



February 2007

You are advised to print events page of this message for review during the coming month.

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Welcome to a new era of NMCA and the monthly distribution of news, stories and event information. For cost considerations and to expedite club information, NMCA has elected to utilize an e-mail delivered newsletter system. This monthly message will be kept to a small file size for ease of opening and printing. When appropriate, links will be added so that you may go directly to a full length story on our, or an affiliated web site.

If you are aware of a member who will be unable to receive this format of newsletter due to computer issues or health reasons, please make NMCA aware of this member and their situation, and NMCA will take steps to provide them a hard copy of this same newsletter.

As with anything brand new, this newsletter is subject to tweaks and improvements over the coming months. In testing, 3 separate e-mail providers were used, and each of the three resulted in different sized text messages. If you happen to be someone who gets a message in tiny type, please know that it was not intentionally done by NMCA. The two providers that displayed large text had a very good display. The only solution we can offer is to copy the entire message, paste to a Word document, then enlarge the entire message.

Member feedback is encouraged if you believe something could be improved upon. Send your comments to info@nmcorvette.org. And like anything new concerning a Corvette, this first ever e-mail newsletter is destined to be worth a lot of money in 30-40 years. Print this, give it to your kids and they'll thank you....a long time from now!

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Driver's Seat

Please pat the crew on the back, in particular VP Hugh Monroy, for filling in during my absence at Barrett-Jackson. If you haven't already heard, we had hoped to provide a live tele-conference, but the best laid plans of mice and men were not to work. The usual NMCA crew was at BJ - myself, Steve & Jean Haydu, Wallace Bow (and his parents), and Jim & Barb Thomte. We had loads of fun, but froze our little behinds off during our 10 day stay in Scottsdale. The actual day our cars went on the block (Sunday), the weather guys forecast 58 and sunny. We woke up to pouring rain and thunderstorms. I think both cars had to be detailed no less than 5 or 6 times each that day as they progressed from one tent to another on their way to the block. In fact, the last car of the day was being watched over by Steve Haydu when the wind began gusting, restaurant umbrellas began spiraling thru the air, hail began to fall followed by heavy rain, followed by thunder snow. Is this really Phoenix? I swear the day after we returned to Albuquerque felt warmer than all ten days in Phoenix. So why don't you join us next year?

In the mean time, it looks like we are off to a really fun year focusing on being a "car club" full of car loving guys and gals. Stay tuned and get involved with one or more of the four groups that will be picking the activities for your club's future (car shows, racing, rallies & caravans, and social activities). The calendar for the year is already filling up. If you have any other fun ideas, speak up!

Warmest Corvette Greetings,

Shane LeMon, NMCA President

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Governor Corner

From around the Region and Nationally...
...or "from out of the red mist"

I just returned from a weekend in Tempe, Arizona where I attended the first quarter's Governors' meeting as well as Desert Corvette Association's 14th Annual Sweethearts Car Show at Chapman Chevrolet. Yes, I actually cleaned up the old white Shark and even vacuumed it, put Armorall on the tires, and won a first place in my class, in a Concours no less. There were a couple hundred cars which did include Chevys as well as Corvettes. It was an extremely well run and organized event and anyone with a serious interest in car shows should plan on attending next year's event.

Discussions at the Governors' meeting included topics related to insurance, newsletters and websites, event flyers, regional points competition, and proposed changes to the 2008 Rule Book. I also was involved in a critique related to problems/concerns for last year's events, and specifically SWI. I will be sharing the feed-back with the Board and event personnel.

All things considered, it was a fun weekend, talking Corvettes with members and friends in the Region. If any NCCC members want to make new friends, experience different events outside of Albuquerque, and just have fun, let me know and I'll get you hooked up with all the information.

Let's get those Vettes out and use them...

Save the Wave...

Jack Richards, NMCA Governor

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NMCA EVENTS CALENDAR:

What: Caravan

When: Saturday March 17

Chairman: Rich Sherman

Meet time: 9:45

Departure time: 10 am

Meet location: Smiths – Tramway & Central

Destination: Moriarty airport via old Route 66

Lunch: At hanger

What you can expect at the destination:

--- First stop – restoration projects in progress (Commemorative Air Force Museum) & lunch

--- Second stop - Southwest Soaring Museum

Anticipated expenses: Lunch is \$5 for BBQ burger, entry to Southwest Soaring Museum is \$5/person

Anticipated duration of event: unknown

Special note: Parking at the Southwest Soaring Museum is dirt (better parking is being investigated)

Special note: Soar plane rides can be had for \$75 (duration unknown)

What: International Dinner
When: Saturday April 28th
Chairperson: Jackie Haydu
Location: 2420 Midtown NE Suite A (American Property business location)
Start time: unknown
Cost: Free, but all members need to bring a dish of ethnic/cultural origin

Other exciting events (details forthcoming) you should block your calendar for:

- ☀ Multiple autocross dates and drag race events are being compiled at press time
- ☀ May 5th – annual caravan & parade – Truth or Consequences
- ☀ May 5th – Corvette Show – ACC, Los Alamos
- ☀ May 20th – 90 mile rallye in and around Albuquerque area
- ☀ June 15th – general meeting combined with BBQ at Shane LeMons place of business
- ☀ June 17th – caravan
- ☀ July – caravan, Corvette gathering & BBQ – Hyde Park (Santa Fe)
- ☀ August – BBQ at the Buntings
- ☀ September 28-29-30 – NMCA Southwest Invitational (registration begins in April)
- ☀ December – awards banquet

Chairpersons of NMCA events are encouraged to secure a checklist for their event from Jackie Haydu. This checklist will insure all vital issues are addressed and affords an avenue for distribution of your event information so that all NMCA members can be well informed and able to make sound decisions about the activity about to take place. Ideally any event within 90 days of Tach Times publication will have complete details available.

Check out all NMCA events, plus other non-NMCA car events at <http://nmcorvette.org/events>

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MEETING CALENDAR:

February 16 – General Meeting – 7 pm - CASA Chevrolet – 7201 Lomas NE

March 6 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A
March 16 – General Meeting – 7 pm - CASA Chevrolet – 7201 Lomas NE

April 10 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A
April 20 – General Meeting – 7 pm - CASA Chevrolet – 7201 Lomas NE

May 8 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A
May 18 – General Meeting – 7 pm - CASA Chevrolet – 7201 Lomas NE

June 5 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A
June 15 – General Meeting & BBQ – 7 pm - 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A (SPECIAL LOCATION)

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Birthday candles flaming out of control this February & March:

☀ February ☀

- Gene Rudolph – 1st
- Patricia Bauer – 6th
- Lori Jordan – 7th
- Stephen Rahe – 8th

Scott Frankel – 11th
Jim Straka – 11th
Sara Russell – 18th
Hubert Monroy – 20th
Tom Saille – 20th
Frances Frankel – 22nd
Eugene Rudolph – 25th

☼ March ☼

Steve Conrad – 3rd
Gregory Jones – 4th
Stuart Gorelick – 8th
Richard Jones – 10th
Sherry Breedlove – 13th
Brenda Bunting – 22nd
Steve Haydu – 24th
Larry Jordan – 27th
Becky Scott – 30th
Sandi Taylor – 31st

Wedding anniversary bells ringing in February & March:

☼ February ☼

Mike & Kathi Mansur – 2/14/99

☼ March ☼

Hubert & Suzanne Monroy – 3/7/02
Jim & Darla Straka – 3/18/77
Mr & Mrs Chris Ortega – 3/24/79

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NMCA NEWS

Unser Racing Museum Tour:

On Saturday January 27th NMCA members enjoyed a special treat as they toured the Unser Racing Museum and had the distinct pleasure of having Al Unser Sr as our host. A huge crowd was on hand to take advantage of this very special opportunity. Al Unser Sr was gracious enough to answer any and all questions plus sign a tremendous volume of hats, posters, shirts and photographs.

Read the complete story at <http://nmcorvette.org/news/2007/1qtr/unser1-28-07>

Photos are posted at www.nmcorvette.org

2007 Super Nationals Custom Auto Show:

February 2-4 at Expo New Mexico NMCA had five Corvettes on display during this annual national car show event.

Bob DuBois (1968), Bill Jackson (1963), Lori Jordan (2001), Hugh Monroy (2007) & Jim Thomte (1972) represented NMCA proudly, and each brought home trophies for their excellent Corvettes. Hugh Monroy also took honors in the way of a special cash award for his Yellow 2007 Z06.

Read the complete story at <http://nmcorvette.org/news/2007/1qtr/supernationals2-4-07>

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PROCEDURES & REGULATIONS

First and foremost, as a member of NMCA you are obligated to act in a manner becoming of NMCA whenever participating in a club event (social or competitive), or when representing NMCA in any official capacity. This includes, but is not limited to, obeying all traffic laws, acting in a courteous manner, and respecting all property, private or public. If there are rulebook challenges or disputes, these issues need to be brought to the attention of the NMCA Governor and event chairperson in a civil, professional manner. When participating in a club organized event, you the member, represent NMCA to other members and to the general public which may be observing or somehow associated with our event. Treat NMCA members and associates with respect and you can expect no less in return.

As we enter a new season of Corvette fun and activities, the time is right to once again review some of the rules and guidelines we must all be aware of. This edition of Tach Times deals with caravans. Subsequent issues will discuss cars shows, high speed events and rallyes. NMCA is an NCCC car club and is obligated to follow the official rulebook as closely as practicable for each event. The rulebook is established to afford a safety factor for all participants while still affording maximum enjoyment. Since NCCC provides an umbrella of insurance protection, we must make all reasonable attempts to conform to the common sense rules set forth.

Caravans:

All cars in the caravan should drive with their headlights on.

If the club has two-way radios, the lead car and the end car should have these to maintain contact.

If able, a middle car should also be equipped with a radio.

Left turns across traffic should be kept to a minimum when planning a caravan route.

Chairs need to take all precautions against putting caravan participants in potentially hazardous traffic situations.

All participants (drivers, navigators and/or passengers) must sign an official NCCC waiver before starting the event.

The lead car will be identified to all participants.

You have an obligation to maintain sight of the car behind you.

When traveling in a congested area, stoplights, stop signs, heavy traffic or other circumstances beyond your control, the chairperson and/or lead car should arrange for periodic stops where the caravan may regroup.

There is absolutely no passing of another member unless that member specifically waves you around.

Obey all posted traffic signs and laws.

When on the open road, away from city traffic, cars should maintain a minimum of 1 car length for every 10 mph in speed. This is in accordance with all motor vehicle regulations. Corvette owners may wish to increase this distance slightly to minimize any potential of damage due to rocks or other road hazards.

A caravan group should be spaced so that non-participating vehicles will not intermix with the caravan.

If other vehicles become involved with the caravan procession, use extreme caution if passing so as to rejoin the main caravan group. Your behavior on the road reflects directly upon the group you are associated with.

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FOR SALE

The NMCA web site accepts For Sale and Wanted listings related to Corvettes, at no charge by private parties.

This list is constantly changing, with many Corvettes sold within a short period of being listed.

Corvettes added to or postings updated on the For Sale list within the past 30 days include:

☼ 2005 Coupe – 6 speed – Silver - \$43,500

☼ 1994 Coupe – Red - \$19,000

☼ 1986 Coupe – Auto – Gold - \$18,000

Review all For Sale & Wanted listings at <http://nmcorvette.org/forsale>

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NMCA MEETING MINUTES

Council meeting minutes and General meeting minutes are available for review anytime at:
<http://nmcorvette.org/newsletters>

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Test your Corvette IQ:

Question 1

The slope of the C-4 Corvette windshield was dramatically altered from the C-3.

What was new angle on the C-4?

58% - 61% - 64% - 66%

Question 2

For the 1965 production year, what was the least popular color?

Goldwood Yellow - Tuxedo Black - Milano Maroon - Ermine White

Question 3

A 24 gallon fuel tank was an option for the 1960 Corvette.

What was the sticker price of this option?

\$161.40 - \$158.25 - \$109.37 - \$96.05

Question 4

What was the final year that GM offered removable rear windows on the C-3 Coupe?

1970 - 1971 - 1972 - 1973

(answers at the end of this newsletter)

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MESSAGE BOARD

The following messages were received by NMCA and may be of interest to all members:

☀ 1/28/07 - Dear Jackie,

A quick note to thank you for the invitation to tour the Unser Museum! Although only seven of our members and wives were able to attend, we had an OUTSTANDING time! We were able to get a few personal items autographed and engage in one-on-one conversation with a true racing legend. Altogether an experience that will not soon be forgotten!

Many thanks,
Mike Luna - Atomic City Corvettes

☀ 2/9/07 – To all NMCA members

I am planning on going to Westworld to race the weekend of March 17-18 with the Arizona Corvette Club. Would anyone like to caravan with me on Thursday the 15th, play golf on Friday, and return on Sunday after the races? Please e-mail me at sngore@aol.com and we can make the proper arrangements.

Stuart Gorelick

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NEWS FROM SANTA FE

The following was received by NMCA from NMCCC and involves a report of measures and bills involved with the legislature in Santa Fe. This information has not been independently confirmed:

There have been 4 bills introduced this week worthy of note.

SB 844 - Senator Asbill believes that any event recorder in any vehicle should be noted at the time of sale/rental/lease. That way renters and owners would be aware that 'big brother' is watching at all times the vehicle is in use.

SB 824 - Senator Mike Sanchez proposes an absolute maximum speed limit for the state of 55 mph, anywhere, any time.

SB 777 - Senator Rainaldi thinks that the state could make more money on vehicle registration fees if the state charged for and provided (matching) license plates on both ends of the car.

SB 861 - Senator Payne wants each traffic monitoring camera to be duly publicized in advance of the intersection / road where such camera holds jurisdiction.

There will probably be bills introduced before the session is over to address funds derived from traffic cameras to limit the total fine, limit the payout to a third party (who provides the camera or the camera service), and to provide an effective appeal process (aka 'due process' in the bill of rights amendments to the constitution) even though these are civil actions and not government-imposed punishment.

For more information, go to the internet at legis.state.nm.us. At that site, you can read the bill(s) in their current version, track the bill(s), communicate with the author(s)/sponsor(s), and contact your own legislators.

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Member input is always welcome. If you have photos and/or comments about a Corvette event or NMCA event, and wish to share those thoughts, please submit to info@nmcorvette.org. If you have comments about this new Tach Times distribution method, or if you know of a member who is unable to receive this monthly e-mail newsletter, please send a note indicating the member and the reason why they are unable to receive this, and steps will be taken to insure they are provided with a hard copy of this same newsletter.

You should anticipate a monthly message similar to this arriving approximately 3-4 days prior to the NMCA general meeting date. Minutes of the Council meeting and General meeting will continue to be posted on the club web site in the newsletter section. Additional files may be added to the web site newsletter section and/or as attachments to this newsletter when the situation warrants.

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Corvette Trivia Answers:

- ☼ The C-4 windshield had an angle of 64%
- ☼ Tuxedo Black was the least produced color in 1965, with only 1,191 leaving the factory this way
- ☼ The optional 24 gallon fuel tank for 1960 models would set you back an additional \$161.40
- ☼ The 1972 Corvette Coupe was the final year where the rear window was designed as removable

