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Chuck Tipton prepares for a run during the February 22nd autocross in his race prepared C-4



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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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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



I'd hazard to suggest that we all have a favorite Corvette. Not necessarily one that we've owned, but one that stands out in our mind as "the one". A color, a year or maybe special options. Why and how did your "favorite" become your favorite? Sometimes the fact that your favorite is so exclusive and elusive, that part of the attraction is the fact that you will probably never find this vehicle. But coming back to planet earth, if you were filling out a questionnaire, and there was but one slot or line to describe your favorite Corvette, what would your guiding factors be? Do you remember an incident from long ago, where the weather was perfect, everything in life was good, and a Corvette was somehow involved? Was it a race where you watched a Corvette muscle past the competition to take a checkered flag? Maybe the guy down the street has a now cherry Corvette that you witnessed go through a body off restoration. I guess it doesn't matter what the factors are, I'd say we all have a "dream" Corvette tucked away in our mind.....one that if you stood next to, you'd be thinking very "outside-the-box" ideas on how you could justify or afford it. Perhaps it's a C-5R. Cool car, but not real practical in the city. Perhaps a 1953, that you wouldn't dare drive when others were on the road. Maybe it's one of those famous Corvettes where documentation shows that only 12 were made, possibly by mistake! If you're like me, your favorite may change depending on the day. Yeah, I've got my top 3 or 4, but ask me on 4 different days, and expect 4 different answers. For me, color isn't everything, but, first impressions do count. Next I want an era, and a year. The closer I get to the year and exact model, the less color means. If I find the year, model, and by some twist of great fate all the options I dreamed of, who cares what color it is. And if numbers match.....holy smokes! What drives your thought process towards a favorite? I tried to make a list myself, and found too many factors were involved. First, I need to pretend that money would not be a barrier. Of course, given that money isn't a factor, I could then obtain the top 25 Corvettes on my list and be somewhat satisfied. Ok.....so money is somewhat a factor. Do I want a driver to show off around town, or is this a garage animal that peeks out on calm clear days for well guarded Corvette shows only via trailer? Do I make my favorite a Corvette that I just absolutely love to drive, or am I equally as impressed by the heads I turn as I drive around town? After much reflection, I determined that I am simply a Corvette fan, and I can be easily pleased with any number of options and circumstances. Virtually all Corvettes are "keepers", but there are certainly a few prized possessions to be sought. Each Corvette has a unique history. Each was shiny and rolled off the assembly line to an eager, waiting buyer who cherished that hunk of fiberglass and motor from the first moment. Each has a very unique history, and that also flavors the decision making process for some.

I hope that the above passage has stirred a few thoughts for you. First, in determining if asked, what your favorite Corvette is....and more importantly....why. We all have a lucky number, a favorite vacation spot, a time when we felt we were at our physical or professional peak. Why is it so difficult to be as clear cut with a favorite Corvette? Am I the only one with this dilemma? Well, I can take a stand as well as the next guy . . . . .

So for those of you who are curious, I guess I'd have to say that my favorite Corvette, without question, is

*Phil*

## *The Navigator* NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



Events and trophies and dinners, oh my! Could it be that the Southwest Invitational planning machine has kicked into gear already? Why, yes. Yes, we have. If you enjoyed last year's SWI it's a good bet that this year's event will have the same effect and you might have a few extra dollars left over in your pocket when the weekend is over, provided you steer clear of the one-armed bandits on the casino floor. Heated SWI discussion at the council meeting ended just short of the battle royale in a steel cage. Actually, most of the things just seemed to fall into place since many of last year's events were real crowd pleasers. It was even two full hours before Ron mentioned the TalWiWi Resort. (Note to Ron: TalWiWi is currently for sale and priced to move at \$1.25M. "Ron Scott's TalWiWi Resort" has a nice ring to it...)

Autocross number one is in the books at the new Santa Ana Star location. Sure, there are a lot of cones out there, but once you get around that first corner, you'll see that... uh... Wait, was I supposed to go through those gates or over there instead? You know the track layout is too confusing when one of the guys who set the course up in the first place gets lost somewhere in the massive ocean of cones. When the dust that wasn't swept off of the course had settled, my C4 was in an all-too-familiar position: staring metaphorically at the taillights of a certain Lemon-colored and LeMon-piloted Z06 Corvette. Curse you, hard-rubbered street tires! The good news is that the pavement survived our onslaught and we'll be back again on April 18<sup>th</sup> with a more straightforward track layout, some marking chalk to help guide the way and maybe even some sparkling new cones that have "NMCA" stenciled on the sides. I did lead all drivers in one category: Nobody knocked over more cones than I did. Go with your strengths, I say. Photo ace Luis DeBonoPaula was on hand to take the controls of my digital camera while he waited for his new 11 MegaPixel übercamera to arrive in the mail. An otherwise magnificent picture of my C4 drifting the final turn was ruined by the backdrop of a corner worker sprinting to return all of the cones to their full, upright, and locked position. Don't post that one, Phil.

In other NMCA-member news this month: Chuck Tipton extended his record-breaking streak of consecutive years in which his Corvette has caught on fire to two. That eclipsed the previous record of one, which he had shared with my father, Wallace Bow, Sr., whose spectacular 168-mile-per-hour barrel roll at Heartland Park Topeka in 1998 reduced his former fiberglass flyer to the molten mass that I hope Phil will be able to display on the page following this article [see page 15]. Personally, I believe his car is still upset about its purple flame paint scheme being painted over and is just trying to put the flames back on the car itself. To Chuck's credit, before the floorpan flambé ruined his weekend's run, he had qualified 1<sup>st</sup> in the SCCA ITE category.

If you're like me, you've probably been hitting [http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette/C6\\_preview](http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette/C6_preview) with greater frequency than TiVo-owner's replays of the infamous halftime "wardrobe malfunction." MMMmmmm. Convertible. So Converticious... Maybe I won't need to wait for that Z06, after all.

*Wallace*

# NCCC Update

## NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



I think Phil and Wallace have a great program lined out for NMCA annual Invitational this September. We should have a great time and it won't cost much!

Are you still in need of Low Speed autocrosses to qualify for High Speed Certification? Thunder Vette Set in Sierra Vista, AZ, has 4 Low Speed autocrosses scheduled for April 17 & 18.

NCCC events are all around us, and a complete list can be found at [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org). What we really need is to have a bunch of NMCA members go to other club's 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. Convention registration is now open. The registration price increases after March 15! You can **reserve your room** by visiting [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org), click on **2004 NCCC Convention...**, then **Make Your Stardust Reservation Now** and follow the instructions.

News bites from the National meeting: Call NCCC sponsors and ask for information or quotes, and tell them you are a member of NCCC. We could lose these if they feel we are not using them. Dues for primary members will go up \$5, 9-1-04. Convention 2005 will be in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN and 2006 Orlando, FL @ Disney World. The C6 Corvette will be in classes, 1JS, 1J and 2H, no up or back dating with C5 Z06.

Here is a list of some up-coming NCCC events in our region. Contact me if you have questions or need information about any of these events. ([RsocttLT1@aol.com](mailto:RsocttLT1@aol.com))

*Ron*

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



# General Meeting Minutes

## February 20, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by NMCA President Phil Ellison.
- Phil introduced some new faces: Barbara Morrison, Ken and Justine Anderson, Lydia (who was visiting to see what NMCA was all about) plus welcomed Tim Stanley, a previous member now residing in Florida.
- Under old business Phil thanked Dick for the great job organizing the January caravan to Los Lunas and Belen.
- Phil mentioned that due to the efforts of Shane, Wallace, Steve, Ron and Bob, the autocross location at Santa Ana Star casino was ready to go for the 2/22 event. However, the pavement is thin and may not last as an autocross location; definitely not usable in the heat of summer. The Club still plans to use Santa Ana Star for the SWI event in September. We are also checking out alternative locations, including the Westside Police track.
- Phil also talked about the Corvette Show scheduled at Santa Ana Star, date TBA and an additional show at the Sandia Casino.
- Congratulations to all club members who participated in the Super Nationals. Everyone was a winner!
- Phil mentioned that there were additional calendars for sale and some extra Corvette shirts. (\$32 each)
- Thank you to Derek Larson for hosting the Super Bowl event.
- Under new business: Lori provided a treasurer's report indicating all expenses have been paid.
- David (CIA) had nothing new to report and Ron (Governor) was not in attendance.
- Wallace reminded everyone that there would be a Wallace Bow Day on Saturday, 2/21 at Sandia MotorSports; everyone welcome. This is a high speed racing event and would go on 'rain or shine'.
- Phil shared the story posted on the website about Wallace's trip to the Santa Fe National Cemetery; this story has received the most hits since activation of the new website.
- Phil asked for a show of hands of those planning to attend the upcoming National Convention in Las Vegas, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004.
- The Club members wished Hugh and Tom a very happy birthday.
- Since Dick was not in attendance, Phil shared some of the upcoming future events currently scheduled by the Club. Sunday, February 22, first autocross at Santa Ana Star Casino. Saturday, March 6, bowling party at Starlight Lanes, Santa Ana Star Casino - meet at 5:30, Cosmic bowling starts at 6 p.m. Shoe rental \$2.25, \$22/lane/hr. Food and beverages available. Saturday, March 20, International Dinner at Sandy and Mitch Taylor's; map on the website. Bring a dish for 6-8 people. Sunday, March 21, Mountainair caravan. Saturday, April 3, Albuquerque Drags from 10:30 - 4:30 (\$8-9). Sunday, April 4, Caravan; destination TBA. Bill Jackson will be giving us an update on the scheduled drag race scheduled for May 22. This event will be for NM Corvette Club members only and invited guests. June National Corvette Convention in Las Vegas. Make your room reservations early. July 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, possible overnight trip to Silverton/Durango, Colorado area.
- Phil reported that the Council was working on a plan for disbursement of club funds for the benefit and enhancement of the club: upgrading equipment, lower rates on events, etc. We need your ideas!
- Next Council meeting will be March 9<sup>th</sup> at American Property, 3825 Hawkins @ 6:30 pm. All members welcome to attend.
- We ended the meeting with a drawing for the 3 prizes purchased by the Club. This will be a continuing feature at each meeting.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 with a gathering at the Owl Cafe on Eubank NE.

Respectfully submitted,

*Suzanne*

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary

# Council Meeting Minutes

## March 9, 2004

- Meeting called to order by VP Wallace Bow at 6:35. Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Dick and Lori.
- Phil announced that Bill Jackson had secured a deal with the dragway for a private NMCA event. Cost will be approximately \$250 for a 3 hour block where NMCA and invited guests may participate. Phil also mentioned that he still had no response from Sandia Casino on a date or further details for a CASA/NMCA Corvette show. Ron asked for input on the proposed Silverton, Colorado trip scheduled for July 3-5. Ron will locate more details about lodging fees and how to enter the festivities. After some discussion about the October, November and December events, the Officers decided to table any further discussion until the April meeting.
- The February autocross was discussed, and a decision was made to layout a new course prior to the April 18<sup>th</sup> event at Santa Ana Star. Tentative plans are to set up a less complex course on April 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Phil asked for a vote on the issue of providing members who host social events at their homes to receive a "host award" from NMCA. The proposal passed and will apply to all events hosted in 2004, to include the Super Bowl party which has already occurred.
- The Officers discussed & plan to decide in April on which charity(s) NMCA will donate to in 2004.
- Phil opened discussion on proposed purchases by NMCA in 2004. Everyone agreed that funds should be split between real property for the club and in helping reduce or pay for some event costs. Real property would include things like new cones for racing, stanchions for auto shows and possibly timing gear. Expenses for events could include things like parade entry fees, subsidized Southwest Invitational entry and host awards program. Ron also suggested and the Officers approved the expense to refresh the NMCA Person Of The Year trophy. This trophy has been in the club since 1972, and we are physically out of space for any more names. A second tier is to be added, which should allow space for names for the next 30+ years.
- Phil reopened discussion on how the Tach Times newsletter would be distributed. All Officers agreed that any member who wanted a mailed, hard copy version should be entitled, which has always been club policy. Second, it was agreed to leave Tach Times in the current members only area of the web site, restricted to member access only. This followed a 90 day trial where pros and cons were evaluated. No negative factors were brought up.
- Wallace outlined plans for the 2004 Southwest Invitational. Registration fee will be a flat fee, with all events included for that one fee. Friday and Saturday dinners are tentatively scheduled at Santa Ana Star Casino in Bernalillo. Saturday will again sport rallyes, a funkhana and the like, with Sunday hosting the more aggressive autocross action. Wallace is planning to have 7 sanctioned events. Flyers for SWI will be produced in time for the National Convention. Members who attend will distribute flyers to others, as we will be reaching the exact crowd who participates in these type events. With an attractive registration plan and 7 events, we hope to pick up several out-of-area entrants this year. Event shirts will also be very affordable.
- Phil mentioned that he had been contacted by a Corvette group in California planning to caravan to Albuquerque for the balloon fiesta. NMCA may be able to provide some guidance, suggestions and possibly arrange a joint caravan or gathering with this group, which is expected to be 30+ Corvettes strong.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted for Suzanne by Phil Ellison,

*Suzanne*

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



## What Happened



February 22, 2004 – Autocross

The NMCA 2004 autocross season is officially underway! Sunday February 22nd was a picture perfect day, with temps in the low 50's, clear sky, dry pavement, bright sun and only a slight breeze. 10 Corvettes plus a DeLorean participated in our season opener at our new location. Santa Ana Star Casino afforded a lot of pavement capable of many course configurations. The day was not without a few troubles however.

Upon our arrival we found one Wal-Mart 18 wheeler parked in the middle of the track we'd set up. Another semi cab also presented a problem. Luckily, we were able to roust these drivers and have them move their rigs without incident. Security was also left without a memo about our activity, which resulted in a visit by a few "interested" casino security guards. The next minor issue came when drivers took to the course. In an attempt to maximize the area available, we set up a fairly sprawling autocross course. This resulted in a sea of orange cones, which in turn resulted in a number of DNF during the first session. After going through the gates a few times and watching others navigate the track, all drivers began completing the course, and working on shaving their times down.

Overall a very successful outing, with plenty of runs and nobody suffering a mechanical failure. Three autocrosses were conducted during this day, and we anticipate returning on Sunday April 18th for another round of fun and excitement. A new course layout will probably be investigated to minimize the "sea of cones" issue we faced on this last race day. Thank you to all who participated, helped out and came out as spectators. Members should check the photo album for shots from this event.

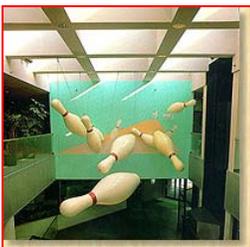
(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



March 6, 2004 – Bowling Extravaganza

15 serious, and not-so-serious NMCA bowlers (some may say "pinheads") convened Saturday evening March 6th at the Santa Ana Star Casino "Starlight" bowling lanes to have a ball. And that's exactly what happened. After a short delay so that we could get adjoining lanes, bowling shoes were donned and teams were selected. A coin toss formed the two teams, and the action began. The first game saw some brilliant talent along with some first-timer moves by almost everyone! The end of game one found the two teams in a virtual dead heat, with Team Jackson winning by a total of just 3 pins (791-788). Everybody improved on the second game, and Team Haydu took top honors, but only by 14 pins (847-833). The end result however was a truly fun, entertaining 2+ hour evening for under \$20 per couple. Photos are posted in the members area on the web site. Some items worthy of note are: high game for the night was captured by Phil Ellison with a 180 (closely followed by Ken Anderson with a 178). Steve Haydu managed a string of 4 strikes in a row, and while everyone seemed to slip and slide, only Ron Scott actually polished the floor with this shirt back! Another fun event showing that NMCA Corvette members are just plain cool, even when they aren't behind the wheel.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)





## Event Planner



- 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.*
- Mar 21**      **NMCA Caravan**  
*Mountainair is the destination and you are the reason! Meet at Smith's (Tramway & Central) at 11:45. Caravan departs at noon sharp. We'll head east on old Rt 66 to start this adventure. Dick Youngdale has arranged lunch at a historic hotel, along with a short but informative history lesson about the hotel, and Mountainair itself. Another possible special "greeting" may await us if final details are secured in time. Return trip after lunch will probably be via I-25. This was a blast last year, and there is no reason it won't be equally as fun this year. In 2003 we lined the streets (not many in Mountainair) with Corvettes, and caused quite a stir. Perhaps we can talk Shane into providing another wash 7 wax demo, which was truly a "not to miss" informative 45 minutes last year.*
- April 3**      **Drag Strip Action**  
*Not a true NMCA event, but an invitation to dust off the helmet and put the petal to the metal. Gates open at 10:30 and racing is full tilt until 4:30. Entry fee is normal gate charge, believed to be \$8-\$10. NMCA can certainly pair off and run against each other. This is an ideal opportunity to get a feel for the track prior to the NMCA private drag event of May 22<sup>nd</sup>.*
- April 4**      **NMCA Caravan**  
*Destination unknown at printing time. A membership vote will determine specifics during the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Details will be posted immediately on the web site events section.*

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

The above is a list of NMCA and related events scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar at [www.nmcorvette.org](http://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](http://www.nmcorvette.org). Applicable forms will be available at NMCA general meetings as well.



## Member News



## New Additions To The Family

***Ken & Justina Anderson***

**1975 Red Convertible**



***Barbara Morrison***

**2001 Silver Coupe**



***Mike & Catherine Ragsdale***

**1965 Tan Roadster**



Ken, Justina & Barbara attended the February general meeting, and felt the club would be a good fit for their needs, and joined on the spot. Barbara then went on to win one of the three door prizes for the evening. Not a bad way to start in a club! All three new members came out and helped conduct the autocross on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Team players and excited about the future . . . exactly the kind of members we like to see! Mike and Catherine reside in Los Alamos and are returning members to NMCA. We anticipate seeing them several times throughout the coming year. Welcome to all, to NMCA!

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



## Happy Birthday

### March

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

### April

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



## Happy Anniversary

### March

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

### April

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

*May you enjoy many more happy years!*





# Web Wisdom



First off, many stories get published to the home page of [www.nmcorvette.org](http://www.nmcorvette.org). The most recent story will always be the first story or story on top. The home page is set up to hold 5 stories, which will make your initial load time quicker. But, if you go back to view a previous story and can't find it on the home page, simply go to the index area and select "previous stories" to see a complete list of everything ever published to the home page.

The next page has solid information from NMCA member Stuart Gorelick, who just happens to own Sandia Computers. Stu has offered to share a few tips each month. Your feedback will be greatly appreciated as to these informational pieces. Do you want more technical, or less technical? Stu may even be up for Q & A, so shoot your questions to [info@nmcorvette.org](mailto:info@nmcorvette.org), and in the subject line put 'ask Stu'.

## Tach Times Info:

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



# Web Wisdom by Stu



**TIP TIME WITH STUART BROUGHT TO YOU BY SANDIA COMPUTERS**

**3625 Wyoming NE, Albuquerque (505) 332-7777 [www.sandiacomputers.com](http://www.sandiacomputers.com)**

Love those beepin' caps: If you find yourself occasionally typing in the cracks between the keys and accidentally turning on the Caps Lock, I've got a beepin' good tip for you: Click **My Computer > Control Panel > Accessibility Options** and select **ToggleKeys**, located on the Keyboard tab. By turning on this option, you'll hear a beep if you inadvertently hit the Caps Lock, Scroll Lock, Num Nuts keys.

If you can't locate the Accessibility Options, it's possible these features were not installed on your system. To install them, you'll need your Windows installation CD. Click **My Computer > Control Panel > Add/Remove Programs**.

Click the **Windows Setup** tab and wait while Windows checks your system for installed components. Under **Components**, select **Accessibility**, then click the **Details** button. Select **Accessibility Options and Accessibility Tools**. Click **OK** twice, and insert your installation disk when asked.

So if you sometimes suffer from the banana-fingers syndrome and just can't seem to hit the right keys, ToggleKeys will provide a helpful, audible safeguard.

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When you're working on a project that requires multiple programs, it can be annoying to have to open each of your development programs manually each time you boot your computer. For instance, if you're designing a website, you may need your web browser, FTP client, text editor, telnet session, and/or html editor. And you definitely don't want to put these into your startup group, because you don't want them to run every time you turn your computer on. But it is common to use them together with certain projects.

Here's how you create a single icon that will instruct all of these applications to start together. First, you're going to create a batch file on your desktop. Yes, a batch file. Remember those from the days of DOS? For the beginners, this is just a text file with a .BAT extension so Windows knows to execute the commands line-by-line as if you had typed them into the command-prompt yourself.

Right-click on this file and choose Edit. This will open the file for editing with Notepad. Now, we're going to type in the word "start" followed by a space, then two quotation marks, followed by a space, then another quotation mark, then the full path and filename to the program that needs to be opened, and finally another quotation mark.

The first command, start, is the DOS command to launch a program in a new window. The first parameter, the two quotes, contains the title of the new window. This really only applies for opening new DOS windows, so we just leave it blank. The second parameter is the program that you want to launch. For more details and features of the start command, simply open a DOS window and type start /?.

Simply continue adding one line using this format for each program, and then close your batch file once you've completed. Double-clicking on this file, which you can place on your desktop, will now instruct Windows to open all of these programs. Because Windows is doing all of these tasks at once, each individual program may take more time to load, but less of your time sitting there and waiting for one program to open so you can open the next. The overall result is a net time, and aggravation, savings.

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

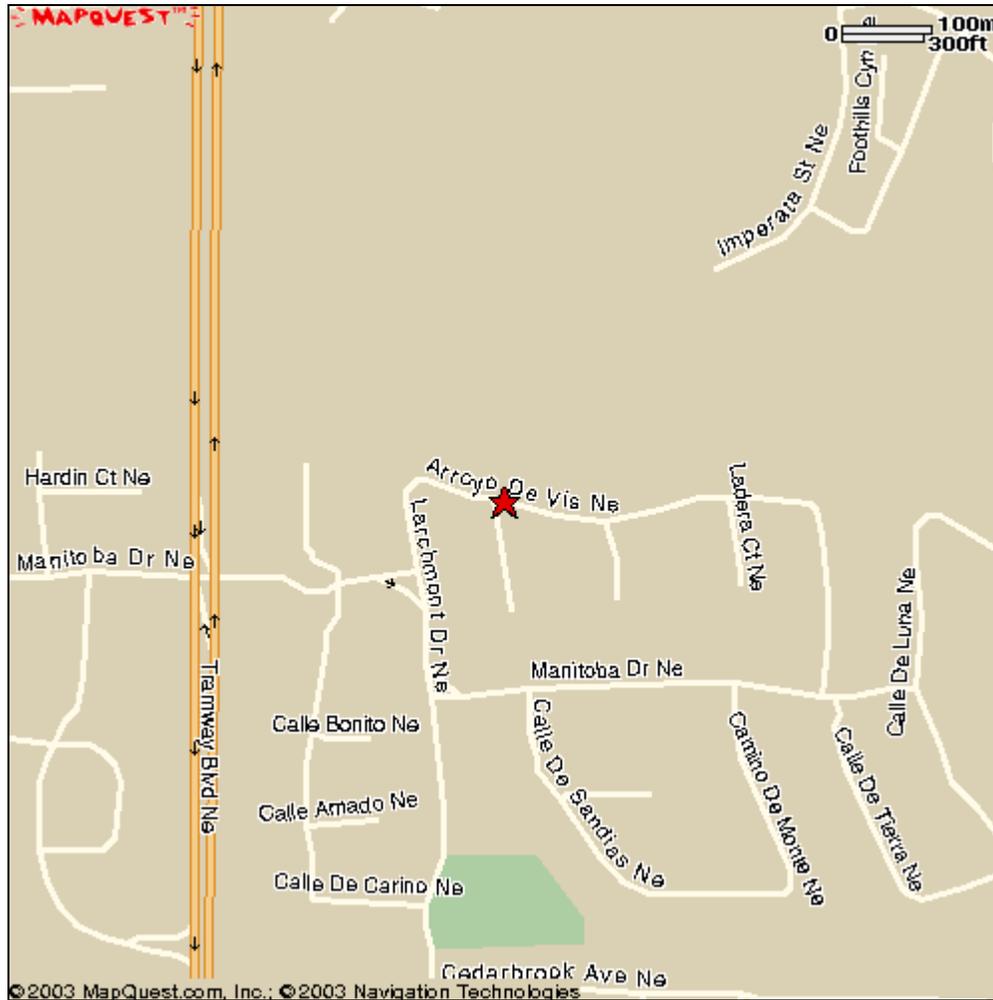
# Ouch . . . And Ouch Again



Ask Wallace for the gory details behind this photo. Note: the editor had a very difficult time displaying this image. Virtually every instinct was to run away and hide, but being the true journalist that I am, I feel compelled to deliver the facts, no matter how brutal. I apologize if weaker individuals cry or have nightmares as a result. I only hope it was one hell of a run!



# 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

## 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)**

- 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



# 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.**



## Get Well Soon

**e-mail rec'd 3/12/04**

Dear Phil & NMCA friends,

Things are going very well for us here in Cleveland. I am ahead of schedule and eating soft foods along with my feeding tube. I had baked fish for dinner last night. We go back to the doctor on March 18 and he may remove the feeding tube at that time. If he does, we should be able to leave first of April. We will keep you informed. Thanks again for all our thoughts and prayers . . . they are working!

Your friends in Cleveland, Al and Ella Colman



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

