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Events Calendar

August 2006

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Details</u> (further details in this newsletter & at nmcorvette.org)
August 26	NMCA Progressive BBQ	Marcus & Brenda Bunting's home - 6:30 pm start time
August 30	Ducktoberfest Millard 30	Scottsdale, AZ - Lindsey Kartchner 602-952-0160 for details
September 5	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
September 15	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm
Sept 29 - Oct 1	NMCA SWI	3 days of food, fun and Corvette excitement - local/NCCC
October 5-8	6th Annual Tombstone Run	Tucson, AZ - Barb Hannah 408-940-1322 or Laurie Schwab 408-800-9352 for details - 13 rallyes
October 10	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
October 20	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm
November 7	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
November 17	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm
November 19	Magic Show	Simms Fine Arts Center
December 5	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
Sept or Oct	NMCA CASA Appreciation	Event at Sandia MotorSports - details TBA

* insufficient details provided by publication time

Further 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 also in the calendar. 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

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.



Welcome



Chuck & Sharon Trauth

1999 Silver Convertible



Lee & Coreen Carrillo

1990 Red Coupe

Welcome to the most exciting Corvette club in the Southwest!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

AUGUST

Larry Hayward – 7th
 Ronald Jones – 7th
 Russell Gollen – 10th
 Shane LeMon – 11th
 Betty Newland – 17th
 Barbara Morrison – 17th
 Gloria Osborne – 22nd
 Dan Bond – 25th
 Judy Vinyard – 26th
 Brenda Logsdon – 30th



Michael & Catherine Ragsdale 8/13/77
 Chuck & Nelda Tipton – 8/19/42
 Dan & Karen-Lynn Garza – 8/24/??

SEPTEMBER

Bob DuBois – 1st
 Michael Ragsdale – 1st
 Brian Bennett – 3rd
 Kris Becker – 4th
 Mary Robb – 6th
 Ted Walters – 9th
 Martin Vinyard – 14th
 Barbara Cox – 15th
 Janice Osborn – 24th
 Joanna Nail – 27th
 David Judd – 28th

Scott & Frances Frankel – 9/2/01
 Stephen & Theresa Rahe – 9/6/87
 David & Helga Judd – 9/11/87
 Phil & ? Anderson – 9/13/91
 Bill & Betty Noble – 9/15/62
 Roger & ??? Goldie – 9/22/68
 Steve & Sue Conrad – 9/27/??





Council Meeting Minutes - August 2006

- The meeting was called to order by Vice President Wallace Bow at 6:30 pm. Officers in attendance were President Stu Gorelick, VP Wallace Bow, Governor Jack Richards, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, membership Chair Dan Bond, Competition Director, Hugh Monroy, and CIA David Judd.
- Council members reviewed requirements for hi speed race groups for Pres. Stu Gorelick as he was unable to attend the last General Meeting.
- President, Stu Gorelick, asked the council to consider raising Club dues for 2007; there was a discussion and it was decided that this issue would be tabled until the September council meeting.
- Stu also told the council that he has reserved the Simms Fine Arts Center @ Albuquerque Academy for our Ronald McDonald House magic show. We will be sharing costs for rental and insurance with Ronald McDonald House. Member Donnie Marchi will provide a program along with other magicians in the area. We will attempt to have channels 4, 7 & 13 present for this event. The date of this event will be on Sunday (either November 12th or 19th); depending on the number of tickets sold we will have either 1 or 2 shows that day. The Club will be selling up to 200 tickets for this event @ a cost of \$10/person or \$25/family (max of 6 people). We plan to have our banner prominently displayed at this event. The proceeds of this program will go to Ronald McDonald House.
- Jim Allen, will be donating \$1000 worth of tires again this year. There will be ONLY 200 tickets available @ a cost of \$10 ea or 3/\$25. Further details will be announced @ the next General meeting & the newsletter.
- Competition Director, Hugh Monroy, stated that Treasurer, Lori Jordan, had given him the spread sheets for the past 4 yrs; he has checked into the cost for a tax attorney to address this issue for the Club. A motion was made to allow Hugh and Lori to retain an attorney to complete tax returns for the past 4 years as well as this tax year. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.
- Hugh shared that he has spoken with the management at Sandia Motorsports and they will provide the BBQ for Saturday night of SWI at a cost of \$11/person; he will be contacting Powdrell's to cancel catering from them. Hugh will also be contacting CASA Chevrolet regarding having a car show put on by the CASA auto group during SWI; Hugh has offered to provide security for the car show as well. He shared that Sandia will provide RV hookups for SWI at a reduced rate.
- Membership Chair, Dan Bond, asked if static cling decals were going to be included in new member packages; not at this time. He also stated that we have two new members.
- Governor, Jack Richards, talked to the Council about attending the annual Governor's meeting in St. Louis in September; there was a discussion regarding the cost. A motion was made to finance Jack's trip to St. Louis, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Jack also told the Council that the artwork for SWI t-shirts was ready; in addition, the place awards for SWI would be based on the number of entrants for each event. The plaques are ready to be produced for 1st through 3rd place. Jack will also be sending out flyers for SWI to all the regional governors.
- VP, Wallace Bow, will check with Route 66 Casino to see if he can get them to contribute lanyards to hold the name tags/event schedules for SWI. He also shared that Route 66 has the banquet room ready for Friday 9/29; Lori has already given them a \$500 deposit. Wallace will also check to see if there is a concert being held on 9/29; he will check into getting tickets for SWI participants if possible. Wallace told the council that Rt. 66 will provide an area where registration can take place for SWI. Wallace reminded the Council that SWI entrants will be allowed to watch the race event on Saturday evening @ the track for no additional cost; we will also do lapping during the half-time.
- Sandia Motorsports has stated that Steve Haydu will have access to the parking area inside the gates on Thursday evening, 9/28, so he can check the layout for setup of the Funkhana.
- The meeting was adjourned by VP Wallace Bow @ 7:30 p.m.
- The next general meeting is @ 7 p.m. on Friday, 8/18 @ CASA Chevrolet. The next Council meeting will be @ 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 9/5 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming; all members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne Monroy

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



General Meeting Minutes - August 2006

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stu Gorelick. The dinner preceding the meeting was Mario's lasagna, salad & bread sticks. Great job Jackie! Larry Jordan led members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **President, Stuart Gorelick**, re-introduced member *Bill Shiffrar*, '73 C3 and potential new member *Steve Schultheis* (friend of Shane LeMon's) '70 Vette. Then Stu went around the room and asked members for any information/news they wished to share with the Club.
- **Doug Bird**, owner of Black Duck, gave an overview of the Annual Hyde Park picnic in July; about 100 Vettes showed up w/their owners. He also talked about the MAKE A WISH Car Show this Sunday, 8/20, on the west side of I-25 between Jefferson & Montgomery. He shared that on 9/9 there will be a charity car show (for more info contact Doug @ 235-9637)
- **CIA, David Judd**, told the membership that he would be playing @ the Oktoberfest in Ruidoso 10/20 & 10/21; if you wish information about attending this event please contact him @ davidandhelga@comcast.net.
- **Brenda & Mark Bunting** reminded members that next Saturday, 8/26, is the Progressive BBQ @ their home starting @ 6:30 until... if you want beer or wine, bring your own - all other drinks will be provided as well as the meat. If you plan to attend please call Brenda asap @ 294-3431 or 844-1561 or EMAIL her @ MBunting@comcast.net to let her know what side dish you plan to bring.
REMEMBER TO BRING LAWN CHAIRS TO SIT ON!
- Member **Bill Shiffrar**, shared that a friend of his had brake pads for a C5 Z07 or stock Vette @ \$400 for the set (he will post to the website).
- **Activities Director, Jackie Haydu**, shared information about all the upcoming events for August, September & October (check the website). She is planning a trip to the Unser Car Museum on 9/6 and Mike Ragsdale from Los Alamos has invited NMCA to his place on 10/8 for a BBQ.
- **Stu Gorelick**, is working on a caravan to Cimarron NM @ the St. James Hotel; this will be an overnight event. Watch for details! Stu also thanked Jim Allen for donating up to \$1000 worth of tires to be raffled off for Ronald McDonald House; tickets will be \$10 ea/3 \$25.
- **Treasurer, Lori Jordan**, told everyone that all bills are paid. She also shared her and Larry's experience @ the Bondurant School of Driving in AZ.
- **Competition Director, Hugh Monroy**, clarified information regarding the CASA Appreciation Car Show, this is a separate event being put on during either September or October being coordinated w/AI from the parts department @ CASA. He also went over some details for SWI; CASA will have cars on display during SWI, there will be a chance for SWI participants to do a parade lap during the racing on Saturday evening & there will be a BBQ catered by Sandia MotorSports.
- **Governor, Jack Richards**, told everyone that he would be attending the NCCC Governor's meeting in St. Louis, 9/8 & 9/9. He said that the rules for the next 4 years would be decided @ this meeting; if anyone has any questions/concerns regarding the NCCC rules to please get in contact w/him before 9/7 @ AlmostA_Ranch@comcast.net.
- **Stu** talked about the upcoming Magic Show being put on in conjunction w/Ronald McDonald House @ the Simms Fine Arts Center @ the Albuquerque Academy on 11/19. Member *Donnie Marchi* is planning on bringing in other magicians in the ABQ area for this event. Cost for this show will be \$10 ea/\$20 couple/\$25 family (max 6). We will invite channels 4, 7 & 13. More details will be posted on the website. He also shared that there would be an NCCC event in Tucson AZ; if you are interested get the info from him.
- There were drawings for door prizes; then meeting was adjourned @ 8:00 pm by Stu Gorelick
- Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 9/5 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming
(All members are welcome to attend).
- Next General Meeting will be held on Friday, 9/15 @ 7 pm @ CASA Chevrolet on Lomas NE.

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Suzanne Monroy, NMCA Secretary

Are you a member with a question for your Officers? Can't seem to get to meetings but still have an active interest in NMCA and its functions, direction and decisions? Send your question to info@nmcorvette.org. Include your name and ask your question. Relevant questions will be discussed at Council meetings, General meetings and/or replied to in person by the Officer most capable of responding to your particular question. Your answer will be via direct reply or meeting minutes.

News You Can Use

Congratulations Mr & Mrs NMCA . . .it's a web site!

A new NMCA web site has been born and is now 95% functional. Check out www.nmcorvette.iorg and examine what is available to you. The photo album area will be the final area to become fully operational. Hot news (via the home page), top or latest 4-5 news stories (home page), all previous stories (in "news" area), extensive club information to include By-Laws, dues, meeting information, etc plus Corvette links and the ever-popular "for sale" pages. Certainly worth your effort to visit from time to time.

Tach Times will continue to be presented monthly via the web site, however there is a small, and hopefully beneficial change. The web version of Tach Times, beginning with the August 2006 version, will be grossly smaller in file size. Logos, graphics and photos will be at very low resolutions whenever possible. The result will be a much faster page load time. The downside is that if printed, the low resolution elements will not print very well. A separate version of Tach Times will be produced each month intended for print, having full or high resolution images which are required for printing.

If you receive Tach Times via the mail, but find that accessing the web site and getting your information faster and in color works best for you, please contact Helga Judd to remove your name from the mailing list. This will save NMCA time, effort and money. If you do not get Tach Times via the mail but wish to have it sent out, contact Helga Judd and get your name on the list. The important end result is to get you the information in a manner which is useful to you.

Finally, a short word about policy and the web site / Tach Times. Unless a member specifically gives authorization or their own contact information (address, phone, e-mail), this information will not be posted for public consumption. For example, members will be advised who the chair person is for an event, but will need to rely on their membership list to obtain contact. This measure is taken to protect the privacy of NMCA members, and is at the request of several members who have experienced negative results from personal information being made public.

Examples of where personal information is virtually mandatory would be the "for sale" pages, where the seller must have a way for a buyer to contact them. Elements like the official SWI registration form and informational sheet require, by NCCC rules, the publication of chair persons and contact information.

Finally, know that NMCA is working to insure minimal disclosure of information when announcing events, etc. If you do not have a current membership list, contact David Judd, NMCA CIA to obtain one. I would tell you how to contact David, but this would violate the entire message above wouldn't it!

Membership lists are, according to By-Laws, to be distributed twice a year (or more) via mail to each member. Members should always have access to a list that is no more than 6 months old.

The NCCC High Speed Certification requires that the NCCC driver:

- 1) complete a recognized high speed driving school in the 18 months of issuance (recognition of school is up to the RCD), or,
- 2) compete in a minimum of 10 low speed autocrosses during the 18 month period immediately preceding issuance of the High Speed Certification (HSC).

The HSC is good for a period of 3 years. Renewal requires competing in a minimum of 1 high speed event during the 3 year period, or fulfilling the initial requirements listed above in the 18 months preceding issuing a new HSC.

Individuals wishing to obtain a HSC and have autocross events tabulated for this purpose need to contact NMCA Governor Jack Richards.



Vettes On The Rockies - 2006

Following 4 years of hearing about how cool Vettes On The Rockies was, my wife Janet and I cleared our schedule ahead of time and made our way to Colorado for this annual event. The hype was nothing compared to the actual event. This year, as in years past, the focal point was Breckenridge, CO about an hour west of Denver high in the Rockies. 550 Corvettes from 26 states and 3 countries converged for 3 days of true Corvette fun.

Looking Glass Corvette Association hosts the event. Their Denver based club has close to 300 members. More than 50 chair persons were involved, with numerous sub-chairs. The effort paid off. Any time assistance was needed, a LGCA member was there to help, with a smile. Their members did all the work to assemble the event, then worked the event so that all attendees could enjoy themselves. Working a flag position, starters gate, registration, etc is fun for about 45 minutes. LGCA kept a full crew for the duration of each event. Each activity was well planned, well presented and easily understood. The dinners were wonderful, and on time. A difficult task when 50 are eating . . . but they pulled it off while feeding about 700 people. Excellent food too. Then they had prizes on top of prizes, and some were most definitely top-drawer type prizes (like round trip tickets on SWA anywhere in the USA, \$1,500 in tires from Goodyear and a complete driver training/race training package from a high speed driving school). They provided excellent speakers who had solid knowledge about Corvettes and Corvette related issues. They provided live entertainment. Best of all, they provided a relaxed, fun-filled 3-day weekend where Corvette and new friends were king. And the price of \$85/person as an entry fee was a true bargain. I would highly recommend this annual event to anyone remotely interested in hanging out with 500+ other Corvettes, taking a scenic cruise/rallye, having fun during a funkhana, or gathering along main street in Frisco, CO with 500 other Corvettes for a spectacular car show and group photo.

Interested individuals should plan to register quickly for future such events, as LGCA intends to limit the available entries beginning in 2007. 2006 was their biggest headcount to date, and they faced issues with dining facilities being large enough, the sheer time it takes to launch 300+ Corvettes for a rallye and providing housing options for everyone. They announced that beginning next year, a registration cut-off would occur when a headcount number was reached. Given what was experienced a few weeks ago, I'd guess that the overall number of registered attendees will be in the 600-625 range, which they certainly exceeded this year. Count on my wife and I to occupy two of those slots, as it was a time to remember.

Finally, New Mexico was well represented, both with NMCA members and residents (who should be members!) Fellow NMCA member Jack Stephens and his son Mike walked away with honors and a trophy for their funkhana efforts. Janet and I felt overly confident that we too had secured a trophy, but apparently someone else slipped in with a slightly better time. We did however cause quite a stir by bringing and donning our own matching helmets. Certainly we'll be featured at some point on the LGCA web site, as the best dressed participants during the funkhana! And next year . . . a trophy is ours!

Also, be sure to ask Jack Stephens and/or Richard Jones about how out of 500+ Corvettes, they managed to be in the front row for the group photograph. These members must be well connected!

Submitted by Phil Ellison

Event Details

When What

August 26 NMCA Progressive BBQ

Details

Chairperson & contact person: Suzanne Monroy
 Meet: 6:30 pm - Marcus & Brenda Bunting home
 Special notes: Meat & soft drinks provided. Side dishes needed. Coordinate directly with Brenda Bunting as to what you are bringing. (294-3431) Bring lawn chairs!

Sept 29 - Oct 1 NMCA Southwest invitational

Details

Chairperson: Multiple
 Contact information: Wallace Bow - wjbow@wallacebow.com
 Event: 7 sanctioned events, 2 dinners, tons of fun
 Cost: Check www.nmcorvette.org for complete details and application form

Sept or Oct NMCA CASA Appreciation Event

Details

Chairperson: Hubert Monroy
 Details to be announced when available

Other non-Corvette events may be viewed by opening the NMCCC newsletter at www.nmcorvette.org. NMCCC is the New Mexico Council of Car Clubs. The NMCA rep to this group is Bill Jackson. Car clubs from across the state gather to share their own events, plans, meets, shows, etc. Please use this resource to locate other non-NMCA or non-Corvette car functions. Other non-NMCA Corvette related events may be viewed at our web site in the "Events" listing area.

Under the "Just-fer-Grins" heading . . . below is a report of who has visited our web site since January 1st. Keep in mind that most of August we've been under construction. This tabulation removes robots and search engines, meaning for example, in January 2006 our site had 452 "unique" visitors. Not bad for a club with just 125 members!

Month	Unique Visitors	Number of Visits	Pages Viewed
Jan 2006	452	712	4526
Feb 2006	490	743	3342
Mar 2006	425	706	3279
Apr 2006	392	755	4320
May 2006	438	843	4443
Jun 2006	467	967	4172
Jul 2006	455	738	2232
Aug 2006	67	75	222 (Aug 1-17 - while site was in temp state)
Aug 2006	134	234	1260 (Aug 18-19 - two days of new site operation)
Total	3320	5773	27,796

Myth:

at least half of the 2006 Z06's produced went overseas, making the supply within the US extremely limited.

Fact:

there were 6,500 Z06's produced for the 2006 model year.

1,500 went overseas and to Canada, with 5,000 remaining for the US market.

While attending the 2006 Vettes On The Rockies event in July, I had an opportunity to speak directly with two senior production and marketing executives from the GM Corvette division. They both verified the above numbers, and indicated that the US market would always receive the overwhelming majority of Corvettes and Z06's produced each year.

Submitted by Phil Ellison

***Lifted from the Internet* WHAT THE HECK IS A FENDER SKIRT?**

I CAME ACROSS THIS PHRASE IN A BOOK YESTERDAY. . . "FENDER SKIRTS." A TERM I HAVEN'T HEARD IN A LONG TIME AND THINKING ABOUT "FENDER SKIRTS" STARTED ME THINKING ABOUT OTHER WORDS THAT QUIETLY DISAPPEAR FROM OUR LANGUAGE WITH HARDLY A NOTICE.

LIKE "CURB FEELERS" AND "STEERING KNOBS." SINCE I'D BEEN THINKING OF CARS, MY MIND NATURALLY WENT THAT DIRECTION. KIDS WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO FIND SOME ELDERLY PERSON OVER 50 TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THESE TERMS.....

REMEMBER "CONTINENTAL KITS?" THEY WERE REAR BUMPER EXTENDERS AND SPARE TIRE COVERS THAT WERE SUPPOSED TO MAKE ANY CAR AS COOL AS A LINCOLN CONTINENTAL.

WHEN DID WE QUIT CALLING THEM....."EMERGENCY BRAKES"? AT SOME POINT "PARKING BRAKE" BECAME THE PROPER TERM. BUT I MISS THE HINT OF DRAMA THAT WENT WITH "EMERGENCY BRAKE".

I'M SAD TOO, THAT ALMOST ALL THE OLD FOLKS ARE GONE WHO WOULD CALL THE ACCELERATOR THE "FOOT FEED".

HOW ABOUT WAITING AT THE STREET CORNER FOR YOUR DADDY TO COME HOME, SO YOU COULD RIDE THE "RUNNING BOARD" UP TO THE HOUSE?

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Submitted by Suzanne Monroy

Save The Wave!





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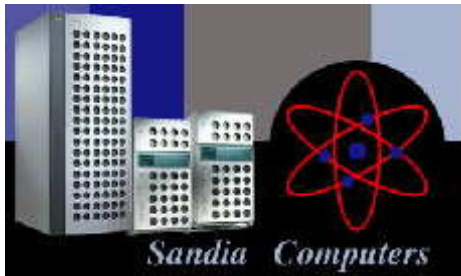
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