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Events Calendar

February 2006

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Details</u>
February 26	Caravan	To Johnny Carino's in Los Lunas. depart from Lowes (I-25 & Paseo) 4 pm, dinner at 5
March 4	Corvette Show	Julio G's Corvettes on the Green (details on NCCC web site)
March 7	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers on Wyoming, 6:30 pm start
March 11	Go Cart Racing	2 pm start, \$35/driver - 98th & Central, helmets required
March 17	NCCC "PC" Corvette Show	Tucson, AZ (check NCCC web for details)
March 17	NMCA General Meeting	TBA
March 19	Wallace Bow Day	Sandia MotorSports Park, 8 am start (racing)
March 25	Caravan	To Route 66 Casino for dinner. depart from Lowes (I-25 & Paseo) 4 pm, dinner at 5
April 11	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers on Wyoming, 6:30 pm start
April 15	Wallace Bow Day	Sandia MotorSports Park, 8 am start (racing)
April 21	NMCA General Meeting	TBA
April 23	Caravan	To Little Anita's in Old Town. depart from Lowes (I-25 & Paseo) 4:15 pm, dinner at 5

* 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

News You Can Use

Important member information: NMCA is no longer being sponsored by CASA Chevrolet.

NMCA general meetings will no longer be conducted at CASA Chevrolet.

NMCA will scout for a new home base. General meetings may, or may not be held on the third Friday of the month. Time TBA. Location TBA. Contact NMCA President Stuart Gorelick for details.

If and when information is available, those details will be posted on the web site.

Questions about why our sponsorship and partnership no longer exist should be directed to Stuart Gorelick.



Clay Kuehn

Silver 1996 Collector Edition

Welcome to the most exciting Corvette club in the Southwest!

Birthdays

Anniversaries



February

Lori Jordan – 7th
Stephen Rahe – 8th
Scott Frankel – 11th
Jim Straka – 11th
Sara Russell – 18th
Hubert Monroy – 20th
Tom Saille – 20th
Frances Frankel – 22nd



Stuart Gorelick – 8th
Richard Jones – 10th
Brenda Bunting – 22nd
Steve Haydu – 24th
Larry Jordan – 27th
Marie Garcia – 30th
Becky Scott – 30th
Sandi Taylor – 31st

Mike & Kathi Mansur – 2/14/99
Martin & Judy Vinyard – 2/15/97

March

Hubert & Suzanne Monroy – 3/7/02
Russell & Kelly Gollen - 2/13/87
Jim & Darla Straka – 3/18/77

NMCA turns heads at 2006 Super National Custom Auto Show

Thank you to Lori Jordan, Bob DuBois, Donnie Marchi, Bill Jackson & Phil Ellison for taking time out of their busy Super Bowl weekend to participate in the 2006 Super National Custom Auto Show at Expo NM. Spectators young and old were taken back by the 5 shiny Corvettes. To some our Vettes represented a fond memory, and to others a dream for the future. A very special thank you to Lori & Larry Jordan for transporting virtually all of the display props, flags, poles and elements required for NMCA to make this wonderful presentation.





Council Meeting Minutes - January 2006

- Meeting was called to order by VP Jack Richards at 6:30 pm. Officers in attendance were President Stu Gorelick, VP Jack Richards, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, Activities Director Larry Osborne, Governor Ron Scott, Public Relations Director Wallace Bow and Membership Director Dan Bond.
- VP Jack Richards asked each person present for thoughts, questions, ideas:
- Public Relations Director Wallace Bow stated that he received permission to display a 4X8 NMCA Club banner at Sandia MotorSports. He will price the cost of a banner; then the Council will vote. He will also check into rental prices for a 8X10 storage unit for the Club equipment.
- Wallace also shared that he contacted Corvette Quarterly magazine; they will consider placing an article from/about NMCA if/when we come up with a concept. The Council suggested the upcoming Rt. 66 Nationals here in Albuquerque featuring Corvettes would make a good story. He also plans to contact local newspapers and other Vette magazines. In addition he plans to contact Maguires, MidAmerica, Ecklers, Hoosier Tires, West Coast Corvette, etc. for ad packages and banners.
- It was suggested that Bill Jackson or Jim Thomte would be great sources for info on past history of the Club for future articles for the newsletter and magazines.
- Wallace told the Council that Sandia MotorSports has designated alternate Fridays as track days for autos @ \$50/day. He also stated that we will co-sponsor an auto cross with the Porsche Club 7/8 & 9. The Vette vs Porsche is a two day event.
- Dan Bond, our new Membership Director, stated that there were quite a few membership forms passed out at the Super Nationals; we may get some new members from that show. Dan was officially given all the membership paperwork tonight. From now on please see Dan for new membership information!
- Activities Director Larry Osborne stated that the Olive Garden @ Academy & San Mateo will be the location for the after meeting dinner on 2/17.
- He also shared that he has talked with the owners of the Go Cart track; they are planning a meet in April and would like a team from each car club in the area to compete. He also reminded everyone that there is a Go Cart event @ 2 pm Saturday, 2/11; a reminder email will be sent out.
- Larry said he will also check the storage unit located close to his home for the prices on an 8X10 storage unit; this location is on the way to Sandia MotorSports. In addition, he will contact Bill Jackson, our representative for New Mexico Car Clubs, for the website addresses for other clubs in the area. Larry will also check with the Porsche Club for the location of the track they use in Belen.
- The Osborne's have graciously opened their home for a Daytona 500 party on Sunday, 2/19; this is a NASCAR racing event. Directions to his home & additional info will be found on the NMCA Club website.
- There will also be a caravan leaving from I-25 & Paseo del Norte (Lowe's parking lot) on Sunday, 2/26, to Johnny Carinos restaurant in Los Lunas. Meet @ 12:45 and leave @ 1 pm sharp!
- Larry is looking into a site for the Club annual photo; he is checking into the Balloon Fiesta Park.
- The next Regional Governor's meeting will be held the weekend of 2/18 and the National Governor's meeting the weekend of 2/24. Ron also handed out copies of all the other Clubs in the Region; addresses, phone numbers, websites.
- The proposal to increase in the mileage to the IRS allowance will be voted on at the February meeting & changes made to the Standing Rules. Ron will also inform NCCC of the plans for the National Rt. 66 car event 6/23-25.
- Secretary, Suzanne Monroy, suggested that the annual Progressive Dinner be changed to the end of summer as a BBQ event. This will relieve the families who open their homes from the pressure of a dinner party during the hectic holiday season. The date this year will be 8/26; the venue will remain the same (appetizers, followed by salads and the main course and desserts), but the person who holds the main course will be hosting a BBQ (members will bring their own meat to cook). This idea was approved by the Council.
- Stu said he would like to present the sponsorship drive to members again at the next meeting to let everyone know that this is a volunteer project which ends 3/31/06.



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- Stu told the Council that Shane LeMon had talked with Joe from Motor Trend magazine; they are sponsoring an outside car show @ the Convention Center. Wallace contacted Joe and they would like around 25 Vettes (preferably a mix of years with original Vettes) on display for this part of the show. They also have slots for modified cars (send pictures of your modified cars to Wallace Bow if you are interested & he'll pass them on to Motor Trend). Motor Trend will wait until after our February General meeting to let them know the best dates for the show. Contact Wallace for more information @ wjbow@wallacebow.com.
- President Gorelick asked the Council what they thought about opening the meetings with the 'Pledge of Allegiance'? Those in attendance agreed to say the pledge. VP Jack Richards will bring the flag.
- He also talked about new jackets for the Club; we need to check the standing rules to see if we need to make any changes, then have the general membership vote on any changes.
- President Gorelick also suggested the Club think about having an annual Chili Cook-Off involving other car clubs in the area.
- He reminded the Council that we will be voting @ the February General Meeting to amend the Standing Rules to allow the Club to change the night & location of the General meetings for flexibility to meet the Club's needs.
- Stu also suggested that members submit in writing by 3/31/06 the name of a charity they wish the Club to sponsor for 2006 and why! The Council will take ideas submitted under consideration at the April, 2006 Council meeting; the results will be announced at the April General Meeting.
- The shirts for elected Council officers approved by the Council will be ready by the next General meeting. These shirts will make it easier for members to find an officer if they have questions, concerns, etc. during meetings and events.
- Vice President Jack Richards told the council that he has already checked with the Sheraton Hotel in Old Town re: rooms & parking lot space for the upcoming SWI. They are already booked for the dates of our event. However, he also checked with the Hilton on I-25 & University. they are willing to work with us. Steve Haydu will check out the parking area to see if it will work for SWI's Funkhana event; we will get back to the Hilton ASAP.
- The next Council meeting will be @ 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3/7 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming; all members are welcome to attend.
- The next general meeting is @ 7 p.m. on Friday, 3/17 @ CASA Chevrolet (unless otherwise voted).
- VP Jack Richards adjourned the meeting @ 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary (minutes posted have been reviewed by NMCA Vice-President Jack Richards)

Web Changes & Information:

If you've visited the NMCA web site anytime this year, you'll already know that it is running very slow. Some days are better than others, but even on the best of days the site creeps along. The problem is with the web server or host facility based in California. We, along with literally thousands of other web clients have complained. The web host claims to be working on a solution. We are somewhat at their mercy. When they fix the problem, our page generation times will get much faster. Until then, have a deck of cards to entertain yourself with while the pages generate!

On another note, **you'll now find Tach Times on the web site.** Just use the link that says "newsletters". Full color, and ready when you are. Some members have complained about the inability to open a .pdf file. This is perhaps the most common computer file available. Throughout our site, and at the newsletter page, you'll find a link to Adobe, where you can download a free reader for .pdf files. The site is safe, the download is quick, and the results are instant. If you continue to have problems opening any .pdf files, you may wish to consult Stuart Gorelick at Sandia Computers. He or his staff may have additional suggestions or solutions.



General Meeting Minutes - February 2006

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stu Gorelick.
- Pres. Gorelick asked everyone present to stand to say the "Pledge of Allegiance". He stated that we will begin each meeting in the future this way.
- Activities Director Larry Osborne announced that after the meeting members would gather @ the Olive Garden @ Academy & San Mateo. Stu passed out the new sponsorship forms to members who were not present @ the January 2006 meeting.
- Stu then asked Dan Bond, Membership Director, for a report. Dan introduced the newest Club member, Clay Kuehn, with a '96 Vette. He also introduced guests Roger from Los Alamos and Mary & Richard Jones from Truth or Consequences. Dan & Jan Bond will be responsible for sending out new membership packages as folks join the Club.
- Pres. Gorelick then gave the Club members the news that CASA would no longer provide funding for the Club, they no longer wish to be our sponsor; however, we already have 3 new sponsors for the Club with a total of \$850 in sponsorship fees. He also stated that we will be voting later this evening on a proposal to amend the Standing Rules to allow for more flexibility in moving our meetings to a different place or day when necessary to meet the needs of the Club. Currently we are locked into meeting at CASA Chevrolet on the 3rd Friday of each month.
- Vice President Jack Richards talked about the Southwest Invitational; he is working on a deal with the Hilton Hotel on I-25 & University to get rooms for the event at a reduced rate. In addition, Steve Haydu who is responsible for the Funkana event for SWI approved the parking area for all events other than the autocross. We will know soon if this venue will work for SWI. Jack also said that because of the change in our sponsor situation (no funding from CASA) the SWI will need to be self-supporting; this means the cost of attending SWI will be more than in past years. Jack will also be talking with management at the Hilton regarding a monthly meeting place for the Club.
- Public Relations Director, Wallace Bow announced that Motor Trend magazine will be hosting the New Mexico International Car Show @ the Convention Center on Saturday, April 22. The plan is to display 25 original model Corvettes (all years) outside; they also plan to display modified Vettes. If you wish to participate, please forward a photo of your vehicle to wibow@wallacebow.com. These photos will be passed on to Motor Trend for final selection of vehicles. All vehicles will be roped off w/stanchions & participants will have free entrance to the event.
- Wallace also reminded members that there would be a Wallace Bow Day lapping event @ Sandia MotorSports @ 8 am Saturday, 2/18. The cost is \$70 for the day.
- CIA David Judd, reminded members that if you no longer wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter to let him know. Phil, our Webmaster, will send the newsletter to your email address.
- Activities Director Larry Osborne asked for a count of those who planned to attend the Daytona 500 party being hosted by he and Gloria @ their home on Sunday, 2/19. Then he talked about some of the upcoming events/activities he has scheduled for the Club (see below).
- Member Doug Bird, owner of Black Duck, gave members information on the 4th Annual NCRS picnic to be held from 10 am on Sunday, July 9 @ Hyde Park in Santa Fe. Members will be instructed where to meet for escort into the park by the Park Rangers as the National Forest will be closed for public use.
- Treasurer Lori Jordan stated that the only promised funds at this time were the \$1000 for Presbyterian Children's Hospital playground equipment.
- Secretary, Suzanne Monroy, announced that there will be a change in this years Progressive Dinner from November to August 26 & that it will be a BBQ. The purpose of the change is to relieve the folks who offer their homes for this event during the holiday season.
- Member Hugh Monroy asked if some members would be willing to come out to the Southwest MotorSports Club racing event @ Sandia MotorSports on Saturday, April 9, to give rides in their Vettes to workers and their family members during the lunch break. If you have any questions, Hugh can be reached @ MONROYH@cs.com or by phone 298-1993.
- Governor Ron Scott reminded members of the upcoming event @ Sierra Vista Arizona on 4/16-18; this is a 4 autocross event (2 hi speed/2 low speed).



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

I would like to thank all of you for your support so far this year. We have a lot of work to do this year, and with the events that are planned for the first quarter, it seems like a busy one as well. CASA has decided to give us the boot this year, which may or may not be a mistake for them, but we have to hold our heads up high, and remember, having the best car club in the state does not come easy. We have put into place a sponsorship program, which we hope all of you will participate in. This is not a mandatory request, but with your help, our club will raise the necessary funds from new sponsors to keep us going. Any business, insurance, tires, donuts, hotels, accountants, and even lawyers are invited to support our club for as little as \$100.00 per year. I will be visiting with the other Chevy dealerships in the area to see if they have an interest in our club, and will keep you posted as always.

The folks who represented us at the Super Nationals this year did a wonderful job. Visiting with potential new members, and showing off a few of the corvettes in our stable, we came home with a number of trophies and awards. Great job to all who were there, and congrats!

March is going to be a great month, the weather should be warmer, golf will be starting again, and Go Carts will be a blazing... I will let you all know about our location for the next general meeting ASAP and hopefully it will be a permanent home for us for the remainder of this year.

If you have any thoughts or ideas to bring to my attention, or any of the officers in the club, don't hesitate. We are all friends, and only want the best for our car club.

Remember, you only have class, if you drive fiberglass!!!

Stuart Gorelick, President, NMCA



(General meeting minutes - February 2006 - continued)

- Ron also told members that there is a new Corvette club in the region; Vettes & Rods located in Scottsdale, AZ. He also stated that we need to get our SWI information to NCCC as soon as possible.
- Stu restated the proposal to change the Standing Rules in order to able to relocate our meeting place and/or day for the monthly meetings to meet the future needs of the Club. In addition, members were asked to approve a proposal to increase the mileage rate allowed for the Club Governor's trips to Regional and National NCCC meetings to the IRS rate. *MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE BOTH THESE PROPOSED CHANGES.*
- **UPCOMING EVENTS:** *2/26*, Caravan to Johnny Carinos Italian Restaurant, Los Lunas, meet 3:45 p.m. @ Lowe's Paseo del Norte & I-25, *3/4*, Julio G's Corvettes on the Green (NCCC), *3/11*, Go Cart racing @ 2 p.m., *3/18*, PC Corvette Show, *3/26*, NMCA Caravan, *4/15*, Wallace Bow Track Day, *4/22-23*, Sierra Vista AZ autocross event, *4/23*, NMCA Caravan to Little Anita's in Old Town, *6/23-25*, Rt 66 80th Anniversary International Celebration (this years featured car is the Corvette), *7/9*, NCRS 4th Annual Picnic @ Hyde Park in Santa Fe.
- Members should check the web site for additional event information as they get firmed up; and check out the fantastic pictures.
- Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 3/07 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming (*All members are welcome to attend*).
- General Meeting will be held on Friday, 3/17 @ 7 pm, **LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.**
- There were drawings for door prizes and then the meeting adjourned @ 7:55 pm by President Stu Gorelick.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary (minutes submitted above have been approved by NMCA President Stuart Gorelick)



Save The Wave!

