

# Under The Radar

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**Auto Cross champion:** Open

## CSS News and Upcoming Events

**The Social events for July**  
**The Club Event for July**

**Other events for July**

**Homeland Security Training 7/26**



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

On June 14th, Barbara Ortiz graduated with her AA degree from Citrus College. Look for the story and pictures later in the Newsletter

On June 28th, the CSS family kicked booty at the Big Bear Bash by receiving 8 or 14 Autocross trophies and the coveted Volleyball perpetual trophy that has been in the hands of the Ventura Corvette Club for 5 years. Look for the story later in the Newsletter too.

Finally, Joe and Cindy picked up a new Corvette Stingray!





## President Geoff

Here we are at the end of June and I feel like I have been a time warp because the last time I looked at this News Letter was in April so where did May and June go?

I vaguely remember that Tony stood in for me when I was gone and that the

monthly meetings went very fast or so I am told. Thanks to Tony for taking care of some pressing CSS business in my absence.

I know I missed many opportunities to be with our CSS family and to participate in some very interesting events. I really do appreciate the emails I have received telling me about some of the events. I have attempted to include all the pictures I received as well.

My first foray back into the stream of events was the Big Bear Bash. Unfortunately I was not able to go to the Bash before the Bash. Thank you to all the members who did go to Shirley and Garry's home in Big Bear for the social hub that makes the Big Bear Bash so special.

I did get a small amount of time at the Bash on Friday before having to go back to work. My participation in the volleyball tournament where we played the Ventura Corvette Club who are the holder of the coveted Volleyball perpetual trophy for the last 5 years. Our team had never practiced together but just like every other event that we enter as a club, we were awesome (to quote Shannon Norris). Not only did we win the tournament, but we did it in style. Ed Norris, while fielding the ball tumbled over an embankment and got tangled in the temporary fencing. While we lost the point, we all gave Ed 100 Style points that no one can take away from him. All this added to the other team's mistaken opinion that we were going to be a push over. In the games that we beat them, it was 15 to 5 - not even close. The one game they got lucky on and beat our team it was 15 to 13. Long story short, we are the proud holders of a very large trophy that shows that the CSS membership has many skills.



## The VP's Column

The VP's Word  
By Tony Schavone

Well, Spring is upon us and the Events are plentiful!! Check out [socalcarculture.com](http://socalcarculture.com) for local events.

Here are some dates for upcoming events:



**July 4** City of BreaCounty Fai Car Show Brea Blvd  
**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 9** CSS Culture Club Rally. -**Canceled**  
**August 22-30.** Corvette caravan to Bowling Green, Kentucky. 6-day trip. Starts on August 22.  
[www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com](http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com)

**Aug. 25-29.** NCCC Convention, Savannah, Georgia  
**Aug 30** MAVTV Indy Car Race, Auto Club Speedway  
**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 11** VTV Car Show Santa Maria  
**Oct. 17-18.** Mariposa Hot Rod and Custom Car Show. See Cindy Orrico.  
**Nov 15** Bunko Party - Joe and Cindy's Rec Center

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





## Big Bear Bash Autocross

This year's Autocross had 2 CSS members running in the novice class. Sal has run novice before but Dave Macdonough had never tried autocross before. We commend both of these guys for trying it.



After the awards where CSS members received 8 of the 14 Autocross race day, we went to Richard and Barbara's suite for some R&R





We Celebrate With Barbara on he graduation day.



CSS members participated in the Huntington Beach Concours Car Show and came away with iron!! The winners were Rick and Lynn Miller, Tony Schavone, and Doug and Wanda Utash. Unfortunately we were unable to obtain a picture of Doug and Wanda's car but the others are below:



Joe and Cindy went on a long cruise with another club through 7 Western states and sent us pictures along their trip. Cindy said that they were in "No-where Wyoming"



These 2 are from Mount Rushmore



Finally a picture of the 5 Star accommodations





## The Monterey Corvette Club Cruise By Marcia Lynch

The 50th anniversary of the Monterey Corvette Club was a great way for eight CSS members to travel during the first weekend in May the 2nd and 3rd. Upon our arrival each couple was given a beautiful blanket hand made by members of the Corvette Club and complimented the colors of our cars. What a great gift!

Before that, we had an adventurous drive. After a delicious lunch at Harrah's, we drove west on the Snake Highway, otherwise known as Hwy. 198. Ron DeBartolomeis thought it was a surprise which turned out to be terrific, and Sandy and George McMullen thought the winding and twisting curves were made just for Corvettes. Jay and Marcia Lynch and Rick and Lynn Miller found the 17 Mile Drive as beautiful as ever with outstanding ocean views, beautiful homes, golf courses and of course the ocean! The deer were so tame they were on the greens with the golfers!

Marcia also found the walking poker tour of shops in Carmel was interesting with many beautiful items to discover. Lynn especially enjoyed the quaintness of the Penman Springs Vineyard in Paso Robles on the way home. The resident dog and cat were docile welcomers and the assortment of grape based dipping and cooking oils were delicious, especially the roasted garlic.

Ron was amazed at seeing 5 C7's in the parking lot of the Embassy Suites where the event was held.

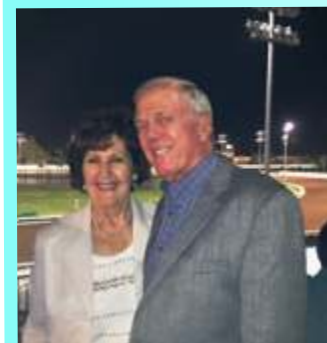
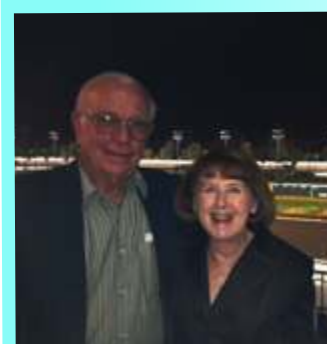
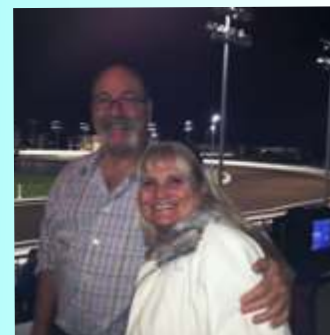
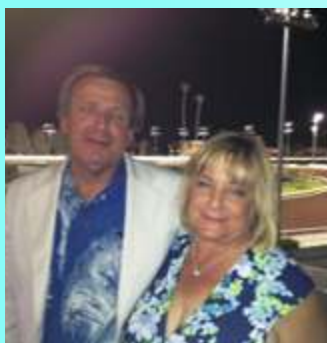
At the banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday night, two members from the Monterey Club sat at each table which showed how friendly they were. Although none of us won any awards, Marcia won a huge brown and gold candle as a raffle prize. It's a mystery what she'll do with that.

Another mystery is that Karen DeBartolomeis did not comment for her favorite part of the trip. Is she usually so quiet?

By Marcia Lynch

## Social Event to the Los Alamitos Race Track

Twenty CSS members went to the Los Alamitos Vessel Club for dinner, friendship and a bit of betting on their favorite horse. Some bet by name and some bet by number or colors. Judging by their winnings, no one was a novice there.





### June Birthdays

Spencer, Chris	06/03
Cruz, Sal	06/05
Sanderson, Herlinda	06/06
Jimenez, Ellie	06/11
Ellsworth, Eric	06/12
Girvin, Geoffrey B	06/13
Mariani, Douglas	06/14
Blake, Dennis	06/20
Cooper, Elaine	06/22
Prichard, Debra	06/25
Vracin, Alex	06/27
Costello, Cindy	06/28

### July Birthdays

Norris, Dawnette	07/03
Kump, Bob	07/14
Troisi, Les	07/14
Salinas, Steve	07/21
Baddley, Michael R	07/22
Hanlin, John	07/25
Utash, Douglas	07/25
Chee, Ellis	07/28

### June Anniversaries

Mark Stathes	06/02
Eric Ellsworth & Debra Ruby	06/06
Les Troisi	06/07
Ignacio Alarcon (Smiley)	06/13
Gary & Alina Maleski	06/16
Ellis & Cindy Chee	06/20
George & Sandy McMullen	06/26

### July Anniversaries

Bob & Vicki Kump	07/08
Chuck & Sue Rosen	07/12
Tony & Laura Schavone	07/12
Bud & Dawnette Norris	07/19
Alex & Cindy Vracin	07/20



## 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.



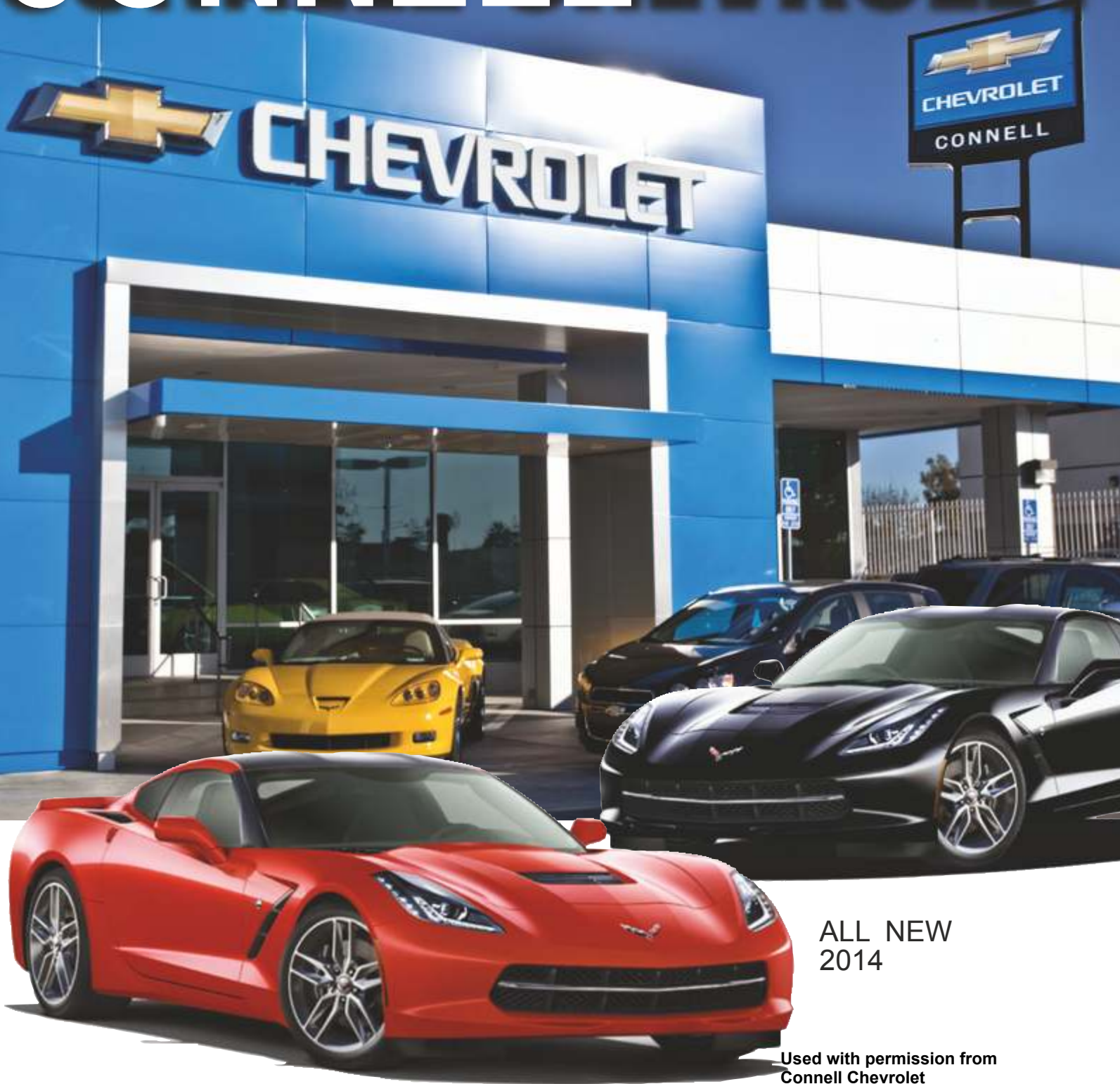
When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a consultant at Connell for over 16 years, in the Automotive Business for over 17 years and a recommended advisor in the Corvette Forum. In addition he drives a white C4 - one more for our up and coming "Refrigerator" class.

## 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.**

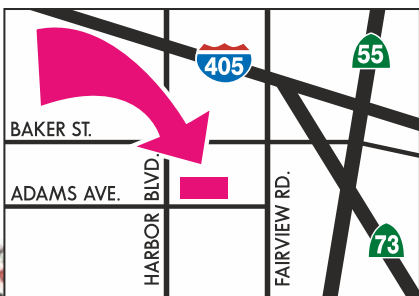


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