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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:

Position Vacant

Appointed:

Membership:

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

CIA & Webmaster:

David Judd
NMCA member since 1979
2002 Coupe

Tech:

Chuck Tipton & Phil Newland
NMCA since 1993 & 2002
1995 Coupe & 1972 T-top

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



Sometimes events go well, other times it's like pushing a rope . . .

Sunday August 8th had such great potential. The 2nd annual "NMCA Mystery Ride". Sunny day, clear, warm and calm . . . what could go wrong? A huge hit in 2003, the challenge was in place to create a better ride in 2004. Well, let's hope that 2005 can make that claim. A brief recap. A Mystery Ride is supposed to be a situation where members aren't real certain where they're headed. They put "blind" faith in the chairman to run them through some sort of navigational maze until they arrive at lunch (which is usually the sole purpose for any event!) I happened to have started this unique concept in 2003, and felt it would be a walk in the park to better myself this year. Well, sometimes all the planning in the world isn't quite enough. Being somewhat of a "planner", I began work on this long ago. A couple different routes were scoped out. I had to decide between a long run somewhere distant, or a switch-back type course keeping people on the move in the same general area. I contacted NMCA members Luis & Lisa DeBonoPaula and when sworn to secrecy, I unveiled a plan where the caravan would end up at their beautiful NW Albuquerque home for a backyard barbeque cookout. They were immediately in, and planning commenced accordingly. With all plans set, I slept easy knowing the Mystery Ride would be a cake walk. That was of course until July 18th, when their home was struck by lightning and caused extensive damage. All of a sudden I found myself back at square one. I had roughly two weeks, which I know from past experience isn't enough time to create this event. I decided to salvage part of the route, but had to shave about 20 miles off of it. Then, a new lunch venue was needed. Long story short . . . I had three plans, and decided on the one which involved Coronado Cantina in Bernalillo as the lunch destination. I had also arranged for an auto museum tour following lunch. Well, the ride went ok, although it was a little hot. Most of the trip went according to plan . . . and then we arrived at the restaurant. Slower service we could not have received. They were very excited to have us, and the "service" before the sale was outstanding. But once in the door with 30+ hungry members, it was like time stopped. We questioned whether the cook had quit! We won't even go into the screen door that attacked Larry Jordan! Due to the absolute slowest service on the planet, virtually nobody was able to continue on to the museum. So, this stop will be recycled for another day. Congratulations to Dan & Jan Bond plus Fred & Mariann Haack . . . Mystery Ride poker run winners. Be sure to ask Fred how he and Mariann "won" having a 10 high! I'm telling you . . . one strange afternoon indeed.

So for those who showed up, I thank you and hope that the majority of your precious Sunday afternoon was enjoyable. For those who didn't attend, please re-read the above for a hidden restaurant review. For the first timers in the group, please know that this can be a whole lot more fun, and I guess you'll just need to wait until next year to find out. One club I know of conducts Mystery Rides which result in an overnight stay. This is an exciting possibility which may need closer examination. Heck, we damn near had an overnight stay at the Coronado Cantina! This event was somewhat snake-bit early on, and despite a lot of effort to pull it from the fire, I think we got a little burnt on this one. Keep the faith that better events are still ahead! Now I need to go do something easy, like push a rope . . . uphill!

On a more positive note, several events are on tap that I hope you can include in your busy schedules. The NMCA photo shoot on August 22nd and SWI in late September. Check the events listing in this Tach Times, because many more exciting Corvette events are planned. Please make every effort to participate. After all . . . what could go wrong!

Phil

The Navigator

NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



Racers rejoice! If going fast is near the top of a list of reasons that you own a Corvette, you'll like the schedule of events for the next few months. Here's what's on tap:

August 22nd – You're going to make it to the photo shoot, right? Afterwards, you're gonna head to Dion's with the big group of Corvettes, right? Well, get your pizza slice "to go" because I've rented Sandia Motorsports Park! You're out, you're in a Corvette, hey, you might as well swing by the racetrack. I'll be offering a special discount for NMCS members that attend the photo shoot and also meet me on the road course.

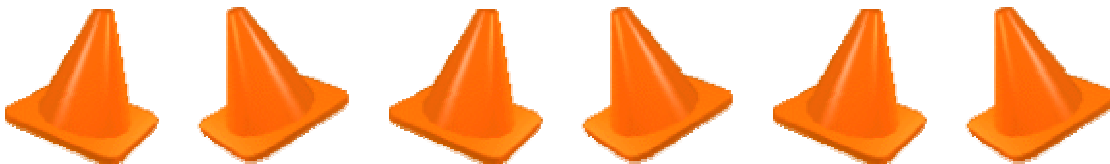
August 29th – If you're not into high speed cornering, NMCA offer a low-speed autocross at Santa Ana Star Casino one week later. This will be your last chance to polish your skills before taking on the hot shoes driving in from Arizona and Colorado for the Southwest Invitational.

September 18th – If turning corners isn't your thing, you may still enjoy driving fast in a straight line. We'll give you that opportunity as well when NMCA challenges the Viper Club on the drag strip next month. Unlike the last Vette-Viper Challenge, we will try to have some organized race before the Viper drivers' bedtime (8:30 by my watch last year). Get your rest, Viper drivers. In bracket racing, your reaction time is a lot more important than the amount of horsepower your car has. Bracket racer's proverb: "If you snooze, you lose." I hope to treat several racers to a 14-second-long taillight show with my C4. Hint: If you see my brake lights come on before the finish line, it's very, very bad for you.

September 24-26th – The 35th Annual Southwest Invitational! We've got golf, dinner, a rallye, dinner, racing, and then some more racing! I've heard that this year's rallye is Route 66-themed, so be prepared to get your kicks.

I'll see you there.

Wallace



Governor's Corner

NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



**Ron was busy representing NMCA in Arizona and unable to submit a report for August.
Good luck to Ron & Becky . . . & bring home some hardware!**



CASA Chevrolet anticipates delivery of the first C-6 in mid September. Be sure to stop in and get acquainted with the newest Corvette on America's streets. Check out the new lines, the options and once you catch your breath, grab your checkbook and become the first NMCA member to put a new beast in your garage!



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CORVETTE

General Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Phil Ellison.
- Phil introduced new member Fred Haack, and returning member Jack Richards.
- The only Council members in attendance were Phil and Suzanne, so there were no reports.
- Members decided to head to Sonic Burger @ San Mateo just past Montgomery after the meeting.
- Phil recapped the June 26th drag action, in which rain kept most folks home. NMCA's Jim Allen took 2nd place with great low times and will be instrumental in the Vette-Viper challenge scheduled for September.
- Suzanne gave a synopsis of the Durango/Silverton trip. A good time was had by all.
- Ron Scott stopped by to give members information on the "brick" donated by the Club two years ago. It is located in the National Corvette Museum walkway.
- Phil discussed upcoming events, to include: Sun Aug 8th Mystery Caravan. Meet at Lowe's at 11 am, depart at 11:30. NMCA to provide lunch. Sun Aug 22nd NMCA club photo shoot in Rio Rancho. Arrive 9:30, and plan to be finished prior to noon. Sun Aug 29th will be another NMCA autocross at Santa Ana Star casino. Helmets required. \$10 NMCA members & \$20 non-members. Sun Sept 12th caravan to Santa Rosa. Sat Sept 18th private drag strip party & Vette-Viper challenge. Arrive at 2:30, racing starts at 3 pm. Helmets, long pants required. Tops on all cars required (T-tops on, convertible tops up). SWI Sept 24-26. If interested in chairing and event, contact Wallace Bow.
- Wallace Bow still has SWI shirts for sale for \$12 each. He also has the NMCA pins; to be distributed next general meeting. One free to each member with additional pins costing \$5 each.
- Shane LeMon talked about the new C6 hardtops & convertibles coming out this fall. The new Z06 is not due for another 18 months. Shane was able to see a new C-6 up close and personal, and took good notes to share with the group.
- The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10th. Next General meeting Friday August 20th.
- The meeting ended with drawings for prizes.
- The meeting was adjourned by Phil at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



GM RECALL NEWS:

Some C-5 owners have, or will receive a recall notice from GM concerning steering column lock issues. A word of caution: If you have re-programmed your computer, your specialized settings will be probably be wiped out during this recall service. One element of the service is to update your Corvette's computer. This will override the existing program. If you have created special settings, be sure to discuss this issue with your service representative prior to the recall service work being done. Note: If you find that your steering column is locked, you can perform a temporary fix by unplugging fuse #25 to break the circuit (with car off). Replace the fuse, then start the Corvette. This may take several attempts, and the problem could easily occur the next time you start your vehicle. This is a short term solution only.

Council Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2004

- Meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace Bow at 6:30 pm.
- Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Suzanne and Lori. Members in attendance: Mitch and Sandi Taylor and Steve Haydu.
- Wallace mentioned that the SWI flyer was well received by NCCC officials and ready to send out. The flyer has been distributed to NCCC regional governors and is scheduled to be mailed to members within a few days.
- Old business: Phil firmed up details concerning the various events that have already been scheduled for the remainder of the year, including the 9/11 drags, 9/12 Santa Rosa Caravan (Steve Haydu is chairman - meet at 9:30 Sunday morning; 9/12), 9/18 Vette/Viper Challenge - "King of the Strip". Arrive 2:30, start racing 3; no charge for members.
- The annual photo shoot will take place in Rio Rancho; the RR Fire Department has offered a ladder truck for the actual shoot at approximately 10:45 am Sunday 8/22. The balloon didn't work out! There is also a Wallace Bow Day at Sandia MotorSports Park the same date/time.
- During the 8/29 auto cross event at Santa Ana Star Casino, both high end and low end timing equipment will be tested in anticipation of SWI 9/24-26. Cost for the autocross is \$10 members/\$20 non-members. Helmets required.
- Ron talked about the Fall Colors trip to Durango, 10/2 & 10/3; staying at the Iron Horse Inn, \$89/night for a bi-level 2 BR, 1 BA.
- 9/24-26, Fri - Sun; Southwest Invitational. Wallace is chairing the autocross & rallies and Steve & Jean Haydu are chairing the Funkhana event. We will also prepare additional red, yellow and green flags and 5 new fire extinguishers for autocross events. The rules state that each corner should have 2 people with red flags and a green flag for the starting position.
- Ron stated that we should have our SWI event for 2005 on the calendar ASAP so that we don't conflict with other clubs' events. Initial dates of September 23-25, 2005 were agreed upon by the members in attendance.
- Phil also talked about the fact that we still needed a Tech Chairman for the rest of the year. Two Club members had stated an interest in the position; the Council decided that both Chuck Tipton and Phil Newland would co-chair this position, with Chuck as senior Tech. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Ron suggested that a charity golf tournament for CASA Chevrolet might be a good idea for the future.
- Wallace stated that he had the 200 NMCA pins ready for distribution; these will be given out at the next meeting. In future, all new club members will receive a pin. Extras can be purchased for \$4 each. Due to the fact that these pins would be difficult and costly to mail, members must get their pin in person, or make other arrangements to receive this item.
- Two places to meet for eats after the next General Meeting were mentioned; Owl Cafe and Al Vincenzo's Italian Kitchen (pizza).
- The Council discussed the purchase of NMCA gear. Stanchions were discussed, then passed on due to the few opportunities for use each year verses cost for the equipment. We also talked about purchasing better quality hand-held radio receivers. Better club radios were discussed. It was motioned that we purchase 4 new COBRA radios at this time. The motion was seconded and carried. Lori will be responsible for the purchase. These radios have much better range than the current radios.
- Vice President Bow adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



What Happened



August 8th – 2nd Annual Mystery Ride Caravan

16 Corvettes gathered at Lowe's on Paseo del Norte at 11 am for a "ride" to some undisclosed location. 70 miles and 4 legs later, we arrived having gone east, west, north and south in the 95 minutes since starting. Hot and thirsty, we arrived at our destination, the Coronado Cantina in Bernalillo. Actually, another stop had been planned following lunch, but due to spending more time than estimated obtaining lunch, the final stop was shelved for some later date. A poker run was involved with this Mystery Ride, resulting in two winners being awarded very special prizes. Dan & Ann Bond took top honors with the best poker hand in the bunch, while Fred & Mariann Haack took "honors" in having the absolute worst hand. Never before had Fred won in poker sporting a 10 high hand! Again proving NMCA is second to none with all kinds of surprises in store! Congratulations to all who participated and spent a few hours tooling around central New Mexico on a clear, sunny, calm Sunday afternoon. Check out additional photos by Stuart Gorelick on page 11, and also on the club web site.



Dan & Ann Bond show some of their "winnings" they captured with the best poker hand.



Fred & Mariann also show off their poker run hand loot, which looks remarkably similar to what the Bond's received!



Lori & Larry wait on lunch . . . and wait . . . and wait . . . and wait . . . and wait . . .



Event Planner



Aug 22

NMCA Club Photo Shoot

NMCA official photo shoot to happen at the Rio Rancho SportsPlex off High Resort. Arrive between 9:30 & 10 am. Cars to be put into position starting about 10:15 am. Complete process needs to be complete by noon. Come to the August 20th meeting with ideas on layout. Those with multiple entries: let's find a way to get as many of your Vette's involved as possible. Please block this date and have fun making a lasting photo. Lunch at Dion's pizza immediately afterwards. **Directions:** Get to Rio Rancho. The main north-south road is hwy 528. Proceed to High Resort (Dion's and a Presbyterian Health Care at this intersection, plus a stoplight). Head west on High Resort & proceed almost a mile. Enter the second park entrance to the right. The two entrances are within 500 yards of each other.

Aug 29

NMCA Autocross

Santa Ana Star casino. Track set-up starts about 8:30 am, with first car out at 9:15 or shortly thereafter. \$10 NMCA members, \$20 non-members. Helmet required.

Sept 12

NMCA Caravan

Meet at Smiths (Tramway & Central) at 9 am for a 9:30 departure. We'll head east to Santa Rosa where we'll put on a Corvette show/display at the museum. We need to arrive about 11:30. Plan to display Corvettes until 2 pm.

Sept 18

NMCA Private Drag Party & Vette-Viper Challenge

Arrive at the drag strip at 2:30. Racing begins at 3 pm. Establish a bracket time during the private track session and compete in the Vette-Viper challenge which begins at 7 pm that evening. Helmet and long pants required. T-tops must be on and convertibles with top up.

Sept 24

35th Annual NMCA Southwest Invitational

Registration forms are now available at www.nmcorvette.org on the home page.

\$50 for a full weekend & 7 events – event shirts just \$12!

Best price deadline is August 31st – save a buck and register before this date

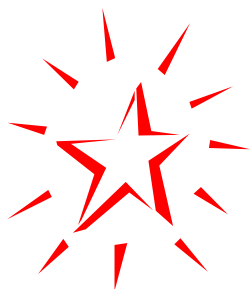


The above is a list of NMCA and related events scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar at www.nmcorvette.org for an expanded list of activities involving other car clubs within the area. Contact information for each is supplied with the event description, if known. As with any event, prior to attending 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.

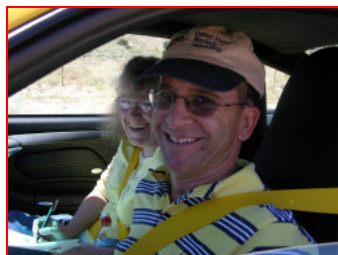
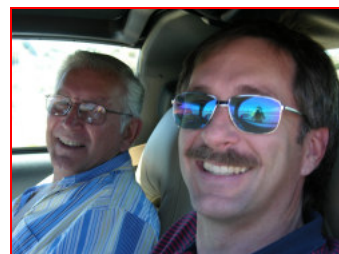


Member News



New Additions To The Family

For the first time in a long time, we have no new additions to NMCA during the past 30 days, although we do have a few new members poised to sign up . . . so look for that announcement next month. In the meantime, how about a few snapshots from the August 8th Mystery Ride caravan, which ended in Bernalillo, NM. These photos taken & provided by Stuart Gorelick. For more photos of this and each event, please visit www.nmcorvette.org.





Happy Birthday

August

Larry Hayward – 7th
Shane LeMon – 11th
Betty Newland – 17th
Barbara Morrison – 17th
Jan Bond – 23rd
Dan Bond – 25th
Judy Vinyard – 26th
Jackie VonLoh – 28th
Brenda Logsdon – 30th

September

Bob DuBois – 1st
Michael Ragsdale – 1st
Kris Becker – 4th
Mary Robb – 6th
Ted Walters – 9th
Martin Vinyard – 14th
Luis DeBonoPaula – 16th
Mariann Haack – 20th
Carole Zimmerman – 26th



Happy Anniversary

August

Michael & Catherine Ragsdale 8/13/77

September

Scott & Frances Frankel – 9/2/2001
John/Sandy Starr – 9/18/70
Jack & Anne Stephens – 9/27/03

May you enjoy many more happy years!





Web Wisdom



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Upcoming Events

8/8	Mystery Ride
8/10	Caravan
8/20	Council Meeting
8/22	General Meeting
8/29	NMCA Photo Shoot
9/7	Autocross Council Meeting
9/12	NMCA Caravan
9/18	Vette-Viper Challenge
9/24	Southwest Invitational
10/1	Durango
10/5	Caravan Council Meeting
10/15	General Meeting
11/9	Council Meeting
11/19	General Meeting

50 albums, 780 photos on 10 pages

Welcome, Phil Ellison

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February 2004 Member Only Album
Super Bowl, Super Nationals & Autocross Action
Last changed on Feb 23, 2004. This album contains 60 items.
This album has been viewed 25 times since Feb 04, 2004.

February 2004
Super Bowl, Super Nationals & Autocross Action
Last changed on Feb 22, 2004. This album contains 16 items.
This album has been viewed 39 times since Feb 04, 2004.

January 2004 Member Only Album
Los Lunas Caravan
Last changed on Jan 21, 2004. This album contains 26 items.
This album has been viewed 12 times since Jan 20, 2004.

January 2004
Los Lunas Caravan
Last changed on Jan 20, 2004. This album contains 9 items.
This album has been viewed 44 times since Jan 20, 2004.

December 2003 Member Only Album
2003 Awards Banquet - click photo to enlarge
Last changed on Jan 19, 2004. This album contains 16 items.
This album has been viewed 19 times since Dec 23, 2003.

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Picture this! Log in as a member and you'll find a huge assortment of club photos to review. While the public can see a few selected shots, the "members only" albums contain tons of photos, which have much more text detail, photo credits and can be enlarged by simply clicking on the photo itself. Notice how the Feb 2004 members Only has 60 shots, while the public site only has 16 photos. Members also have the ability to add comments to each photo in the "members only" area. Each photo is kept at the highest possible resolution. Photos that are enlarged and copied have very good "photo" qualities. If you find a shot that you need in a larger size, simply contact the photographer to obtain the original shot.

Seems that whenever we have a caravan or event, many cameras come out and start snapping shots. However there are only 3 or 4 regular contributors of photos for the web site (or Tach Times). When you grab a great shot, please feel free to send it along with a short description (if any is needed) to info@nmcorvette.org. While there could be many similar compositions, I'm sure that there are a good number of unique shots that could and should be enjoyed by all. So continue to snap away, and start submitting some of your better shots. Please try to keep the photos in the best possible resolution in the event they get used in print as well as the web presentation. Common sense indicates to send only a few via e-mail. If you attend an event and want to submit more than a handful of shots, please burn them to a CD and deliver in that fashion.

Vettes On The Rockies

July 29 – August 1, 2004 - Vettes On The Rockies, Colorado

Lori, Larry, Kurt, Diane, Suzanne, Hubert, Tom & Honey represented NMCA at this annual Corvette festival in Colorado. 4 days of Corvette fun was had by hundreds. Here is a short story by Lori:

On a beautiful Sunday morning, 569 cars lined up on Main Street in Frisco, Colorado for the Looking Glass Corvette Association's Show & Shine...the final event of a wonderful fun-filled four days of activities and food...lots of food. Five cars represented NMCA...three came home winners!

Kurt & Dianne Plouff - 1999 Silver Coup

Tom & Honey Salley - 2000 Magnetic Red Coup

Lori Jordan - 2001 Magnetic Red Convertible

We did the rally on Friday which took us from Breckenridge, through Frisco, ending at the Miners Museum in Leadville where we each received a "vial" of gold. We're already making plans to sell the gold and buy a C6...and speaking of the new C6..there was one there, along with Dave Hill who spoke at the dinner on Saturday night. Tom Salley was the first one of our group to spot Dave..he promptly came out to where Larry and I were cleaning our cars to show us Dave's autograph on the back of his shirt. Of course I had to seek him out. He came to where the cars were parked and was going to autograph the other side of my fuel rail cover...as he started to write the pen seemed to be running out of paint so he pressed on the point...and boy did the paint come out...running down the cover. Dave pulled the cover off and grabbed a towel and started to wipe the paint off but it just spread all over the cover, and him! He felt really bad and kept apologizing but the rest of us started to laugh because it really was quite funny...it provided us with "boy do I have a story to tell". And thanks to a very helpful employee of the resort I was able to clean the cover for the car show on Sunday.

A good time was had by all and Larry and I are already making plans for next year...now if I could just find Dave to get that autograph.....

Lori Jordan

Pictures of the weekend will soon be posted on the LGCA website... www.lgcacorvette.org



July 31stNMCA brings home the hardware from Colorado!





A few words about NMCA's 35th annual NCCC event. First, hat's off to NMCA VP Wallace Bow for pulling together what appears to be an outstanding weekend of fun Corvette events. Wallace has done virtually everything associated with this years event. He created the events, planned out the flyer, kept the cost *extremely low*, created the event shirts, arranged for two great dinners, put together a golf day, and then volunteered to chair 6 of the 7 events. Massive effort has gone into this event, primarily by one individual. Please show your support by participating in this year's Southwest Invitational. Applications should already have been received, plus they are available on the home page of our web site, www.nmcorvette.org.

Knowing how much work goes into this weekend even after all the planning is finished allows me to ask that anyone who wishes to lend a hand will be met with open arms. There are always a few details that require additional people and manpower. Example: You don't plan to autocross on Sunday. Please don't allow that to keep you from attending. Corner workers are important, vital, mandatory and always in short supply. Here's a simple yet effective way to help NMCA make a fun event even better. Besides, you'll have the best seat in the house! So know it or not, you have a place in this event. Yes, it's fun to just show up, participate and head home . . . but know that you can be a true asset to NMCA in more ways than just driving the event.

For those entered, please note that both Chuck Tipton and Phil Newland will be wanting to tech inspect your Corvette on Friday evening if at all possible. You won't be able to run any events until you've received their approval. Furthermore, NCCC rules state that it is the responsibility of the Corvette owner to know which class their Corvette falls into. Please review your NCCC rulebooks if you are uncertain what class you belong in. The tech inspection will verify that your selection is accurate. If there is a dispute, the matter needs to be cleared up then, and not after the event is over with.

Finally . . . let's all have a ball. This year we have many out-of-area participants attending, and they want to take our hardware home. Can we let that happen? I think not! The challenge is out there, and now it's up to you to insure victory. Steve & Jean Haydu have volunteered to chair this year's funkhana. For new members, please know that the Haydu's are absolute masters at the funkhana. When they put it on, they baffle everyone with an amazing course. When they participate as entrants, they normally win. This event is positively one not to miss. I can personally guarantee that you'll enjoy every minute . . . both watching your fellow members stumble around, and splashing around on the course yourself. Wallace also has a poke run that will make your head spin. Saturday's events are fun and require minimal horsepower or driving skills. Sunday's autocross action is when the bar gets elevated a little and the real competition sets in. But novice drivers can still have a hoot. Don't let a few fast cars scare you away.

Again, **thank you Wallace** for all the outstanding effort. Your hard work is very much appreciated by everyone.

Note: Deadline to enjoy the lowest possible registration fee is August 31st. Don't delay – register today! And mark your calendars now – September 23-25, 2005 are the anticipated dates for the 36th annual SWI



A new edition to Tach Times, when warranted. The following items are recent editions to the web site "For Sale" forum entries. Didn't know we had a "For Sale" area on the web? We do, and anyone can post Corvette's and Corvette related items. Check this web page out from time to time, because you never know when a sweet deal may be awaiting your discovery! Again, the following may have additional details or photos to be viewed on the web site.



1984 Corvette Coupe, yellow, 4 speed automatic, Targa Top, aluminum wheels, 99,550 miles. Rough interior. This vehicle has been sitting for a while and is being sold due to medical issues. For more information and price, please call 505-980-0463.



2001 Corvette Coupe, yellow, 6 speed, Borla exhaust, 28,000 miles, garaged and well cared for. Premium everything. Near rear tires. Many extras. \$30,000 OBO. 505-710-6819. Multiple photos available on the web posting.



"RED VETTE GATHERING" & POKER RUN-2004

RENO, NEVADA

NO CAR SHOW-NO JUDGING-NO STRESS

A RELAXING "JUST FOR FUN" GET TOGETHER FOR

RED VETTE OWNERS & THEIR "BEAUTIES"

REQUIREMENTS: ONE RED VETTE, A DESIRE TO CRUISE

WITH OTHER RED VETTES & JUST HAVE A RELAXING, FUN WEEKEND

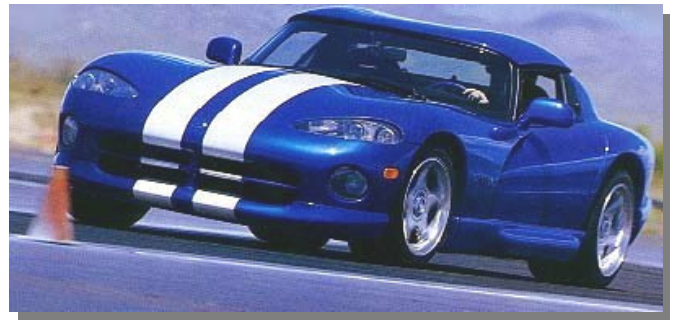
WHERE: RENO-HILTON HOTEL/CASINO

WHEN: OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2004

IF YOU HAVE A: Magnetic Red, Torch Red, Roman Red, Burgundy Red, Traffic Light Red, Blood Red, Blood Clot Red, Carmine Red, Lite Red, Dark Red, Cherry Red, Candy Apple Red **or any other "RED", it will qualify....** But it must be a RED..not Orange or Pink. If it's MOSTLY RED but maybe has a white stripe down the center, colored flames, etc...That Is Okay.....**It just has be mostly RED to be fair to all the others attending.** If you'd like to attend the "RED VETTE GATHERING & CHARITY POKER RUN-2004" please e-mail: redvettegathering-reno@corvettecruzin.com and request a registration package which will be e-mailed to you or send a fax# and one will be fax'd to you. Since the hotel needs totals for the Sat. Night Dinner and our "special parking area" 10 days prior to the event, & the totals for the T-shirts & Dash Plaques are needed 3 weeks prior to the event...This has a "Must Pre-Register" event deadline of Sept 10. Any registrations received after that date, can't be guaranteed T-Shirts, Dash Plaques, or attending the Saturday Night Dinner/Poker Run Awards. If you don't pre-register by Sept 10..... you'll probably miss out on all the above.



Vette - Viper



Challenge

Vettes vs Vipers - Find out who's "King of the Strip"

When: Saturday September 18th

Time: 2:30 pm for club members

Where: Albuquerque Drag Strip

Cost: N/C to club - 2:30 pm - \$6/spectator - 6 pm

Presented by NMCA & NM Viper Club



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)

Aug 15	RGCC Make-A-Wish (non-NMCA event)
Aug 20	General meeting, 7 pm
Aug 22	* new * NMCA official club photo shoot. Rio Rancho Sports Complex – arrive at 9:30 am
Aug 29	* new * NMCA non-sanctioned autocross – Santa Ana Star – 9 am start
Sep 7	Council meeting, 6:30
Sep 12	* new * Caravan to Santa Rosa. Departs Smiths (Tramway & Central) at 9:30 am.
Sep 17	General meeting, 7 pm – nominations for Governor position
Sep 18	* new * Second private drag strip day PLUS the Vette-Viper challenge (starts 2:30 pm)
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 at the Milagro Brewery & Grill in Bernalillo, starting at 6 pm

Sep 23-25, 2005 – NMCA Southwest Invitational proposed event dates – block these dates!

An important note about events & changes to planned schedules:

343-0400 ext 4 is the NMCA Event Line to be kept handy for situations where you're in doubt. Thank you.



Non-NMCA Autocross Dates

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.**



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

