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Car Show Champion
 Rally Champion
 Auto Cross champion



CSS News and Upcoming Events for February

Social Events

2/7 = CSS Valentines Bowl

Club Events

By: Southwest Corvette:
 2/6 & 7 = Temecula Valley
 Premier Wine Tour by Trolley

2/21 = Ronald Reagan Library
 & Museum Run

*** See more events under "The VP's Column" by Donna Stewart or on the website: <http://corvettesupersports.com>.**



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 \$2,000 to our charities.

Calicinto Ranch - Partners with CHIP's for Kids.....\$1,000.00
 Support the Enlisted Project (STEP).....\$1,000.00

CSS Family Updates





President Tony

Hi. I just want to start out by giving you a brief history of how I got "into" cars.

As a Senior in High School in Illinois, my first car was a 1949

Plymouth. Then after 4 years in the Navy and a couple more Plymouths, I settled in Lakewood, California. It was in 1967 when my car of choice became a Pontiac. I drag raced a 1958 Pontiac for several years at Lyons and Orange County drag strips.

My love for Corvettes started when I purchased a 1972 Sunflower Yellow T-Top, 4 speed 350. It was a great car!! In 1976, I found the 1962 I have today. However, it needed lots of work. So my friend from Douglas Aircraft and I painted the car and then I assembled it with all the original parts in my garage in 1980. The car had 6,702 miles on it. Thirty-nine years later the mileage is 9,100. It certainly is my "baby" and my "IRA".

In May, 2012, I purchased a 2012 Torch Red Corvette Coupe.

The two Corvettes I have today are very unique, but that is a story for next time.

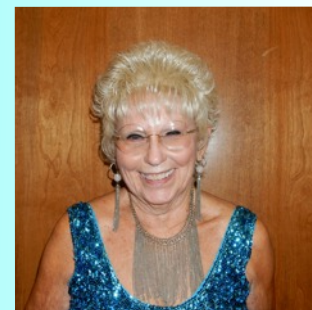
I'm looking forward to representing CSS as your President and working with a great team of Officers and Board Members.

As a "car guy" and "Corvette lover" I hope to make this coming year as your President an eventful and fun time.

Tony

The VP's Column

The VP's Word
By Donna Stewart



Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a great and exciting year with Corvette Super Sports now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are behind us. My thank you's to all who attended the annual Banquet and helped to make it a success.

My congratulations to all the award winners and especially to Bert for most valuable member. All of you keep up the good work. Mark your calendars now. We have a lot of events to look forward to.

If you know of, and have any ideas of, some upcoming events, please let us know so we can get it on the calendar. We need all your input! Please remember our corvette club is made up of people who want to share in activities and participate in the fun activities and club events with other interesting people.

Please remember we have new people as our officers and board members and that we are all just volunteers, so patience and understanding is required by all. So please all of you step up and get involved!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting. Let's get the new year off to a great start.

Thanks to you all. Donna Stewart, Vice President

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| Feb. 7 | The Sweetheart Bowl, La Habra Bowl, 2:30. Potluck following. |
| Feb. 7 | West Coast Regional Governors Meeting, San Bernardino, CA NCCC |
| Feb. 14-15 | Two non-sanctioned Autocrosses at Riverside County Fair Grounds
Palm Springs Corvette Club, Vettes & Vipers challenge on Sat. morning - Charity Event |
| 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 |

Corvette Time Line: Feb. 18, 1961. The Sting Ray Racer debuts as a show car at Chicago Auto Show. It has been restored after retirement from racing.



CSS Annual Banquet 2015

January 17, 2015 was the annual banquet at the Eagle's Nest Clubhouse in Cypress. Once again it was a great party with fun prizes and awards. We also ran a productive meeting. Our new officers were elected and the MVP was awarded to Bert Wiest. Thanks to Cindy and Joe for counting the ballots! Tom Cuccio provided great music and entertainment too!



Let's Party!



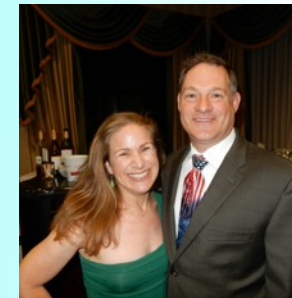
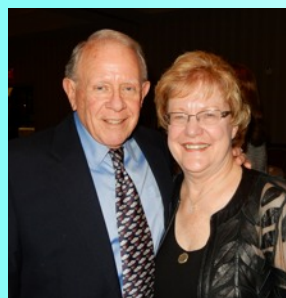
Counting Ballots!



MVP: Bert Wiest



The New Officers!





Final Words from the Past President:



I cannot fully express how touched I was last night at the banquet by the outpouring of love and friendship from all those that attended. I have had a wonderful 10 years in CSS and think of all of you as my extended family and not just friends. I have had so much fun all these years starting out with Ann and Donna introducing me around the first night to receiving that wonderful gavel plaque last night from Tom.

Thank you for indulging me and my creativity. I will never forget all the hats that were worn at the meeting in February of 2013 to your favorite aprons to your favorite Halloween costumes to everyone dressing up for the Dinner mystery theaters we went to Ed Norris walking the tracks with me to help me drive autocross better to all the pictures and stories submitted that got CSS recognition in the newsletter contests.

These have been the happiest days of my life and it is very difficult to leave all of you. It is bitter sweet to be sure. But I know you all are in good hands with the new officers and board members. I can't wait to read about the new adventures in "Under the Radar".

I will be turning up often though when you least expect it. We are signed up for the convention in April and I will see some of you at the VTV autocross events in Santa Maria. And who knows, I may sneak in to a monthly meeting or two to wear my "Past President" shirt. Or I might just show up in my bib overalls and straw hat!

In the Hawaiian language there is a saying that is reserved for close friends and relatives that says "A hui hou" which means "Until we meet again".

That just seems to me to be the right thing to say in closing.

Much love from Geoff and Ginger

Geoff Girvin
Save the Wave





January Birthdays

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

February Birthdays

15 - Doug Meeuwenberg
19 - John Manfred

January Anniversaries

26 - Douglas/Wanda Utash

February Anniversaries

14 - Bert/Dianne Wiest



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.

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.

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.

In Other News:

Homeland Security Training is now called:

Corvette Super Shots. We typically meet on the fourth Saturday of each month with lunch afterwards. In January we decided to have breakfast at Flo's Cafe as it was too windy to shoot. All are welcome to join!

Editors' Note:

Hi everyone! This is Debra Ruby and I am the new editor for the award-winning Newsletter! As you can see, I kept the format, the cover and back cover pictures the same. I made some of the font a little bigger so it is easier to read and there is a special page just for Geoff in this first issue. I took most of the pictures, but Eric often helps me. I am welcome to receiving more pictures and extra articles in the future from other members as long as you send them to me at least five (5) days before the end of each month. I will especially need pictures and copy for events I do not attend!

Thank you! Enjoy!





STEP UP FOR MILITARY BABIES



As part of our mission of caring for military and veteran families during times of financial crises, Support The Enlisted Project invites you to participate in our spring donation drive scheduled from February 1, 2015 - April 15, 2015.

Our goal is to fill our warehouse with essential baby and new family items for distribution to military families through the rest of the year so they, with this helping hand, take care of their families and get back on a path to self-sufficiency.

Please let us know if you, or any of your community contacts, would be willing to advertise our goal and serve as a drop off/collection point for your area (i.e. neighborhood, church or place of business).

Regardless, you can help these young military families by donating:

- * Diapers and Wipes
- * New and gently used baby clothes and toys
- * Essential household & new family items
- * New infant car seats
- * New Strollers, cribs, and high chairs
- * Retail and grocery gift cards (any denomination)

****No donation too small- every bit makes a difference to a family in need.***

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: info@stepsocal.org / (858) 695-6810

STEP is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to providing financial grants to active duty and recently discharged military and their families in times of crisis and, through one-on-one counseling, creating a path to financial self-sufficiency.

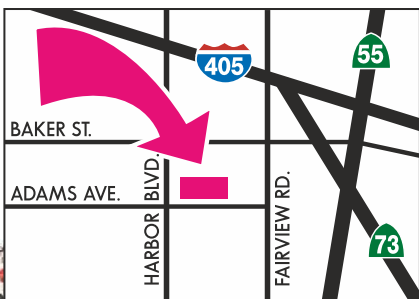


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ALL NEW
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COSTA MESA**



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MON- FRI 8:30AM - 9:00PM
SATURDAY

SERVICE HOURS
MON- FRI 7:00AM - 6:00PM



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