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May 2004



This is why we sign waivers at autocross events! (Mitch runs timing - 4/18/04)



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About NMCA

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

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

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General Information

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

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



NMCA Officers



Elected:

President:

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

Vice President:

Wallace Bow
NMCA member since 2001
1990 Convertible

Governor:

Ron Scott
NMCA member since 1976
1970 Coupe & 1985 Coupe

Treasurer:

Lori Jordan
NMCA member since 2002
2001 Convertible & 2003 Convertible

Secretary:

Suzanne Monroy
NMCA member since 2003
2002 Z06

Activities:

Dick Youngdale
NMCA member since 2002
1972 Convertible & 2002 Z06

Appointed:

Membership:

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

CIA & Webmaster:

David Judd
NMCA member since 1979
2002 Coupe

Tech:

Rich Mleczo
NMCA member since 1983
1975 Convertible

Newsletter:

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

NMCCC Rep:

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

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



The Driver's Seat

NMCA President, Phil Ellison



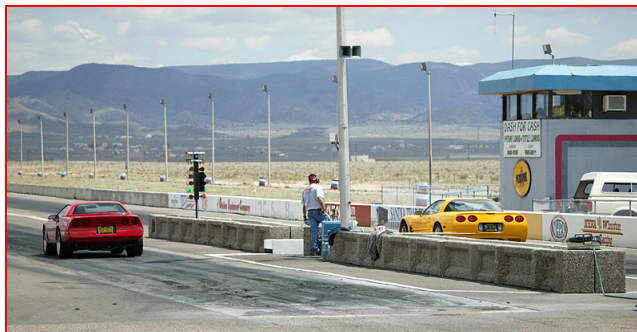
How many times have you been first at a stoplight, plenty of good straight pavement ahead, nobody else around, and you stomp it, praying there isn't a cop hiding out somewhere? It's a real rush. If you say you haven't done this before, either you're lying, or you need to live life a little closer to the edge!

Changing gears slightly, think back to a time when you were at an amusement park, and you saw a little boy or girl absolutely in love with a ride. They just sat on the same ride turn after turn after turn. No amount of coaxing by the parents could pry that kid's butt off the ride.

Now, what do the two above items have in common? Me and Saturday April 24th. Along with a few other NMCA members, I ventured onto the drag strip for the first time on the 24th, and I instantly became that kid on the merry-go-round. 29 runs in just over 2 hours. I had an absolute ball. After the first hour, each time I lined up I told myself that I'd bring it in and take a breather after this run . . . but as soon as I got my timing slip after the run, I felt I could do just a little better and elected to go just once more. This continued for another 60 straight minutes! And my oh my, what a workhorse that C-5 is. While other cars would run 2 or 3 trips then need to cool off, the C-5 never tired and just kept delivering pure open throttle fun. I won half, I lost half, and the other half I can't recall, but the important factor this day was the experience gained. I can only imagine what a craving is like to a crack addict, but I think I discovered my own addiction on this warm sunny afternoon. What a ball. I couldn't stop smiling, nor could I stop making one more run. I was my own competitor, and I had a time to beat. And yes, I managed to beat the time threshold I set for myself.

In all honesty, if you can hold the steering wheel straight and stomp on the gas, you qualify for a full afternoon of fun on May 22nd when NMCA reserves the drag strip for our own private party. Do not feel intimidated. Go as fast or as slow as you feel comfortable. Here's another example to consider: Stuart Gorelick and Maryellen Gibbons were among the gang on this Saturday. They had never been on a drag strip before. Both pulled up to the line, stomped the gas, and had 14 seconds of sheer excitement and fun. Both were smiling ear to ear. I don't know what other words to use to convince you that you absolutely must give this a try on the 22nd. Sure, some of the seasoned drag racers have strategies and added confidence, but for the rest of us who just want the thrill of open throttle without the fear of a ticket, the drag strip offers exactly what is required. And as almost anyone will tell you, drag racing is a lot less taxing on your Corvette compared to autocrossing. I can virtually guarantee you'll enjoy the rush of making a run down the quarter mile. The only problem that may occur is that you'll find you're addicted to drag racing like me. I truly hope to see each and every one of you actively participating on the 22nd. Be sure to say hi to me early on, because I already know that once I strap in, I'm in for the duration! Vroom Vroom!

Phil



The Navigator

NMCA VP, Wallace Bow



Hey everyone, it's your friendly neighborhood Vice President. The number two guy. Numero dos. There's nothing wrong with being number two and somebody's got to do it. Still, it will eventually give you a complex if you are *consistently* number two. Let me tell you where I'm going with this.

April 18th. Two autocross events at Santa Ana Star. My C4 is loaded for bear (or Z06) with the sticky Hoosiers and is ready to rumble. I've got an advantage on the rest of the field because I test drove the track yesterday and it's tricky, really tricky. Sure, I still have my drag racing alignment on the back tires which will loosen me up a little bit coming off the corners, but I am liking my chances here.

In the morning session, I lay down several solid 39's and it feels fast. I beg Al Colman to ballast my right hand side a little with a ride along. Sure, she weighs 3900 lbs. and doesn't ride all that well over the rough parking lot, but this girl is a rocket! Many cars end up eating my metaphorical brake dust in the first session, but I still end up 2nd to Ron Scott's supernatural 38 second circuit.

Fine, I've still got another shot in the afternoon session. The distance between slalom cones is stretched to make the technical section of the track a little easier and the afternoon times should be faster. I break into the 38's, but Shane LeMon rips several 37's and once again, victory eludes. To add insult to injury, I've worn through to the cords on the right front. I think a new set of A3S04's might be in store for the Southwest Invitational.

Fast forward to April 24th. It's not a great day for drag racing, but at least the track's not under water like last time. I've dumped the Hoosiers for my regular street tires on the front and bolted a set of ultragoosey BF Goodrich TA Drag Radials in the rear. Several C5s have also converged on the strip to do battle with me. Good news for me, though: There's not a single Z06 badge in sight. Now, my '90 has the underwhelming L-98 small block in it. The intake runners look like an amusement park roller coaster ride, which is hardly conducive to airflow. I've tricked it out over time, though, and with the cold air intake, bigger throttle body, ported plenum, runners and heads, plus a Comp camshaft and Hooker headers, I've bumped the 240 stock horsepower to just north of 300. At least my horsepower deficit will be limited to 50 or so compared with the C5's in attendance. The torquey L-98, a 3.73 gear and a 2600 stall converter in the 700-R4 automatic transmission means that even Z06es will be treated to a view of my 4 round taillights for the first few hundred feet of the drag strip. Is it enough to stay out front, though?

Several rounds ensue. I'm the fastest with a 13.98 @ 97 miles per hour. The C5s are all in the low 14's at speeds of up to 106 mph! Darn their horsepower and weight advantage! I should have removed my spare tire. I should have taken out the passenger seat. I should have skipped breakfast! Phil Ellison is about 20 milliseconds behind me with an agonizingly-close-to-thirteen-but-not-quite 14.001 second pass. We match race a few laps side by side. His car closes the gap frighteningly at the far end of the track with a 106 mph charge each time, but I'm able to hold on. It looks like today is finally my day.

Phil decides to make one more run before calling it a day. I'm at the pizza shack with a celebratory Mountain Dew and am preparing to do the Michael Schumacher crowd spray as Phil launches on his final run. I know that his eighth mile time was 9.27 on his previous runs and the queasy feeling in the pit of my stomach has nothing to do with the greasy pepperoni I've consumed and everything to do with the 9.21 that just flashed on the scoreboard clock in Phil's lane. Less than five seconds later, my worst fear is realized: Phil goes 13.96 and is the fastest 'Vette of the day. I'm number two. Again. High performance roller-tipped rocker arms are my upgrade before the May 22nd race, but I don't think I'll be challenging for the fastest time during that event. Why? My dad says that he'll be down to make a few exhibition passes; I'll be five whole seconds off of the pace. Still, if you get a chance, head out to the strip to see a thousand-horsepower Corvette suck the venom out of a few Vipers. It'll be fun!

Wallace

Governor's Corner

NMCA Governor, Ron Scott



June 5th trip to NCCC Convention - The group traveling to NCCC Convention 2004 in Las Vegas, NV will meet at the Chevron station on Central Ave. at Paseo del Valcon, June 5, 2004. Planned departure time is 6:00am. Exit I-40 westbound onto Paseo del Volcan; turn left (south) to Central. The Chevron station is across Central on the left. This is a group of people traveling together.

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

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

After our last 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.

Pricing for rooms at Cascade Village plus 7/3 trip details are listed on page 18 of this newsletter.

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

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)

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)

Ron



General Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2004

- Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Phil Ellison.
- Janet introduced some new faces: Wayne, Craig, Bill & Cindy, and welcome back Al and Ella Colman.
- Under old business: Phil thanked Dick for the great job organizing the March caravan and Luis for the photo; again our thanks go to Derek Larson for hosting the Super Bowl party and Mitch and Sandi Taylor for opening up their home for the International dinner. Gift certificates have been presented to both for their generosity.
- Lori had nothing new to report regarding the club finances. However she did mention the new website where members can purchase items with the club logo and she showed us the shirts she had ordered online.
- Ron mentioned that the deadline for registration for competition events for the National Corvette Convention in Las Vegas, is May 1; if you haven't made hotel reservations, he said that the host hotel is booked already. He mentioned that a group would be leaving for LV together; contact either Ron Scott or Wallace Bow for time and location of departure. He also suggested the Milagro Restaurant for our annual Awards Banquet on 12/11/04. The El Pinto Mexican restaurant was also suggested. Members present voted and decided on the Milagro. Ron also talked about the overnight trip for the Silverton Parade on the July 4th weekend. He talked about prices for rooms at the Cascade Village Condos and that we should probably commit to the Cascade by May. A group plans to leave for Colorado around 9 am on Saturday, 7/3 and return on Monday, 7/5.
- Under new business: Wallace gave members additional information regarding ordering on the new website (www.cafeshops.com/NMCA). He mentioned that 100 new cones have been purchased and will be here soon. He also showed us a printout of our logo for a possible new lapel pin which may be provided to members and possibly placed in the new members packets.
- Phil showed us the new member packet and described the contents. He also asked members to think about who could take over the Tach Times publication duties for the club. He asked the members to think about layouts for the annual photo shoot. A Zia design/shape was suggested. We are checking into having the picture taken at the Balloon Fiesta location; we are awaiting confirmation from both the City of ABQ and the Balloon Fiesta folks. This photo shoot will possibly happen in mid-August. Phil also talked about some of the additional upcoming future events currently scheduled by the Club: Saturday - 4/24 - drag racing ; starts 10:30 - regular gate admission, 5/1 - Saturday - parade in Truth or Consequences - meet @ 6, leave @ 6:15 a.m. from the SW corner of the PIT. Members of the El Paso Corvette Club plan to meet us in T or C. Saturday - 5/22 - Drag Race is scheduled (we have exclusive use from 2:30 to 5:30). No fee! Bring drinks, snacks, etc. There will be no concessions available. We've invited other car clubs to join us. 5/23 - Sunday - Caravan; possible location is Cochiti Lake for a picnic. 6/5 - 11 - Las Vegas, National Corvette Convention. 7/3-5, weekend trip to Silverton/Durango, Colorado area. We plan to participate in the Silverton Parade on Sunday, July 4th. Saturday - 7/17 - we've added a bowling party @ Santa Ana Star Casino - starting time is 5:30. 7/29-8/1 - Breckenridge, Colorado; Vettes on the Rockies @ the Beaver Run Resort and Convention Center. Check the website (www.lgcacorvette.org) for details. Saturday - 8/21 - our First Annual Progressive BBQ - possible photo shoot on the same day? Place and time TBA. If you have concerns regarding the weather for any upcoming events, call 343-4000 ext. 4.
- Next Council meeting will be May 11 at American Property, 3825 Hawkins at 6:30 pm. All members welcome to attend.
- We ended the meeting with a drawing for some prizes purchased by the Club and donated by CASA.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 with a gathering at the Owl Cafe on Eubank NE.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Ellison for Suzanne,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary

Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2004

- Meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace Bow @ 6:35. Officers in attendance were Phil, Wallace, David, Ron, Suzanne, Dick, and Lori.
- Wallace stated that the 100 cones ordered by the club arrived and had been paid for. Phil made a motion that the council approve allotting some of the old cones to Mr. Wallace Bow Sr. The motion was seconded and approved.
- Wallace also talked about the t-shirts for the SWI in September. The cost for the shirts with the screen image would be \$8 ea; a motion was made to forward the deposit for the order, the motion was seconded and approved.
- Wallace suggested that we consider additional sites for convening after the general meetings; Wallace suggested Sonic (Montano & Edith) and Phil suggested the Food Bungalow (Candelaria & Eubank) as possible locations.
- Under New Business: Wallace proposed that the Council meetings begin promptly @ 6:30 p.m. and end @ 8 p.m. All members in attendance agreed. He also brought up the fact that the Council needs to adhere to Roberts Rules of Order during our meetings.
- Phil passed around the sample flier for the SWI and asked the Council members for input ; the cost for 500 would be approximately \$150. These fliers would be sent out to those on our regular mailing list and taken to Las Vegas for the Corvette Convention the first week of June.
- Phil also stated that he was looking into the cost for plastic chain stanchions; they are light weight and the stands can be filled with sand or water. Color would be determined later.
- Phil said that the Balloon Fiesta organization and the City of Albuquerque had joint jurisdiction over the grounds at the Balloon Fiesta field; the City Council was meeting May 11th to determine if the club should be charged a fee for use of this location for our annual photo shoot. The approximate date would be sometime in mid-August. It was determined that we would probably seek an alternate location if there is a fee involved.
- Ron told the Council that the Big Daddy Car Show would be held 6/20 at Sunland, New Mexico.
- Ron advised he had received a contract from Cascade Village with the lower group room rates for the Durango/Silverton trip on the July 4th weekend; these rates are posted on the website. If you cancel prior to 24 hours before your arrival date, you receive a full refund. However, the reduced room rates will not apply if we do not reserve at least 5 rooms.
- Phil then talked about the upcoming 5/23 caravan; Cochiti Lake did not work out and possible locations were discussed. The final decision will be presented at the next General meeting.
- Wallace noted that there would be a discussion on how a caravan should be properly conducted. He also stated that this information should be added to our Standing Rules as an addendum.
- Finally, attending Executive Council members were notified that several complaints had been lodged by various club members, and a formal investigation was conducted by Vice President Wallace Bow, into an incident which occurred during the May 1st caravan to Truth or Consequences involving conduct unbecoming of/by a club member, Rich Mleczko. The incident particulars were presented to those Council members who were not in attendance on 5/1 by Wallace Bow the investigating officer. Details were discussed, including eyewitness accounts. Under Article 7, Section D.1., it was unanimously agreed upon by the six Council members present (a legal quorum) that there was sufficient cause to bring forth to the General meeting a motion to censure/dismiss Rick Mleczko, from the New Mexico Corvette Association. President Phil Ellison, excused himself and left the building during this discussion, as he was directly involved in this incident. Immediately after the General meeting on May 21st the Executive Council members will vote on the charge to be executed as voted on/determined by the Club members. Those Council members unable to attend will be allowed to vote by proxy.
- Wallace adjourned the meeting at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



What Happened



April 18th – NMCA Autocross

NMCA conducted the second autocross of 2004 on Sunday April 18th at Santa Ana Star Casino. The day started with cooler temps and a little breeze, but that didn't interfere with the fun and excitement. 11 Corvettes got involved and burned up the clock on a newly laid out course. Fewer cones and a slightly shorter course made for times in the :37-:50 range. Three autocross groups were run, beginning at 10:30 and ending shortly after 3 pm. This was a dry run for the SWI autocross day, and the procedures used seemed to work effectively and should provide for a smooth SWI event, although we did identify a few areas to improve upon. Shane LeMon took FTD honors plus this day was special in the fact that Al Colman was able to rejoin the gang and run hard just 10 weeks after major surgery.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



April 24th – Drag Race Action

A handful of members turned out for a non-NMCA event at the Albuquerque Drag Strip. The day was clear, warm and calm. There couldn't have been more than 20 cars total conducting runs, so it was like a private track. A great opportunity to log a little quarter mile time. Thanks goes out to Luis DeBonoPaula for snapping some amazing photos. Thanks also to Wallace for providing helpful hints and explaining some of the etiquette to the newer entrants (including yours truly).

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)



May 1st – Truth or Consequences Caravan, Parade & Car Show

19 . . . count'em, 19 Corvettes graced Truth or Consequences on this Saturday morning. 11 NMCA members plus 8 very enjoyable El Paso Corvette Club members met in T or C to entertain the crowd and have a little car show fun. While the hour long parade pleased the locals, there was a slight miscommunication regarding changed plans for the car show. This resulted in our Corvettes, plus 4 other stray vehicles being the only participants at Ralph Edwards Park. Seems the car show had been moved to a new location, but the Fiesta organizers failed to spread the word effectively. Even the town Mayor showed up with the Corvettes, and was scratching his head as to why there were no vendors, entertainers or a real car show! Still, NMCA and the El Paso gang had a chance to swap stories and plan future events opportunities.

(Submitted by Phil Ellison)





Event Planner



- May 21** **NMCA General Meeting**
CASA Chevrolet, 7 pm
- May 22** **Private Drag Strip Action**
NMCA has the Albuquerque drag strip reserved from 2:30 pm until about 5:30 when gates open to the public. No fee for NMCA members. Drag strip personnel will be on duty to work the tower, starter position and provide time results. This should be an extremely fun afternoon, with plenty of time to drag race your heart out. Once the public gates open we are free to stay as long as desired. Helmets required for cars running faster than 13.0 and all convertibles. Tech inspection required for all entered cars.
- May 23** **NMCA Caravan**
Meet at Lowe's, Paseo & I-25 at 11:45 and depart at high noon. We'll head north to Santa Fe, then north some more to Embudo Landing, a scenic spot south of Pillar, NM. Bring a lawn chair, a camera and a brown bag lunch. There are a couple of possible restaurants to purchase from, but whether they're open now or not isn't known 100%.
- Jun 5-11** **NCCC National Convention**
Details on page 16. Plan to caravan with NMCA. Contact Ron Scott re: caravan details.
- Jun 8** **NMCA Council Meeting**
6:30 pm
- Jun 13** **NMCA Caravan**
Destination still being decided, however plan on a fun filled afternoon with Corvettes, scenic roads and good people.

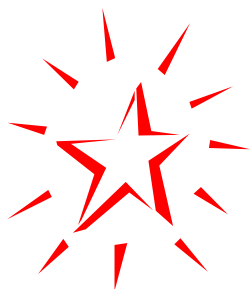
The above is a list of NMCA and related events scheduled. Be sure to check the calendar at www.nmcorvette.org for an expanded list of activities involving other car clubs within the area. Contact information for each is supplied with the event description, if known. As with any event, prior to attending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

Bill Shiffrar

1973 Red Coupe



Another "new addition" to the family . . . check out Lori Jordan's fantastic new hood. Awesome!





Happy Birthday

May

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

June

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



Happy Anniversary

May

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

June

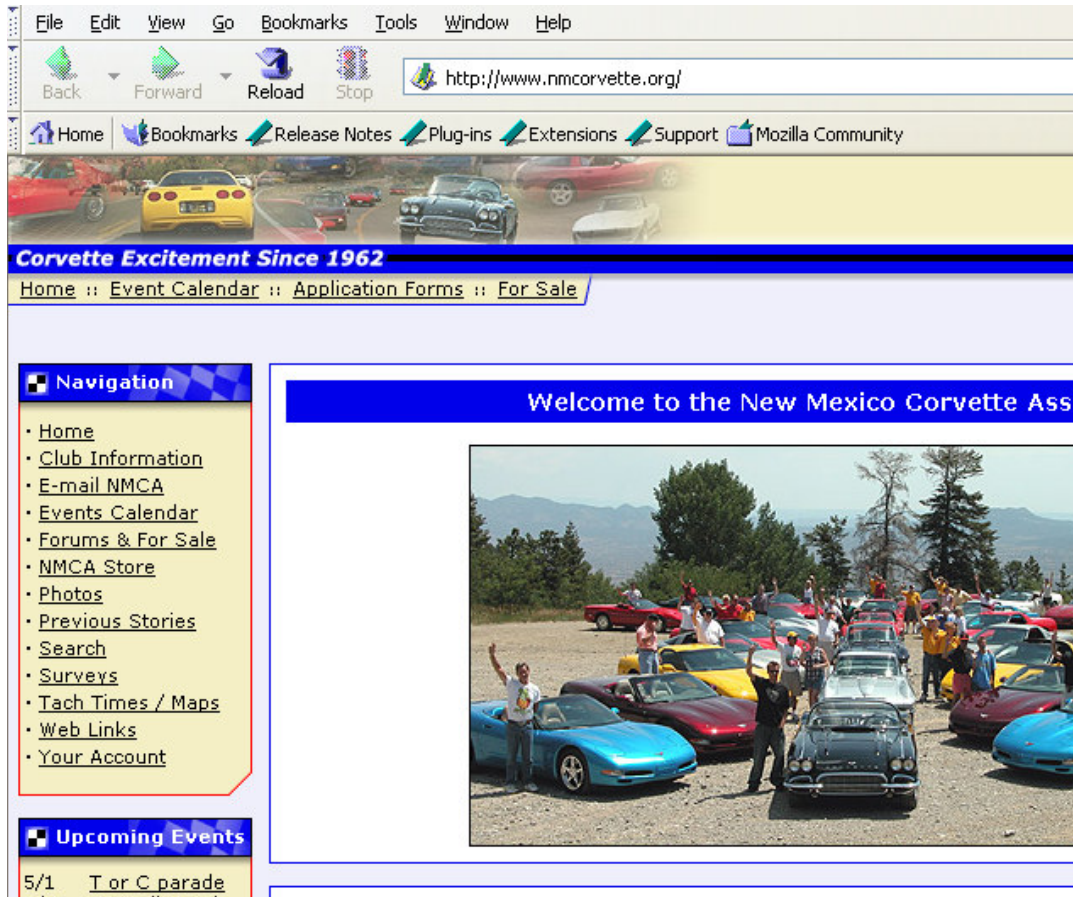
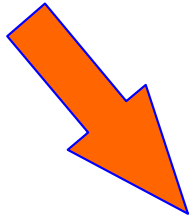
Mitch & Sandi Taylor – 6/5/74
Bill & Barbara Jackson – 6/6/70
Marcus & Brenda Bunting – 6/10/67
Larry & Lori Jordan – 6/10/98
Steve & Jean Haydu – 6/14/97
Bob DuBois – 6/15/95
Douglas Dildy & Annie – 6/19/76
Ken & Justina Anderson – 6/22/02

May you enjoy many more happy years!





Web Wisdom



The main index in the upper left hand area of the home page is your key to the entire web site. With very short descriptions, you may very well find additional information at each location. For example, under "Club Information" you'll find membership applications AND, this is where you'll be able access your Southwest Invitational application (anticipated to be posted in June). We've discussed Events, Photos and Previous Stories in earlier editions of Tach Times. The "Tach Times / Maps" index link will provide you with access to NMCA Competition Points standings, NCCC web links and the NMCA membership list in addition to Tach Times and event maps. I invite you to check out the Forums and begin to make good use of this area. You must be logged in to post comments or questions into any Forum other than For Sale and Wanted. Anybody can post to these two areas, with restrictions on what can be posted. "Your Account" is where you'll update your own unique account. If your e-mail changes, be sure to update this area. You can also slightly customize your own home page. Check out this link. Finally, the newest link within this index is the "NMCA Store". This will take you directly to the NMCA web ordering site where you can see photos and descriptions of merchandise available with the NMCA logo. Order 1, or 101. No longer must we wait until we have a minimum order. FYI, NMCA has not marked up any merchandise on this site. The reports from members who have already made purchases is generally positive, with speedy order delivery time.



Web Wisdom by Stu



TIP TIME WITH STUART BROUGHT TO YOU BY SANDIA COMPUTERS

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

Stu was unable to meet deadline this month due to the need to fix other people's computers! Imagine that . . . putting work BEFORE the Tach Times! Give Stu a listen on Saturday mornings, and call in (like Wallace did) if you know the answer to their trivia questions.

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

In place of Stuart's article, how about a picture of Stu breaking the speed limit on April 24th!



Photo by Luis DeBonoPaula

Red Vette Anyone?

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

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

Attention "Red Vettes"-

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

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

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

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

Thanks for your time.....Rocky Pearson





Hey NCCC Members Feeling Lucky?

<http://www.vette.org/LasVegas2004.htm>

Time Is Running Out – Register Today!

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)

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

An important note about events & changes to planned schedules:

With questionable weather conditions for a planned caravan, the “Event Line” is a fast way to update members of the latest developments. No need for a large calling committee, as members can dial in and get the news for themselves. Please don’t leave messages on this line, as nobody will be retrieving these on a regular basis.

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

July 2004 info

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

Properties and Group Rates

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

Cascade Village

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

*Max. Occ. Utilizes queen sleeper sofas

** These discounted rates do not include 13.5% tax

Group Types

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

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

Deposit and Cancellation Policy:

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

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

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

Holidays

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

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

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

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

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Non-NMCA Autocross Dates

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.**



April 24th: Maryellen awaits her turn to drag race at the Albuquerque Drag Strip.
Can you tell she's having a good time? (Photo: Luis DeBonoPaula)

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

Just In - Late Breaking News

- Balloon Fiesta Park will not be the site of this year's NMCA club photo shoot. After several week's of negotiation, the City finally offered a reduced price of just \$250 for the privilege of allowing 30+ Corvettes to sit on their grass for a couple hours. NMCA kindly declined the offer and will locate another venue. The Golf Academy co-located at the same location has indicated that they may be interested in allowing their area to be used for our photo shoot. Stay tuned!



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

