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April 2004



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About NMCA

The New Mexico Corvette Association, established in 1962, is the largest Corvette Club in the state of New Mexico. Membership is around 100, representing all generations of America's only true sports car, the Corvette. Members range from their 20's to their 70's, male and female. Some have show Corvettes, some have daily drivers while others have fully race prepared Corvette's.

Throughout the year the club offers a wide range of events, including social gatherings, static displays, caravans, road racing plus annually NMCA hosts Southwest Invitational, our NCCC sanctioned event.

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General Information

The NMCA web site offers information for the public, plus additional information through member log-in. FOR SALE & WANTED items can be viewed, accessed and posted to by the public in the "forum" area. Please, Corvette related items only and no dealers or commercial entries. All posts subject to edit and/or deletion if content is deemed unsuitable.

NMCA meets the third Friday of each month (except December) at CASA Chevrolet, 7pm in the upstairs conference area. Meetings typically last 1 hour and are followed by a quick bite to eat. Prospective members and guests are always welcome. Door prize tickets are for paid members only.



NMCA Officers



Elected:

President:

Phil Ellison
NMCA member 1980-1982 & since 2001
1969 T-Top & 2001 Coupe

Vice President:

Wallace Bow
NMCA member since 2001
1990 Convertible

Governor:

Ron Scott
NMCA member since 1976
1970 Coupe & 1985 Coupe

Treasurer:

Lori Jordan
NMCA member since 2002
2001 Convertible & 2003 Convertible

Secretary:

Suzanne Monroy
NMCA member since 2003
2002 Z06

Activities:

Dick Youngdale
NMCA member since 2002
1972 Convertible & 2002 Z06

Appointed:

Membership:

Janet Ellison
NMCA member since 2001
1969 T-Top & 2001 Coupe

CIA & Webmaster:

David Judd
NMCA member since 1979
2002 Coupe

Tech:

Rich Mleczo
NMCA member since 1983
1975 Convertible

Newsletter:

Phil Ellison
NMCA member 1980-1982 & since 2001
1969 T-Top & 2001 Coupe

NMCCC Rep:

Bill Jackson
NMCA member since 1998
1961 Convertible, 1963 Coupe, 1963 Convertible, 1965 Coupe, 1969 Convertible, 1992 Coupe

NMCA conducts nominations for Governor in September and votes for this office in November.
All other elected Officer positions are nominated in October and voted for in November.
Elected positions (other than Governor) are announced in December and effective January 1st.
NMCA President is charged with filling the appointed Officer positions.
No member may hold more than one elected position during the year unless to fill due to an absence.



The Driver's Seat

NMCA President, Phil Ellison



The day was perfect. A whisper of a breeze, a temperature of 73 and a beautiful deep blue New Mexico sky high above stretching out forever. Heads turned as I rolled my yellow '69 into lane two. Just enough cam to gently rock my Vette from side to side. I could easily spot the new faces who hadn't before seen this vehicle. Curiosity was peaked and I knew they wanted nothing more than to have me pop the hood and see what sort of beast was within. Maintaining proper drag strip etiquette, they held their distance and simply waited for my run. Eight cars ahead meant my wait wouldn't be long. With helmet secured, windows up and seat belt with shoulder harness firmly in place I pulled on my gloves. The roar of engines broke the silence as an Olds and a Chevy left the start headed for the imaginary line a quarter mile away at full throttle. Smoke from spinning tires lingered in the air as the starter motioned the next two cars forward. A Ford and some foreign vehicle were next. As they positioned, I crept towards the "on deck" spot. Clearly, I would be paired with a red '70 or '71 Camaro, being driven by a kid half my age. He had glanced my way, but didn't show any real interest in who he would be running against. Perhaps he was just getting experience, or tuning his engine between runs. Or maybe he was so composed that he could keep a straight, unassuming face and disposition. With my helmet on and windows up, it was difficult to hear his engine over my own 427 as it put forth a constant low rumble. Once around the gauges gave me the feedback that all systems were working as they should. In the same instant the next set of cars had broken free and were just taillights disappearing at 100+ mph. The starter waived the Nova in front of me into position. Race prepared, this Nova entered the water and commenced to billow white smoke as he burned his tires. His opposition was a primer gray Mopar. Nothing special to look at, but I assumed it was some kid's pride and joy. I inched forward and ran the RPM up to 2500 for 20 seconds. From the corner of my eye I caught the kid in the Camaro giving me a more detailed evaluation. I turned and gave him a nondescript nod, wishing him a good run. As I turned back I saw the final yellow light turn to green, and the contest in front of me was underway. In an instant the red light came on for the Mopar, and while his run would be unofficial, the sheer excitement of the race could still be enjoyed. As the smoke rose, the starter pointed directly at me and motioned me to pull forward. I skirted the water and kept my street tires dry. I noticed the Camaro did the same. I pulled past the start line, then backed up straightening my position. Inching forward I watched the starters hand as his open fingers became a fist, and with a definitive jerk of his closed fist he signaled I was at the start line. As the Camaro made last second adjustments, I cinched my lap belt one last time. With my right hand firmly grasping the stick, left hand secure on the wheel, left foot with the clutch in, I brought the tach up to 3500, my ideal launch RPM. In an instant the yellow lights began to trickle downward and my heart raced. Lots of noise, a bit of vibration and as the last yellow light lit, I popped the clutch and the game was on. My tires put out a squeal between a cry and a high pitched chorus note. The wonderful feeling of being pressed back deep into my seat took over as my tires locked up and I was propelled past the bleacher area. No matter how often I do this, I am always amazed at how high my front end lifts. As I grab second I can smell the clutch ever so slightly. The smell is familiar and welcomed. At 5300 RPM I stomp the clutch and bullet the shifter into third. I continue to be pressed into the seat, but the nose of my '69 has come down slightly. A sensation of slow motion seems to take over, even though I see my speedometer climb through 90. I haven't seen the Camaro yet, but my focus continues on the tach and the pavement ahead. The finish in sight, I grab fourth. My heart is pounding, the engine is roaring like a jet, my grasp is firm and I feel confident. As I break the finish line I see a flash and hear a loud crack...a splitting sound...foreign and scary. I roll over and realize it was a clap of thunder and in very disturbing moment I determine it's raining and the drags will only be as real as the dream I was having. But not to worry, my date with the drag strip will be reset and then I'll find out how I fared against that Camaro!

Phil (4-3-04 rain-out)

The Navigator

NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



This space was originally reserved for a lot of trash talk after the April 3rd drag race date but it turns out you can't drag race in two feet of standing water. In fact, I flew out of Albuquerque on the following Tuesday and the drag strip was still doing a fairly passable impression of a lake. That means that the trash talk will be delayed while we soak up all of this rain. I was hoping to pad my article with a bunch of statistics like "Wallace's 60-foot time, at 1.825 seconds, topped all others." Now, I got nothin'. How am I going to fill this space?

I could certainly devote one paragraph to flame all of the non-C5 drivers for skipping the caravan to Mountainair and making me stick out like a sore thumb as the only C4 in the convoy. I can only imagine the comments as we drove the parade lap through town: "Look, Ma, they's a bunch of Corvettes drivin' through town and... what's that? Why, tha's some kinda Camaro, I think..." How quickly they forget. With the weather getting nicer, I suspect we'll see some more vintage rides pacing these junkets in the future.

If you haven't applied for a Santa Ana Star Club card, you might want to consider doing that this month. It's free to sign up and the 2004 Corvette that you see just inside their front entrance will be equally priced for one lucky person late this month. I believe that the drawing for the 'Vette is on April 30th. Can we get a fact checker to look into that? Corvette drivers that prefer to saw on the wheel are marking each passing day on the calendar with a big red "X" leading up to the April 18th autocross at Santa Ana Star anyway. Get there a few minutes early and register to win the '04. I can make room in my garage for it if you don't have a place to store it. Just leave me the keys so I can keep the battery charged up for you...

If you've got a computer and Internet access, surf your way to <http://www.cafeshops.com/nmca>. We're test marketing the response from everyone to see if it's worth investing in the full on-line store which has an even wider selection of apparel and other goodies to choose from. Send an e-mail to either myself or Phil letting us know what you think. Better yet, buy something and be the envy of everyone else at the next club event.

Stay tuned to <http://www.nmcorvette.org> for info about the next drag day, now set for April 24th I believe. My drag tires are flatspotting themselves in my driveway as I type this so the sooner I can, uh, "rotate" them, the better!

I'll see you at the track,

Wallace



Governor's Corner

NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



Convention 2004 is rapidly approaching, if you have not registered yet I suggest you do it very soon! Those members that will be arriving late will get teched at the track. There will be a make-up driver's meeting for late arrivals. The race schedule will not be prepared until after all competition entries are in, deadline for entries is May 1st. The plan is for everyone to do his and her HS & LS on the same day at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

This year's raffle of a Corvette to benefit the NKF **will not** be held at Convention. The State of Nevada will not allow it. **No Raffle tickets will be sold in Nevada!** The drawing will be held at another location. The winner will take position in the State of Michigan. **All raffle tickets must be received by May 21, 2004.** Use the green sheet in your renewal packet to purchase your tickets, 5 for \$25.

Club activities published in our Newsletter are covered by NCCC insurance. E-mailed newsletters are not acceptable.

NCCC events can be found on the region web site, www.corvette-paradise.com link Roadrunner Region.

Proposed July 4th trip to Silverton CO. Silverton, CO is about 50 miles North of Durango, CO, and Cascade Village is about halve way between. We would drive up to Cascade Village Saturday, enter the Silverton Parade and Fireworks Sunday and then drive back Monday. Pricing for rooms at Cascade Village are listed on page 18 of this newsletter.

Here is a list of some up-coming NCCC events in our region. Contact me if you have questions or need information about any of these events. (RsocLT1@aol.com)

Ron

3-20-04	Low Speed Auto-X (3)	Tucson, AZ (TCC)
3-20-04	People's Choice Car Show	Scottsdale, AZ (CCA)
4-4-04	Rallye III (2)	Cottonwood, AZ (VVV)
4-17-04	Low Speed Auto-X (2)	Sierra Vista, AZ (TVS)
4-18-04	Low Speed Auto-X (2)	Sierra Vista, AZ (TVS)
5-29-04	Low Speed Auto-X	Tucson, AZ (TCC)
5-30-04	Rallye II	Tucson, AZ (TCC)
6-5 thru 11-04	NCCC Convention	Las Vegas, NV (DCA)



General Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by NMCA President Phil Ellison.
- Membership chair Janet Ellison introduced three guests: Dan Bond (1999, purchased from CASA), Scott Farmer (1985) & Juanito Gonzales (1997).
- Old business was reviewed, including the February 22nd autocross, the March 6th bowling party and the March 13th appearance by NMCA on KKNS-AM1310. Members voiced that they'd enjoy another bowling opportunity as a club.
- Lori provided a Treasurer Report, indicating all bills were paid. Some members still have not cashed their December awards banquet checks. members are asked to deposit these to help keep the books straight. Lori also reported that the NMCA "brick" for placement at the NCM is proceeding, and back on schedule.
- Ron provided the Governors Report, to include the fact that NCCC will be raising dues in November by \$5 for the primary member. No change for spouse. Registration for the 2004 convention is still open, however registration fees increased by \$20 on March 15th. Ron also outlined a proposed trip to Silverton, Colorado over the July 4th weekend. Hotel rooms seemed to present the biggest problem at the moment, but Ron thought he could find rooms in the Durango area for about \$100/night. A show of hands indicated 6-7 couples were very interested in making this trip. Ron is to explore the hotel situation, plus event entry requirements further. Ron wants to have a firm, committed headcount by early May. Finally Ron mentioned that the Road Runner region was considering some type of event at the 2005 Balloon Fiesta, and how NMCA may play host for this event.
- David had nothing new to report from CIA.
- Dick recapped the planned caravan to Mountainair on Sunday March 21st.
- Other events discussed: April 3rd day at the drags, April 4th caravan, which the membership voted on and selected Route 66 Casino as the destination. Meet at Lowe's on Paseo at 11:45 April 4th). April 18th will be another autocross day at Santa Ana Star Casino. May 1st NMCA will caravan to T or C and participate in the annual parade and car show, and May 22nd will be the NMCA private day at the drags. Finally, Phil advised that the web survey indicated a majority of members would like to change venues for the awards banquet this year, but when asked, no member offered any venue alternatives.
- Wallace provided an update about Southwest Invitational. The registration fee will be all-inclusive and the venue will be Santa Ana Star Casino for the dinners and some events. A Friday golf experience is also planned. Wallace asked that members caravanning to Las Vegas form a plan and advise himself or Phil, so that others may join the group if their schedules allow. Finally, Wallace discussed an on-line shopping possibility, where the NMCA logo could be placed on any number of items, yet items could be purchased with no minimum order or count. Coffee mugs, hats, shirts, etc are possible items. The on-line store will have a wide range of items to select from.
- Phil announced that NMCA still had a few yellow polo shirts available at \$32 each.
- Bill Jackson mentioned cars shows on April 24th in Rio Rancho and the Museum Car Show on May 16th.
- Phil suggested a possible NMCA photo shoot at the balloon fiesta park seeing as how we now have members with connections to balloonist who could be used to obtain the perfect overhead vantage point. The Council had already selected September as a photo opportunity, however if the balloon park is to be used, we will need to advance that date to August due to the balloon fiesta.
- A raffle of NMCA & CASA door prizes was conducted.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 with a gathering at the Owl Cafe on Eubank NE.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Ellison for Suzanne,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary

Council Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2004

- Meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace Bow @ 6:30. Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Suzanne, Dick, and Lori.
- Wallace talked about the availability of shirts & other gear on the web w/NMCA logo; www.cafeshops.com/nmca (our store). Currently no added cost to club members, however, small fee might be considered if the club decides to expand number of purchase items on this website.
- Wallace also talked about adding a lapel pin w/NMCA logo and a bumper sticker to the new member package. Phil passed around a sample new member package to the council members for review/ideas. Suggested we have several packages ready for distribution at general meetings as new members join the club.
- Phil & Wallace updated the council on the SWI weekend; Santa Ana Star Casino has a large room available for that weekend;; dinner, possible music, etc. The casino would like the Vettes parked out front on the nights of the event. Ron suggested we have a host hotel for out of town participants.
- Upcoming events were reviewed: the next club autocross will be held 4/18 @ Santa Ana Star Casino. Start time 9 a.m. Cost \$10 members/\$20 non-members. Ron reminded the council that Sierra Vista is also holding a sanctioned autocross that weekend.
- Lori mentioned that the International Car Show is being held from 4/22-26.
- Saturday April 24th was selected as a make-up day for drag practice at the strip (not a club sanctioned event).
- 5/1 Truth or Consequences Parade; meet at 6 a.m. leave for T or C at 6:15; parade starts around 9:30.
- Lori mentioned that several folks from Arizona, California and Colorado, who caravanned to Bowling Green for the Corvette 50th Anniversary event will be coming to visit Albuquerque on 5/14 & 15; it was suggested that we invite them to the SWI event. (*see page 20*)
- 5/22 Drag Race for club members only. 5/23 Caravan - possible trip to Cochiti Lake for a picnic. Dick will discuss at the next General meeting.
- Reminder about the NCCC annual convention in Las Vegas, June 5-12. Caravan on 6/13 destination TBA.
- July 4th weekend trip to Silverton, Colorado; Ron has contacted Cascade Village Condos, further information regarding cost will be presented to members at the next General meeting. (*see page 18*)
- Lori mentioned "Vettes on the Rockies" the last weekend of July.
- 8/21 the First Annual Progressive BBQ; location(s) and details TBA.
- 7/17 bowling event at Santa Ana Star Casino discussed due to popularity of the last event.
- 12/11 Annual Awards Banquet; location still to be determined. El Pinto was suggested as a venue.
- Several additional ideas were suggested by Council members for events to be held throughout the balance of 2004. These included a bowling event at Santa Ana Star on 7/17; possible club photo shoot 7/18; a trip to see the Isotopes play ball (Wallace will check bring details to the next General meeting). Check the website for additional upcoming events.
- There was discussion regarding purchase of new cones and stanchions. Wallace has contacted a company which can provide the club with cones that have NMCA stenciled on them for a reasonable price and will place an order. Ron and Phil talked about a couple of different types of stanchions; these will be researched for cost effectiveness.
- Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



What Happened



March 20th - International Dinner

25+ members gathered at the home of Sandi & Mitch Taylor for a great evening of food, company and entertainment. As always, we enjoyed a great variety of foods, salads and snacks, plus some fantastic desserts! Following the dinner Mike & Kathi Mansur provided a 40 minute presentation on their adventures as spelunkers, or cavers. The photos were well narrated and interesting. Mike described how he was often the first human to see certain caves and rooms, and would get to completely document, map, photograph and name the newly found area. The description of the journey itself was of genuine interest to all. Yet another successful NMCA social gathering, where we all learn a little more about each other, our hobbies and our passions. Thank you again to our gracious hosts, Sandi & Mitch Taylor.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



March 21st – First Day Of Spring Caravan To Mountainair, NM

The Land of Enchantment again supplied a beautiful warm, clear, calm day for a picture perfect NMCA caravan to Mountainair. 14 Corvettes departed from Albuquerque at noon and took the back roads, twisting and turning through the pines and cool mountains on our way south to Mountainair. Perfect road, perfect weather and bright shiny Corvettes made the first day of Spring and this 90 minute caravan one for the books. After a parade lap through Mountainair, we dined at the Shaffer Hotel, in the newly reopened historic hotel in the midst of renovation. Besides a great lunch, we had the unique opportunity to hear folklore from a local historian, Dorothy. Quite a fascinating tale about the origin of the hotel, plus like all old New Mexico properties, this one also has a few spirits that make an appearance from time to time. And the antique shop attached is second-to-none in variety. At departure time a few members opted to head back home via I-25, while the other half back tracked through the twisty mountain roads. We stopped for a photo opportunity, which caused quite a stir with the locals. With photos captured we continued northward back home, completing a grand day, and a grand way to kick off spring. May we be so lucky as to enjoy several more identical trips throughout the year.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



April 3rd – Drag Strip Action

While not a true NMCA event, we did have plans to meet up and get a little quarter mile action in. However, Mother Nature had other plans, so instead of opening up the throttle, we watched the heavens open up and dump (much needed) rain. Not to fear, many more opportunities exist. (Submitted by Phil Ellison)

April 4th – Route 66 Caravan – cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions (map shows 11 am 4/4/04)





Event Planner



- April 16** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- April 18** **NMCA Autocross**
Conducted at Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo. Course set-up to begin at 8:30 am, with first car out at 10 am. \$10 NMCA and \$20 non-member entry fee. Helmets required. New course layout is anticipated. This is a great experience for both novice and pro, plus an excellent spectator sport.
- April 24** **Day At The Drags**
Non-NMCA event, rescheduled from April 3rd due to poor weather. Regular gate admission fee. Track opens at 10:30 am. Come out and get some experience prior to May 22nd....and have a blast doing so! Helmets required for convertibles.
- May 1** **NMCA Caravan to Truth or Consequences**
*This is a fun, full day experience. Meet in the NW corner of the UNM PIT parking area at 6:00 am. **Caravan must depart at 6:15 am sharp.** We typically make one very quick stop in Socorro, and have to be through T or C prior to 9am when they close off the streets. The parade begins about 9:45 and lasts about 45 minutes. The conclusion is at Ralph Edwards Park, where we stage a Corvette show and have lunch in the park. By 3:30 the judging is finished and awards are handed out. Most members are back in Albuquerque around 6 pm. Food concessions are available, or you can brown bag a lunch. Bring water, sunscreen, a camera and perhaps a folding chair.*
- May 21** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- May 22** **Private Drag Strip Action**
NMCA has the Albuquerque drag strip reserved from 2 pm until about 5:30 when gates open to the public. No fee for NMCA members. Drag strip personnel will be on duty to work the tower, starter position and provide time results. This should be an extremely fun afternoon, with plenty of time to drag race your heart out. Once the public gates open we are free to stay as long as desired. Helmets required for cars faster than 13.0 and all convertibles. Tech inspection required for all entered cars.

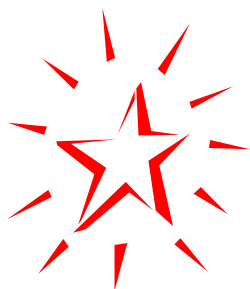
For the immediate future, please plan to join NMCA at the Owl Café on Eubank NE following our regular monthly meetings to enjoy a shake, a snack and to socialize a bit. The food is good, the company exceptional.

The above is a list of NMCA and related events scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar at www.nmcorvette.org for an expanded list of activities involving other car clubs within the area. Contact information for each is supplied with the event description, if known. As with any event, prior to attending you should take steps to verify the event details, times & locations are still accurate.

Flyers and reservation forms for NMCA events can be viewed and printed from the "downloads" section of www.nmcorvette.org. Applicable forms will be available at NMCA general meetings as well.



Member News



New Additions To The Family

Dan & Jan Bond

1999 White Coupe



Jack Richards

1973 Coupe



Dan has been around Corvettes for many years, having owned 3 (including a 1958) prior to the 1999 that he purchased from CASA Chevrolet. Dan plans to participate in NMCA caravans and Corvette shows.

Jack is a returning member who is welcomed back with open arms. Jack is still making arrangements to move back to the Albuquerque area, and looks forward to joining in a variety of planned events.

PS: Need a number or e-mail address for a NMCA member? This information is available on the web site in the downloads area and is frequently updated. (index name is Tach Times & Maps)



(February 22nd – Bob DuBois autocrosses his mighty '68 "Hot Wheels" – a real crowd pleaser)



Happy Birthday

April

Andy – 2nd
Jack Stephens – 4th
Mitch Taylor – 8th
Donnie Marchi – 15th
Marty Hall – 17th
Debbie LeMon – 19th
Jim Robbins – 22nd

May

Mary Mleczko – 1st
Barbara Jackson – 1st
Janet Ellison – 3rd
Mike Robb – 16th
Ella Colman – 16th



Happy Anniversary

April

Jim & Catalina Allen – 4/4/97
Phil & Janet Ellison – 4/10/85
Luis & Lisa DeBonoPaula – 4/20/89
Marty & Bonnie Hall – 4/25/86

May

Jim & Barbara Thomte – 5/1/82
Mike & Mary Robb – 5/25/??
Donnie & Dusti Marchi – 5/31/02
Shane & Debbie LeMon – 5/31/80

May you enjoy many more happy years!





Web Wisdom



Navigating the NMCA web site is simple, but to get the most, here's another tip to assist you with your journey. On the left side of the screen under the index area you'll find a list of up-coming events. By clicking on an event you'll be directed to the page with additional details about that particular event. However, please note that the listing on the left side of the screen only lists NMCA and NCCC events contained in the calendar. Many more events and listings can be viewed by going straight to the calendar itself. Click on "Events" or "Calendar" within the main index to get to the calendar. Search by month, and then click on the topic or header of interest. With so many events listed, it would be too confusing to have each event show up on the left side index bar on the home page. Check it out and see for yourself. Again, the primary events that involve NMCA and/or NCCC will be highlighted to bring added attention to the event. You are encouraged to stay abreast of all events by visiting the web calendar area from time to time. If you know of an event of interest to our members, please forward all details to info@nmcorvette.org for inclusion on the calendar.



(March 21st NMCA caravan to Mountainair, NM)

Tach Times Info:

For anyone who receives their Tach Times via the mail, I am looking for a volunteer to take on the labor of printing, stapling, folding, addressing, stamping and mailing these monthly issues. Even with the reduced number being sent out, the edition has become much bigger and this is still a 2-3 hour ordeal for me each month. Volunteers anyone? In theory, it should be someone who wants this edition via the mail, and who has the time and ability to make this happen like clockwork monthly. No creative needed....just manpower and time. This individual should also have access to a quality copier that can make two sided copies. If we take this on disc to a copy shop, then we will be paying roughly \$2/copy, which means \$100+ per month....or \$1,200/year. At this time no club budget exists for printing costs like this. Contact Phil if interested in helping.



Web Wisdom by Stu



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Q. How can I tell how much free hard drive space I have?

A. To check the amount of free (and used) hard drive space on your system, double click the My Computer icon on your Windows Desktop.

Right-click on the drive you would like to check (usually the "C" drive). The status of your drive (including total capacity, free space and used space) will be displayed on the General tab, with used space appearing in blue and the free space appearing in pink.

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Q. What do I do when I receive .zip files? How do I open them?

A. A .zip file is a compressed file that requires the use of special software to unzip or decompress the file, unless you're using Windows XP, which contains its own program.

If you're not using Windows XP, you can download a free evaluation version of WinZip at www.winzip.com. The evaluation version is a fully functional copy of WinZip,

If you're using Windows XP, simply right-click a zipped file and select "Extract All." An extraction wizard (which is, coincidentally, what I call my dentist) will open and escort you through the process, which is very simple.

LISTEN TO COMPUTER TALK, SATURDAY'S FROM 9-11AM - KBTK 1310 AM

This page has useful information from NMCA member Stuart Gorelick, who just happens to own Sandia Computers. Stuart has offered to share a few tips each month. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated as to these informational pieces. Do you want more technical, or less technical? Stuart will address Q & A, so shoot your questions to info@nmcorvette.org, and in the subject line put "ask Stuart".



Red Vette Anyone?

(rec'd and duly passed along, because, according to the book, *All Corvettes Are Red!*)

Could you please pass this on to any "Red Vettes" in your club or friends that have one....thank you...

Attention "Red Vettes"-

This is to advise anyone with a Red Vette (any year) that a "Red Vette Gathering" is taking place at the Reno-Hilton in Reno, Nevada on October 1 & 2, 2004 for Mag. Red, Torch Red, Roman Red, Traffic Light Red, Blood Red, Lite Red, Dark Red, Cherry Red, Candy Apple Red and any other "Red" color. The only condition is that the "Red" must be the majority of the car's color to be fair to everyone coming.

We have 100 "blocked" rooms at the moment and the hotel is 80% booked at the moment, so we want to add rooms if needed as soon as possible. The "RVG" will consist of a social "gathering" for drinks on Friday night, Oct 1 at the hotel, in the Aspen Bar & Lounge, and on Saturday am we'll have a long poker run & cruise. There will be 2 poker runs going at the same time, going to the same locations, but in different directions, so everyone will pass everyone else at some time. Before leaving we'll make time for a "Kodak Moment" to take pictures while all the cars are parked together in front of the hotel.

On Saturday night, there will be a Western Dinner Buffet in our banquet room for everyone to get together again to socialize and drink. There will be a "no host bar" to get drinks. We will also have a 50/50 raffle and the winning poker run hands will be awarded cash prizes at this time. Plus any other presentations that might need to be done.

So if you, your friends or fellow club members have a "Red Vette" and are interested in attending or you know someone who has a "Red Vette" and might want to attend, please email me at: redvettegathering-auburn@att.net to be put on the mailing list for the event.

Thanks for your time.....Rocky Pearson





Hey NCCC Members Feeling Lucky?

<http://www.vette.org/LasVegas2004.htm> for complete details!

SATURDAY JUNE 5

8am-7pm Registration
9am-7pm Technical Inspection Open
8am-7pm Corvette Mall set up
11am-7pm Hospitality Room Open
5pm-7pm RE, RCD, RMD Meetings
5pm-7pm Committee Meetings
8pm-12:00am ✓ "Millard Does Vegas" Party

SUNDAY JUNE 6

8am-7pm Registration
8am-7pm Tech Inspection
8am-noon E Board Meeting
8am-noon ✓ Golf Tournament
1pm-2:30pm Governors' Meeting
2:45pm-6pm Orientation & Mandatory Drivers Meeting
11am-7pm Corvette Mall
11am-7pm Hospitality Room
8pm-12am ✓ "Save The Wave" Rave Night

MONDAY JUNE 7

8am-2pm ✓ Concours & Car Show
2pm ✓ Red Rock "Sail Kitty" Rallye
3pm-5:30pm ✓ Adult Pool Party-Villa Pool #1
11am-7pm Corvette Mall
11am-7pm Hospitality Room
8pm-12am ✓ Celebrity Costume Party Gras

TUESDAY JUNE 8

7am-5pm ✓ High and Low Speed Events-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
2pm-5pm Corvette Mall
11am-5pm Hospitality Room
5:30pm-7:30pm ✓ Gilligan's Island Reception-Villa Pool Area
7:30pm-12:00am Villa Pool Hospitality Room

WEDNESDAY JUNE 9

7am-5pm ✓ High and Low Speed Events-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
3pm-7pm Corvette Mall 11am-7pm Hospitality Room
7:30pm-12:00am Villa Pool Hospitality Room

THURSDAY JUNE 10

7am-noon ✓ Record Drags-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
10am-5pm ✓ Bracket Drags-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
3pm-7pm Corvette Mall
11am-7pm Hospitality Room
8pm-12am ✓ Route 66 Bash

FRIDAY JUNE 11

8am-11pm Competition Awards Ceremony
11am-5pm Corvette Mall
11am-5pm Hospitality Room noon-3pm ✓ Adult Pool Party-Villa Pool #2
6:30pm-12am Banquet & National Awards

2004 NMCA Events Planner Listing

All times, destinations and final details subject to change. Consult the web site and the event line for the latest information, cancellations, revisions, etc. Many events are tentative with details to follow, however the date is blocked and we fully anticipate the event to occur roughly as planned. Additional events will be decided upon and added at the next Council meeting. A few events that are not yet on this list, but should be anticipated are:

Santa Ana Star Casino Corvette Show + Sandia Casino Corvette Show (CASA Appreciation Show)

Apr 16	General meeting, 7 pm
Apr 18	Autocross action at Santa Ana Star Casino. 9 am set-up, 10 am first car out.
Apr 24	**just added** NMCA un-official day at the drags. 10:30 am-4:30 pm
May 1	Truth or Consequences parade, in T or C. Depart at 6:15 am sharp. Plan a full day trip.
May 11	Council meeting, 6:30
May 16	Museum Car Show – non NMCA, but we should plan to make an appearance!
May 21	General meeting, 7 pm
May 22	Albuquerque drags – NMCA day at the track. 3 hour block at the drag strip - “NMCA only”, plus invited guests. Possible lunch prior & caravan to drag strip. This is a blast, with no pressure. Pure fun. Where else can you experience this type of legal driving excitement. Spectators fun as well! Price expected to be FREE for NMCA.
May 23	Caravan – destination probably Cochiti Lake for a picnic. Details shortly.
Jun 5-11	NCCC Convention, Las Vegas, NV
Jun 8	Council meeting, 6:30
Jun 13	Caravan – destination unknown
Jun 18	General meeting, 7 pm
Jun 26	Albuquerque drags, 6 – 11+ pm. Regular track date, prices normal gate fees.
Jul 3-5	Silverton, Colorado overnight trip. Fireworks, parade and fun in SW Colorado.
Jul 6	Council meeting, 6:30
Jul 16	General meeting, 7 pm
Jul 17	**just added** Bowling party at Santa Ana Star Casino, 5:30 arrival. \$22/hour/lane + shoes
Jul 18	Caravan – destination Santa Rosa. Museum tour and Corvette show involved.
Aug 10	Council meeting. 6:30
Aug 15	RGCC Make-A-Wish
Aug 20	General meeting. 7 pm
Aug 21	NMCA First Annual Progressive Bar-B-Q. Caravan around and eat hot dogs till ya puke! This will certainly become an annual tradition. Pass the mustard please!
Aug 29	2 nd annual August Mystery Ride caravan. Where are we going? Be the first to guess!
Sep 7	Council meeting, 6:30
Sep 12	Caravan – destination local, with club photo shoot associated. For members with multiple Corvettes, plan to be close enough to town to get more than just one Corvette into the photo.
Sep 17	General meeting, 7 pm – nominations for Governor
Sep 24-26	Southwest Invitational – the biggest and best to date. Block these dates!
Oct 1-3	NMCA caravan to Durango, Co. Fall colors and an absolutely “cool” ride!
Oct 5	Council meeting, 6:30
Oct 15	General meeting, 7 pm – voting for Governor, nominations for all other Officers
Nov 9	Council meeting, 6:30
Nov 19	General meeting, 7 pm – voting for 2005 Officers & Person Of The Year
Nov 20	NMCA Progressive Dinner. 3 stops, tons of food, see ya there!
Dec 7	Council meeting, 6:30
Dec 11	NMCA Awards Banquet – location TBD.

An important note about events & changes to planned schedules:

Sunday April 4th was a perfect example of why NMCA operates an “Event Line”. With questionable weather conditions for a planned caravan, the “Event Line” was used to update members of the latest developments. No need for a large calling committee, as members can dial in and get the news for themselves. Please don't leave messages on this line, as nobody will be retrieving these on a regular basis.

343-0400 ext 4 is the NMCA Event Line to be kept handy for situations like April 4th. Thank you.

July 2004 info

Proposed July 4th trip to Silverton CO. Silverton, CO is about 50 miles North of Durango, CO, and Cascade Village is about half way between. We would drive up to Cascade Village Saturday, enter the Silverton Parade and Fireworks Sunday and then drive back Monday. Pricing for rooms at Cascade Village are:

Properties and Group Rates

Rates valid 7/2/04 through 7/5/04 and with a signed contract

Cascade Village

	Max Occ.*	Baths	Discounted Rates**
Nugget Studio	2	1	\$98.10
Studio Loft	4	1	\$125.10
1 Bedroom	4	1	\$161.10
2 Bedroom (Wintergreen)	6	2	\$179.10
2 Bedroom (Forrester)	6	2	\$197.10
3 Bedroom (Millhouse)	8	3	\$242.10
3 Bedroom (Alpenglow)	8	3	\$251.10
3 Bedroom (Cascade)	8	3	\$260.10

*Max. Occ. Utilizes queen sleeper sofas

** These discounted rates do not include 13.5% tax

Group Types

Group Block: Group leader reserves total number of rooms needed and is responsible for deposits for all rooms with one form of payment. A group rooming list must be submitted two weeks prior to arrival. Extra amenities are the only items that can be paid for by the individual. Any group-discounted activities will be booked in this manner.

Individual Call In: Group leader contracts discounted lodging rates and date range for the individual group members. Individual guests are responsible for making their own reservation under the group name. All reservations are based on availability. No rooms are blocked, but group rates are offered as long as the group guarantees a minimum of 5 or more rooms. Individuals are responsible for the deposit and full payment.

Deposit and Cancellation Policy:

Group Block: A \$100 per room deposit is due at the time of booking. The deposit must be given to the Group Sales Manager with the signed contract. The final balance is due 30 days prior to arrival.

Cancellation: By booking a group block Durango Mountain Properties will remove your groups reserved rooms from the general marketplace. Accordingly, cancellation of your group booking is subject to the liquidation damages schedule as set forth in your contract and includes payment on all rooms reserved from the first arrival date to last departure date. No refunds are given for early departures, late arrivals or no shows.

Individual Call In: One night deposit is due at time of booking, the remaining balance will be collected at check in. Cancellations made 24 hours prior to arrival will receive a full refund. Cancellations within 24 hours of arrival forfeit their original deposit. Group leader is responsible for making sure the group will reach the minimum room total to receive the group rates.

Holidays

The holiday rates, and deposit policies apply to the following dates; July 1-5, August 27-September 2.

Holiday Summer Season: Non-refundable deposit is due at the time of booking the reservation. Full payment on remaining balance is due 14 days prior to arrival. If the reservation is cancelled within 14 days of arrival the entire amount will be forfeited.

If we want the rooms together we will have to do a Group Block. Individual Call In will not guarantee rooms together; they will attempt to place us together based on availability.

If you are interested in going I will need your Name and room requirements by May 3, 2004.

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Non-NMCA Autocross Dates

April 17 – Porsche Club @ Sandia MotorSports

May 16 – SWMS @ Sandia MotorSports

May 26 – SCCA @ Casino Hollywood

May 28-31 – Porsche Club @ Sandia MotorSports

June 6 – SCCA @ Sandia MotorSports

June 26 & 27 – SWMS @ Sandia MotorSports

July 11 – SWMS @ Sandia MotorSports

Aug 7 – Porsche Club @ Sandia MotorSports

Aug 28 – Porsche Club @ Sandia MotorSports

Sept 11 – SCCA @ Casino Hollywood

Oct 1 – SCCA @ Sandia MotorSports

Oct 9 & 10 – SWMS @ Sandia MotorSports

Nov 6 – Porsche Club @ Sandia MotorSports

**Prices, times & details need to be located through the respective club hosting each event.
Some events listed may not allow outside (non-member) participants.**



Other Vette Opportunities

Vettes On The Rockies 2004 Summit County, CO



From our club to yours. Looking Glass Corvette Association of Lakewood, Colorado will host the 31st. Vettes On The Rockies in Summit County Colorado (Breckenridge, Frisco, Dillon, Copper Mtn, etc.). As in the past there will be an Autocross, Funkana, Dinner/Dance, and a Show and Shine. Dates 7/29/2004 through 8/1/2004. Details are located at our website <http://www.lgcacorvette.org> . Or contact us by phone - Teri Luggar at 303-680-4025 or Tom Robben at 303-232-1886.

May Reunion Caravan

Arizona based alumni from last year's national caravan to Bowling Green are planning a quick trip to New Mexico, and have invited NMCA members to join in the fun during their stay in the Albuquerque area. This group, which size is still undetermined, will be arriving Friday evening May 14th. Lori Jordan and Luis DeBonoPaula will be the local hosts and liaisons for this group. Saturday May 15th the group plans to caravan old hwy 14 north through Madrid to Santa Fe, with stops in both locations. NMCA members interested in joining the fun are encouraged to contact Lori or Luis directly. They will be responsible for coordinating dinners and caravan details. Your options include spending Friday and Saturday night with this group (dining, etc), or simply just tagging along for the neat fun caravan and representing NMCA. Luis and/or Lori would appreciate as much advance notice as possible if you intend to join them at some point during this weekend

Just In - Late Breaking News

- NMCA ordered 100 new orange cones, stenciled NMCA, which should be available for our 4/18 event.
- NMCA has received initial approval to conduct a photo shoot at balloon fiesta grounds in mid August.
- New member informational packages should be available for all new members beginning 4/16/04.



**That's It For This Month
Save The Wave**

