

# Under The Radar

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### Officers 2016

President .....Tony Schavone  
 Vice-President .....Donna Stewart  
 Secretary ..... Bert Wiest  
 Treasurer.....Will Grohmann  
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### Board of Governors

2016

Ron DeBartolomeis  
 Eric Ellsworth  
 George McMullen  
 Gary Plehn  
 Laura Schavone  
 Dianne Wiest

### Committee Chair

Banquet.....TBD  
 Car Show.....Wayne Heard  
 Care & Kindness..... Dianne Wiest  
 Charity.....Dianne Wiest  
 Clothing.....Rick Miller  
 Historians.....Pat & Jan Works  
 Meeting Hostess.....Dianne Wiest  
 Membership.....Donna Stewart  
 Public Relations.....Richard Cheek  
 Raffle.....TBD  
 Sergeant at Arms....Ron DeBartolomeis  
 Trophies/Awards.....Tom Cuccio

Car Show Champion  
 Rally Champion  
 Auto Cross champion



## ATTENTION!

## SAVE THE DATE!

# Annual Corvette Super Sports Awards Banquet

## Saturday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017

## Fullerton Elks Hall

## MORE INFORMATION TO COME

### Laura Schavone

### Donna Stewart

### 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.

### CSS Family Updates





## CSS Upcoming Events 2016

Nov. 5 Vettes for Veterans Car Show (North Coast Corvettes) – Carlsbad

Nov. 12 CSS Annual Turkey Bowl and Pot Luck. La Habra 300 Bowl

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Club Holiday Party. Tony and Laura's house. Pot Luck

Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual CSS Awards Banquet

Details of the events will follow as they near.

Please let us know of any events of interest to Club members.

Thanks to All,  
Vice Prez  
Donna Stewart

Timeline: November 3, 1911: The Chevrolet Motor Division of GM is formed

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**\* SAVE your POP TOPS from cans for  
the Ronald McDonald House! \***

**\* Please bring your pop tops to our next  
meeting and give them to Dianne.**

**Thanks!**

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**Lunch at Blake's Place Barbecue**



**Miniature Golf Winners!**





## President Tony

So, you're looking to buy a new car. As you know, a car purchase is a major expense. We'll talk about models and the least favorable ones to buy in a bit.

Driving around Southern California, I notice a lot of cars and pay close attention to makes and models. I've also observed that lots of license plates begin with a number 7 which means most were bought during the current model year of 2016. In fact, car sales for 2015 set a record, beating the previous record set in 2000. There were 17.47 million vehicles sold in 2015.

What model are you looking for? Sub compact, small SUV or four door sedan. The selection is almost endless. Your pick of the model should be centered around what is best to fit your needs. The other factor, of course, is the cost. Prices ranging from \$15,000 all the way up to over a Million.

Now it comes to what car do you need. Well, you really need a Corvette. You say no, I say yes. Here's why you should buy a Corvette.

The new 2017 Corvette Grand Sport is a world class car capable of 0-60 time of about 4 seconds. Compared to cars like the McLaren at \$206,000 and the ACUPA NSX at \$186,000, it seems like a bargain and will also out perform these cars.

So as I tell people who are thinking of buying a Porsche, most people rethink the option and look at a new Corvette as a more reliable option. "Just ask the person who owns a CORVETTE."  
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The Club has had so many fun activities and events:

Calicinto Ranch was certainly inspiring and fun. It's wonderful to be able to have a place that gives the kids an opportunity to discover themselves and see what a better life can be. I'm thankful for the members who came out for this special day.

The Golf outing was a huge success. We had over 25 people participate! Thanks to Bert and Dianne for planning such a successful event.

Thanks to all the shooters who come out every month to shoot at those pesky little pigeons. Of course eating at Flo's tops off the morning.

The election on December 6 is a very important part of our Club. Remember, that anyone wanting to run for an office can submit their name to the Election Committee. Then, please everyone be sure to attend the December meeting and vote for the person of your choice.

Tony  
"Save the Wave"

**TRIVIA QUESTION:** What celebrity drove a 2006 Z06 in the 2006 Daytona 500?

**(Answer to August's Trivia Question)** What was the last year a "Big Block" was installed in a Corvette? Answer: 1974

## The VP's Column

### The VP's Word By Donna Stewart



What a busy month. I can hardly believe we are already into the holiday season. We have enjoyed so many fun events and I'm really looking forward to those to come.

My many thanks to Dianne Wiest for organizing our trip to Calicinto Ranch; a charity we have supported over the last few years. It is very rewarding to see the fine work that is done to help out these wonderful children that we hope to help set out on the right path for a successful journey through life. We were greeted upon our arrival with giant signs naming our club, escorted on a Hay Ride and toured around the ranch. So we got a history lesson and overall view of things.

There was a bit of a Carnival atmosphere during the day. The CHP was in attendance with a car and all things for the kids, with many games and craft projects for the kids.

There was a working bus with equipment and Volunteer Dentists to care for the children needing treatment and the dental group treated us all to lunch from the Carl's Jr. lunch truck.

The kids were all very well behaved and loved to see and enjoy the cars. They enjoyed sitting in them and pretending to be driving. They all had their favorite colors. It impressed on them that they had something to strive for.

I wish more of you could have attended. You sure come away with some great feelings of hope. They deserve a fighting chance for success in life.

As you enter the Holiday season, I hope you can all reach out to help those that are less fortunate than most of us.

It's the time of year when we elect next year's officers and board members. Give it some good, hard thought and also consider running for a position.

Try and consider as your representatives, people who are active, reliable and dependable. And remember: all positions are voluntary and sometimes very thankless work.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Please check the events calendar for exciting events ahead of us.

Thanks to All  
Donna Stewart  
Vice Prez



Calicinto Ranch  
October 8, 2016



Calicinto Ranch (con't)





# Calicinto Ranch (con't)





# CSS Annual Miniature Golf Tournament October 15, 2016





# Miniature Golf (Con't)





## CSS General Meeting Minutes October 4, 2016

Officers present: Tony Schavone, Donna Stewart, Bert Wiest, Will Grohmann, Joe Orrico

Board Members present: Dianne Wiest, Laura Schavone, Ron DeBartolomeis, Eric Ellsworth, Gary Plehn, George McMullen

Members present: 62

A quorum was declared present by Secretary Bert Wiest.

At 1900 Sergeant At Arms Ron DeBartolomeis called the meeting to order and led the assemblage in the pledge of allegiance.

President Tony Schavone opened the meeting by welcoming all and thanking them for their attendance. He mentioned that we had a nice large crowd tonight.

Vice President Donna Stewart introduced the evening's guests: Bill and Pam DeForrest; Monica Valparaiso; Brian Scott; Ed Sherlock; Brian Miller; Claudio Fabris and Jeff and Mary Holt.

New member Jo Myers was welcomed and introduced to the club.

Tony Schavone introduced the nominating committee for this year: Marcia Lynch; Sue Rosen and Karen DeBartolomeis.

Donna Stewart reported on the upcoming events: Oct. 1, Patriots and Paws car show; Oct. 8, Club trip to Calicinto Ranch; Oct. 15, club Miniature golf tournament; Oct. 16, Silverado Days; Oct. 23, Wings, Wheels and Rotors; Nov. 5, Vettes for veterans; Nov. 12, Turkey Bowl.

For those going to the Calicinto Ranch trip, meet at Coco's Brea at 7:00.

Donna Stewart reported the October birthdays were: George McMullen, Jackie Lyon, Tony Schavone, Andy Ersek, Alina Maleski, Bud Norris, Ed Norris, Jean Pence, Gary Gutjahr, Joyce Grohmann.

The anniversaries are: Brad and Ann Lee, Garry and Shirley Jones.

Rick Miller brought some club apparel to show and sell, hats are coming soon.

Joe Orrico reports that there will be some changes to the NCCC rally rules next year, he also explained the NCCC for new members.

Care and Concern Chairperson Dianne Wiest reports that member Nelson Betancourt's sister is improving.

Newsletter Editor Debra Ruby thanked all for the car show booth and Eric Ellsworth and Gary Maleski for the pictures.

Publicity Chairperson Richard Cheek reported that John Gibson, technical editor with Vette magazine was at the car show and recorded a live feed.

Car show Chairperson Wayne Heard thanked all the members that helped at the car show, reporting that we had around 90 cars.

Dianne Wiest thanked all for their raffle donations and their help at the raffle tables.

Dave MacDonough talked about Corvette Super Shots.

The goodies were courtesy of Karen DeBartolomeis and Laura Schavone.

The raffle prizes by Sarah Cheek and Cathy Melton.

The raffle winners were: Teresa Cruz, Jean Pence, Joyce Grohmann, Eric Ellsworth, Jo Myers and Steve Melton

The meeting was adjourned at 2035.

Respectfully Submitted  
Bert Wiest, Secretary





## CSS Board Meeting Minutes October 18, 2016

Officers present: Tony Schavone, Donna Stewart, Bert Wiest, Will Grohmann,

Board Members present: Dianne Wiest, Ron DeBartolomeis, Gary Plehn, Eric Ellsworth, Laura Schavone

Others present: Rick Miller, John Shurr, Wayne Heard

A quorum was declared present by Secretary Bert Wiest.

President Tony Schavone opened the meeting at 1900.

Vice President Donna Stewart detailed the upcoming events: Wings, Wheels and Rotors on Oct. 23; Vettes for Veterans on Nov. 5. So far 10 CSS cars are registered.

Treasurer Will Grohmann reports that 49 members have now renewed their memberships. Will presented the proposed budget for 2017 (see pages); there was some discussion on the budget. Tony Schavone made a motion that the board accept and recommend to the general membership the budget for 2017. The motion was seconded by Bert Wiest, the vote called for and passed unanimously.

Secretary Bert Wiest made a motion to accept Brian and Monica Valparaiso as club members, Dianne Wiest seconded the motion, the vote was called for and passed unanimously.

The board discussed the Rookie of the Year candidates and made their choice. Winners to be revealed at the banquet in January.

Charity Chairperson Dianne Wiest reports of a conversation she has had with Calicinto Ranch. They need some presents for the pre-teens and teenaged campers. Dianne will send an email to see if any members are so inclined to give. Bert and Dianne will take gifts to the ranch.

There will be a car show follow up meeting on Oct. 26, at 1900 hrs.

Donna Stewart said the banquet will be held at the Fullerton Elks lodge, Jan. 21. The cost is 35.00 ea. She made a motion that the club pay 10.00 per member. The motion was seconded, the vote called for and the motion passed unanimously.

The club holiday party will be at the Schavone's home on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bert Wiest, Secretary

### SLICE OF WRY

A recently divorced executive picks up his brand-new Corvette convertible and drives out of the car dealership. As he is going down the 210 freeway, he decides to see what his new toy can do. He increases his speed to 90 mph, enjoying the wind whipping through the little hair that is left on his head. "Amazing," he says to himself. He jams the pedal down even more and starts clocking 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Then he looks in his rear view mirror and sees a CHP patrol officer right behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He pulls over. The officer pulls in behind him, walks up to the Corvette, looks at his watch and says, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me one good reason for your speeding that I've never heard of before, I'll let you go on your way." The executive pauses, then says, "Sir, my wife recently ran off with a CHP officer, and I thought you were bringing her back to me!" The officer says, "Very well. Enjoy the rest of your drive!"

Have a favorite joke to share? If so, e-mail [dan.hendricks@inlandnewspapers.com](mailto:dan.hendricks@inlandnewspapers.com) or send your contribution to Dan Hendricks, 4030 N. Georgia Blvd., San Bernardino, CA 92407.



## Where You Can Find Corvette Parts and Merchandise

For those of you who have been into Corvettes for awhile most – or all – of the following will not be news to you, but for you relative newcomers to the love of Vettes this offering is being made to help you find the parts you may need for your classic or the trim add-ons you might want to buy to personalize your Vette or the clothing, gear, etc. you might like to own to show others of your interest in the sport.

It's amazing just how many publications are out there that are dedicated to Corvettes and how helpful many of them can be. Following is a list and quick summary of the more popular catalogs that you might want to look into. Most of them are available for routine periodic mailing if you request it, and most of them have a web site from which you can peruse their offerings. Me, I prefer to receive the catalogs so that I can better see just what's out there I might not have not seen before.

The three largest, most popular catalogs with the most items that are non-"parts" are:

- a. Mid America Motorworks, [www.mamotorworks.com](http://www.mamotorworks.com), (800) 500-1500;
- b. Eckler's Corvette, [www.ecklersCorvette.com](http://www.ecklersCorvette.com), (800) 327-4868;
- c. Corvette America, [www.CorvetteAmerica.com](http://www.CorvetteAmerica.com), (800) 458-3475.

Those publications periodically also publish catalogs geared specifically for a single generation of Corvettes so when they ask you for the year and model you drive don't be afraid to tell them.

Then there are catalogs that are almost exclusively for parts, especially of older model Corvettes:

- a. Volunteer Vette Products, [www.volvette.com](http://www.volvette.com), (865) 521-9100;
- b. J & D Corvette, [www.jdcorvette.com](http://www.jdcorvette.com), (800) 838-8353 (located locally in Bellflower, CA).

For trim and accessory items as well as clothes, furniture and the like, you should look at:

- a. Corvette Central, [www.CorvetteCentral.com](http://www.CorvetteCentral.com), (800) 345-4122. They have an accessories catalog and a separate catalog of parts, etc., for each generation of Corvettes.
- b. Burston Marketing's Corvette Collection, [www.CorvetteCollection.com](http://www.CorvetteCollection.com), (800) 653-1375.
- c. And finally, the catalog from the retail store at the National Corvette Museum, [www.CorvetteMuseum.org](http://www.CorvetteMuseum.org), (800) 538-3883.

In addition to the above, you might also consider visiting the show rooms of Corvette Mike's at 1133 North Tustin Avenue and West Coast Corvettes, 1210 N. Kraemer Blvd., both are located near each other in Anaheim just off the 91 freeway in Anaheim. They have a selection of GM authorized accessories and clothes for sale, as well as an indoor Corvette sales room with used road gems. Both also maintain service departments for installing accessories and the like and for general maintenance of Corvettes. West Coast Corvettes has a new catalog that was just released and is available for pick-up at the store. (Price is pre-printed on each catalog as \$12.95, but don't be fooled, they're free - just ask for one.)





### October Birthdays

- 5 - George McMullen
- 10 - Jackie Lyon
- 18 - Tony Schavone
- 22 - Andy Ersek
- 27 - Aline Maleski
- 27 - Bud Norris
- 27 - Ed Norris
- 28 - Jean Pence
- 28 - Gary Gutjahr
- 31 - Joyce Grohmann

### October Anniversaries

- 23 - Garry/Shirley Jones

### November Birthdays

- 4 - Wanda Utash
- 7 - Dave Alciatore
- 8 - Marcia Lynch
- 9 - Jenny MacDonough
- 18 - Dave MacDonough
- 28 - Tom Scully
- 28 - Donna Stewart

### November Anniversaries

- 5 - Wayne/Betty Heard
- 18 - Jim/Elaine Cooper
- 21 - Scott/Renita Glover
- 24 - Andy Ersek





## Sponsor's Corner:



Connell Chevrolet helps sponsor our Corvette Club. They have been family owned and operated by the Doddridge family since 1989 when Paul Doddridge purchased the franchise from John Connell. Paul is still active with the dealership, but he also spends a lot of his time at his ranch in Montana. His son Wayne Doddridge is the active General Manager.

Connell Chevrolet was first opened in the late 1950's and was located in Newport Beach on Pacific Coast Highway. Then in 1963, they relocated to Harbor Boulevard in Costa Mesa.

Connell has one of the largest new, certified, and pre-owned inventories in Southern California. If you're looking for a specific Tahoe, Silverado pickup, Corvette, or a late-model used car or truck, chances are, Connell Chevrolet has it.

And over the years, Connell's Service Department has built a reputation fixing your GM vehicle right the first time and in a timely manner. They currently have more Chevrolet Master Technicians than most other Chevrolet dealers in the entire USA.

When you go to Connell for service ask for Todd Mack. Todd has been a Service Consultant at Connell for over 20 years and is a recommended advisor in the Corvette forum. For you "do-it-yourselfers," Connell Chevrolet has an expansive Parts Department. They are one of the largest wholesale dealers in the area. And if they don't have your specific automotive part on hand, they can probably secure it within a few days.

Lastly, let's talk about the Connell employee family. To many, their employment at Connell is not a job... It's a career. Many employees including the sales, service and office personnel have worked at Connell for twenty years and more. Even the outside vendors who help to support Connell Chevrolet, have been within the Doddridge family for many years.

Look for Wayne Doddridge next time you're at the dealership and introduce yourself. He is a family man with 6 children and supports the local community. He and Connell Chevrolet help sponsor Orange Lutheran High School, Crean Lutheran High, Costa Mesa High, Fountain Valley High, Estancia High, the Orange County 4H clubs, Newport Harbor Corvettes, Corvette Super Sports, Better Business Bureau, Auto Club, Costco, Los Angeles County Police and Fire Departments, the Orange County Fire Department, Costa Mesa Police, Newport Beach Police, Huntington Beach Police and Irvine Police.

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Website: [www.connellchevy.com](http://www.connellchevy.com)

## In Other News:

**Corvette Super Shots** typically meets on the fourth Saturday of each month with lunch afterwards. All are welcome to join!

## Editor's Note: [rubypics@aol.com](mailto:rubypics@aol.com)

Hi everyone! Reminding everyone that I welcome pictures and extra articles from other members as long as you send them to me at least **five (5) days before** the end of each month. I especially need pictures and copy (articles) for events I do not attend!

Thanks! ☺

Debbie :-)





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## TURKEY BOWL

Donna, and Linda will be hosting the Turkey Bowl Event. We will bowl like always, but it will be made just a little more interesting by giving you a chance to win something for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

WHERE: LA HABRA BOWL

370 E. WHITTIER BLVD.

LA HABRA

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

TIME: 2:00 PM - BOWLING WILL START PROMPTLY AT 3:00 PM

COST: \$20.00 PER PERSON ( Includes shoes & side pot.)

Please be there by 2:45 if you are going to bowl so we can get the teams set.

After bowling we will be handing out the awards and having a

Potluck Dinner.

Please bring a dish to share

## GOBBLE GOBBLE !!

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**Specializing in mayhem & madness!**

## 6 Day Exotic Mexican Riviera Carnival Miracle (Spirit Class Ship)



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Plan for a fun and exciting time with your Corvette Pirate Crew!

- Day 1 – Leave Port of Long Beach
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**Balcony rates start at \$737.42/person** (includes all taxes and



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# CONSEQUENCES

