

# Under The Radar

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## Officers 2014

**President:** Geoff Girvin  
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**Newsletter:** Geoff Girvin  
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**N.C.C.C.:** Joe Orrico

## Board of Governors

2014

Donna Stewart  
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**Clothing-Jackets:** Shirley Jones  
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**Raffle:** Dianne Wiest  
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**Membership:** Donna Stewart  
**Hospitality:** Donna Stewart  
**Phone Committee:** Donna Stewart  
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**Dealer Rep:** Cindy Orrico  
**Car Show:** Tony Schavone  
**Banquet:** Pat & Jan Works  
**Historian:** Dianne Wiest  
**Care & Kindness:** Tony Schavone  
**Car Show Champion:** Art Huhta  
**Rally Champion:** Open  
**Auto Cross champion:** Open



## CSS News and Upcoming Events

The Social events for December

The Club event for December

CSS Christmas Party at

Laura & Tony's

Voting at the General Mtg

12/6

12/2



## 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 2014 to have provided venues that attracted many participants. From our activities, we were able to donate \$8,000 to our charities.

CHIPS for Kids \$1,000.00

Support the Enlisted Project \$1,000.00

## CSS Family Updates







## President/Czar Geoff

November has come and gone (almost at the writing of this Newsletter) and our club has participated in events that have happened all through the month. Several people went to the Vettes for Veterans in Carlsbad. A couple of our members went to the La Palma Days Parade that occurs around the time of

Veterans day each year. We played Bunco at the Bunko Squad headquarters at Joe and Cindy's place and many of us attended the "Back in the Day" car show benefiting the "ChiPs for Kids" toy drive at the end of the month.

At our General meeting in December, we will be voting on our new officers and board members as well as voting for the MVP award based on the input that everyone wrote down at the last meeting. The MVP award is given out to a member who has done the most to help the club over the preceding year. The results of the Officer/Board voting will be made known at the meeting. The MVP winner will be kept a secret until the trophy is awarded at the annual banquet on January 17th at the Navy Golf Course where we held the meeting last year. Next month, the Newsletter will be the annual "Year in Review" or as we called it at the banquet at Knott's Berry Farm, the "Year in Revue". During December, the editor responsibilities will be transitioned to Debbie Ruby who will delight you with her pictures and commentary. You will be in good hands.

Finally I want to thank the members who renewed their membership and say a sad farewell to those that did not. Those not renewing are:

Smiley, Mark Stathes, and Les Troisi. We will miss these three. You will remember Smiley because he detailed the clean car award, Smiley, Mark and Les sat at the back of the room together like our cornerstone.

Mark and Cindy Costello will be missed as well. They have been members as long as Dave Alciatore has - longtime members. But they are traveling a lot and live 125 miles from us in Newbury Park. We will miss you.

Richard Carias and Barbara Ortiz. Rich has been our treasurer for the last year and is thinking about moving his domicile so it makes it difficult to renew with CSS. We wish you luck and you are welcome any time.

Steve Salinas and Ellie Jimenez are not renewing. They were friends of Bob and Kelli. They received the award for surviving the attack of the aliens in Wrightwood. We will miss you.

Tracy and Linda Sanderson are not renewing because they need to take a year off. Work is crazy for Tracy and Linda. We will miss you both.

John Hanlin is not renewing because his night time studies for his MBA are probably taking more time than he has.

David Dunn did not renew. Come back any time.  
Geoff

## The VP's Column

The VP's Word  
By Tony Schavone



As Vice President of the Club, I have enjoyed giving you "the Word" on car shows and events this past year. There are several upcoming events of interest to auto enthusiasts. See : SoCalcarculture.com for the complete list. HAPPY HOLIDAYS and a GREAT NEW YEAR TO ALL!!!

**Dec. 6** Club Christmas Party at Tony and Laura's house. Flyer will be distributed at General Meeting or Call Laura or Tony for details (562) 756-7390

**Dec.7** La Habra Santa Claus Classics & Customs Car Show. CVS Distribution Center, 777 S. Harbor at Lambert. Celebrity appearances by Lorenzo Lamas, Shawna Craig, and Jo Codrington. Live Entertainment. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**2015**  
**Jan. 23-25** 66 Annual Grand National Roadster Show. Fairplex, Pomona

**Jan. 24** 15th Pontiac, Oakland, GMC, Buick, Olds. Car Show. Fullerton Airport, 4011 W. Commonwealth, Fullerton

**Jan. 31** San Juan Capistrano Car Show.  
[www.SJC.org](http://www.SJC.org) for registration

**Feb. 21-22** Peterson Invitational at Thermal. 2 days - 48 cars - one track. Hot Laps, Live Entertainment and Gourmet Food. Peterson Automotive Museum

**Feb. 28** Whittier Area Classic Car Show. Whittier Area Community Church.  
8100 Colima Road, Whittier

**Apr. 10-12** NCCC Westcoast Regional Convention. Silverton Casino, Las Vegas

Corvette Time Line: Dec. 25, 1909. Zora Arkus is born in Brussels. He is son of Russian parents, Rachel & Jacques Arkus, who were students in Belgium. He later modified his surname to Arkus-Duntov,







## Vettes for Veterans, by Doug Utash

Six corvettes attend the Vettes For Veterans car show in Carlsbad on Sunday, November 9th.

Tony Schavone, Chuck and Sue Rosen, Doug and Wanda Utash, Rick and Lynn Miller, Ron and Karen DeBartolomeis, and Kevin Presser with his \$125 NCM Corvette.

Everyone was a winner as all the proceeds went to support Military Charities. (DAV & Marine Fund in the San Diego area.)

Great day and location in the parking lot of TGIF restaurant with shade trees and outlet mall shopping??



## CSS Bunco Squad

The first CSS Bunco game looks to me like a bunch of people taking the SAT tests in high school (except for the beards) and Donna's wine glass







## Bowling with Turkeys

You would think that after bowling at the La Habra bowling alley all these years each event would be a force of habit. Not so this time. The bowling software would not cooperate and some of us had to keep score by hand. I thought that I would have forgotten how to do that but it is just like riding a bicycle. - you never forget. To make matters worse, the alley management double booked us so we only had 2 lanes where we had reserved 6 lanes.

After bowling we had a pot luck feast and awards. Everyone had a great time and many got cash and Thanksgiving related prizes. I still have my canned beans from 6 years ago and it has a cherished place in my list of awards.



## La Palma Days Parade

Several CSS members took their cars to the La Palma Days parade to be the drivers of city dignitaries down the one mile parade route. As per normal, members met for breakfast before the parade. Those meeting for breakfast were Rick, Lynn and Alicia Miller and Ron D. Ron D did not feel well so he did not join Rick, Lynn and Alicia at the parade, but other members did show up to help. Those that also came were: Andy Ersek, Will Grohmann, Jennifer Spencer, Mark and Smiley.

Unfortunately no pictures were taken and submitted to either the website or to the Newsletter for publication

## Back in the Day CHIPS for Kids toy drive car show.

The Chips for Kids car show and toy drive was attended by 11 CSS cars. The caravan from Garden Grove to the car show in Carson was led by Geoff and Ginger, and Rick and Lynn were "tail gunners" In the middle were, Eric & Debbie, Donna, Tom Cuccio, George & Sandy, Tony & Laura, Gary & Shelly, and Jay & Marcia. Meeting us at the show site as we were beginning to check in was Kevin Presser. After a little while, Jennifer showed up too. We all had a great time looking at the beautiful cars, hot rods and Corvettes. Erick Sumner was there to greet us too. It is always impressive to see Erick show up on his CHP motor cycle and shake our hands. Everyone else in line waiting to get in was most impressed.

I hope you enjoy the pictures we took.







**Back in the Day CHIPS for Kids toy drive car show.**







#### Friday, November 7, 2014 — Vision Committee

The Vision Committee has lost several members due to them switching to other positions that took all their time. John Morrow was not available and Dennis Patrick, Penn Pritchard and I were the only ones meeting. We have been on hiatus due to Dennis' cancer treatments so not much has happened this year. At the governors meeting in September Hal Bellamy mentioned that he was asking the REs to look at some aspects of the organization which the Vision Committee would normally do, so I thought at the time that he was effectively disbanding the Vision Committee.

We discussed the fact that the Vision Committee has no authority to implement anything and can only make recommendations, which leaves us with very little power to actually make changes. We agreed that our greatest success was moving Blue Bars Magazine away from its emphasis on competition toward more social aspects of club activities (which I consider a major change and a very good one). We spent a lot of time last year looking at Convention but sort of got lost in the complexity. Ultimately we decided that was the responsibility of the Convention Committee anyway and nothing came of that effort.

The Vision Committee was originally appointed by President Dick Yanko and asked to look at all aspects of the organization with the idea of streamlining operations, bringing in new members and saving money. We decided that since our mandate comes from the President and a new President would be announced the following day that we would wait until after the announcement and talk with the new President to see what he wants to do.

#### Friday, November 7, 2014 — Membership Committee meeting

VP of Membership Steve Johnson was involved with the merger of American Airlines and US Air and could not be present. Andy Alleshouse presided over the meeting. Andy mentioned that the new member application form available on the membership database site still does not have a place to put in the NCCC member number, which we asked Steve to change in September. Just write it in somewhere. The database will be locked on December 7th to allow time for the dues checks to get to the RMDs before the drop dead date of December 15th. That date is in the Bylaws and cannot be changed. Checks must be RECEIVED by the RMDs by December 15th or the members involved will be late and have to pay \$10 extra to be reinstated. I don't know how this is going to affect us. At this time I'm tentatively scheduled to be in the hospital for most of December and I haven't figured out exactly how to handle this.

Not much happened because we're at the end of the year and dealing with renewals. Some issues were discussed but nothing of any real importance. Patsy Shearer of the Florida Region AGAIN (this is about the 4th time) brought up the "problem" of having the license plate, car number and car class in the member records. She said one of her governors called her in a panic because he did not have the information to put in those fields. I pointed out that this is very simple. If you don't have the information you just leave it blank. I asked if you should panic if you don't have the person's middle initial. Just leave it blank. She

said the database belongs to Membership and Walt Jenkins should do as we ask. I pointed out that the database is also used by Competition so we're not the only ones that "own" it. I also pointed out that Walt is the database owner and he can do anything he wants (he told me he will not take those fields out because some regions use them). Patsy will not be the Florida Region RMD next year, so this issue will go away...

Pat Brown wanted to extract her club roster from the database to use to make mailing labels. This is pretty easy to do by copying the roster in the database and then pasting it into Excel and doing a mail merge on the names and addresses.

Dave Heinemann visited and told us the Charity Committee is in trouble because they have only sold \$10,000 worth of raffle tickets for the charity car so far. NCCC is committed to buying this car and raffling it off, so this could turn into a big problem. He will propose that NCCC bring the raffle in-house (no tickets sold to non-NCCC members) and that NCCC add \$10 to every Primary member's dues and then give them all a raffle ticket, which he considers a break-even deal. Since we have about 11,000 Primary members this would raise \$110,000 and pay for the car and leave money left over to donate to our charity (we have not donated any money for several years because of a shortage of funds in the Charity treasury). This would also do away with the expense of going to large events, renting a space and selling raffle tickets, which is a saving of several thousand dollars over the course of the year. I consider the chances of a dues increase passing to be zero, no matter what the incentives are. We went through major agony 10 years ago when the dues were increased \$10 (the September 2004 governors meeting went until 7:00 PM, which is at least 2 hours longer than usual). A dues increase of \$5 which was proposed about 5 years ago was unanimously defeated. I didn't ask the question, but I was wondering how many members buy raffle tickets now, even though the raffle ticket "green sheet" is included in every member's renewal packet. I suspect that people won't want to pay an extra \$10 for something they don't want anyway.

#### Saturday, November 8, 2014 — National Governors meeting

NCCC's President is a member of the board of the National Corvette Museum and Hal said at the last board meeting he was asked to donate \$30,000 to the NCM. NCCC would get naming rights to some of the buildings in the garage area of the Motorsports Park. Hal said he couldn't see a return on our investment so decided we should pass on that for now. He said he knows the next question he is going to get will be, "At what level do you wish to participate"? He said he'll let the next President deal with that.

Business Manager Jack Wilson talked about Conventions: 2014 Convention — the Convention lost about \$15,000. This will be made up by funds from NCCC's treasury. The main reason for the loss was a "resort fee" that was added to everyone's hotel bill. Deb Murphy (Convention Director) didn't think it was fair to surprise people with this fee after they were told the room rate would be \$107 per night so she decided to pay this fee out of the Convention treasury. It was about \$20 and covered things like the use of the pool, gym, etc.





**2015 Convention** — There is currently an issue with the track scheduling. The track will have an event on the Sunday prior to Convention and they want to reserve Monday as a rain date and require one more day to clean up the track. This conflicts with the Convention schedule, so it could be a problem.

**2016 Convention** — The Convention will be in Omaha, NE. Jack said they made a site visit and everything looks good.

**2017 Convention** — They are looking for a bid in February to start the planning process. It is open at this time.

Jack said there have been no insurance claims so far this year. He said there have been some minor changes to the insurance FAQs on the NCCC web site.

VP of Competition Dale Samuelson presented the Competition Code for voting. This is voted on as a package (otherwise it would take forever). The vote was 198 yes, 48 no, 0 abstentions, so it passed.

Treasurer Jean Morrison presented the 2015 budget for voting. If it didn't pass we would revert to the 2014 budget. It did pass.

Hal read the results of the voting by the governors. The return in the West Coast Region was kind of sparse. I was planning to harass those who had not yet voted as we reached the deadline but being in the hospital derailed that plan. All the Bylaw changes passed except the 5 year term limit for appointed officers (good thing in my opinion). Our elected officers for 2015 & 2016 will be:

Denny Luther — Public Relations  
Betty Parks — Treasurer  
Jim Walton — Parliamentarian  
Steve Johnson — VP of Membership  
Dave Heinemann — President

Hal said he received 4 resumes from people seeking to be the new Blue Bars editor (it's an appointed office). He said they have narrowed it down to one person. He didn't say who it was. I guess there are some formalities that have to go on behind the scenes. He said he would announce the appointee before December 1st.

A standing rule change to give deployed (meaning assigned to duty outside the US) military personnel free membership at renewal time passed. This will have negligible effect since nobody qualifies for this at this time, but it was felt to be a nice gesture to recognize the contributions of our armed forces.

A standing rule change to allow electronic distribution of Blue Bars Magazine passed. This does not mean that this has to happen or specify when. It only allows investigation into the barriers and benefits. Somebody mentioned that they thought it would be impractical because of the size of the file involved. Sylvia said that Kennedy Printing had already told her that they could produce a PDF file after all the formatting was done so she has asked them to create a CD with the latest issue and send it to our webmistress Joan Thomas. She estimated that the cost of producing the PDF file would be about \$200 per issue. The issue would not be emailed as an attach-

ment to members. They would be emailed a link to the file on the NCCC web site when it becomes available. This has the potential to save NCCC a lot of money since the current budget for 4 issues of Blue Bars is about \$90,000.

All for now. Question, comments and suggestions invited...

See ya,

Cliff

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### November Birthdays

Utash, Wanda	11/04
Alciatore, David A.	11/07
Lynch, Marcia	11/08
MacDonough, Jenny	11/09
MacDonough, Dave	11/18
Raymond, Jim A	11/24
Stewart, Donna B.	11/28

### December Birthdays

Joe Orrico	12/12
Sandy McMullen	12/15
Doug Lyon	12/17

### November Anniversaries

Jim and Elaine Cooper	11/18
Andy Ersek	11/24

### December Anniversaries

Claude & Amelia Allison	12/08
Dave & Jenny MacDonough	12/15
Art & Marge Huhta	12/16
Pat & Jan Works	12/19
John Manfred & Michele Boucher	12/24





## 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.

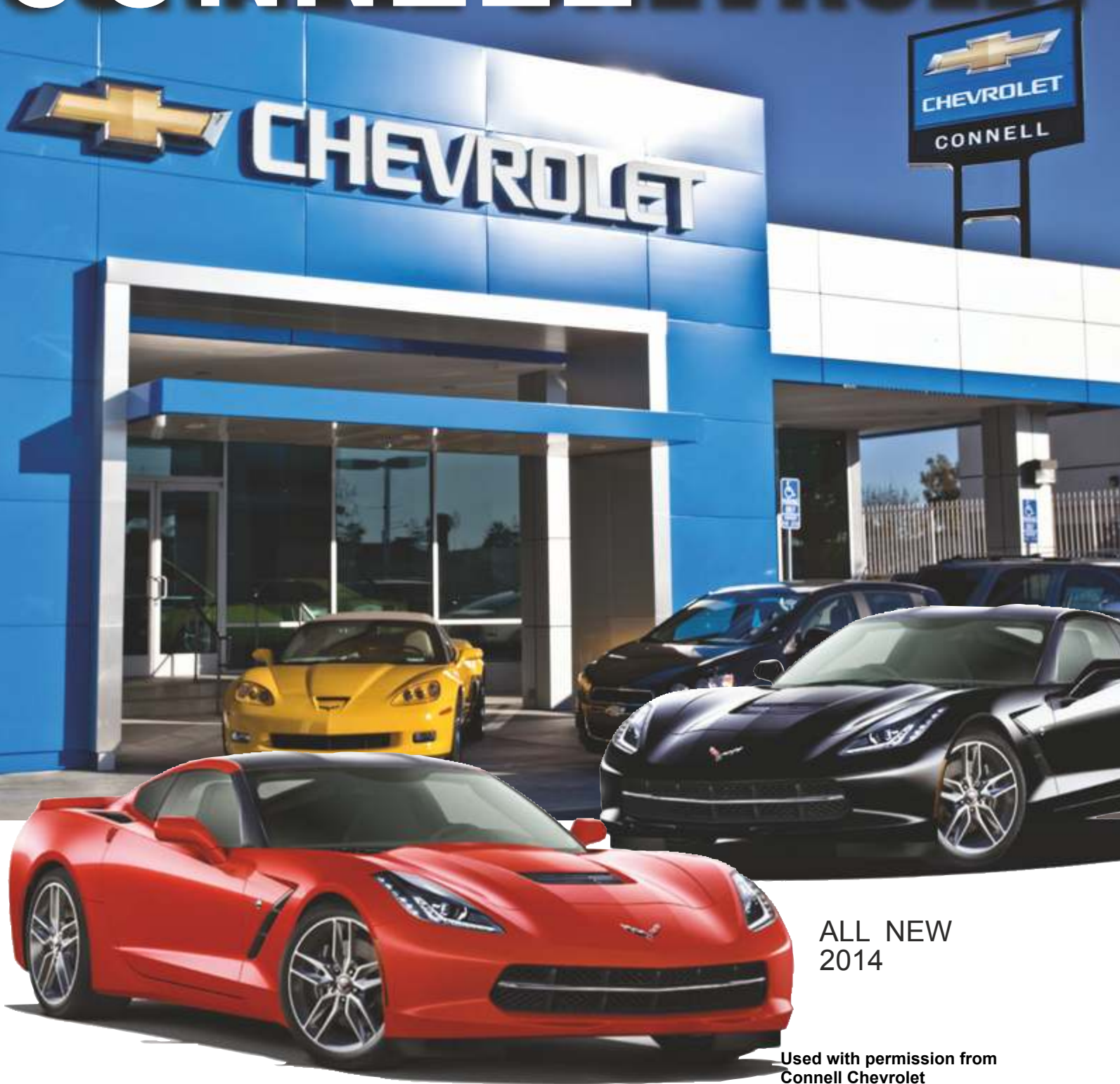
## Editors' Note

**It was our intention to place the Volleyball Perpetual Trophy at the Connell Chevrolet Trophy Case. Tom Cuccio took the Volley ball trophy to our trophy shop and the modified it a little to allow for our engraving to stand prominently on the front. In addition, Cindy has additional trophies that show club participation awards such as the one from the CHIPS for Kids car show last week and from IEC that will be cycled in and out over time.**



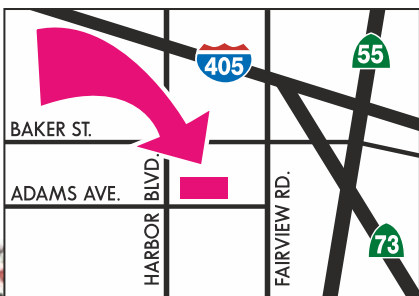


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