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October 2006

Tach Times

❖ Events Calendar ❖

Date	What	Notes
November 4-6	NCCC Competition	Sierra Viasta, AZ
November 7	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
November 11-12*	Ghosts & Goblins Overnight	Cimarron, NM - overnight trip
November 17	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm
November 18*	Magic Show	Simms Fine Arts Center 4 pm
December 5	NMCA Council Meeting	Sandia Computers: 6:30 pm
December 15	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm
December **	NMCA Awards Banquet	TBA

* more information within this newsletter
** insufficient information provided by publication date

❖ About NMCA ❖

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President	Stuart Gorelick
Vice-President	Wallace Bow
Treasurer	Lori Jordan
Secretary	Suzanne Monroy
Governor	Jack Richards
Activities	Jackcuelyn Haydu

Membership	Jan & Dan Bond
CIA	David Judd
Tech Chair	Chuck Tipton & Steve Rahe
NMCCC Rep	Bill Jackson
Newsletter	Phil Ellison & Helga Judd
Webmaster	Phil Ellison

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General meetings: 7 pm third Friday of each month at CASA Chevrolet
Council meetings: decided monthly (location & time may vary)
Deadline for newsletter entries: 24 hours following general meeting conclusion



❖ President's Report ❖

As the year winds down, NMCA can look back and see a lot of great things that have occurred this year. With the continued sponsorship of CASA Chevrolet, and the rest of the clubs sponsors, we were able to increase our membership quite substantially. A very successful Southwest Invitational in September, the upcoming Charity Magic Show for the Ronald McDonald House, Vettes in the Rockies, Car Shows, Racing Events, and so much more. All of these events could not be done without the sacrificial work of our club officers, workers, and members who have given so much of their time to continue in making NMCA the most active and classy car club in the state.

I wish the new officers for next year great success in continuing with what we started this year. I would also like to thank the club for giving me the opportunity to serve as your president, and look forward to a great 2007.

A reminder to all about a couple of events coming up in November & December. November 11th, the club is caravanning to Cimarron, NM to spend the night in the St. James Hotel, featured on TV for being haunted. For those of you who are planning to join us, make your reservations with the St. James Hotel directly, and watch your emails for time and place of departure. We will be meeting up with a group from Los Alamos and Santa Fe on the way up. This is going to be a great overnight, and I encourage everyone to join in. Plenty of rooms are available still, so check your calendars, and try and make it. November the 18th is the NMCA, Ronald McDonald House Charity Magic show at the Albuquerque Academy, with both 2pm and 4pm shows. We need your help in selling tickets to this event. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per couple and \$25.00 for up to families of 6. Event forms are available on the Web site, and you can also come by my office at Sandia Computers, 3625 Wyoming NE to purchase tickets or pickup registration forms. Talking with the Albuquerque Magicians, this show is going to be a great one, and everyone in the club is encouraged to participate and attend. All proceeds will be donated to the charity, it's a great cause, and your help would be appreciated.

At the next general meeting in November, I have a special guest coming to discuss car safety, security, and identity theft. He is a security consultant, and former Chief of Police for the Air Force. Should be a lot of info, and I would like to invite any teenage drivers of our club members to attend.

The Awards Banquet is going to be scheduled in December, and should be fabulous. Food Drive, Toys, and a gift exchange is planned, including our raffle for \$1000 in tires will come to a climatic conclusion. Tickets for the tire raffle are \$10.00 ea. or 3 for \$25.00. Tickets can be purchase at all NMCA events, Novembers General Meeting, and the evening of the Banquet. All proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House. I would like to thank Jim Allen and Firestone in Rio Rancho for donating the tires once again this year. Plan on attending to welcome a lot of new members and officers for the upcoming year. More info on the banquet will be coming to you shortly.

Drive Safely,

Stuart Gorelick
President, NMCA

❖ Vice-President's Report ❖

No report received by publication deadline



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❖ **Birthday Wishes**



Jane Jones – Nov 11
Kelly Gollen – Nov 14
Maryellen Mitschelen – Nov 15
Sharon Trauth – Nov 18
Marcus Bunting – Nov 9
Nelda Tipton – Nov 21
Phil Newland – Nov 22
Jim Thomte – Nov 24
Barbara Thomte – Nov 24
Annie Jaques – Nov 25
Ross Burchard – Nov 27
Catherine Ragsdale – Nov 30

Anniversary Memories ❖

Bob & Kris Becker – 11/10/90
George & Joanna Nail – 11/15/64
Chuck & Sharon Trauth – 11/19/88
Ronald & Jane Jones – 11/22/56
Rich & Mary Mieczko – 11/27/99



See *Tach Times* in color at www.nmcorvette.org

❖ **NMCA Welcomes** ❖



Gene Rudolph

1964 Blue Coupe



Eugene Rudolph Jr

1964 White Convertible

❖ In addition to the above new members, NMCA would like to offer a **very special welcome** to a whole gang of Corvette enthusiasts from the Los Alamos area who are in the midst of creating their own new club. In the near future you'll hear much more about the Atomic City Corvette Club based in Los Alamos (hence the cool name), but for now know that these fellow Corvette owners have joined forces with and are calling NMCA home, and we welcome you with open arms. A list of these new members is contained on their own separate page within this newsletter. ❖

❖ Note to other NMCA members: At some point we will be in a competitive event with this new club, so don't share **all** our secrets! ❖



❖ Council Minutes ❖

October 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Stu Gorelick at 6:30 pm. Officers in attendance were President Stu Gorelick, Governor Jack Richards, Treasurer Lori Jordan, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, Membership Chair Dan Bond, Competition Director Hugh Monroy, Activities Director Jackie Haydu & CIA David Judd.

President, Gorelick, asked the council to bring up any business they felt needed to be addressed.

Treasurer, Lori Jordan, stated that she has been in contact with the accounting firm regarding the status of the tax returns; when Mr. Benton returns to the office, she will speak with him again. In addition, she told the Council that all expenses for Southwest Invitational had been paid & the Club probably came out even on this event. Lori suggested to the Council that we send a gift to Mike Ragsdale to help with the cost of putting on lunch for NMCA members who attended the Vettes in the Aspens caravan Sunday, 10/8; the Council agreed.

Stu asked **Competition Director, Hugh Monroy**, to contact Mr. Ken Orozco, Manager @ CASA Chevrolet to set up an appointment for he & Hugh to meet regarding CASA's sponsorship & funding of NMCA in the coming year. Stu hopes to present that information @ the next General Meeting. Stu also stated that he will bring new sponsor forms to the next General meeting. He will also ask members to think of ways the club can raise revenue for the coming year. In addition, Stu asked Hugh to contact Pro Auto Sports (Firebird Raceway) in Arizona, to see if the Club could hire the track for a date in either January or February, 2007. For \$150/day we would have access to all 3 tracks for a day of training/racing.

Governor, Jack Richards, told the Council that in order to meet the 51% criteria for the Club to remain in NCCC, all NCCC dues must be in his hands by 11/6; to National Regional Membership, Ron Scott, by 11/13; & to NCCC National by 12/15. There will be a full detailed explanation of the NCCC guidelines by Jack @ the next General Meeting. In addition, he made a motion to modify the motion passed earlier this year by the Council to increase NMCA membership dues. Jack asked the Council to change the effective date of the increase in dues from October 31, 2006 to January 1, 2007. The motion was seconded by Lori Jordan & passed unanimously by the Council. This change will be reflected in the NMCA By-Laws. Dues for NMCA will be raised \$5 per person; \$10 per couple.

NCCC dues are as follows: \$35 - new primary member \$10 - new spouse
 \$25 - renewing member \$10 - renewing spouse

NMCA will continue to cover \$5 of the NCCC dues; cost to NMCA approximately \$375 (based on 2006 new members & renewals). Jack also asked the Council to consider getting a head start on SWI for 2007; Hugh Monroy will contact Sandia Motor Speedway to see if the Club could get the track for the weekend of 9/21-23 or 9/28/30 if the first requested weekend was not available. Jack gave the SWI results to CIA, David Judd after the meeting. He also stated that @ the November Governor's meeting @ Sierra Vista, AZ, all Corvette Clubs in the Roadrunner region he would need to submit any requests for sanctioned events for the coming year for approval. Jack told President Gorelick that per NCCC guidelines, the Club Governor should present information regarding NCCC @ EACH meeting of NMCA. He will make a presentation @ the November General meeting. Jack said that **member Doug Bird** suggested we use a buddy system when a new person/member shows up @ meetings/events. Someone who could let them know how the Club operates, what events we have, etc. This would eliminate interested folks leaving after only one meeting because they were completely ignored. Jack also suggested that we start considering other places to meet in case our meetings become too large for the CASA facility or CASA decides that they no longer wish to sponsor the Club. He noted that Shane LeMon had offered his new facility as a possible meeting place. He also stated that he felt the Council meetings for next year should be held @ the various Council members homes as was done in the past.

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❖ Council Minutes ❖

October 10, 2006, continued

Membership Director, Dan Bond, asked if the Club still intended to have name tags for all members @ each meeting. Yes, effective immediately. He also went over the list of items to be included in the new membership packages; it was agreed to continue to include membership cards in black/white. He asked if there would be new punch cards included for CASA in the packages; yes. We got new member applications from the Corvette group in Los Alamos (calling themselves Atomic City Vettes). Dan stated that we have gained approximately 25 new members this year. Dan also asked for more NCCC membership forms from Governor Jack Richards for the new member packets.

Activities Director, Jackie Haydu, stated she would be sending out an email to remind everyone to attend the next General meeting @ CASA. This is a very important meeting as we will be nominating officers for 2007; to remind members to bring their **NCCC RENEWAL FORMS** as well as NCCC dues AND **NMCA** dues. Jackie also reminded the Council that she would confirm the date of the upcoming car show NMCA will put on @ CASA Chevrolet is Sunday, 10/22. She also said that Garcia's Kitchen would cater our next General Meeting. She reminded everyone of the Mark Martinez Memorial Car Show on Saturday, 10/21 @ Rt. 66 Casino Parking Lot.

President Gorelick, also told the council that he had applied to K&K insurance for coverage for the Magic Show Event we are having on Sunday, 11/19 in conjunction with Ronald McDonald House @ ABQ Academy. We will start selling tickets to the Magic Show Event @ the next general meeting. We will have 1100 tickets to sell; (two colors, one for each show @ 2 & 4 p.m.) @ a cost of \$10/person or \$25/family (max of 6 people); maps to the location will be on the back of the tickets. We will attempt to have channels 4, 7 & 13 present for this event. We plan to have our banner prominently displayed @ this function. The proceeds from this program will go to Ronald McDonald House as well as the proceeds from the raffle tickets sold for the tires donated by Jim Allen from Goodyear Tires in Rio Rancho

Secretary, Suzanne Monroy, asked the Council why we are not currently sending out new membership lists to all members. Currently the Council members are the only folks receiving updated memberships lists. It was agreed that after the membership drive ending 10/31/06, that a new members listing will be compiled & sent out to all current members. She also asked the Council to confirm that the Awards Banquet will be in January, 2007 and that there will be a meeting/event in December in lieu of the banquet.

Stu stated that the Awards Banquet would be in January & that he would get together with Brenda Bunting & Barb Thomte regarding the dinner scheduled for Copelands in December. We also need to find a place for the January Award's Banquet. He also reminded the Council that those attending the trip to the haunted hotel in Cimarron, NM, should meet for departure @ 10 a.m. on Saturday 11/11 @ Lowe's on Paseo & I-25. The meeting was adjourned @ 8:30 p.m. by Stu Gorelick.

The next general meeting is @ 7 p.m. on Friday, 10/20 @ CASA Chevrolet.

The next Council meeting will be @ 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 11/7 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming; all members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Monroy

Suzanne Monroy, NMCA Secretary



❖ October General Meeting Minutes ❖

October 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Stu Gorelick.

The dinner prior to the meeting was provided by Garcia's Kitchen.

President, Stuart Gorelick, started the meeting by asking member Shane LeMon to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Stu reminded everyone in attendance that we would be having a car show @ CASA on Sunday 10/22 @ 11 a.m. No entry fee! There will be prizes & hot dogs (for a nominal fee); CASA will also be showing a few Corvettes! If you refer a customer who buys one of the Corvettes, there will be a \$250 referral fee awarded. Stu then asked anyone who was new to NMCA or visiting to please tell us their name & what Vette they drive; Greg Jones, silver '05, Robert & Patricia Brandon, silver '04 Z06, Robert Bower, '78 silver anniversary & Alfonso '86 firetop red.

Competition Director, Hugh Monroy, brought a flyer to the meeting from Firebird International Raceway in Phoenix, AZ. Anyone interested in track time @ this raceway please see him.

Governor, Jack Richards, told everyone that he had tallied all the points from SWI. He stated that the club needs 51% NCCC membership in order to maintain our NCCC Club membership. He also explained the benefits of the Club remaining in NCCC (insurance, etc.) We must have all of our NCCC dues into Lori Jordan by 11/6. If you pay NCCC late you pay at the new NCCC member rate. NMCA is still covering \$5 of the NCCC dues. The Council has voted to ask the membership to consider an increase in NMCA dues by \$5/ person & \$10/couple effective 1/1/07. This issue will be voted on @ the November General Meeting.

Regional NCCC Membership Director for Roadrunner Region, Ron Scott, shared that if Los Alamos became an NCCC Club, then NM would have @ least 3 Corvette Clubs; we now have 2.

President Gorelick, told the membership that he would be meeting @ 10 am on Monday morning with Ken Orozco, CASA general manager and Mark Wiggins of CASA, regarding the continued sponsorship of NMCA by CASA Chevrolet; Hugh Monroy, Shane LeMon & Suzanne Monroy will be with him. Any other member who wished to attend is welcome. Stu then asked **member Doug Byrd** to share with the Club the Buddy System. When new members or visitors attend one of our meetings someone would be their mentor; show them the ropes, share what activities the Club sponsors, etc. This will be further discussed @ the next Council meeting.

Activities Director, Jackie Haydu, spoke about upcoming events: reminded everyone about the CASA Car Show on Sunday 10/22; 11/11 & 11/12 overnight trip to haunted St. James Hotel in Cimarron, NM (Los Alamos Vettes will join us); 11/18 Ronald McDonald House Magic Show @ Albuquerque Academy 2 & 4 p.m.

Member Donnie Marchi also shared that there will be a professional MC, Donnie will be having a meeting with the group coordinating this program on Tuesday 10/24; the December Awards Banquet is in the works.

Stu, stated that members would be able to check out tickets for the RMH event tonight; he also had ticket forms for members to pass out @ work, etc. There will also be tickets available @ at the door (green tickets 2 p.m. show/yellow tickets 4 p.m. show). Cancer patients & their families will be attending the 2 p.m. show free. The price is \$10/person; \$20/couple & \$25/family of 6. Look for information on the NMCA website. There is a PDF file on the website for downloading.

Treasurer, Lori Jordan, reminded members about the Mark Martinez Memorial Car Show @ Rt. 66 10/21.



❖ October General Meeting Minutes ❖

October 20, 2006, continued

Membership Director, Dan Bond, said that we had 10 new associate NMCA members from Los Alamos.

Stuart Gorelick opened the floor for nominations of Club officers for 2007.

Jack Richards was nominated for governor; the motion was 2nd; no other names were presented.

Jack Richards was voted governor of NMCA by unanimous vote of the members in attendance.

Suzanne Monroy nominated Shane LeMon for President; Lori Jordan 2nd the nomination. No other names were presented. Lori Jordan nominated Hugh Monroy for Vice President; Steve Haydu 2nd the nomination. No other names were presented. Suzanne Monroy was nominated for Secretary; the nomination was 2nd. No other names were presented. Lori Jordan was nominated for Treasurer; the nomination was 2nd. No other names were presented. Jackie Haydu was nominated for Activities Director; the nomination was 2nd. No other names were presented. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Activities Director will be reopened & voted on @ the November 17, 2006, General Meeting.

Members Steve Haydu & Jackie Haydu thanked all of those who worked so hard to make the SWI Funkhana & autocrosses a success this year.

Member Shane LeMon also suggested the Club keep a book showing all of the member businesses. He also thanked **member Jim Allen** for donating the tires for our charity raffle as well as telling everyone what a great deal he offers members on tires. **Hugh Monroy** also stated that if you want a front end alignment, Jim's place is where to take your Corvette. Jim's Firestone store is located off Southern Blvd in Rio Rancho.

Following drawings for door prizes; the meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 pm by Stu Gorelick.

JUST A REMINDER: OFFICERS FOR 2007 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING!

Next Council meeting is 6:30 pm on Tuesday, 11/7 @ Sandia Computers on Wyoming

(All members are welcome to attend).

General Meeting will be held on Friday, 11/17 @ 7 pm @ CASA Chevrolet on Lomas.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne

Suzanne Monroy, Secretary



NMCA On Display

A warm, clear, calm afternoon made an ideal setting for a late October Corvette show at NMCA's sponsor dealership, CASA Chevrolet. 25+ member Corvette's ranging from a '64 by our newest member Gene Rudolph to our first 2007 Z06 belonging to Hugh and Suzanne Monroy added color and excitement to the corner of Lomas and Louisiana in Albuquerque on October 22nd. Combined with the new 2007 models CASA made available, the show was a spectacle for all passers-by who couldn't help but stop and take in the sights. NMCA thanks all the members who took time from their busy schedules to dust off their Corvette and spend the afternoon at CASA Chevrolet with a couple dozen other members. No matter how many times NMCA has a Corvette show, we each seem to learn a little more about different Corvettes, or the members at each event. Since no voting was conducted, the decision was that each Corvette tied for first place!

More photos of this event may be viewed by selecting the photo link on the club web site.



❖ Event Details ❖

Date	Details
November 11-12	Ghosts & Goblins Overnight Adventure Details Chairperson: Stuart Gorelick What: An overnight trip to St James hotel, Cimarron, NM www.stjamescimarron.com - hotel website Room rates \$80-\$120/night (you are responsible for securing your own room) RSVP to: Stuart Gorelick
November 18	Magical Delight Details Chairperson: Stuart Gorelick What: Albuquerque Magicians & Jugglers, including NMCA's own Donnie Marchi Where: Simms Fine Arts Ctr, Albuquerque Academy (enter via Wyoming & Burlison) Cost: \$10/person, \$20/couple or \$25 for family of 6 or less If planning to attend, please submit ticket request form (on NMCA web home page)
December	Annual NMCA Awards Banquet has moved again, now taking place in December Details, when known, will be announced via web site

Reminder:
November NMCA General meeting will have voting conducted for 2007 NMCA elected Officer positions plus NMCA Person Of The Year

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 also be viewed at our web site in the "Events" listing area.

❖ Other ❖

A Call For NMCA Gear

If you have a NMCA Officer license plate frame, or any club related items that you have somehow become home to, please bring these to the November general meeting. If by chance the item is large, contact NMCA at info@nmcorvette.org first to see how we should proceed.

Wanted:

'63-'67 Corvette convertible with automatic transmission and factory A/C.
No side exhaust. Will consider basket case, but no trailer queens please.
Contact Tom at 505-894-7137 or tombird@riolink.com





❖ In The News ❖

Aspen Tour 2006

Around 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning, in drizzling weather, 7 Corvettes & 1 BMW from NMCA took off from Albuquerque for the Ragsdale's residence near Los Alamos, NM. We met up with the Atomic City Vettes (newly formed Corvette club representing northern NM) just outside of White Rock and they guided us to the Ragsdale's home. When we arrived Cathy Ragsdale had prepared a delicious luncheon for all of us

The weather continued as a light rain while we were there, but after we headed down to Valles Caldera with another 8 Corvettes from the Atomic City Club, the weather began to clear. We stopped at Valles Caldera for pictures (15 Corvettes in all) and were surprised by a couple traveling through NM from Aurora, Colorado. They pulled in and introduced themselves as Kathy Hall and Dean Karch. They hadn't seen each other for 19 years and were spending some time together catching up. They joined the NMCA group as we headed on through Jemez. By this time the glorious sun shone through and the rest of the drive was beautiful.



Story submitted by Suzanne Monroy
Photo submitted by Lori Jordan



Southwest Invitational 2006

NMCA Southwest Invitational, also known as Indian Summer has come and gone. This is typically the area reserved for an event recap, so that members who were not fortunate enough to attend could still have a feel for what happened, who won what and how NMCA members scored compared to the out-of-town participants. Unfortunately, no event details or standings have been shared and no announcement was made at the October general meeting.

Congratulations to all the trophy holders . . . whomever you are!

Thank You

The Martinez family thanks everyone who participated in the fund raising event October 21st. Your time and energy was deeply appreciated.



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Lloyd & Doris Faust

1987 Red Convertible



Bill & Jennifer McKerley

1993 Red Coupe



Jack & Robin Markham

1975 Red Coupe



Tom & Susan Nolen

1993 Red LT-1



Jack & Collene House

1961 Roadster, 1965 Coupe, 2005 Coupe



John DePaoli

1981 White Coupe, 1992 White ZR-1



Juanita Romero & Pamela Alcala

2002 Torch Red Coupe



David Buckner

2005 Yellow Coupe



Arlo Dornhoff

2003 Silver Z06



Omar Sanchez

1969 Red Stingray, 1996 Blue Grand Sport



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SHELL OIL COMMENTS - submitted by Stuart Gorelick

The Shell Oil Company recently issued a warning after three incidents in which mobile phones (cell phones) ignited fumes during fueling operations. In the first case, the phone was placed on the car's trunk lid during fueling; it rang and the ensuing fire destroyed the car and the gasoline pump.

In the second, an individual suffered severe burns to their face when fumes ignited as they answered a call while refueling their car.

And in the third, an individual suffered burns to the thigh and groin as fumes ignited when the phone, which was in their pocket, rang while they were fueling their car.

You should know that:

Mobile Phones can ignite fuel or fumes.

Mobile phones that light up when switched on or ring release enough energy to provide a spark for ignition.

Mobile phones should not be used in filling stations, or when fueling lawn mowers, boat, etc.

Mobile phones should not be used, or should be turned off, around other materials that generate flammable or explosive fumes or dust, i.e. solvents, chemicals, gases, grain dust, etc.

To sum it up, here are Four Rules for Safe Refueling

- 1) Turn off engine
- 2) Don't smoke
- 3) Don't use your cell phone ... leave it inside the vehicle or turn it off
- 4) Don't re-enter your vehicle during fueling

Bob Renkes of Petroleum Equipment Institute is working on a campaign to try and make people aware of fires as a result of "static electricity" at gas pumps. His company has researched 150 cases of these fires.

His results were very surprising:

- 1) Out of 150 cases, almost all of them were women.
- 2) Almost all cases involved the person getting back in their vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. When finished, they went back to pull the nozzle out and the fire started, as a result of static.
- 3) Most had on rubber-soled shoes.
- 4) Most men never get back in their vehicle until completely finished. This is why they are seldom involved in these types of fires.
- 5) Don't ever use cell phones when pumping gas.
- 6) It is the vapors that come out of the gas that cause the fire, when connected with static charges.
- 7) There were 29 fires where the vehicle was re-entered and the nozzle was touched during refueling from a variety of makes & models. Some resulted in extensive damage to the vehicle, to the station, & to the customer.
- 8) Seventeen fires occurred before, during or immediately after the gas cap was removed & before fueling began.

Mr. Renkes stresses to NEVER get back into your vehicle while filling it with gas.

If you absolutely HAVE to get in your vehicle while the gas is pumping, make sure you get out, close the door TOUCHING THE METAL, before you ever pull the nozzle out. This way the static from your body will be discharged before you ever remove the nozzle.

I ask you to please send this information to ALL your family and friends, especially those who have kids in the car with them while pumping gas. If this were to happen to them, they may not be able to get the children out in time.



Making A Difference

Each year at the November general meeting NMCA members cast ballots for the following year Officers. At the same time members are given the opportunity to reflect back and ponder who within the organization made a significant, important, on-going, outstanding or some other type of beneficial contribution to NMCA during the year. Names are collected through a ballot process, and the member deemed to have risen above and given 110% as voted by his or her peers, is honored as NMCA Person Of The Year and is awarded the safe-keeping of the Person Of The Year trophy which has been in circulation since the tradition began in 1972.

The recipient need not be a current club Officer. Any and all members are eligible, and if you feel them worthy, your vote is your way of acknowledging them. This award can be shared by two or more individuals, should the member votes dictate. While this award is normally bestowed on one person each year, there have been years where two names appear as co-recipients.

Your vote could stem from one outstanding event or effort by a person, or through their contributions throughout the year. This year, like most, there are a number of individuals and situations that could be considered. For example, few members know the efforts and hours put in by Lori Jordan and Hugh Monroy in straightening out NMCA financial records. This is a tedious task at best, yet one that is vitally important to the future of NMCA as we know it. Activities Director Jackie Haydu didn't hesitate to step in and volunteer her time as Activities Director when the position came open due to a resignation. She hit the deck running and hasn't looked back. Monthly each member receives a newsletter, either via mail or the web site. Hours go into the collection, layout and assembly of this monthly publication. Phil Ellison creates this newsletter monthly, as he has for the past 5 years, never missing an issue. This year Phil has been assisted by Helga Judd who spends considerable time doing the actual printing, folding, taping and stamping of each newsletter. And for those members who rely on the web site for newsletters and information, Phil also maintains this site, and this summer took it upon himself to build a new web site from ground up to replace an older site that was routinely getting hacked. The list goes on, with many situations and members for consideration.

In each of the above situations a member, or members labor behind the scenes to help the club stay on track. Often times these efforts go unnoticed or without feedback. Because a few individuals put in a considerable amount of extra time and energy, the members can easily take the work for granted, often times not even sure how it gets done...only knowing that it's a given. These are examples of members working for the good of all, which makes club life better for everyone involved.

Look around and think of who you believe would be worthy to be called NMCA Person Of The Year, then cast your ballot November 17th at the general meeting.

Good things come to those who wait

Hugh & Suzanne Monroy have dreamed of owning a C-6 Z06 ever since the first clay model was made by the design team several years ago. As soon as the Z06 was announced and made available, Hugh, along with several NMCA members, plopped down a deposit and got put on the wait list. That was 18 months ago. Finally Hugh's phone rang. His turn had arrived. A few calls, some finalizing of details followed by more waiting led to a call this September informing Hugh that his Yellow 2007 Z06 was at the dealer. Unfortunately, Hugh was in Los Angeles when the call came. Imagine that flight home! Straight from the airport to the dealer, and the rest, as they say, is history.





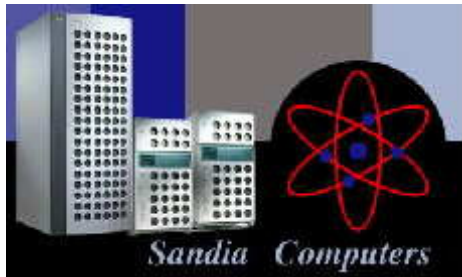
Since 1962 the New Mexico Corvette Association has been involved with providing Corvette excitement, entertainment and a united organization and voice for Corvette enthusiast throughout New Mexico. NMCA sincerely appreciates and proudly recognizes it's loyal sponsors, which make many of the events



CASA Chevrolet is the **GOLD Sponsor** of NMCA, and has been a loyal partner and sponsor since 2001.

Each NMCA member has a substantial discount available to them for any service or part, for any vehicle, provided the business is conducted at any one of the three CASA outlets in the greater Albuquerque area.

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