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Events Calendar

January 2006

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Details</u>
January 28	Wallace Bow Day	Sandia MotorSports Park (contact Wallace for prices & times)
February 3-5	Super National Auto Show	Expo NM - NMCA will have 5 Corvettes entered
February 7	NMCA Council meeting	Sandia Computers 6:30 pm
February 11	Go cart racing	98th & Central, 2 pm*
February 12	Sweetheart Car Show	Tempe, AZ (NCCC)
February 17	NMCA General meeting	CASA Chevrolet 7 pm
February 18	Wallace Bow Day	Sandia MotorSports Park (contact Wallace for prices & times)
February 19	Daytona 500 party	At Osborne's*
February 26	Caravan	To Johnny Carino's in Los Lunas. Depart at 5 pm.*
March 4	Corvette Show	Julio G's Corvettes on the Green (NCCC)

* insufficient details provided by publication time

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 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

More photos on-line; The NMCA web site has grown by 240+ photos from years gone by. Check out the albums for 2002, 2001, 2000 & pre-2000. The details may be a little sparse, but the information is as accurate as possible.

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.

Congratulations to Steve Haydu, Shane LeMon, Wallace Bow and Jim Thomte on their recent Barrett-Jackson auto auction involvement. Steve, Shane and Wallace pooled their resources, time and efforts and auctioned off a Ferrari conversion car, while Jim submitted his very rare 1923 Ajax for auction. Both vehicles quickly sold on January 18th for a profit which made the trip to Scottsdale worthwhile.



Vern & Pat Wallan

1996 Coupe

Welcome to the most exciting Corvette club in the great Southwest!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

January



Darla Straka – 7th
Rich Mleczo - 18th

Kevin & Patty Wagner – 1/8/77
Tom & Honey Sailley – 1/20/64

*Almost as old as the Corvette itself . . .
. . . happy fiftieth to Rich*

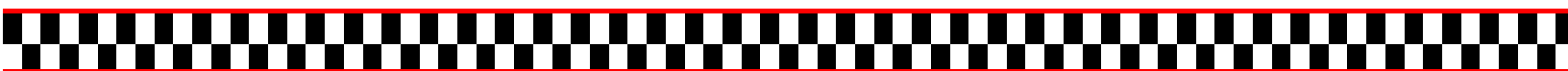
Bob Becker – 24th
Bruce Behrends – 30th



February

Lori Jordan – 7th
Stephen Rahe – 8th
Scott Frankel – 11th
Jim Straka – 11th

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



NMCA invited to display at the 2006 Super National Custom Auto Show.

NMCA will be placing 5 Corvettes on exhibit during the 2006 Super National Custom Auto Show which begins on Friday February 3rd and runs through Sunday February 5th at Expo NM. Scheduled to represent NMCA will be Donnie Marchi ('65), Bill Jackson ('61), Bob DuBois ('68), Phil Ellison ('69) & Lori Jordan (01).

NMCA has been involved with this annual show for many years running, and our entrants virtually always bring home a few trophies as a result. Many years have passed since NMCA has brought home a club trophy, but perhaps this is our year!



Above are photos from the NMCA 2005 display. This year's display will be assembled Thursday afternoon February 2nd beginning about 3 pm. Volunteers are always welcome to assist, plus it's a great way to see the other entries free of charge as they set-up their displays. Volunteers are welcome during the teardown starting at 7 pm Sunday, plus it's nice to have members watching the display and answering questions during the weekend.



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, Treasurer Lori Jordan, Activities Director Larry Osborne, Governor Ron Scott and CIA David Judd.
- VP Jack Richards went around the room and asked each person present for thoughts, questions, ideas:
- CIA David Judd stated that the revised NCCC points for 2005 will be re-compiled due to the omission of points earned in 11/04. Vice President Jack Richards moved that any member negatively affected by a change in points status will be compensated; the motion was seconded and carried. In addition, David shared that the labels for mailing the newsletter are ready to go.
- Treasurer Lori Jordan told the Council that currently the only upcoming expense will be for the newsletter. Please advise NMCA at info@nmcorvette.org if you do **NOT** wish to receive a hard copy of the newsletter in the future.
- Lori also stated that the Club collected \$755 from the tire raffle; she then asked if the Council would vote on contributing an additional \$245 so that we could present Presbyterian Hospital a check for \$1,000 for the playground equipment. Also, the Club has 5 members signed up to participate in this year's Super Nationals to be held @ Expo New Mexico February 3rd thru 5th.
- Lori reminded President Stu Gorelick that we still need to appoint a Membership Director.
- Governor Ron Scott told the Council that Sierra Vista race results are not in and the NCCC, Roadrunner Region, Competition Calendar has been posted. 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. Governor Scott will propose to the membership an increase in the mileage to the IRS allowance; this will be voted on at the February meeting and the change made to the Standing Rules.
- Activities Director Larry Osborne asked the Council when they should expect the events calendar to be ready. He also shared that he has setup Powdrell's BBQ as the dinner location after the January General meeting and tentatively the Olive Garden for February. He has also stated 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. The Council approved funding for prizes for the January General meeting.
- President Stu Gorelick presented a proposed budget for 2006; he also shared ideas for increasing membership, appointing of additional officers, events, race driver and autocross driver training, etc. He will present the budget and appoint additional officers at the next General meeting. In addition, he proposed presenting a change of night for the General meetings to the 3rd Thursday of each month and a change of location which would be more centrally located. These changes will be voted on by the membership at the February meeting. President Gorelick will contact the current General Manager at CASA Chevrolet to determine when the Club may pick up the annual funding provided by CASA.
- Stu also asked for a vote by the Council to approve shirts for the elected Council members; specifically a color that would denote that they were officers. This would make it easier for members to find an officer if they had questions, concerns, etc. during meetings and events. This was seconded and approved.
- VP Jack Richards adjourned the meeting @ 7:50 p.m.
- The next Council meeting will be @ 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2/7 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming; all members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted by,

Suzanne

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



General Meeting Minutes - January 2006

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stu Gorelick.
- Pres. Gorelick asked everyone present to state their name and what year/type of Corvette each person owned. In addition, Vern & Pat Wallan became our newest Club members; they own a '96 Corvette coupe.
- Activities Director Larry Osborne announced that after the meeting members would gather @ Powdrell's BBQ; he asked for a count of attendees.
- Stu then asked this years officers to state their names and positions; he then announced newly appointed positions: Wallace Bow, Public Relations director; Dan & Jan Bond, Membership; Steve Rahe & Chuck Tipton, Competition co-directors.
- Pres. Gorelick introduced Bruce Schaffer and Dennis Avanti, from the Route 66 80th Anniversary Festival; June 23-25, 2006. This year the event will feature Corvettes. This is a National Event with International as well as U.S. participation. There will a grand prize awarded and a special award for Corvettes only. Log on to the website for more information and to .register: 2006route66festival.com or contact Bruce Shaffer @ (505)821-5929 (email: bshaffer@oldrt66.com).
- Remember: the Super Nationals take place February 3-5/06. Members are encouraged to come out to Expo New Mexico to support this event. **BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!**
- Vice President Jack Richards talked about the Southwest Invitational; he requested help with such items as scouting a host hotel, trophy ideas, graphic design work for the flyer, etc. Steve Haydu, Steve Rahe and Larry Osborne volunteered.
- Activities Director Larry Osborne talked about some of the upcoming events he has scheduled for the Club.
- Treasurer Lori Jordan stated that there were no outstanding bills at this time; she also showed an ad for a Z06 from the ABQ Journal. She told everyone that Gov Ron Scott had just been released from the hospital.
- Pres. Gorelick then announced his master plan and budget for the upcoming year: He stated that would like to see the Club grow in membership; each member in attendance tonight received a copy of the registration form for both the NMCA and NCCC. He explained that every current member who brings in 10 primary new members, next year's membership fees will be waived. In addition, he passed out a new sponsorship form for the Club; sponsorships can be purchased a different levels, he explained what the benefits of each level will be. There will continue to be only one Chevrolet sponsor, CASA.
- There is also a plan in the works to upgrade/expand the current monthly newsletter.
- Stu proposed a change of date and venue for the monthly meetings to Thursday night and to meet @ a hotel in a meeting room. Pres. Gorelick will speak with the CASA general manager prior to making these changes. **MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES @ THE FEB MEETING.**
- In addition, there will be shirts for the Club officers so that members (or prospective new members) will be able to find them if they have any questions/concerns, pay dues, etc.
- A motion was made by VP Jack Richards to change the standing rules to make changes to the date/venue of meetings flexible without having to wait for a month to vote on said changes. The motion was seconded.
- CIA David Judd, then made a motion to change the standing rules regarding the mileage rate for the Governor to whatever the current IRS mileage rate is at any given time. The motion was seconded. All of these motions/proposals will be voted on at the February 2006 meeting.
- **COMING EVENTS:** 1/28, Wallace Bow Day - Sandia Motorsports, 2/3-5, Super Nationals @ Expo New Mexico, 2/11, Go Cart racing @ 2 p.m., located @ 98th & Central. \$35/day w/your own go cart, you can also rent their carts. There is a 10 lap qualifying run; your fastest lap determines where you are placed in the starting lineup for a 25 lap race. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED!, 2/12, Sweetheart Car Show, Tempe AZ (NCCC), 2/18, Wallace Bow Day - Sandia Motorsports, 2/19, Daytona 500 party @ Osborne's, 2/26, Caravan to Johnny Carrinos Italian Restaurant, Los Lunas, meet 5 p.m., 3/4, Julio G's Corvettes on the Green (NCCC)
- Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 2/07 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming (*All members are welcome to attend*). General Meeting will be held @ Casa Chevrolet on Friday, 2/17 @ 7 pm. **This is a very important meeting so be sure to attend.** There were drawings for door prizes and then the meeting adjourned @ 8:10 pm by President Stu Gorelick.

Respectfully submitted by

Suzanne

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



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

I look forward to representing the NMCA as president for the upcoming year.

I would like to once again thank the 2005 Officers, members, and our major Sponsor, CASA Chevrolet for all their support this past year. Together we were able to make a difference in the lives of many folks thru out the local community while enjoying our Vettes..

My theme and guiding light for the 2006 year will be: "Fun Involvement".

Whether it be a Fun Run, a Fun Social, a Fun Car Show, Fun Meeting, or Fun Racing, we really need everyone to get and be involved.

This is your club, and we need your involvement to make it Fun and enjoyable for you.

The December Christmas party was a fantastic success. In December we provided donations to Joy Junction, and funds to help purchase playground equipment for terminally ill children at Pres Hospital, who were all very appreciative. Once again, hats off to all of our club members who participated in supporting these organizations.

Jack Richards promises a "an awesome" Indian Summer this year, and after the first council meeting of the year, I can guarantee that we will continue to be the premiere CAR CLUB here in NM.

Please ensure you let the club officers and myself know your thoughts on ways we can all have Fun thru out the year.

You only have class, if you drive fiberglass!

Stuart Gorelick, President NMCA, sgore@aol.com



Stolen sports car back after 37 years

NEW YORK (AP) -- Thirty-seven years after his Corvette was stolen, a man in California is getting it back.

The 1968 Corvette was about to be shipped to a buyer in Sweden when U.S. Customs officials running a routine check on its vehicle identification number found it was stolen in 1969 in New York. Alan Poster had bought the car as an indulgence in late 1968 in the aftermath of a divorce, he told The New York Times in its Tuesday edition. A few months later, his blue sports car was stolen from a Manhattan garage. "(It was) probably the only car I've ever really loved," Alan Poster told the Times. Adding insult to injury, the 1968 Corvette was a particularly valued car. Its so-called "Mako Shark" design was seen as ushering in the third generation of the Corvette. There were 18,360 of the convertibles made that year.

Porter, now 63, had long ago given up hope of getting his car back, and he moved to California, settling in a town near San Francisco. His car also ended up in California. A collector in Long Beach, California was selling to a buyer in Sweden when Customs officials discovered the car's status in December. The collector isn't suspected of any wrongdoing. New York police had until January 1 to find the car's original owner before it was shipped abroad. They had no name or address for the owner, so they spent four days studying old records on microfiche before they found the information they needed. "It was the equivalent of finding a needle in a haystack, that report," Detective William Heiser said.

It's not known what happened to the car after it was stolen. Apparently no one tried to register it, because that would have tripped the same alarms that Customs agents found last year, police told the paper. The once blue car is now silver, with a red interior, and it's missing some parts. But the car Poster paid \$6,000 for back in 1968 is worth anywhere from \$20,000 to \$60,000 today, a Florida classic Corvette dealer told The Times. "It's not getting away from me again," Poster said. "They're going to have to kill me to get this car."

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