gray Outdoor Vehicle Cover
- Yellow Brake Calipers
- Red Brake Calipers
- 5-Spoke Machined-Face Aluminum Wheels
- Chrome Aluminum Wheels

Interior Options

- Carbon Fiber Interior Appearance Package
- Custom Sill Plates w/Stingray Logo
- Sueded Microfiber-Wrapped Upper Interior Trim

Package

- Custom Corvette luggage
- Sueded Microfiber Seat Inserts
- Reversible Cargo Mat w/Stingray Logo
- Competition Sport Bucket Seats
- Sueded Microfiber Seat Inserts
- Premium Carpeted Floor mats w/Stingray logo
 - Cargo Shade w/Crossed Flag Logo
- MyLink Navigation System

Mechanical Options

- 6-Speed Paddle Shift Automatic Transmission
- Dual-Mode Performance Exhaust



NCCC Regional News

Since we have so many new members in CSS, I thought it would be a good idea to inform you and all our members what our NCCC regional representatives do to keep our region running smoothly. The

following is an excerpt from the West Coast Region Bylaws:

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE - Allen Morris

The RE shall be the organizational head of the REGION. He/she will call and preside at all Regional meetings and take care of the general business of running the REGION in the manner determined by the Board of Governors. On business matters that have been printed in the minutes of the meeting and have laid on the table for one Regional meeting, a non attending club may vote by submitting a written vote to the RE. The RE may be responsible for making all necessary arrangements for a Regional awards banquet to be held at the end of the competition year over which he/she presided. The RE will also deal with all matters concerning NCCC as outlined in the NCCC Constitution. In the absence or disability of the RE, the RCD shall perform the duties of the RE.

REGIONAL COMPETITION DIRECTOR - Joe Orrico (CSS)


The RCD is a member of the NCCC Competition Committee, chaired by the Vice President of Competition of NCCC. He/she will authorize all NCCC sanctioned activities in the REGION. Prior to each competition year, the RCD will inform as per NCCC rules, the procedures for the sanctioning, holding, and reporting of results of regional competition events. Event flyers and results are handled through the RCD for tabulation of competition points earned by members of the REGION. All competition related grievances are filed with the RCD. Other and more specific duties not in conflict with the duties outlined in this section, are listed in the NCCC Competition Sanction Program Handbook. The RCD shall publish a monthly statement to all Governors including upcoming events in all Regions, point standings, and any other items of interest. He/she will also be responsible for acquiring and presenting awards for the year in which he/she presided. In the event that he/she cannot fulfill the obligation of acquiring the awards, this duty will be passed to the RE of the year following the competition year. In the absence throughout the year of the RE, the RCD may perform the duties of the RE.

REGIONAL MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR - Cliff Harris

The RMD is a member of the NCCC Membership Committee, chaired by the Vice President of Membership of NCCC. He/she shall provide information and answer correspondence from members and non-members relating to NCCC and collect or monitor collection of all Regional annual dues payments. In the absence of the RE and RCD, the RMD shall perform the duties of one or all offices.

REGIONAL SECRETARY - Cindy Orrico (CSS)

The RS is a Regional officer only with no direct authorization from, nor connection with NCCC. Duties shall include the taking of minutes at all Regional Meetings and the mailing of copies of those minutes to each club Governor in the REGION. The RS shall maintain copies of the minutes of all meetings to be turned



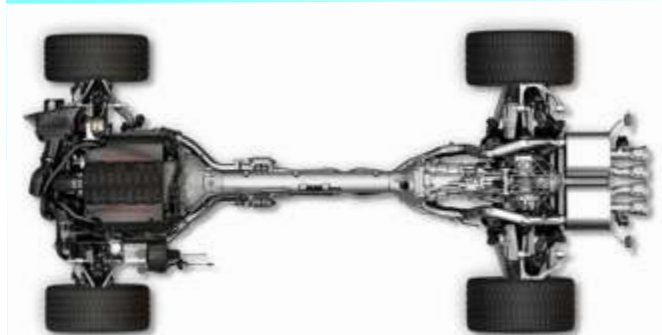


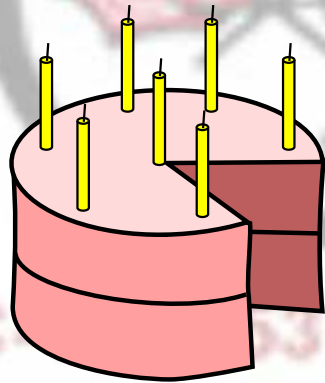
over to subsequent RSs and shall help other regional officers with their correspondence when needed and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the RE or the Board of Governors.

REGIONAL TREASURER - Ellis Chee (CSS)

The RT is a Regional officer only with no direct authorization from, nor connection with NCCC. He/she will handle all monies of the REGION, maintain accounts and disburse funds as directed by the officers of the REGION and the Board of Governors. The RT shall take the financial records to an independent auditor for a statement to be completed by January 31 st. He/she will also be responsible for the filing of any forms related to the finances of the REGION or to the Secretary of State under the statement of incorporation. The RT shall inform the RE and RCD of clubs that are in default for dues for appropriate action

As you can see, not only do our members participate in our regional events, they give of their time to the Regional Board to keep our region running smoothly.





March Birthdays

Thomas A. Cuccio, Jr.,	03/03
Ignacio Alarcon (Smiley)	03/06
Bert T Wiest	03/09
Don Prichard	03/12
Pat Works	03/17
Will Grohmann	03/19
Teresa Cruz	03/26
Ron J DeBartolomeis	03/30
Cindy Vracin,	03/30

April Birthdays

Cooper, Jim M	04/05
Killian, Connie	04/14
Norris, Linda	04/16
Kump, Vicki	04/17
Miller, Lynn M	04/17
Spencer, Jennifer	04/25
Lynch, Jay	04/27

March Anniversaries

Geoff and Ginger Girvin	03/21
Will and Joyce Grohmann	03/25

April Anniversaries

Doug & Jackie Lyon	04/08
Don & Debra Prichard	04/12
Greg & Chris Glodery	04/21
Jennifer & Chris Spencer	04/21
Ron & Karen DeBartolomeis	04/27
Rick & Lynn Miller	04/29



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.



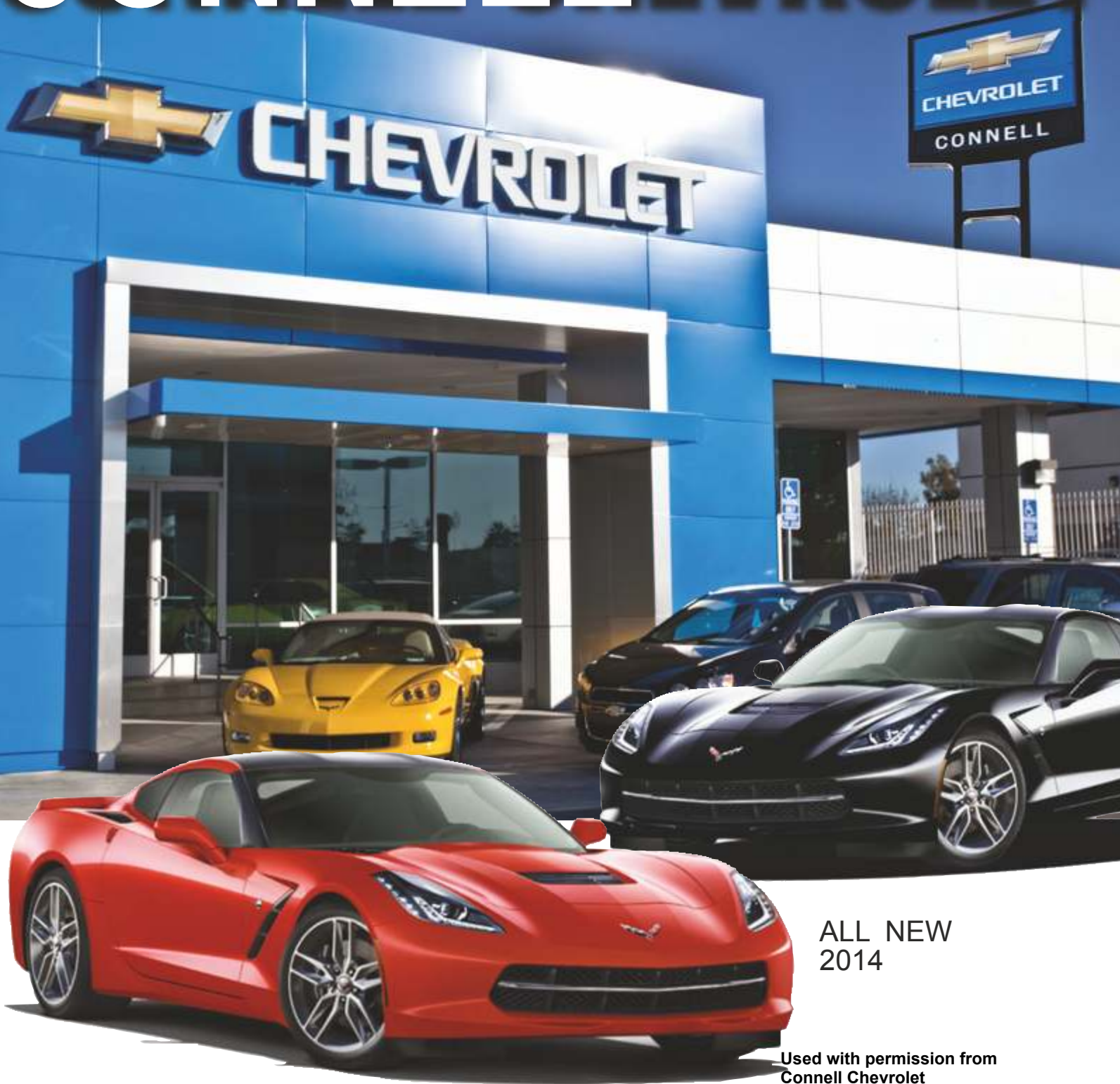
When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.

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.

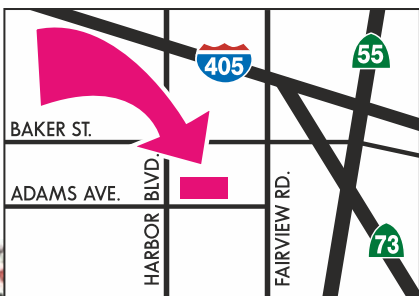


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