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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:

Position Vacant

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



Yesterday, today and tomorrow . . .

For the benefit of those members who have only received snippets of information, third hand reports and have tried to piece together the events of the past month, please allow me a brief summary. NMCA has By-Laws, drafted long ago for the protection of the club and designed to provide procedures to handle situations, including punishments. The rules are straightforward. One provision instructs the club how to handle a member or situation that casts a negative image on NMCA. Simply put, if a member crosses the line where his/her behavior is considered inexcusable, consequences shall result. In this most recent situation, a member clearly crossed the line and committed assault on another member. Regardless of the reason, the matter was approached in a combative, aggressive manner by this member. As a result, this member is now suspended for the rest of 2004 from any & all NMCA events, activities and meetings.

If any member feels a breach of club rules, safety violations or anything else has occurred which is contrary to the proper conduct of NMCA, it's Officers or a member, then by all means be vocal about the issue, however, do so in an adult, respectful fashion please.

My position the past 3 years has been one of leadership and spark for NMCA. All members, and especially those members elected by the club to organize, plan and execute club events and reach club goals, need to be energized about their duties. Ho-hum at the top means ho-hum throughout. Agree or disagree with some or all of the events and accomplishments under my watch, nobody can accuse me of a lack of interest, drive or desire. During this past month I have had that drive tested several times. It would be counter-productive to begin naming names, but I am absolutely amazed at how some members have acted. I have received verbal threats plus a few unflattering e-mails. Simply amazing. Because I was assaulted on May 1st, somehow this whole thing has become my fault in some eyes. They couldn't be further from the truth, but I suppose these folks will use any opportunity to tear into me and my performance. To those members, may I suggest you seriously consider some type of anger management therapy. There is a difference between constructive criticism and being destructive. I trust that the troubled individuals are a true minority, and that the overwhelming majority of NMCA members don't have an issue with the way NMCA has grown and become stronger these past 3 years. Those solid, positive members who appreciate the efforts have re-ignited the fuse that was rained on by a few.

A summer full of Corvette excitement awaits us. Driving events, social events, show opportunities and the like are on tap and I fully expect to see everyone at some or all of these. Wallace has been hard at work to insure the 2004 Southwest Invitational is memorable and enjoyable, plus very affordable! While distracted this past month, I know Wallace will be focused and offer us all an exciting and challenging SWI experience this September.

So in closing, learn from yesterday, be courteous and positive today, and cherish tomorrow. NMCA continues to be the best Corvette club in the southwest, and I for one am proud to be a member. I invite you to read a letter (on page 20) which NMCA received, as I believe the timing of this correspondence couldn't have been better.

Thank you for your support,

Phil

The Navigator

NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



Now, that's my kind of racing! No confusing track layout, no cones to drive around (or over). It's simple: just one-quarter mile of straight asphalt for me and the same for the other guy. Light turns green; Go faster than the other guy.

Well, that's probably oversimplifying it, but I would like to refer you, gentle reader, to my drag-racing-related predictions from last month's article in this newsletter where I said:

- My new aluminum rocker arms would make me go a little faster.
- I would be five full seconds off of the fastest time of the day.

Both predictions turned out to be prophetic: I picked up two tenths compared to my last trip out to the drag strip and the weather was roughly the same so those valves did open a little bit farther just like they were supposed to. My time improved to a 13.82 @ 99 mph. Not in Z06 territory, but respectable.

My dad towed his NHRA Super Comp 'Vette down from Kansas (not Oklahoma, as mentioned on the PA system) and those in attendance were treated to a series of 8-second passes, culminating in an 8.88 second run at 162.5 miles per hour! The time slip on the 8.88 run also shows a reaction time of .025, proving that the old man can still get his finger off of the trans brake button in a hurry when he needs to. (Don't tell him that I called him an old man, though.)

Having driven the car a few times myself, I've considered leasing it from him for a year or two after he decides that he doesn't want to drive it any more. It's really a kick to drive and I know I'd have plenty of people willing to crew for me on weekends. Ah, but I don't have much of a garage here in the city and the thing does require a lot of maintenance. You've gotta change valve springs a couple of times per year and you can only make 200 runs on the connecting rods (aluminum) before they have to be removed and checked for stretch. Plus, I'd need a tow vehicle to get it around, the CTS doesn't have the guts to pull that big ol' trailer. And, you never know when the engine will decide that it's had one too many trips to 9000 RPM and disassemble itself automatically for you on the racetrack.

It's not all fun and games either when you have that much equipment around and there's a lot to keep track of. Spectators to his first pass of the day saw the car get all over the track and finally be shut down before half track to coast to an 11.00 at just over 100 miles per hour. The culprit: He normally tows the car with 10 psi of air in the tires so that it doesn't bounce as much when it's in the trailer. He just forgot to lower the tire pressure before running it, causing the tires to spin. I think the last run of the day was with 4½ psi, which is a little on the low side for that car, but it was necessary to try to eliminate the half-track wheelspin.

Also, the car doesn't run an alternator, so that means that the batteries (yes, two full sized car batteries are required to start a 14.5:1 compression big block when it's hot) need to be charged every three runs or so. The portable generator didn't start, so he had to hunt down a nearby outlet and string a long extension cord in order to keep the batteries up.

It's a lot of work. But, like I said, it's really fun to drive. Maybe I could lease it from him for a year...

Wallace

Governor's Corner

NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



I hope that everyone is appeased with the outcome of the sanctioning of Rich. Let us move on and try to be more positive in our actions, long live NMCA! Hope to see everyone including Rich, in the club next year.

June 5th trip to NCCC Convention – We are gone! Look for a report in the next newsletter.

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

NMCA's Brick is in place, with all the other Roadrunner Region clubs, at the NCM. I have a picture and will bring to our next meeting.

July 4th trip to Silverton, CO - Silverton, CO is about 50 miles North of Durango, CO, and Cascade Village is about halfway between. We will leave from **Lowe's**, Paseo del Norte and I-25 at **8:30am**, Saturday **July 3rd**. Plan on arriving Durango by noon, have lunch and look around then go on up to Cascade Village. Check-in time is 4:00pm. Sunday we will drive up to Silverton and enter the Parade and stay for the Fireworks that evening.

We must rent 5 rooms to get the group discount, other wise we will pay rake rate! To make your reservation call: **Cascade Village 1-800-525-0896 and ask for the New Mexico Corvette Assn. Rate.**

Pricing for rooms at Cascade Village can be found on page19 of this newsletter.



Caravan – a company of travelers, a number of vehicles traveling **together**.

After our May 1st caravan I have come to the conclusion that perhaps not everyone, including myself, is aware of what is expected of him or her and others in a caravan.

When driving from one town to another, these few simple rules should be followed.

1. A lead car should be designated.
2. Drive with headlights on.
3. Keep in sight of the car behind you. If you need to stop or slow down flash headlights or if radios are being used advise your intentions/needs. The car ahead relays to the next car. Continue relaying forward until the lead is aware of what is happening.
4. Re-group at the city limits where open highway speed signs are posted.
5. No passing of other members of caravan unless the member waves you around.
6. Allow car-passing space between cars.
7. Use hand signals for slowing down, stopping or turning.
8. Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.

Ron



General Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Phil Ellison.
- Janet introduced the guests plus new member John Hayden.
- Members decided to meet at Sonic Burger @ San Mateo & Montgomery after the meeting.
- Lori had nothing new to report regarding the club finances; all bills are paid and current.
- David asked members to check the current membership list for any address, phone or web changes; please let him know.
- Ron mentioned that those who were attending the Corvette Convention in Las Vegas 6/5-11, would be leaving Saturday 6/5. Contact Ron re: time/place of departure.
- Ron also talked about the Durango trip 7/3-5; he was able to negotiate reduced room rates for the Cascade Village (see website). A group will leave on Saturday, 7/3, from Lowe's @ Paseo del Norte and I-25 @ 8:30 a.m.; we plan to stop on the way for lunch. The Silverton Parade is on Sunday, 7/4 @ 10 a.m. Theme: "Summer of Love"; fireworks will be Sunday evening; leave for home Monday after breakfast @ Christy May's in Durango.
- Dan Bond mentioned that he read in the Corvette Quarterly that C-5's with interlock problems will be fixed at no charge to car owners.
- Phil talked about the drag races scheduled for Saturday, May 22. Gates open at 2:30, start @ 3 p.m (no cost to club members). **HELMETS REQUIRED!**
- Dick talked about the caravan on Sunday, May 23, to Embudo Station. Those participating will meet @ Lowe's @ Paseo del Norte & I-25 11:45; leave at noon. We will have lunch @ Embudo Station (those interested can take in the gas station up the road, where antiques were available for viewing & purchase).
- Wallace passed around a sample of the hat/lapel pins for members to look at. He also mentioned that the 1000 hp Corvette owned by Wallace Bow Sr. would be at the drag strip on Saturday for viewing. In addition he told members that the cones the club ordered had been received.
- Under new business: Wallace Bow read a portion of the New Mexico Corvette Association By-Laws. This was a prelude to presenting information to attending club members regarding the incident which occurred on May 1, 2004, during the club caravan to Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, for the annual TorC parade. Vice President Wallace Bow told the members present that he had conducted an investigation into charges/allegations against Rich Mlcezko for conduct unbecoming a club member. He presented his findings and opened it up for discussion among the membership. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Council members adjourned to vote on whether to censure or dismiss Rich Mlcezko. The vote was 5 to 2 in favor of dismissal. Phil and Janet Ellison absented themselves from voting as they were both directly involved in the incident.
- Next Council meeting will be June 1st at American Property, 3825 Hawkins at 7 pm. All members welcome to attend.
- The meeting was adjourned by Wallace Bow @ 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



Council Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2004

- Meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace Bow at 7:05 pm. Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Suzanne, Dick, Bill, Janet and Lori. NMCA club members Honey, Ted, Chuck were in attendance plus Mary and Rich Mleczko and their daughter Sarah.
- Vice President Wallace Bow gave the Executive Council and member visitors instructions regarding the evenings proceedings. He quoted from the New Mexico Corvette Association By-Laws Article 7, Section D. subsection 3. with reference to the 5/1/04 caravan incident involving Rich Mleczko. He stated where the Council was with reference to that incident and that at tonight's meeting, the accused would be allowed to present his case for defense. Wallace stated per Robert's Rules of Order, that while the accused had the floor there would be no discussion or comments allowed. Wallace also stated that a 2/3 vote (5 of 7 votes) was needed to carry any motion voted upon regarding the incident.
- Vice President Bow asked the accused, Rich Mleczko to present his case. Rich Mleczko then stood and briefly stated that he didn't feel there was any need to rehash the incident. Rich also made a verbal apology to NMCA President, Phil Ellison. Rich then made a motion for the Club Council members to vote on suspension for himself and his wife, Mary Mleczko, through the end of the fiscal year, 11-1-04. The motion was seconded by Bill Jackson and approved by Vice President Bow. Wallace called for discussion; there was none. At that point Janet and Phil Ellison and Rich Mleczko were excused from the meeting and left the room.
- It was decided by the Executive Council members to vote by secret ballot. The Council then voted whether they would approve the motion for suspension presented by Rich Mleczko. The vote did not carry; 4-3. Wallace informed the excused members of the fact that the vote did not carry.
- Wallace Bow opened up the floor for further discussion, at which point Honey Sailley asked for clarification as to what occurred on 5/1/04. Governor Ron Scott gave a brief outline of the events leading to the motion for suspension/dismissal of Rich Mleczko. Wallace then asked if anyone else who actually witnessed the Incident wished to add anything further. No additional information was forthcoming. Bill Jackson made a motion that the Executive Council vote to dismiss Rich Mleczko. The motion was seconded by Ron Scott.
- The Council then cast a second secret ballot to dismiss; the vote did not carry, 4-3. Wallace informed the excused members of the outcome of the second vote.
- The Council discussed alternatives to the original suspension motion and the motion to dismiss. Lori Jordan made a motion that Rich Mleczko should apologize in writing to all Club members who were in attendance at the 5/1 Caravan. In addition, that Rich and Mary Mleczko be suspended from active membership through 12/31/04. There was some additional discussion, after which Lori's motion was seconded by Suzanne and a third vote took place. The third vote carried (6 yea and 1 nay) at 7:47 p.m. Wallace Bow then notified all the members excused from the meeting of the outcome of the vote; they returned at that time. Vice President Wallace Bow then made a formal announcement to Rich and Mary Mleczko of the decision of the Executive Council to suspend their membership in NMCA through 12/31/04 and that Rich would remit a written apology to all NMCA members who were in attendance at the 5/1/04 caravan incident.
- Then Wallace proposed that the Council set up a procedure, denoting a chain of command that members could utilize when an incident of any nature occurs. He stated that he would write up a draft for possible addition to either the By-Laws or Standing Rules and would bring said draft to the next Council meeting in July, 2004, for review and discussion. He also stated that he hoped that there would be no further incidents involving Club members and that any rift within NMCA could be healed.
- Janet Ellison suggested that perhaps a 'code of conduct' might be in order for NMCA members also to be added to the By-Laws or Standing Rules.
- Vice president Wallace Bow adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



What Happened



May 22nd – NMCA Day at the Drags

25+ Corvettes ventured out to the drag strip on this Saturday afternoon and enjoyed a few hours of fun and competition. Wallace Bow's father Wally put on the real show with his 1,000+ horsepower Corvette funny car. And to keep things interesting, 12 driver's got into a bracket pool. The pack quickly went from 12 to 6, then to 3. The 3 remaining drivers were Wallace, John Hayden and Phil Ellison. Somehow Steve Haydu managed a red light and was unable to claim a 4th straight NMCA bracket championship ring! Phil & John went head-to-head and both broke out of their time brackets, however Phil was a little heavier on the gas and exceeded his bracket the most, putting new member John against the drag master Wallace. Well, we'll save the details and tell you that Wallace pocketed the cash, but John insists on a rematch the next time he's in town! The track personnel were professional and eager to help us have a great afternoon. With the response and feedback received, this event may very well be repeated again this season.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



May 23rd – NMCA Caravan

14 Corvettes made the trip northward on a great sunny NM afternoon, with Embudo Station 29 miles south of Taos as the lunch destination. Mike & Tom Ragsdale who live in White Rock joined the caravan as we got into Espanola. Dick Youngdale had secured special seating for our group of about 25 folks, and we enjoyed a peaceful lunch next to the river. Following lunch some of the group took a side trip a few miles north to check out the antique gas station and old displays. Our return trip took the caravan through the Jemez mountains. Twisty roads with actual trees to look at! A very fun drive and a great way to spend the afternoon with friends.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



Congratulations to Mike & Mary Robb for their outstanding performance, effort and recognition.
Message received 6/9/04:

Phil,

Mary and I drove our 1982 Collector Edition to the NCRS regional judging in Breckinridge. We received a Top Flight Award (97 points) and were certified for the next national convention for flight judging and as a potential Bowtie and the McLellen mark of excellence awards. The Bowtie is for vehicles that are + 85% original.

Mike & Mary Robb



Event Planner



- June 13** **NMCA Caravan**
Meet at Smiths, Tramway & Central at 11:45 for a noon departure. We'll head east and pick-up the back road to Cedar Crest, then up the hill to the top of Sandia Peak. Those who want to stop on top may pay the \$3 parking fee and walk around. All others will come back down and stop at the ski area. The BBQ grill will be open, or you can brown bag a lunch. Expect to arrive at the ski area around 1:30. Due to some longer journeys recently, this trip is designed to be a little shorter, yet still take us on a scenic, cool ride.
- June 18** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- June 26** **Drag Race Action**
Not a true NMCA event, however an opportunity to get a bit more experience under your belt. Track opens at 6 pm. Normal gate price (about \$10 car & driver). Due to the success of our May 22nd drag race adventure, this event may very well be repeated before the season is over. Get your experience now, and shine during our next meet.
- July 6** **NMCA Council Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- July 16** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- July 17** **NMCA Bowling Party**
Meet at Santa Ana Star Casino, upstairs at the Starlight Bowling lanes at 5:30. Once we have an accurate headcount, we'll submit our request for the lanes needed (last time we had 7 bowlers per lane). Cost is \$22/hour/lane. plus shoe rental if needed. Food & beverage service available.
- July 18** **NMCA Caravan**
Destination to be decided shortly.
- Sept 24** **35th Annual NMCA Southwest Invitational**
Registration forms are now available at www.nmcorvette.org. Select "club information", then select "applications".

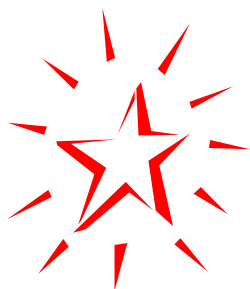


The above is a list of NMCA and related events scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar at www.nmcorvette.org for an expanded list of activities involving other car clubs within the area. Contact information for each is supplied with the event description, if known. As with any event, prior to attending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

Jeff & Lucia Fauver
2001 Millenium Yellow Coupe



Jeff is a distributor for Zanio car care products, and was introduced to NMCA through Lori Jordan, who has used a few of these products in the past . . . or maybe a couple cases! There is a reason Lori's 2001 looks brand new! Welcome Jeff & Lucia.

John Hayden
1984 Silver Coupe



John contacted NMCA several months ago and mentioned that although he was on active duty with the US Army, his home was Albuquerque and he planned to be in town in May on leave before his next assignment. John couldn't have timed his leave any better, as he was able to participate in a drag event and a long caravan with NMCA during his brief stay in Albuquerque.



John Hayden
new NMCA member



May 23rd caravan through Jemez mountains
(photo by John Hayden)



Happy Birthday

June

Mark Logsdon – 8th
Jay Innes – 14th
Ron Scott – 20th
Mike Mansur – 21st
John VonLoh – 27th
Jim Allen – 28th

July

Karen Gorelick – 10th
Steve Hernandez – 11th
Douglas Dildy – 16th
Ken Daby – 24th



Happy Anniversary

June

Mitch & Sandi Taylor – 6/5/74
Bill & Barbara Jackson – 6/6/70
Marcus & Brenda Bunting – 6/10/67
Larry & Lori Jordan – 6/10/98
Steve & Jean Haydu – 6/14/97
Bob DuBois – 6/15/95
Douglas Dildy & Annie – 6/19/76
Ken & Justina Anderson – 6/22/02

July

Phil & Betty Newland – 7/6/91
Ron & Becky Scott – 7/17/71

May you enjoy many more happy years!





Web Wisdom



New Mexico Corvette Assn.

Mexico Corvette Association

Embudo Station

Posted by Phil on Sunday, May 23 @ 19:26:45 PDT (18 reads)

Login

Nickname
 Password
 Security Code: 029464
 Type Security Code
 Login

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We are 9 months into a new and improved web site, yet we still have members having difficulties. So, one more time . . . let's review some basics. Logging in should be and can be very easy. You were given a log-in name when your account was created. This log-in name is your first and last name, with a space between the two names. This name is not something that can be changed. We elected to use real names, and not allow nicknames or handles. This first or top window is where your name goes, and it is not case sensitive. The next window is for your password. When your account was created, an INITIAL password was assigned. Every member received instructions that they should immediately change their password. After logging in, the very first screen that comes up is a welcome screen, and by clicking "Your Info" you will arrive at a page where your password can be changed. Passwords need to be a minimum of 8 characters. Finally, the third window is a security code window. The computer generates a new unique code each time you log in. Just insert this same 6 digit number, and you're set to go. If you forget your password, just try logging on. You'll get a message saying your log-in was not valid. Below this will be a link that says "forgot password". If that's the case, click this link and allow the system to generate a new password for you. The new password will be sent to the e-mail address you have listed in "Your Info". If you change Internet service and/or your e-mail address, be sure to update this account, otherwise the system won't know how to reach you. If you are still encountering difficulties, send a message to info@nmcorvette.org. Don't miss out on the newsletter, expanded photos, forums and other member only access areas. The goal is for all members to enjoy the web site, not to fight it.



Web Wisdom by Stu



TIP TIME WITH STUART BROUGHT TO YOU BY SANDIA COMPUTERS

3625 Wyoming NE, Albuquerque (505) 332-7777 www.sandiacomputers.com

Question: I know my new computer has one hard drive, the C drive, but when I click My Computer or use Windows Explorer, I see three drives, a C, D, and E, in addition to my A drive and my CD drive, which is F. What are those other drives?

Answer: It sounds like your hard drive is divided into several sections -- think of them as several smaller drives called "partitions." Some PC manufacturers and users partition the large C drive to permit the segregation of data from programs or, for example, business from personal files. Partitions are also a popular way to run multiple operating systems on one computer. For example, digital masochists might run Windows 98 and Windows 2000 or Windows XP on the same computer, but on different drives to keep them separate. Q. I'm confused about the relationship between Outlook Express and Internet Explorer. Can you explain the difference between the two or why I need both? Is Windows Explorer the same as Internet Explorer? A. Here's the skinny on IE and OE: Internet Explorer is your Web browser, primarily used to view Web pages; Outlook Express is your email program, used to send and receive email. The only relationship between the two programs is that Outlook Express is usually configured to be Internet Explorer's default email program. What that means is this: Let's say you're viewing a Web page (using Internet Explorer) and you click an email link (called a "mailto" link) in order to send a message to a person referenced on that Web page. If Outlook Express is your default email program, when you click the email link, OE will open and the address will appear in the To: field, saving you the trouble of typing it in manually. If you decide at some point to use an email program other than OE, you'll be able to set that up as your default instead of Outlook Express. Internet Explorer is happy to defer to whatever applications you would like to use. Simply click Tools > Internet Options > Programs, and make your selection. Windows Explorer (Start > Programs > Windows Explorer or Start > Programs > Accessories > Windows Explorer) is unrelated to Internet Explorer other than sharing the same surname. Windows Explorer is used to explore and manage (view, copy, move, delete) files and folders on your computer's various drives.

Sandia Computers

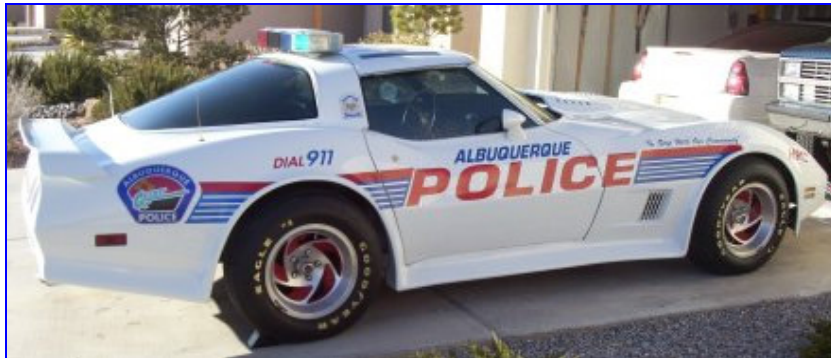
Question: If I don't shut down Windows 98 correctly, Scan Disk automatically runs the next time I turn the computer on. Is there any way to disable Scan Disk so it won't run?

Answer: Scan Disk automatically checks your hard drive after an "illegal" shut down to make sure no damage has occurred. While that's a good thing and well advised. if you manually run Scan Disk on a regular basis, you can speed up restarts by disabling this automated function.

To prevent Scan Disk from running if Windows is not shut down properly, click Start > Programs > Accessories > System Tools > System Information. In the window that appears, click the Tools menu and select System Configuration Utility > General tab > Advanced button, and place a check mark beside Disable Scan Disk after bad shutdown. Click OK > OK to exit.

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

Yes . . . It's True



The info@nmcorvette.org mailbox gets many unusual items each month, but the following was certainly one that stood above the rest! APD Officer Aaron Holmes inquired about obtaining parts for a 1981 corvette. Upon further discussion, it was learned that this wasn't just your run-of-the-mill 1981 Corvette. As Aaron explains:

I stumbled across a 1981 Corvette, or remains thereof, in the city yard. Curious, I inquired about the vehicle and learned that this was involved in a drug seizure operation. Because the Corvette was seized, and because of the era in which it was seized, the vehicle was destined to be destroyed because it was deemed no longer serviceable. The Vette was in fairly poor condition, I will admit. With some creative suggestions, I was able to persuade the powers in charge that I could buy the Corvette outright, and with no city funds involved, put the vehicle back together in order to be used as a show piece for the City. They agreed, reluctantly, and I soon found businesses very willing to assist with new parts, paint, technical assistance and so forth. Now, as you can see, my Corvette is in pretty fair condition and wears a very unique paint job! All done for virtually no money out of pocket. This revived Corvette now makes regular appearances at schools and functions to promote good relations within the community, showing that the cops can be cool too! Finally, although not technically city property, this Corvette has been authorized to participate in the new "Beat The Heat" campaign. And according to NMCA President Phil Ellison, I understand there is an open invitation for me to make an appearance at the next Corvette drag day at the drag strip. Well, all I can say is that when the "heat" is behind you, it's best you pull over! Given that, I anticipate winning every race!

Aaron



Another Banner Day

Marty Zimmeroff has had many “banner” days during his adulthood. Landing a big account, achieving a special goal or just enjoying some of the finer things in life. Marty certainly deserves a banner day, as we all do from time to time. For those who don’t know Marty very well, allow me to say that Marty is an individual who thinks outside-the-box and goes for the gusto when he sees an opportunity. Being a true Corvette lover, and owning a few very special Corvettes that always seem to snag trophies when displayed, attending last year’s 50th anniversary celebration in Nashville was pretty much a given. Not much gets by Marty, and as everyone else had their eyes on the Corvettes, Marty was busy scoping out the huge assortment of display pieces, signs and banners. Apparently there were two banners that made an impression on Marty. First, the 15’-20” banners that hung from light poles and displayed celebratory messages, as shown below.



Then there were the 4 **really big** banners that hung from Titan stadium. The photo below does really show the full scope of the banner, but you get the overall impression that this isn’t some run-of-the-mill backyard banner. The banner actually measures 30 feet wide by 80 feet tall. (hanging to right against building in picture)



Another Banner Day, continued

So impressed was Marty, that upon returning home (almost a year ago mind you), that he surfed the web and found that Chevrolet was auctioning off many of these celebration banners. Not one to be left behind, Marty promptly submitted auction bids on all banners available, large and small. Days turned into weeks, and weeks turned into months. Out of sight, out of mind. That is, until early May when an unusual e-mail arrived in Marty's inbox. "Congratulations" it read . . . you have secured the winning bid for a 50th anniversary Corvette banner. Well, that's cool he thought. Reading further, the message went on to describe his acquisition as being the large banner which he had been dwarfed by outside of Titan stadium. Cool again he thought, although, he actually wanted the smaller banner. A few days pass and the reality begins to sink in. He scans the e-mail a few more times and realizes that this sucker is 30 feet wide. The banner is to be delivered in a moving van! This is not a piece of cheesecloth, but instead a heavy gauge material which he now remembers being strung up by some heavy duty ropes usually reserved for Naval ships! How much is this thing going to weigh? Where do I have a space that's 30 feet long to store this thing? Where can I possibly ever use this monster. And most importantly, when do I tell my wife what I've just bought? All of a sudden this once in a lifetime opportunity has become a once-in-a-lifetime headache. During the May 15th bar-b-q at Luis & Lisa's home following a day long caravan, someone asks Marty how things are going. Robin looks at Marty, cracks a smile, and simply says, "Go ahead Marty, tell'em what you bought!" Marty sports his usual smile and sneaks in a little blurb about how he's the proud owner of some memorabilia from the previous year in Nashville. He describes his bid, the banner and quickly skims over the dimensions. A few minutes later everyone at the table arrives at the same conclusion, that this banner is absolutely gigantic in size. Marty smiles and then begins a very innocent plea for suggestions on what to do with this creation. Robin has a laugh that is somewhere between "you're funny" and "I can't believe what you've done!" After many wild, and not-so-wild ideas were kicked around, everyone at the table said they'd think on the matter. Meanwhile, a truck was out there somewhere, steaming towards Albuquerque with a 2,400 square foot piece of burlap! Now, Marty lives in a regular house....nice, but regular. His garage is like most, and does not measure 30 feet deep. It's anyone's guess how massive this roll is in diameter, but for a visual, go to a warehouse for carpet and scope out a full sized roll. Now....imagine that in your house.....somewhere.

This story will have more chapters as the famous auction item arrives and gets put...well....someplace. This is pretty neat, knowing that the only large (very large) banner that was auctioned off is now owned by a NMCA member. Marty and Robin would probably appreciate realistic suggestions about exactly what they can do with this piece of fabric, which, when stretched out is big enough to block out the sun over most of Rhode Island at high noon.

Congratulations Marty on your winning bid. Perhaps this will teach you not to stay up late and mess around on the computer when your credit card is in the same room. I still think it's cool that a NMCA member is the proud recipient, but I fear we may all be pressed into action to lift this bad boy at some point. Maybe this can replace the "Person Of The Year" trophy with this rolled up piece of history, and we can each have a shot at ownership! Yep, leave it to Marty to redefine the meaning of a "banner day"! (Hey, are those **people** way down there!)



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)

Jun 13	Caravan – destination Sandia Peak
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	Bowling party at Santa Ana Star Casino, 5:30 arrival. \$22/hour/lane + shoes
Jul 18	Caravan – destination to be decided
Aug 10	Council meeting. 6:30
Aug 15	RGCC Make-A-Wish
Aug 20	General meeting. 7 pm
Aug 21	NMCA event
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 at the Milagro Brewery & Grill in Bernalillo.

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.



Wallace goes for the close-up, May 23rd at Embudo Station. Say cheese!

July 2004 info

July 4th trip to Silverton, CO - Silverton, CO is about 50 miles North of Durango, CO, and Cascade Village is about halfway between. We will leave from **Lowe's**, Paseo del Norte and I-25 at **8:30am**, Saturday **July 3rd**. Plan on arriving Durango by noon, have lunch and look around then go on up to Cascade Village. Check-in time is 4:00pm. Sunday we will drive up to Silverton and enter the Parade and stay for the Fireworks that evening.

We must rent 5 rooms to get the group discount, other wise we will pay rake rate! To make your reservation call: **Cascade Village 1-800-525-0896 and ask for the New Mexico Corvette Assn. Rate.**
Pricing for rooms at Cascade Village are listed below:

Properties and Group Rates Rates valid 7/2/04 through 7/5/04

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

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:

Cancellation: 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.

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.

Ron



Non-NMCA Autocross Dates

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.**



Below is a letter received June 4th from our new member John Hayden. John had his first in-person experience with NMCA on May 21st, which was during a meeting primarily devoted to dealing with a sensitive member issue. I was concerned about what impression we as a club were projecting, but I was very happy to open and read the following note:

Dear Phil and All of NMCA,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the heartfelt welcome I received from the club. You guys really made my leave time in Albuquerque a blast. I'll be smiling about it for weeks to come.

I can say from experience that what you have is special; a genuine group of people bound together by a common thread and truly interested in promoting the fun spirit that is the essence of the Corvette. I remember you and others apologizing for the meeting, telling me that it normally isn't this somber. I would like to say that the first meeting showed me something important: *You ALL care about the club, what it represents, what it embodies, and that it is something to be enjoyed and celebrated.* You showed me that fun is the main goal, that the celebration of the Corvette is the focus. I have been around other Corvette owners, many of which have shunned me because of my particular Vette, but you have all made me feel welcome. I truly enjoyed my time with you, and regret that I am unable to participate more with the group. But my best wishes go out to you all, and again, Thank You for such a great and wonderful New Mexico welcome. Good luck in the future, and I hope to see you all very soon.

(BTW, Wallace: I'm hoping you'll indulge me for a rematch on the drag strip next year!)

Sincerely,

JOHN T. HAYDEN III

Sergeant First Class, United States Army
18D, Special Forces Medic

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 Lugger at 303-680-4025 or Tom Robben at 303-232-1886.



While the C-6 is very stylist . . . where would someone mount a front license plate?



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



35th Annual Southwest Invitational



Why should you attend?

7 NCCC events: 2 challenging autocrosses, a truly “fun”khana, match time & 3 type III rallyes including an awesome poker run experience!

Definitely the most fun you can have with your clothes on!

Want another reason?

\$50 registration fee! That’s it - one price gets all seven events plus Friday & Saturday dinners
Event T-shirts just \$12

Friday golf tourney available for the duffers

We triple-dog-dare you to take our hardware home!

Out of town guests are encouraged to stay at our host hotel:

Days Inn of Bernalillo
\$50/night - (505) 771-7000

Alternate hotel suggestion:
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa
Call for rates - (505) 867-1234



Our host venue is the amazing Santa Ana Star Casino
Enjoy delicious meals & an exciting atmosphere offering world class gaming attractions
(505) 867-0000 - www.santaanastar.com

Arrive early for the NM State Fair, September 2nd - 19th
Stay for the world’s largest hot air balloon fiesta, October 2nd - 10th
Santa Fe is 40 minutes north of SWI, with Taos just beyond!

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