

Tach Times

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Event Planner

August 5-7	Cool Vette Cruise Show – Williams, AZ
August 9	NMCA Council Meeting – 6:30 pm
August 19	NMCA General Meeting – 7 pm – CASA Chevrolet on Lomas
August 21	NMCA autocross – Santa Ana Star
Sept 23-25	NMCA Indian Summer / Southwest Invitational (NCCC) – Albuquerque, NM
October 8	Cruise & BBQ at Bandolier (details shortly)
November	Hot Dogs & Baseball Night – Scottsdale, AZ
November 6-7	NCCC – Autocross / Sierra Vista, AZ

Complete details of all above listed events can be viewed at www.nmcorvette.org in the events calendar pages.

Look at calendar, and not just listed items on left side of screen. Many non-NMCA events are in the calendar itself.

505-343-0400 ext 4 is the NMCA "event line" for late developments on scheduled events (please do not leave message)

To contact NMCA, send message to: info@nmcorvette.org



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

OK everyone, It's time to start preparing for the Southwest Invitational. At the July & August general meeting, I will be explaining in detail what is going to happen at this year's event and what help we're going to need. Please try to attend, because there is going to be a lot of information given out. Last year there were two out of town participants for every NMCA member, let's try to do more to support our club this year. There's going to be something for everyone...golf, a concours, a funkhana, a TSD rallye, a poker rallye, autocrosses, and dinners. If there isn't something you want to do, we may need to check for a pulse.



News You Can Use

Customized placards for your Corvette are still available. Check www.nmcorvette.org under club information for a sample, plus order form and instructions. A minimum of 4 placards is required prior to submitting to the printer (in order to obtain the \$10 rate). If you order a placard and it takes 4+ weeks to get, the reason is that not enough orders have been submitted yet. Know that as soon as the minimum is reached, the order will go in with a very quick turn-around. If you need your placard quickly, add \$5 and your order can go in as a solo.

Tach Times publication date change. This newsletter will now be published shortly after each general meeting, so as to capture the latest details provided at each meeting.

Corvette for sale? Corvette parts for sale? Looking for a Corvette? Check out www.nmcorvette.org and list your Corvette and/or Corvette parts for sale, for free. Complete details on the web site. So far this has been an under-used free service, however several individuals who have posted with us have sold their Corvette.



NMCA Welcomes



Steve & Sue Conrad

Pewter 1999 Convertible



Dan Garza

Red 2002 Z06 Convertible

Steve & Sue were introduced to NMCA through George & Joanna Nail.
Dan has been circling NMCA for some time now and finally elected to make this his home.
Please make our newest members feel welcome and a part of this exciting, dynamic club!

NMCA Birthdays



& Anniversaries



Karen Gorelick – 7/10
Steve Hernandez – 7/11
John Castleberry – 7/13
George Nail – 7/15
Jen Frasco – 7/16
Douglas Dildy – 7/16
Jan Bond – 7/23
Ken Daby – 7/24
Larry Hayward – 8/7
Shane LeMon – 8/11
Betty Newland – 8/17
Barbara Morrison – 8/17
Gloria Osborne – 8/22
Dan Bond – 8/25
Judy Vinyard – 8/26
Brenda Logsdon – 8/30

Phil & Betty Newland – 7/6/91
Ron & Becky Scott – 7/17/71
Larry & Gloria Osborne – 7/24/93
Don & Linda Holle – 8/12/00
Michael & Catherine Ragsdale 8/13/77
Chuck & Nelda Tipton – 8/19/42
Dan & Karen-Lynn Garza – 8/24/??

50+ Corvettes at 8,500 feet . . . tall pines & Corvettes DO mix well!

Hyde Park outside of Santa Fe on the way towards the Santa Fe ski resort was home to 50+ Corvettes representing all colors and generations on a clear, calm sunny July 10th afternoon. Organized by the RGCC and the NCRS, this multi-Corvette club gathering proved to be very special. Several NMCA members also participated in this exciting event. Corvettes packed the lot and provided a lot of entrants and by-passers with a wonderful photo opportunity. After the Corvettes were parked and the majority of photos had been captured, hunger set in. Luckily, food was close at hand via several bar-b-ques and master chefs. Burgers and dogs were flying off the grill as fast as they could be cooked. This was a truly relaxing afternoon at 8,500 feet in the tall pines near Santa Fe. For those who were unable to participate, the forecast is for this to become an annual gathering. A little more parking may need to be arranged, as the crowd will most certainly swell next year. Many thanks to the RGCC and NCRS for all their fine efforts. Great food, a great venue and how can you go wrong with such an outstanding collection of Corvettes! Photos of this event can be viewed at www.nmcorvette.org in the July 2005 photo album.



General Meeting Minutes - June 2005

- Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Wallace Bow.
- Wallace told members that the Council had agreed to expenditures for new timing equipment for autocross events. The cost would be approximately \$3,500; we will try to have the equipment up and running for the Southwest Invitational in September. The plan is to sell the old equipment as soon as we are certain the new equipment is operational.
- Secretary, Suzanne Monroy introduced new member Steve Conrad.
- Both Governor Ron Scott and Activities Director Stuart Gorelick shared their experience at the Super Bash @ Tucson, AZ. They both won trophies for autocross and the golf tournament.
- VP Jack Richards told members that the Club would be hosting another autocross event on Sun. 6/26 @ Santa Ana Star Casino.
- Jack also talked about the upcoming Southwest Invitational in September. **PLEASE TELL EVERYONE YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS EVENT!**
- Stu also talked about upcoming events he has planned for the Club, including the following:
 - **6/18 & 19**, Santa Ana Star Casino Car Show; 11-3 each day and \$11K in prizes.
 - **6/19**, Sunday - Caravan to Madrid for lunch, museum tour and melodrama.
 - **6/26**, Sunday - autocross @ Santa Ana Star. Also, GTO's @ Traditions.
 - **7/3**, Sunday - Balloon Fiesta Park - Temptations & Little Anthony & the Imperials; free to members (contact Stu Gorelick). Meet @ Lowe's Paseo & I-25. Grass seating (bring a blanket)
 - **7/9**, Sat., Corvette vs Viper Challenge (drags); no cost to members, time 2:30 pm. **HELMETS REQUIRED!**
 - **7/10**, Sunday, the Rio Grande and Santa Fe Corvette clubs have invited NMCA to join them @ Hyde Park. We are considering caravanning up together.
 - **7-16**, National Corvette Convention begins in St. Cloud, MN.
 - **7/16**, Sat., Porsche/Vette Challenge @ Sandia Motor Sports complex; autocross details to follow. Plan to work the course. **Helmets required!**
 - **8/5-7**, Williams, AZ, Cool Vette Cruise Show - Big Car Show. Check website for details. November, Scottsdale, AZ, "Hot Dogs, Baseball, Apple Pie & Corvettes" Car Show.
 - **Labor Day Weekend**, event in Phoenix, AZ.
 - **11/6 & 7**, Sierra Vista, AZ, Thunder Vette Sette autocross.
- The Council will hold a special meeting @ 7 pm Tuesday, 6/21 @ Lori Jordan's to confirm plans/events for SWI. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Members should check the web site for racing events as they get firmed up; and check out the pictures.
- Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on 7/5 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming. All members are welcome to attend.
- General Meeting is to be held on 7/15 @ 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Wallace Bow.
- Owl Cafe was the after meeting gathering location.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary (minutes approved by NMCA President Wallace Bow 6/9/05)



By now you've probably received your Southwest Invitational announcement in the mail (also called "Indian Summer"). The entry is VERY reasonable at \$60 per person. Your entry includes two spectacular dinners at Santa Ana Star casino. NMCA has used this facility and the same menu selection in the past. The service is truly outstanding and the food even better, with a wonderful selection of beef, chicken and fish, plus vegetarian. Even if you don't plan to participate in any of the seven exciting NCCC events during this fun-filled weekend, please consider joining the gang for the evening meals at the Santa Ana Star casino in Bernalillo. \$50 per person covers the Friday & Saturday dinner. You'll find the food and company well worth the fee. This option is available on your registration form. You have nothing to lose but your appetite . . . and nothing to gain but good memories and a pound or two!



Council Meeting Minutes - July 2005

- Meeting was called to order by VP Jack Richards at 6:30 pm. Officers in attendance were VP Jack Richards, Pres. Wallace Bow, Governor Ron Scott, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, Treasurer Lori Jordan, Activities Director Stuart Gorlick and Phil Ellison.
- **New business:**
- Wallace brought the new timing equipment for the Council members to check out.
- Phil Ellison informed the Council that the Club website has been renewed for the next two years. He also asked if the annual photo shoot was scheduled yet; he suggested there would probably be more member participation if the photo was taken locally. Stuart suggested the photo shoot take place during August.
- Stuart made a motion to have a raffle at the Awards Banquet in December for \$1000 worth of tires; proceeds to go to Presbyterian Children's Burn Center. The motion was seconded and passed by the Council.
- VP Jack Richards suggested the Club schedule an autocross for 8/21; Council agreed on this date. The new timing equipment will be tested.
- **Old business:**
- Stuart reminded the Council of upcoming events:
- 7/9 Drags - Chairperson, Bill Jackson. Gates open 2:30. Free to Club members. **Helmets, long pants & closed shoes are required.**
- 7/10 - Corvette event in Santa Fe; meet @ Lowe's to caravan up as a group; lunch is being provided by the Santa Fe Club.
- 7/15 - General Meeting; starlight cruise after the meeting to Cedar Crest.
- 7/16 - Porsche vs Vettes Challenge @ Sandia Motorsports; \$50 entry fee. Prizes to be awarded!
- 8/21 - autocross @ Santa Ana Star Casino.
- Jack held a discussion regarding the SWI: 7 events are scheduled plus a banquet to be held at Santa Ana Star Casino. Hotel accommodations will be firmed up by the week of 7/16; either the Hilton (on Rio Rancho Blvd) or Nativo Lodge (San Mateo @ I-25). The Council has planned a golf tournament; ralleys, People's Choice Award, Funkhana, door prizes, awards, music and FUN, FUN, FUN! Pre-registration is \$60 (\$75 after the early registration deadline) **WATCH FOR REGISTRATION FORMS ONLINE SOON!**
- The next general meeting will be Friday, 7/15 @ CASA Chevrolet; the next Council meeting will be Tuesday, 8/9 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming. All members are welcome to attend.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 by VP Jack Richards.

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Corvettes galore! Hyde Park 8 miles outside of Santa Fe was the location where 60-65 Corvettes gathered on July 10th as part of the multi Corvette club group event as described earlier in this publication.



General Meeting Minutes - July 2005

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Wallace Bow.
- Wallace showed members the new autocross timing equipment that the Council had purchased. We have tentatively scheduled an autocross for August 21, to test this new equipment prior to the Indian Summer/Southwest Invitational in September.
- Wallace introduced new members Bruce and Debra Behrends. Also Keith from the El Paso Corvette club was in attendance. Nelda Tipton was at tonight's meeting; she is recovering from neck surgery.
- VP Jack Richards gave members in attendance an SWI registration form; in addition a binder was passed around during the meeting for folks to signup to help with SWI. If you want to receive a T-shirt this year, they will be preordered using the SWI registration form. **EARLYBIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE 8/31**. (Members can also download the registration form from our website)
- Governor Ron Scott gave members a complete overview of what NCCC is and the benefits of belonging; in addition to mentioning several of the upcoming NCCC events that are being held during the remainder of 2005. He also stated that the Corvette Convention will be held in Florida next year; the track they will use is the Daytona Speedway.
- Bill Jackson talked about the Vettes vs Viper challenge at the drags July 9. It was a hot day, but a great time was had by all! We may try to get another local car club to go out with us in the fall.
- Stu Gorelick asked how many members would be attending the starlight cruise to Tijeras Ribs BBQ diner after tonight's meeting; prizes will be given out at supper. What a cool ride that turned out to be! He also shared that on Sunday 7/10, members drove up to Hyde State Memorial Park outside of Santa Fe for a BBQ put on by the Santa Fe and Rio Grande clubs; the Park has asked that this be their site for the annual Club gathering. There were 65 Vettes covering each generation. Stu also talked about upcoming events he has planned for the Club: possible concert tickets, annual photo shoot and caravans (see UPCOMING EVENTS below).
- CIA David Judd told members to watch for an updated members listing with the next newsletter. Check your addresses/phone numbers and emails and notify David if corrections need to be made.
- Secretary Suzanne Monroy read a card from Steve Haydu who is recovering from eye surgery. She also mentioned that Al Colman was in attendance.
- We had a guest representing TVI asking the club to participate in a car show this fall to celebrate TVI's 40th anniversary. (Details to follow)
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- **7/16**, National Corvette Convention in St. Cloud, MN.
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- **8/5-7**, Williams, AZ, Cool Vette Cruise Show - Big Car Show. Check website for details. November, Scottsdale, AZ, "Hot Dogs, Baseball, Apple Pie & Corvettes" Car Show. Details TBA
- **8/21**, AUTOCROSS tentatively scheduled @ Santa Ana Star Casino.
- **Labor Day Weekend**, event in Phoenix, AZ.
- **9/10**, the El Paso club will be hosting an event (check their website: (www.ElPasoVette.com))
- **10/8**, caravan to Los Alamos, lunch @ Mike Ragsdale's place and on to Bandolier National Park.
- **11/6 & 7**, Sierra Vista, AZ, Thunder Vette Sette auto cross.
- IF ANYONE HAS IDEAS THAT WOULD MAKE OUR CLUB EVEN BETTER, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO BRING THEM FORWARD TO ONE OF THE CLUB OFFICERS. All ideas will be considered!
- Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on 8/9 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming. All members are welcome to attend. General Meeting is to be held on 8/19 @ 7 pm.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm by Wallace Bow.

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Input for Tach Times is open to each and every member. If you have a story, details about a Corvette related event, a story you believe would be of interest to the general membership, a complaint or a better mousetrap to share, please submit your input to info@nmcorvette.org. While space is somewhat limited each month, the story could appear on the web site if ample room in the newsletter isn't available. This is your newsletter. Share your adventures. You never know when your input may provide insight or benefit for another member.



And the winner is . . .

We baked in the hot, unforgiving sun. The breeze was non-existent. You could look any direction for miles and not see anyone other than the immediate group of fellow race enthusiasts. The wait seemed like an eternity until we were given the ok to start our engines. Then we pulled out of the tech line! Saturday July 9th saw the annual Vette-Viper Challenge at the Albuquerque drag strip. Both NMCA and the Viper club showed up with serious racers wanting serious bragging rights for the coming year. At 3:10 the first green light lit up, and saw Phil Ellison go head-to-head with Stuart Gorelick as the race action officially got underway. The C-5 outside air temperature gauge indicated 102 most of the afternoon. Sweat poured off most participants, but we came to race, and race we did. By 4:20 all drivers were alerted to begin thinking about their bracket times, as the official Vette-viper challenge would begin at 5 pm and bracket racing would provide a level playing field for all. Precisely at 5 pm the first two entrants began their race for fame and glory, knowing that within 30 minutes, only two undefeated drivers would remain. As the field narrowed the final showdown became clear. By 5:30 only two vehicles remained undefeated. For team-Corvette NMCA President Wallace Bow stood at the ready. For the Viper gang, Chris Thompson had nerves of steel. The entire day of racing under rather hot circumstances came down to one final run. Corvette against Viper. The best of the best. The lanes were drawn, the cars put into position, and when the light-tree started its' process there was no turning back. Green lights for both drivers meant pedal to the metal and may the best entrant win, without exceeding his bracket time. When the smoke cleared and the dust settled, Wallace Bow had managed a razor thin victory over the Viper threat. Congratulations to all entrants who had a blast during this private drag strip event. Special thanks to Bill Jackson for coordinating with the track and Viper club to insure an orderly, well run event. For those members who missed the afternoon, you'll have another chance in the future. Even if you are not actually racing, this very special event tends to be an excellent spectator event. Concession stands were open and the action was non-stop. Make plans to participate next time around. If you can step on the gas and drive in a straight line, then you have no idea how much fun you can have at the drag strip. We'll need your help next year, as the Viper club is mean as a "snake" that we took the trophy home. They're already coiled and ready to strike when the next opportunity arises. Photos of this event can be viewed at www.nmcorvette.org in the July 2005 photo album.



(left) Saturday July 9th the Albuquerque drag strip played host to the annual Vette-Viper shootout. While the competition was intense, team Corvette walked away with top honors. (right) Think about this scene the next time you see a claim that the car for sale has only been driven a couple of miles each Sunday! Wallace shows how to have a blast while standing still.



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

