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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

Governor:

Ron Scott
NMCA member since 1976
1970 Coupe & 1985 Coupe

Secretary:

Suzanne Monroy
NMCA member since 2003
2002 Z06

Vice President:

Wallace Bow
NMCA member since 2001
1990 Convertible

Treasurer:

Lori Jordan
NMCA member since 2002
2001 Convertible & 2003 Convertible

Activities:

Dick Youngdale
NMCA member since 2002
1972 Convertible & 2002 Z06

Appointed:

Membership:

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

Tech:

Rich Mleczo
NMCA member since 1983
1975 Convertible

NMCCC Rep:

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

CIA:

David Judd
NMCA member since 1979
2002 Coupe

Newsletter:

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



Spring is near and our events calendar has already sprung into action. This coming year promises to be a very memorable year. Why? Because of you. This little club isn't so little anymore. Your input and your participation helps us all generate more excitement and reach new goals. And this year the goals are hefty, all in the name of fun! While excitement and participation are key elements, there is one other important factor to consider. Sponsorship. We are extremely fortunate to have a terrific sponsor. CASA Chevrolet provides us a place to meet, a display case area and funds to allow us to operate in a first class manner, paralleling the class afforded by our Corvette's. Throughout the year, please make a mental note of all the great things CASA Chevrolet provides for you, and return the favor by electing CASA Chevrolet to provide your automotive service, or be involved with your next vehicle purchase. Additionally, throughout the year NMCA will call upon you a couple of times to assist with promotional efforts that directly benefit CASA Chevrolet. Corvette shows in particular. I believe we have found common ground where CASA benefits and can truly use the services provided by NMCA members, and I trust you'll make every effort to participate in these semi-mandatory shows. As much advance notice as possible will be supplied, as I know every one has other obligations and events competing for the same small sliver of spare time.

Now, for the fun stuff.....a few members spent several hours in the wind and cold recently to lay out what could be a fantastic autocross course at Santa Ana Star Casino. With luck, our first autocross day (February 22nd) will be a nice spring-like day and we won't need to battle the elements! The location selected offers multiple course layout options. Depending on what the feedback is following our first event, we'll either keep it, or change it around. Come out, enjoy the day, race a little and give us your feedback.

And as I've mentioned many times before, our events scheduled for this year are over the top once again. Next month you'll be hearing details about the Southwest Invitational scheduled for September 24th-26th, and without giving away all the secrets, trust me when I say that this will be bigger, better and perhaps the best attended SWI ever! I wouldn't say that if I didn't have some GREAT news on the horizon, but I do, so I will! Stay tuned.

Lastly, I know schedules conflict and we can't be two places at the same time, however if at all possible, I would encourage you to attend the National Convention this June in Las Vegas. I myself have never been, and I'll say that at the moment my schedule doesn't look real promising for me to attend, but, I would love to go and experience Corvettes on a national level. The event is in our backyard, and who knows when it will be this close again. I can almost guarantee that those members who make the journey won't be disappointed. (Do bring sunscreen and a hat however!) As far as I'm concerned, we've got the best Corvette club in the southwest, and this is our chance to demonstrate it on a national level!

Again, vital to our survival is sponsor interaction and support, plus participation in the events that your Officers have spent countless hours arranging. I thank you in advance for a great show of support throughout 2004 and I trust your expectations will be exceeded again.

Phil

The Navigator NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



Congratulations again to all the NMCA winners at the Super Nationals Custom Auto Show! I thought they said that “other” Corvette club was the car show club...

I had a good time down in Scottsdale at the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction with several hardy club members that braved the blizzard conditions that prevailed on our drives both down and back. Shane compared the size of falling snowflakes with various breakfast foods, but all arrived safely and without incident. Steve Haydu didn't quite bring enough cash to drive away in a beautiful 1956 Bel Air convertible that sold for just over \$111,000. I saw a few cars that I wanted to take home myself, including a 1959 Corvette convertible that I found out later had a family connection to me. The '59 in question headed to the auction block was a wedding present from Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to his wife, soccer star Mia Hamm when they were married last year. Why a '59? Nomar's jersey number is 5, and Mia's is 9. They didn't want to keep the car forever, so they decided to sell it to a collector who would take care of it and show it off. The non-numbers-matching '59 did have something special going for it at auction: It had been autographed by both Nomar and Mia.

Where's the family connection, you may ask? Mia Hamm is my second cousin. Mia! I would have gladly taken care of it and shown it off for you! Unfortunately for me, I didn't have the \$118,800 that the eventual buyer did. I was able to get a great picture of it, however. I was also hoping to get a picture of Shane attempting to stuff himself into a Lamborghini Diablo, but no such photo-op transpired. Maybe next time, I'll be lucky.

What else is going on? Well, it's February and I'm still waiting for the thermometer to pull out of its nosedive. The cold weather and salty roads makes a person loathe taking their 'Vette out on the road, especially if you're a drop-top fan like I am. Take heart, because warmer weather is on the way! That means the racers in the club are waking up from their hibernation and have changed the oil in preparation for this year's autocross action, which debuts on February 22 at Santa Ana Star. This track layout should be both a gentle introduction for those who haven't driven around a cone track, but challenging enough for the hot shoes out there as well. A certain torque-enhanced C4 ragtop is still in pursuit of those pesky Z06es, and I swear if I can't beat 'em this year I'm going to join 'em with a 2005 Z06 of my own.

Fans of high speed corners will also rejoice to hear that we've secured the Sandia Motorsports Park road course on the day before the autocross for a tire scuffing party that starts at 9 AM. Bolt on the sticky shoes for the weekend and I'll see you at SMP Saturday and Santa Ana Star on Sunday!

Wallace

NCCC Update

NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



I have received word that non-sanctioned autocrosses will count toward High Speed Certification. If you are in need of certification don't miss the Feb. 22 non-sanctioned autocross at Santa Ana Star Casino. There are 8 autocrosses scheduled by SCCA and the Porsche club between now and Memorial Day. If you attended NMCA's event last fall then you already have 3 of your 10 events requirement met.

NCCC events are all around us, and a complete list can be found at www.corvettesnccc.org. As I've said many times before, you can't expect clubs to visit Albuquerque if we don't visit them from time to time. What we really need is to have a bunch of NMCA members to go to their events and start bringing home all their trophies. I am certain that we'd start seeing these folks at SWI in an attempt to reclaim some of that hardware!

NCCC Convention 2004, Las Vegas NV, June 5 – 11. Great room rates, events galore and how can you not have a good time taking in the sights of Las Vegas! Convention registration is now open. You can **reserve your room** by visiting www.corvettesnccc.org, click on **2004 NCCC Convention...**, then **Make Your Stardust Reservation Now** and follow the instructions.

Here is a list of some up-coming NCCC events in our region. Contact me if you have questions about any of these events, or if you're planning to attend for the first time and want more location and hotel type information. (rscott1@aol.com)

Ron

3-12-04	RR Governors Meeting	Tucson, AZ
3-13-04	Peoples Choice Car Show	Tucson, AZ (TCC)
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	High 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 6-11	NCCC Convention	Las Vegas, NV (DCA)



General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Phil Ellison
- Under old business Phil stated that the Award's Banquet was a success; the turnout by members was great and the club was able to make a nice delivery of toys and food.
- Phil mentioned that there were additional calendars for sale and some Corvette shirts. Phil also made photo CD's available of the photos he took throughout 2003. 10 CD's were distributed.
- Lori provided a treasurer's report indicating all expenses have been paid and that we had received the refund for the Award's Banquet from CASA Chevrolet. A new membership application had been received by a resident of Lamy, NM.
- Phil talked about the new location for an autocross at Santa Ana Star Casino. In response to Santa Ana Casino's generosity in allowing us to use their site for our racing, the club is expected to provide a 3-day Corvette Show later this year at the indoor Kaiser Facility at Santa Ana Star Casino. We hope to have a very large member participation in this event.
- Phil also mentioned that he spoke with Joe Wagner of CASA regarding club participation in a car show at Sandia Casino in conjunction with CASA Chevrolet. CASA seems very excited about this prospect!
- David mentioned that he had printed copies of the By-Laws and Standing Rules; that any member having an old, dated copy should get a new copy.
- Ron shared that there were upcoming racing events in Tucson and Sierra Vista. He suggested that members interested in additional information check the website (www.corvette-paradise.com) for the calendar of upcoming events. He talked about the upcoming National Convention in Las Vegas, June 5th-11th and stated that registration begins Feb 1st. NMCA members attending will possibly caravan together; details to be announced.
- There was a group discussion on NCCC high speed qualification requirements and Ron stated he would check into how the club can qualify members.
- Ron also asked members to consider as a future event combining the fall colors tour with the overnight event. He mentioned Durango, Colorado and Tallwee near Alpine, Arizona as possibly destinations, possibly in late September or early October.
- Phil reminded everyone that the Tach Times is on our website. He went over some of the upcoming events:
 - 1/24 at Shane LeMon's place of business on Hawkins NE, anyone interested can meet at noon to help clean up the stanchions and other equipment.
 - 1/31 a crew will meet at noon at the Santa Ana Star Casino northwest parking lot to mark out the autocross course; anyone interested in helping is welcome.
 - 2/1 Super Bowl Party at Derek Larson's - the club will provide main dish and utensils. Bring your own drinks and any additional snacks. Derek has asked that members please not arrive BEFORE 5 p.m.
 - 2/6-8 Super Nationals Custom Auto Show at the New Mexico Expo (fairgrounds). We have entered 5 classic Corvettes with the theme "Remember When." (Phil has asked for volunteers to help with set up and take down)
 - 2/21 Wallace Bow Day at Sandia MotorSports. This will be high speed racing and Ron is checking into whether the club can use this date as qualifying time for members who want high speed certification.
 - 2/22 Our first autocross of the year at Santa Ana Star Casino; registration 9 a.m., first car out at 10 a.m. Cost to be announced. We are planning at least 3 additional autocrosses this year.
 - 3/20 International Dinner - we need someone to volunteer their home as the site; see Phil or Dick.
 - 9/24-26 Southwest Invitational; additional information to be announced.
- Dick stated that we will have a 90-day rolling calendar of events, and discussed the Sunday caravan:
 - Meet at Lowe's at Paseo del Norte and depart at noon for the Luna mansion for lunch, the tour the Chavez Family Farm Museum. Thanks to Dick and Larry for scouting out the destination for our 1/18 caravan.
- Phil concluded by informing members the exciting news that we had received the 2004 funding from CASA. A big THANK YOU to CASA Chevrolet!
- The meeting adjourned at 8:15 and was followed by a gathering at the Owl Café.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary

Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2004

- Meeting was called to order by President Phil Ellison 6:45. Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Suzanne, Dick, Janet and Lori.
- Phil brought the Council up to date on the current condition of Al Colman. The surgery went well and Al is on the mend.
- Phil mentioned a possible radio show opportunity for the Club. We also discussed revenue generation possibilities with Tach times and the web site.
- Ron stated that based on events already scheduled by the Club, SCCA and others, that those interested in a high speed qualification should still have time to qualify prior to the NCCC Convention in Las Vegas, 6/5-12/04.
- Budget: Phil proposed a tentative budget for the upcoming year based on current projected income and probable expenditures. He requested additional ideas from the council.
- Upcoming events were reviewed: 2/22 first autocross at Santa Ana Star Casino; 3/20 International Dinner; 5/1 Truth or Consequences Parade; 6/5-12 NCCC Conv. Las Vegas; 9/24-26 SWI; 11/20 Progressive Dinner and 12/11 the Awards Banquet (location TBA).
- Several additional ideas were suggested by Council members for events to be held throughout the balance of 2004. These included drag racing events; a possible progressive BBQ during the summer; combining the fall colors tour with an overnight weekend; an evening at the Comedy Club; museum car show in Santa Rosa, etc. The Club would like to schedule a full calendar of events for the balance of 2004. Check the website for upcoming events.
- Phil mentioned a concern regarding the pavement quality at our new autocross site at the Santa Ana Casino. We will continue to checkout an alternative autocross location.
- Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



Donnie & Dusti on Sunday February 8th after receiving the “outstanding entry” award at the 2004 Super National Custom Auto Show. Congratulations to Donnie, Dusti and all who participated!



What Happened



January 18, 2004 – Caravan to Belen, NM

Excellent New Mexico weather provided a warm dry afternoon for the first caravan of 2004. 12 Corvettes plus two other member vehicles joined together at Lowes on Paeso at high noon Sunday January 18th and headed South on I-25 to Los Lunas. Our first stop was the Luna Mansion where they reserved the premium front parking area for Corvettes. 25 members packed the place and in return were provided a great lunch, plus an education!

Dick Youngdale arranged for Earl, the owner of Luna Mansion, to speak to the club concerning the spirits and ghosts which are still seen from time to time at the mansion. Earl provided a very detailed accounting of who the spirits were, where they liked to hang out, what they wore (what they were normally seen in) and why he believed they still frequented Luna Mansion. Needless to say, we were all doing double-takes the rest of the time there, hoping for a glimpse of these spirits. Absent from the group was NMCA VP Wallace Bow. However he did put in an appearance as we dined. Wallace flew over the gang (not as a spirit, rather in a private plane) and snapped a few shots of the Corvettes parked at the Luna Mansion. At 2:45 as we wrapped up lunch a few members had to return home for other obligations.

The rest of us headed south to the Chavez Farm Museum in Belen. This little, out-of-the way farm and home has an amazing collection of all types of items. From coins and old tools to dolls and toys, to automobiles and tractors, plus everything in between! Many members were anxious for Phil Ellison to sit in "Old Sparky", a retired New Mexico Corrections Department electric chair. Others dared Steve Haydu to fetch a souvenir or two...which he wisely declined to do (although Steve was eyeing that '52 Chevy for a long time!), while still others thought about how they should have kept all those old things they tossed years ago...so as to start their own museum! Following about an hour at this location we headed back home via scenic highway 47. A great kick-off to the 2004 caravan season was enjoyed by all, with many more on tap. A big thank you to Dick Youngdale who organized this successful and fun outing.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



Sunday February 1st wasn't a very nice day to be outdoors, which is why our Super Bowl party was such a smash! Armchair quarterbacks galore. The score would have been 175 points higher if the coaches would have only listened to our input! Plenty of food, plenty of big screen action and a pretty good time was had by all. Thanks again to Derek for allowing NMCA to invade his home and camp out for a few hours.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



Thursday February 5th NMCA rallied once again to present five vintage Corvettes in the 2004 Super National Custom Auto Show. Our positioning was excellent, and the display looked like a million bucks. Thank you to our entrants, Bill Jackson, Donnie Marchi, Marty Hall & Jim Thomte. Derek Larson and Chuck Tipton also had their Vettes in the show. Photos & more descriptions can be seen on page 14. Tear down happened Sunday evening and a special thanks goes out to all who took time to help make our showing a great experience. NMCA turned a lot of heads!



Event Planner



- Feb 20** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- Feb 22** **Autocross**
*Get your motor running! A new year, a new location and the same old clock to beat! Venue will be the far NW parking lot of Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo. Plan to meet at 9 am at the location to help set-up course. First car on track expected at 10 am. \$10 entry fee for NMCA drivers. \$20 entry fee non-NMCA entrants. **IMPORTANT: Due to track concerns, NO RACING TIRES will be allowed!***
- Mar 6** **NMCA Bowling Party**
Location & time to be announced at February 20th meeting. Information will be posted on the web site as soon as it is available. We hope you can "spare" the time to "strike" up some real fun with your fellow "pinheads".
- Mar 9** **NMCA Council Meeting**
3825 Hawkins NE, 6:30. Expect a 2 hour meeting.
- Mar 19** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- Mar 20** **NMCA International Dinner**
Another great festive social gathering tradition returns for 2004. Members bring a dish representing their background, or simply one of their favorite dishes. We end up with a wonderful assortment of foods to sample and enjoy. This year's International Dinner will be hosted by Sandi & Mitch Taylor. A map and directions are on page 16, and can also be located on the web site within the downloads area.

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.

- A special insert regarding the 2004 NCCC Convention can be seen on page 17 of this edition.
- A first draft NMCA 2004 calendar of events can be found on page 19. Each separate event will be listed on the web site "events calendar" and a complete one sheet list will be placed on the web site in the near future once finalized.
- Other club (non-NMCA) autocross opportunities are listed on page 22.

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

Larry Hayward

2002 Pewter Coupe



(Photo not available)

Larry found NMCA through a web search, and was so impressed with what he saw that he joined via the mail. Living in Lamy, NM means we may not see Larry at each event, but he promises to attend when he can. Autocross & concours action are among Larry's interests within the club. Welcome aboard!



Happy Birthday

February

Lori Jordan – 7th
Scott Frankel – 11th
Jim Straka – 11th
Hubert Monroy – 20th
Tom Sailley – 20th
Frances Frankel – 22nd

March

John Carr – 14th
Brenda Bunting – 22nd
Steve Haydu – 24th
Larry Jordan – 27th
Becky Scott – 30th
Sandi Taylor – 31st



Happy Anniversary

February

Mike & Kathi Mansur – 2/14/99
Martin & Judy Vinyard – 2/15/97
John & Jackie VonLoh – 2/19/67

March

Hubert & Suzanne Monroy – 3/7/02
Jim & Darla Straka – 3/18/77
Mark & Brenda Logsdon – 3/22/86

May you enjoy many more happy years!





Super Bowl NMCA Style



Start with a light snack . . .



Locate an ordinary TV . . .



Add in a few armchair “know-it-all” quarterbacks . . .



Make it interesting . . .



Then eat, watch & enjoy!



Another great NMCA moment!

A “giant” thank you to Derek Larson for allowing NMCA to invade his home for this event. For those keeping track, The LeMons walked away with 1st quarter cash, the Haydu’s snatched 2nd & 3rd quarter loot and the Mlezcko’s pulled out a last minute score to claim the end of game cash. Congratulations to all!

Super Nationals CUSTOM AUTO SHOW

In a sea of specialty cars, trucks and motorcycles, five beautiful vintage NMCA Corvettes graced the center of the showroom, drawing looks and envy from everyone who passed by. Here are a few shots taken pre-show & during the show. Additional photos are posted on the web site, www.nmcorvette.org. “Remember When” was our theme, and remembering back is what a lot of spectators seemed to do as they looked at, pointed to and talked about our display. Other members had solo entries, which won as well! NMCA rocks!



**Congratulations to all NMCA winners who brought home trophies & awards:
Donnie & Dusti Marchi, Bill & Barbara Jackson, Jim & Barbara Thomte, Marty & Bonnie Hall,
Derek Larson, Chuck & Nelda Tipton, Steve & Jean Haydu and Jay Innes!**

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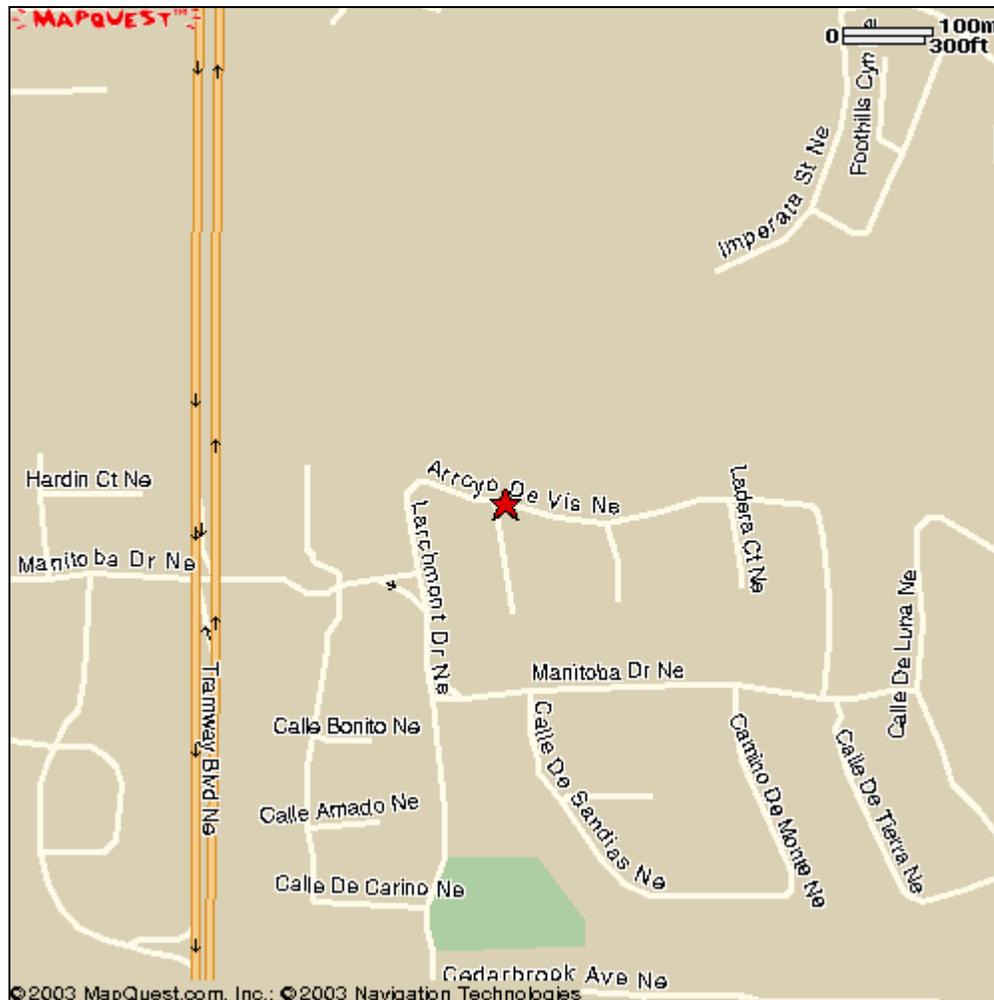
Back

(reflecting back)

Ah, the '60's. What a great era. Our recent involvement with the Super National Custom Auto Show gave me a chance to reflect, ponder and come to the conclusion that the 60's were, for me at least, a very, very good time to be around. Sure, we had some terrible things happen. A President was assassinated and there was that little conflict known as Vietnam. But the 60's allowed me to witness an incredible amount of history. Good history. Color TV. And TV brought shaky color footage and sound from young reporters like Dan Rather covering that far off place called Vietnam. TV offered shows that became classics, like Leave It To Beaver, All In The Family, Laugh-In, Gunsmoke and truly countless others. TV certainly assisted with world exposure to rock and roll music. In particular, the Beatles on Ed Sullivan. I for one was glued to the TV for each of their appearances. (I was also fortunate enough to experience the Beatles in a live concert, but that's another story). And how about buying your favorite 45 rpm for less than .50¢. I only spent the big money (\$2-\$4) for an album when the album was really special. I witnessed "flower power" up close and personal as I stood at the corner of Haight-Asbury in San Francisco. I saw things that even today I don't understand! The '60's let me see a real live human blasted into space for a quickie trip around the earth. Within the same decade I watched my TV again as another American stepped onto a cold unforgiving moon. And here on planet earth golden arches began growing from the ground at a record pace. For better or worse, McDonald's made an everlasting impact on most everyone in some fashion. And in May of 1969 while standing near the Pike Place Market in Seattle with my father, I watched a new '69 Corvette roar by. I made a prediction to my father that someday I was going to buy a Corvette myself. He chuckled and told me to start saving. He chuckled again 10 years later when I sent him photos of my newly acquired 1969 Corvette. From what I can tell by records, my Vette was manufactured in May 1969. Coincidence? I think more like fate. And speaking of Corvettes, the '60's let me see three, count'em three, totally different generations of Corvette roll off the assembly line. Unlike the recent C-6 unveiling, in the '60's a Corvette model change meant some serious body design changes, harboring an ever-increasing power-plant (under-rated by Chevrolet of course.) So what if you got 6-10 mpg . . . gasoline was .19¢-.37¢ per gallon with real lead and high octane, plus you got a free glass and stamps with each fill-up! And in the '60's, those C-1 and C-2 Corvettes were easy to find at almost ridiculous prices (by today's standard at least). If I had a time machine, I'd go back and make sure I bought as many as I could. (Or maybe I'd just go back to those moments when a great Corvette deal slipped by me because I spent too much time scratching my head pondering if the deal was good enough.) Ah the '60's. Say what you will, but for me, that was a mighty fine decade to be around. Not that the current decade is bad . . . but now I need glasses to see, a few daily pills and I'm beginning to think twice about walking canes! Gas isn't .19¢ a gallon either!



2004 International Dinner



Directions to Mitch & Sandi Taylor's home:

Tramway to Manitoba (only light between Spain & Montgomery), turn east.

Manitoba short distance where it dead ends at Larchmont.

Turn left (north) three houses to end where it intersects Arroyo de Vista (goes east).

Fifth on the left and is a brown two story (12817 Arroyo de Vista). **Phone: 296-2337**

Plan to sign-up and bring a favorite dish to share during the 2004 International Dinner feast. Tons of great and unique food, wonderful company, a warm inviting host and home . . . what more could you possibly want!



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

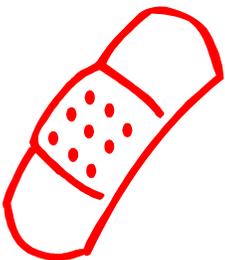
7am-noon ✓ Record Drags-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
10am-5pm ✓ Bracket Drags-Las Vegas Motor Speedway
3pm-7pm Corvette Mall
11am-7pm Hospitality Room
8pm-12am ✓ Route 66 Bash

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



No wonder our eye's are going bad . . . squinting to see Derek's TV during Super Bowl for example.



Get Well Soon

Message rec'd 2/9/04:

Thank you for your e-mail Phil. Al will enjoy reading it whenever he comes home from the hospital. Sorry for the delay in informing you about Al's surgery....but here it goes....his surgery on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd went according to the Surgeon's plan and Al did quite well during the 4 hour surgery. He is still in ICU/CCU, but it looks as though he may be moved out of this unit tomorrow (2/10). He has had a setback from his recovery due to his migraine headaches, which has kept him from walking around other than from the bed to the chair and back. His blood-oxygen ratio is back to 100%, which was a concern and he is actively getting rid of the congestion in his chest. He has fewer tubes in his body than before. Although he is a bit weak, his spirits and determination are stronger than ever. Although he is receiving the best care possible, we will be so-o-o-o glad to get out of this deep freeze and back to sunny NM. We have had snow on the ground since we got here last month.

Ella Colman

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)

- Feb 22 Autocross – Santa Ana Star Casino. Details on page 10 of this newsletter.
- Mar 6 Bowling Party. Details at the February 20th general meeting, plus on web site ASAP
- Mar 9 Council meeting, 6:30
- Mar 19 General meeting, 7 pm
- Mar 20 International dinner – 6 pm start at Mitch & Sandi Taylor’s home. Details earlier in this letter.
- Mar 21 Caravan – destination unknown
- Apr 3 Albuquerque drags – a chance to dust off, warm up and get a little experience.
Price is normal gate price. Time TBD.
- Apr 4 Caravan – destination TBD
- Apr 6 Council meeting, 6:30
- Apr 16 General meeting, 7 pm
- Apr 18 Autocross action at Santa Ana Star Casino. 9 am set-up, 10 am first car out.
- May 1 Truth or Consequences parade, in T or C. Depart about 6:15. 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. 3-4 hour block at the drag strip - “NMCA only”, plus invited guests. Picnic lunch. 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 unknown
- 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 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 2nd 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 shortly.

Use The Refresh Button!



Web tip of the month. Many members enjoy remaining logged-in to the www.nmcorvette.org site. Computers will remember your logged-in status, even when you turn the computer off and on again. However, when returning to the NMCA web site, you should always click the refresh option (normally located at the top, in your toolbar area) so as to load the latest elements and changes to your display. A news article could be created and available, but if you haven't refreshed your screen, you may not ever see the new information. So go ahead, be bold, and click refresh when you return to the site. It's free, it's fun, and you may be surprised at what appears!

While the above is a simple "web tip", the advice is valid. More than a few of you have had security code and other log-in questions. So as to wisely use the resources at hand, we are anticipating a monthly computer tip insert from Stuart Gorelick to appear in this publication. If the tip is something you already know, then you're ahead of the game. If the tip makes life easier for you, then so much the better. We've all stumbled across a short cut, key stroke or something that was so simple, we'd hate to admit that we didn't know about it before. So, let's share the knowledge and all get smarter together! Why not . . . we can't get any younger!

Overheard, & passed along!
Wanna get 40 more horsepower from your stock C-5?

A very special offer has been presented to NMCA members by the owners of Speed Dreams, Inc. As you may know, Speed Dreams specializes in custom, high performance service and modification work. They also specialize in Corvette enhancements. The owners of Speed Dreams have developed a high altitude package for C-5's designed to make up for lost horsepower due to our elevation. Below is a special offer being made only to NMCA members by Speed Dreams. Please contact them directly if you need additional information, or would like to schedule a consultation or appointment. This high altitude package will not void your existing warranty.

High Altitude Stage 1 Performance Package:

Increases your stock LS1 C-5 as much as 40hp at flywheel & 34hp at rear wheels

Increase torque by 20 foot pounds

Package includes:

Donaldson Black Wing air intake (removal of maf screens if pre 2001)

Magaflow X-pipe

GHL stainless cat back exhaust with bulls-eye or open quad tips

Hypertech 160 degree thermostat

Custom pcm tuning

Synthetic oil & filter change + 27 point inspection

Before & after dyno (3 pulls each) with results print-out

Total discounted price for NMCA members = \$2,475 + tax (retail price \$2950 + tax)

If you do not want, or want to postpone the Custom pcm tuning, deduct \$500

Speed Dreams – 883-8388

Final note as this Tach Times goes to publication:

NMCA has been approached to take part in a local radio broadcast, which we intend to take advantage of. Details on when and where to be announced. Also, of extra special interest . . . NMCA was approached on February 11th with a very touching, personal request. A few calls were made to affected members, and three members stepped forward to offer their services. The Reader's Digest version is: A young lady recently passed away in the Albuquerque area. One of her unfulfilled, final requests was to have a ride in a Red Corvette. NMCA was contacted, and two members made efforts to take off work and fill this final request, transporting the ashes of the deceased from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, her final resting place via a Red Corvette. Wallace Bow & Lori Jordan both immediately volunteered to fulfill this final wish. Everyone else contacted wanted to help, but employment obligations wouldn't allow them the time away on a workday. As of publication, Wallace Bow is scheduled to conduct this very special request. We should all be extremely proud of Wallace, and to know that NMCA is much more than just a collection of Corvette owners.....we are a collection of the finest, caring people around!

Non-NMCA Autocross Dates

March 13 – SCCA @ Casino Hollywood
March 20 – Porsche Club @ Casino Hollywood

April 3 – SCCA @ Casino Hollywood
April 3 & 4 – SWMS @ Sandia MotorSports
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.**



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

