

# Tach Times

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## Event Planner

January 21	NMCA General meeting – CASA Chevrolet – 7pm
January 28-30	Super National Custom Auto Show – Expo New Mexico
February 6	NMCA Super Bowl blow-out - location TBA – no fee
February 8	NMCA Council meeting
February 18	NMCA General meeting – CASA Chevrolet – 7pm
February 20	NMCA Caravan – destination TBD
March 8	NMCA Council meeting
March 18	NMCA General meeting – CASA Chevrolet – 7pm

Complete details of all above listed events can be viewed at [www.nmcorvette.org](http://www.nmcorvette.org) in the events calendar pages.  
505-343-0400 ext 4 is the NMCA “event line” for late developments on scheduled events (do not leave message)  
To contact NMCA – [info@nmcorvette.org](mailto:info@nmcorvette.org)



## "Driver's Seat" - a message from the NMCA President

OK. I'm driving home from work Friday. It's the end of a long week and I'm just trying to get home without having to think about too much. About two blocks ahead of me, a red car rolls through the intersection, going east towards one of the exits on the Air Force base. This car isn't just red, it's RED. My eyes lock on immediately and the automatic target recognition system in my head springs into action. A second later, the result is in. "Ferrari,!" I follow it. The tail-on view reveals more information. It's not a Ferrari; it's a C6, the first one I've seen on the road that's wearing my favorite color. I've got to get a closer look at this thing.

Traffic crawls on Eubank at 5:30 and I'm able to come within 50 feet of the shiny new 'Vette. But then it makes a couple of lane changes that I can't and by the time I cross Central, it's gone. However, I'm convinced...It will be mine – oh, yes – it will be mine.....but now for the real message.....

Hey everybody! It's a new year and the first item of business is to fill the calendar with smorgasbord of Corvettilicious events for you to choose from. (Amazingly, my spell checker claims that "Corvettilicious" is not a word!) Stuart was off and running by the first council meeting, filling the calendar with social events and caravans. Expect tons of new destinations and fun stuff to do throughout the year.

Racing fans will also not be disappointed with this year's schedule of go-fast events. Of course, we'll head to Santa Ana Star for some laps around their parking lot and we'll have more than our share of trips out to the drag strip, as well. The Porsche club has contacted me about renewing an old, traditional rivalry: The Corvette-Porsche Challenge! (Also known as the Porsche-Corvette challenge, depending on which club you belong to). Details are going to be hammered out this weekend, but it looks like it will be held at Sandia Motorsports Park and will likely involve running the full road course!

It's going to be a great year! I'll see you out there, possibly in a red 2006 Z06 convertible by the end of the year!

Wallace



## "The Navigator" - a message from the NMCA Vice-President

### From out of the Red Mist...

It's going to be a fun and exciting year, the new board is fired up and ready to get going. We're looking forward, with Stu's help, to a variety of activities and events and all we ask for is participation. So, start prepping your cars and bring your enthusiasm to the next meeting. See you there...Save the Wave

*Jack*



## News You Can Use

Decision 2004 is complete. Here are your NMCA Officers and leadership for 2005:

- President – Wallace Bow (approximately 3 years involvement)
- Vice-President – Jack Richards (approximately 5 years involvement)
- Treasurer – Lori Jordan (approximately 3 years involvement)
- Secretary – Suzanne Monroy (approximately 2 years involvement)
- Governor – Ron Scott (approximately 29 years involvement)
- Activities – Stuart Gorelick (approximately 2 years involvement)
- CIA – David Judd - (approximately 26 years involvement)
- NMCCC – Bill Jackson (approximately 14 years involvement)
- Editor/Web – Phil Ellison (approximately 5 years involvement)
- Membership & Tech positions remain to be filled at publication time.

Check out [www.nmcorvette.org](http://www.nmcorvette.org) for exciting news from CASA Chevrolet concerning referral payments & C-6 Corvette offers. Anyone who mentions NMCA as the reason they visit CASA Chevrolet, and then goes on to purchase any new or used vehicle, will receive an instant \$200 cash referral award. Tell all your friends!



## NMCA Welcomes



### *Doug Bird & Annie Jaques*



### 1978 Pace Car

Welcome our newest members for 2005!

### NMCA Birthdays



### & Anniversaries



- Fred Haack – 1/1
- Darla Straka – 1/7
- Justina Anderson – 1/16
- Bob Becker – 1/24
- Luella Curzi – 2/6
- Lori Jordan – 2/7
- Scott Frankel – 2/11
- Jim Straka – 2/11
- Sara Mleczko – 2/18
- Ken Anderson – 2/19
- Hubert Monroy – 2/20
- Tom Sailley – 2/20
- Frances Frankel – 2/22

- Kevin & Patty Wagner – 1/8/77
- Fred & Mariann Haack – 1/13/95
- Tom & Honey Sailley – 1/20/64
- Mike & Kathi Mansur – 2/14/99
- Martin & Judy Vinyard – 2/15/97



## General Meeting Minutes - December 2004

NMCA had no general meeting in December.



## Council Meeting Minutes - January 2005

- Meeting was called to order by VP Jack Richards at 6:40 pm. Officers in attendance were Pres. Wallace Bow, VP Jack Richards, David Judd, Governor Ron Scott, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, Activities Director Stuart Gorelick, Treasurer Lori Jordan, Phil Ellison plus Chuck Tipton.
- Jack called for **Old business**. There was none.
- **New business**: Super Nationals take place 1/27-30/05 (Thurs - Sun). Phil Ellison is coordinator; he and Lori will pick up stanchions, banners, etc. from Shane LeMon's business and take them to Expo New Mexico for setup 3 pm 1/27. This year's theme is "Muscle Cars"; five Club members have entered their cars: Lori Jordan, Bob DuBois, Chuck Tipton, Jack Richards and Derek Larson. The Council approved placards with car descriptions for each entry at the Super Nationals.
- Stuart reminded the Council that the Barrett-Jackson event takes place in Phoenix, AZ, the same weekend, 1/28-1/30.
- Stuart also shared with Council Members his thoughts for Club activities for the upcoming year. He will prepare a calendar of events and present members with his ideas/plans at the next General Meeting. He is planning to set up a 90-day rolling calendar of events. The Council also approved a budget for 2005 activities; all appropriations for activities will be approved by the Council prior to distribution.
- There was a discussion regarding points for non-sanctioned events; prizes were proposed in lieu of pts. It was also proposed that members pay a deposit for events where the Club would need to secure rooms at a discount based on number of reservations. David stated that he would check the Standing Rules regarding the points and cost to members and whether the Club could refund only a portion of the deposit if the member was unable to attend the event.
- Ron Scott asked the Council to consider a flat fee in addition to mileage for his attendance at Governor's meetings. Standing Rules will be checked.
- Phil mentioned that there were still a couple of old Club members who had not paid dues for the year. There will be a final effort made to contact them prior to removal from the membership log.
- Lori stated that the current bank balance to date was \$3,600.
- Wallace stated that Casa still had not presented the Club with the promised 2005 funding. He and Jack Richards will meet with CASA to finalize.
- He also stated that there had been hits to the website regarding car club challenges (Vettes vs. Vipers etc). Wallace also checked into the cost of new timing equipment for auto cross events; two were acceptable. The approximate cost would be around \$2,500.
- Upcoming events were discussed. The Club still does not have a place to have the annual Super Bowl Party on February 6th.
- The date for the CASA Car Show is TBD.
- The next caravan is tentatively scheduled for February 20; destination TBA.
- Wallace said that he had procured Sandia Motor Speedway for four dates in 2005; 2/19, 5/29, 7/31 and 10/16. These are not NMCA sanctioned events. We will also try to coordinate two drag racing dates during the year.
- UNM Spec 80 cars (?) requested that NMCA give them any old auto cross cones; there were no negative comments regarding this donation.
- The National Convention will be held in St. Cloud, Minnesota in (DATE ?).
- President Wallace Bow will be appointing someone to handle membership.
- Members will be provided new member lists when they are completed. Any changes of address need to be reported to Ron Scott, David Judd, Phil Ellison and Wallace Bow. Address changes require completion of forms for NCCC.
- Lori is checking information regarding purchase of Club jackets; she will try to acquire a catalog showing styles. Any new jackets must be approved by the Council.

- It was mentioned that a couple of our Club members had been hospitalized during the month of December. Members should notify the Club secretary, Suzanne Monroy, by email if you know of anyone who is ill, hospitalized or has a family death. She will notify the other Council members.
- The next general meeting will be Friday, 1/21 @ CASA Chevrolet; the next Council meeting will be Tuesday, 2/8 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming. All members are welcome to attend.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted by,

*Suzanne*

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



### ***NMCA is good for the "body"***

A story surfaced recently that is certainly worth being passed along. This story is from NMCA member Jack Stephens, and is summarized by Phil Ellison:

On Thursday afternoon, January 13<sup>th</sup>, Jack was driving his red '77 T-top in the NE heights. In the vicinity of San Mateo & Constitution, without warning, a car darted directly in front of Jack. According to Jack, there was a "nano-second" to evaluate, make a decision and react. Jack's lightning fast reaction resulted in an immediate hard turn away from harm. His reaction resulted in his '77 receiving not a scratch to the body, however he did encounter a concrete curb that wasn't as forgiving. A bent wheel and minor damage to the front suspension were the result. During the story being retold, Jack repeatedly made the comment that NMCA was the reason why his '77 body was unhurt. Why? His NMCA autocross activity had paid off. He knew how his Corvette handled under stress situations. He was able to make a quick decision that saved thousands in body work. While Jack's '77 may be out of commission for a short period, the damage done can easily be repaired.

The lesson: As members have been told time and time again . . . NMCA autocross courses are not necessarily for the "race guys". These courses can instill real-world knowledge that you truly can't get in day-to-day driving. Each and every member is encouraged to participate in NMCA autocross action. The experience you gain may just pay off big time as it did for Jack. Forget about the clock, and concentrate on how your Corvette performs. Learn how to snap a wheel, and know what the result will be. You'll thank yourself if and when the situation ever arises where this knowledge needs to be out into action.



Tach Times publication information: Due to a much smaller newsletter format, event details, stories and photos will now be displayed on the club web site rather than in the newsletter. Events will be on the event calendar, stories on front page and photos in the photo album area. Tach Times will be printed the weekend prior to the General meeting, and mailed on Monday, arriving by Wednesday. Entries need to be received by the editor NLT the Friday following Council meeting. Event information needs to be sent, with complete details, ASAP so as to update the web site. Any member may supply text and/or photos from an event, for publication on the web site. Send to [info@nmcorvette.org](mailto:info@nmcorvette.org). If you see incorrect or missing birthday or anniversary information, it is because this is what is on file with NMCA. Please send corrected information.



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