



January 2007

Tach Times

❖ **Events Calendar** ❖

Date	What	Notes
January 30	Special Council Meeting	American Property: 6 pm
February 2-4*	Super National Auto Show	Expo NM
February 4*	NMCA Super Bowl Party	American Property: 3 pm
February 6	NMCA Council Meeting	American Property: 6:30 pm
February 16	NMCA General Meeting	CASA Chevrolet: 7:00 pm

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

❖ **About NMCA** ❖

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Treasurer	Lori Jordan
Secretary	Suzanne Monroy
Governor	Jack Richards
Activities	Jackcuelyn Haydu
Membership	Jan & Dan Bond
CIA	David Judd
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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



❖ NCCC News ❖

From around the Region and Nationally...

January 21, 2007

Believe it or not, the competition season is starting.

February has us in Tempe, AZ for a Peoples' Choice car show and a Concours on the 11th sponsored by Desert Corvette Assn. March 3rd is a PC in Scottsdale, March 10th is a PC in Phoenix, & March 17-18 are three autocrosses in Scottsdale put on by Arizona Competition Corvettes. Anyone interested in more information or going to these events, please contact me and I'll get you hooked up.

New competition rules are being formulated and the new Rule Book will be out for 2008. Some changes that you should be aware of are:

- 4-point (minimum) harnesses attached to harness bars or roll bars will be required for all high speed events.
- Drilled rotors will be allowed in Group II and above (Group I only if they are factory stock on the car)
- **NOTE – Before you make expensive changes to your car you can contact me to see if they are legal or if they put you in a class you don't want to compete in.**

2007 NCCC Convention will be in Nashville June 16th to the 23rd and promises to be a really fun filled week. Any members interested in attending should check the websites and get their registrations in early.

Just a comment, the more active and involved you are the more fun you will have. Let's get those Corvettes out and use them.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Richards, NMCA Governor
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SAVE THE WAVE!

Websites to bookmark & visit:

NCCC www.corvettesnccc.org / Roadrunner Region www.ncccroadrunner.com





❖ **Birthday Wishes**

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



February

Anniversary Memories ❖

Mike & Kathi Mansur – 2/14/99

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

❖ **NMCA Welcomes** ❖



Chris Ortega
1999 Red Coupe



Cyril Bock & Kathy Miller
2006 Silver Coupe



Ken Pepin & Rachel White
2003 Yellow Z06



Matt & Leslie Helge
1989 Navy Blue Convertible



❖ Council Minutes ❖

January 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Hugh Monroy at 6:25 pm. Officers in attendance were President Shane LeMon, Vice President Hugh Monroy, Governor Jack Richards, Treasurer Lori Jordan, Secretary Suzanne Monroy, Activities Director Jackie Haydu, Webmaster Phil Ellison, Membership Dan Bond, CIA David Judd.

Vice President, Hugh Monroy, went over the agenda for the meeting. Secretary, Suzanne Monroy read minutes from the December 2006 Council meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hugh asked Council officers for updates/reports.

Treasurer, Lori Jordan, stated that the Club has \$3,100 in checking; all bills are current. She shared that a letter was sent with a check for \$1,009 to Ronald McDonald House. A response was received from RMH thanking the Club for the funds. Lori also gave Governor Jack Richards new NCCC memberships w/checks.

President Shane LeMon, told the Council that he's offered his warehouse for a Super Bowl party 2/4/07; Wallace is looking into renting a large screen TV for the event (Shane & Wallace will co-chair this event). Shane is ordering one long Subway sandwich. Jackie Haydu will announce the party @ the General meeting & ask for a show of hands; Jackie will ask attending members to provide their own drinks & bring side dishes. In addition, Shane said that he has asked CPA Samuel L. Baca to review our paperwork to determine the best course of action regarding our tax issue will be; Shane will report these findings @ our next Council meeting. Shane told the Council that member Steve Schultheis said the Unser Museum will provide a tour for NMCA members on 1/27, @ 10 a.m, 25% off \$5.25/person. He thinks Al Unser Sr. will be guiding the tour! Chair persons Steve Schultheis & Shane LeMon.

Governor, Jack Richards, reminded the Council that the dates for SWI are 9/28-30/07 & asked VP Hugh Monroy to let him know if the schedule we followed for 2006 SWI will remain the same; he needs to inform Paul Hammersly of Regional NCCC to have these events sanctioned. Hugh stated that for now the schedule remains the same. Changes can/may be made @ a later date. Hugh has been in contact w/Route 66 to determine if we can hold the People's Choice Car Show & Funkhana there on Saturday 9/29; they have agreed. We have already locked in w/Rt. 66 for the Friday evening banquet. The Club will check w/Rt. 66 to determine if we can hold our autocross event there in the event Sandia Motorsports is no longer available. In addition, it was suggested that Hugh get with Wallace Bow to develop the flier for SWI. Shane asked if we wanted to consider adding a rally; eliminating one of the scheduled events? To be decided later. Wallace will be Chairperson for the autocross portion of SWI held on Sunday 9/30. Jack reminded the Council that the NCCC National Convention will be held in Nashville, TN, June 16-24/07. This is close enough to drive & we might consider going as a caravan/group. He also said he has a copy of the NCCC events calendar & will forward it to officers/members who will be involved in setting up events during 2007. He suggested we have a **SWI only** meeting before the next Council meeting; it was suggested this meeting could happen later this month. Jack then stated that there are 4 NCCC National & 4 Regional governors' meetings during 2007. He felt our club Governor should attend @ least 1 National meeting; the cost for attendance was discussed. Do we want to budget for this meeting? Shane suggested we set a dollar amount & have the governor work w/in this limit. (Currently the Standing Rules allow for IRS mileage travel reimbursement for Regional governor's meetings; but not for National governor's meetings.) Shane then made a motion to allow the Governor to attend 1 National Governors' meeting in St. Louis w/prior board approval of expenditures. The motion was 2nd & carried. Governor Richards told the Council that NCCC supports the National Kidney Foundation each year & would like the regional clubs to also support this charity. Shane would like to get more information before making this decision.

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❖ Council Minutes ❖

January 9, 2007 (continued)

Wallace Bow shared that the timing equipment has been repaired & the bill has been paid.

Membership Chairman, Dan Bond, sent reminders to all 2006 members who were not current for 2007 dues; there was 1 response. He requested an updated membership listing from CIA David Judd. Dan said he had not gotten the requested info from NCCC for the new member packets. Governor Richards stated that there would be a delay since there has been a change in personnel handling those duties @ Regional in AZ.

CIA David Judd, stated that he would be updating the membership list; dropping names of members who have not paid 2007 dues. He will continue to provide name tags for each General meeting. Shane said that Rotary has permanent name badges which can be purchased from the Russell.Hampton Company.

V,P Hugh Monroy, went to Disco Displays & looked @ stanchions; they're chrome & cost \$8/ea to rent/week. Lori made a motion that Hugh rent the 22 stanchions; motion 2nd & carried. He will ask Disco Displays to hold them for the Super Nationals 2/1-4/07. They also have rope to purchase @ \$10/100'. Lori will check into the rope; Hugh will look for checkered flags. Hugh reminded the Council that he'd received a request from Bobby Ray re: car coating. Mr. Ray had asked to make a presentation to the Club. Hugh checked w/ Larry Osborne; not a problem. The Council decided not to have Mr. Ray do a presentation. Hugh talked about the costs for purchase of a trailer or storage shed for Club equipment; \$400-3,000/shed & \$1,700/trailer from Home Depot. Jack stated that he'd seen 6X10 & 6X12 trailers for \$2,600 & \$3,000 each. It was suggested we check w/Sandia Motorsports for cost/month to store the shed or trailer decided on. We currently store Club equipment @ a storage facility in SW Albuquerque.

Activities Director, Jackie Haydu, said NMCA has 5 vehicles entered in Super Nationals, 2/2-4/07, representing the Club; Bob DuBois, Lori Jordan, Bill Jackson, Hugh Monroy & Jim Thomte. Treasurer, Lori Jordan will Chair this event; the theme is "Red, White & Blue". Jackie told the Council she would be sending out an email to members asking for a count of those attending the Super Bowl Party & for a count of those who will be having supper @ CASA prior to our January General meeting (Powdrell's BBQ will be featured). Jackie will also send an email to let members know that on 1/20 @ 9 a.m. @ Unser Museum, there will be a tour for NMCA members.

Treasurer, Lori Jordan, asked if the Council will continue funding prizes for General meetings? Things will remain the same for now, after we get information re: our tax issue we will revisit this question; we will also consider a monthly raffle @ that time. Lori made a motion to give Activities Director, Jackie Haydu funds for prizes for the January General meeting; motion was 2nd & carried.

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❖ Council Minutes ❖

January 9, 2007 (continued)

NEW BUSINESS:

Webmaster, Phil Ellison, brought a suggestion to the Council re: setup of events. Why not use the experts w/in the Club to chair various events utilizing a sub-committee option. For example, Lori Jordan goes to almost all the car shows, why not have her Chair our car shows coordinating w/Activities Director Jackie Haydu? Have Hugh Monroy & Wallace Bow responsible for racing events? He showed the Council several checklists developed for such events. If we have 2-3 members involved in setting up events using checklists, things won't fall through the cracks & the load on each person will be much lighter. The Club By-Laws state that "the Executive Council may **create temporary committees** as need arises and disband them as the need passes." Jackie stated that she would like to see the Club plan out events for the entire year to make it easier to form required committees early enough to have things run smoothly. Shane is leaning toward setting up a budget for the various events held each yr; caravans, auto shows, racing, social. There was a motion to have a strategic committee meeting @ 6 p.m., January 30, @ Shane's place of business to include any member interested in being involved w/event planning/implementation. Motion was 2nd & carried. Phil showed the Council a DVD he developed compiling photos from Club events from 1980-2006; Hugh will bring the DVD to the General meeting. The DVD will be available for members to check out.

Shane said that Steve Haydu, Wallace Bow & he would be on TV from Barrett-Jackson on Saturday 1/20 between 11-12 a.m. (lot 1509 - the Porsche). So watch for us! He also reminded the Council that he would be out of town for January's General meeting; Hugh Monroy will run the meeting & Shane will try to conference call.

The meeting was adjourned @ 8:10 p.m. by Hugh Monroy.

The next general meeting is @ 7 p.m. on Friday, 1/19 @ CASA Chevrolet.

The next Council meeting will be 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 2/6 @ Shane's place of business; all members are welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Monroy

Suzanne Monroy, NMCA Secretary

Corvette for sale?

Corvette parts for sale? Looking for a Corvette? Check out www.nmcorvette.org and list your 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 and/or Corvette parts.

Questions anyone?

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.



❖ General Meeting Minutes ❖

January 19, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Hugh Monroy. The dinner prior to the meeting was provided by Quarters BBQ. Thank you Jackie!

Vice President, Hugh Monroy, started the meeting by telling members that **President, Shane LeMon** was in Arizona @ Barrett-Jackson.

Hugh stated that **webmaster, Phil Ellison**, had compiled a DVD w/pictures from various events NMCA participated in from 1980 - 2006. Any club member that wishes to can borrow it, see Hugh.

Hugh also presented a new form that any member with a business can complete to have his business represented in the new Club Business Directory being developed. In addition, he shared there will be a special meeting @ 6 p.m. on Jan 30th @ Shane's place of business to help the Council develop/plan events for the upcoming year. Some ideas include a ladies event, as well as the annual parade in Truth or Consequences on 5/5. **EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

Hugh asked visitors to stand & introduce themselves, sharing what brought them to the Club & what type of Corvette they own. Jerry Gorham has an '07 in Atomic Orange (visitor); Ken Pepin & Rachel White (he used to drive a Mustang) have a Millennium Yellow 2003 Z06; Matt & Leslie Helge have an '89 Navy Blue convertible. Ken & Matt signed up as new members of NMCA & NCCC. **WELCOME TO NMCA!** George & Jo Nail joined NCCC tonight as well.

Treasurer, Lori Jordan, stated that all bills were paid & we are working w/a CPA on the tax issue. She also told the membership that she was the Chair for the upcoming Super Nationals on 2/2-4; 5 cars from the Club are entered. "Hot Wheels Car" is the theme.

Secretary, Suzanne Monroy, reminded everyone to watch Shane LeMon, Wallace Bow & Steve Haydu @ Barrett-Jackson this coming Sunday @ 11 am & 4 p.m. They have 2 cars they are auctioning off. She also shared that Wallace had gotten the timing equipment repaired.

Activities Director, Jackie Haydu, told members that there would be a tour of the Unser Museum, Jan 27 @ 10 a.m. given by Al Unser Sr. Anyone who wishes to attend should meet in the Unser museum parking lot around 9:30; the cost is \$5.25/person. Also, there will be a Super Bowl party on Feb. 4 @ Shane's business; please arrive about 1 hr before kickoff, bring a side dish & your own drinks. Shane & Wallace will chair this event.

Governor, Jack Richards, gave a talk about NCCC (formed in 1959); there are approximately 300 clubs in the U.S., 16 regions & we are in the Roadrunner region, with 16 clubs (1 NM, 1 El Paso & 14 in AZ). There are 20,000 members nationwide, 800 in our region. NMCA has 140 members, 80 belong to NCCC. NCCC is a non-profit organization w/national & regional officers, including 16 governors in the Roadrunner region.

1. NCCC dues are \$30/single & \$35/couple, new members; \$20/single & \$25/couple, renewals.
2. Explained how NCCC benefits members & the Club.
3. Provides 3rd party insurance that covers what private insurance won't; car shows, autocross events, caravans, etc. up to \$1 million dollars.
4. What national charity NCCC sponsors (National Kidney Foundation) & the scholarship programs.
5. A new Corvette is raffled each year, points are earned by members for each NCCC event attended
6. The NCCC convention is June, 2007 in Nashville, TN., registration begins in early February (check their website <http://www.corvettesnccc.org>).
7. Sample events: Millard Fillmore annually, car show in Scottsdale (2/11), autocross 3/17-18 in Scottsdale (there are almost always members who attend these events & usually go in a caravan).

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❖ Event Details ❖

Date	Details
February 2-4	Super National Custom Auto Show Details Chairperson: Lori Jordan What: Annual Custom Auto Show Where: Expo NM Cost: Regular admission at door Time: Show takes place Fri-Sat-Sun (entrants need to set-up display on February 1st)
February 4	Super Bowl Party Details Chairperson: Shane LeMon What: Annual party where bragging and reality collide Where: American Property Cost: No fee, however please bring your own beverages and a side dish Time: Gathering begins at 3 pm, kickoff is at 4 pm Notes: NMCA will supply a sub sandwich, plates, napkins plus a TV to see the game!

Check www.nmcorvette.org for other regional Corvette functions.

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 current 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.

Some things should simply never happen!





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❖ Attention NMCA Members ❖

A look at where we've (you've) been

A DVD has been assembled which captures NMCA in action from the early 80's through 2006, with some major gaps and holes along the way. This DVD runs about 98 minutes and has 10 chapters. Movement is already underway to gather as complete as possible a collection of the "early days" of NMCA. This involves pulling dusty boxes from attics & finding slides and discolored photos from scrapbooks. The process will be timely. A finished product in 12 months would be remarkable, and 18 months is even optimistic. But we need to start somewhere.

If you have old photos, slides, etc that you'd like to share with NMCA for this project, please first contact NMCA at info@nmcorvette.org and describe what you've got. Every precaution needs to be taken to preserve your original, and have it out of your hands a minimal amount of time.

If you have a way to scan and digitize these elements, all the better! You will need, as best you can, to supply details about the photo, like date, event, location and any particulars that might be of value.

As for the already produced DVD . . . this is available on a loan basis from NMCA. Much like a library book, you check it out and bring it back.

The idea is to make this DVD available at general meetings, with the check in -check out process happening there.

This DVD involves roughly 1,000 photos. 100-150 man-hours was invested to organize, size, layout and produce this DVD. Add in a few computer crashes, a DVD burning learning curve and a handful of "oops" along the way, and you'll realize this project became a labor love, far exceeding a simple collection of club photos.

Take the challenge and view this DVD with a scorecard in hand. How many events were you in? How many times was your Corvette displayed?

Enjoy, but please return it so others may also have the opportunity to view this photographic journey.



1980 - 2006

The "incomplete" photographic journey

Total run time approximately 98 minutes
10 chapters





❖ News You Can Use ❖

LONG-TERM / WINTER STORAGE

Truths, Myths and Fallacies



One of the most popular questions among Corvette owners is "how should I prepare my Corvette for long-term or winter storage? This age old question is just like the typical "which type of aftermarket exhaust system should I install" question. You're bound to get five hundred different answers and all of them could be different. Some people will tell you to completely drain the fuel tank and others will tell you not to do this. Some owners will tell you to put your Vette up on blocks and others will tell you not to. Above all of the uncertainty and mythical storage remedies you've heard of, you are sure of one thing: you want your Corvette to receive the very best care possible.

So what is the proper way to prepare your Corvette for long-term storage? The answer really depends upon the length of time the car will be in storage. This article addresses some of the uncertainty that revolves around proper long-term storage and will hopefully give you a better sense of confidence and security in knowing that your pride and joy has been properly prepared.

Engine Start

"Should I start my Corvette periodically, or leave it alone until it's ready to come out of storage?" This is definitely the most commonly asked question when it comes to automotive storage and there seems to be two opposing sides. One side feels that you should start your car at least once per month and let it run for a good 20 minutes plus until the cooling fans kick in. The other side feels that you should leave the car alone until it's time to remove it from storage. According to GM, "It is always best to start your vehicle once a month if possible."

<http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/tech/care/storage4.html>

The above is a web site discusses many of the items you should consider for either long term or short term storage of your Corvette. And when it's time to bring your Corvette out of storage, there are many things to consider prior to turning the key.

- Washing/waxing
- Tire and wheel care
- Exterior trim
- Interior
- Engine care, to include fuel stabilizers, battery care, fluids and exhaust system

The below web address provides a handy checklist for putting your Corvette to rest for the winter, and bringing it back from a hibernation.

http://www.corvetteactioncenter.com/tech/care/storage_form.html



❖ Just A Thought ❖

Congratulations NMCA . . . You're all grown up (well, almost)

NMCA has flirted with the 150 member mark for a while now. That's a lot of people. Yes, a small percentage of members we never actually see, but the majority of our membership surfaces at least a few times each year to take part in an event or activity that they enjoy. As a previous NMCA Officer and Activities Director I projected this day would come, and it is now on our doorstep. The day when one person can easily become overwhelmed attempting to plan, organize and secure each and every event scheduled. As I look at other clubs who are in the 125+ membership area, I notice that they conduct a wide range of activities, just like we provide each year. The difference is that they have sub-chairs or committees who can focus on one particular area and not be charged with every detail for every event. NMCA has expertise within the membership ranks. It is no secret that not every member likes to autocross. And those who do like to autocross may not be fans of a car show. This is why NMCA strives to offer a good mix of events, so that each member will find opportunities to really dig in and enjoy.

With the membership numbers we have, it only seems appropriate that 4 unique sub-activities committees of 2-3 members each be formed and utilized for the benefit of all. Committees would be: car show, racing, caravan and social. These tend to be the 4 activity areas most widely addressed each year. If 2 members accepted the responsibility for organizing the car shows conducted each year, it would probably make for a smoother flow of information and quickly become an event where fewer things fell through the cracks. The same applies to the other categories mentioned. It's also no secret that the same handful of members tend to be the workhorse behind most all events. The membership is now large enough that responsibilities can be shared. Just because you are part of the car show team now doesn't commit you forever, unless you so choose.

While our calendar can become full when looked at as a whole, let's break down what really happens. We can expect 2-3 car shows per year. We should plan for 3-4 racing dates each year. We could anticipate 7+ caravans each year. We seem to have 5-6 purely social type events each year. Then toss in the odd swap meet or overnight trip and we've got a lot to choose from over a 9-10 month period. One person trying to pull all of this together can easily overlook small details. A great event can turn into a so-so event if too many details are overlooked. This is not due to lack of will, rather too much on the plate at once. Repeatedly I have watched NMCA reinvent the wheel for events. Almost like we've never done this event before.

A solution is well in reach. If 2-3 members stepped forward for each of the above categories and accepted the challenge to put their expertise to work in these areas, NMCA as a whole will be better off. All sub-chairs would coordinate with the elected Activities Director, as he/she would be ultimately responsible that the chairs get the support, funding or special assistance needed.

I look at other clubs our size. I see event calendars planned a year ahead of time. I see their newsletters where each of the subcommittees makes a short report or update. How many times have you been at one of our events and wondered why this or that wasn't addressed or handled? Truth be told, it happens too often. Not because any one person is at fault. 150 members can't just say "entertain me" to one person the entire year. Hasn't worked well before, and I doubt it will work in the future. What have we got to lose by trying this idea? Look at all that we stand to gain. In my humble opinion, this approach is overdue. Much like watching a juggler who keeps adding pins, balls or hoops to their stage act.....at some point the addition of one more hoop means everything crashes to the ground. Nobody wants NMCA to crash. Virtually everyone wants to have events scheduled to take part in. So you say you're not an expert in any of these areas.....join with someone who is an expert and learn the ropes. You'll have fun, and the satisfaction is tremendous.....trust me, I know first hand.



❖ Members In The News ❖

Santa is real - just ask Mike & Mary Robb

Santa came to the Robb household in the way of a new 2007 Corvette coupe. They put this beauty on their wish list, and, well, here it is. Is that dirt we see on the tires? For anyone looking for a Blue 2007 Z06, rumor has it that Mike & Mary know one is waiting . . . (it's used however...has 5 miles on it!)



❖ General Meeting Minutes ❖

January 19, 2007 (continued)

Future Corvette Owners Association, FCOA, a group for kids under 16 is available for a \$5.00 one-time fee.

UPCOMING EVENTS (check out the website for more details):

- 1/27, AI Unser Museum tour @ 10 am (meet 9:30 in pkg lot) \$5.25/each**
- 1/30, special events planning meeting 6 pm @ Shane's place of business**
- 2/2-4, Super Nationals Car Show @ the Fairgrounds (come out & support the Club)**
- 2/4, Super Bowl Party @ Shane's business**
- 2/11, People's Choice Car Show & Concours, Tempe, AZ (Desert Corvette Assn)**
- 3/3, People's Choice Car Show, Scottsdale, AZ**
- 3/10, People's Choice Car Show, Phoenix, AZ**
- 3/17-18, Autocross (3), Scottsdale, AZ (Arizona Competition Corvettes)**
- 6/16-23, NCCC National Convention, Nashville, TN**

NMCA website - info@nmcorvette.org.

Members should check the **NEW** web site for additional event information as they get firmed up; and check out the fantastic pictures.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Monroy

Suzanne Monroy, NMCA Secretary





❖ **Event Option** ❖

Vettes On The Rockies - 2007

submitted by Phil Ellison

July 26th through July 29th will mark the 34th annual Vettes On The Rockies (VOTR) event held west of Denver. Having attended last year, I would like to provide some input about this event, with ample time for you to decide about attending. First allow me to say that I had an absolute ball in 2006 at VOTR. There is an energy and excitement generated by the sheer volume of Corvettes and Corvette people. In 2006, more than 700 participants representing 26 states and 3 counties took part. While C-5's were in the majority, there were plenty of older models to make for a good mix. And it was obvious that several clubs, traveling great distances, were regulars and had their own little competitions with other clubs, all in good fun of course.

Here are some positive notes to consider:

Looking Glass Corvette Association, having 200+ members, does an outstanding job of coordinating, working and making sure that the best possible experience is had by all participants. From reviewing their newsletters, I know that they have 50+ separate chairpersons, with each having helpers assigned. This is truly a first class event, and they most certainly have their act together. I was impressed.

The Friday rallye provides a 3+ hour trip through the scenic Rocky Mountains, with fun trivia questions, many photo opportunities, a couple of group photos stops, plus prizes. The Saturday funkhana is fun, but ours is usually more challenging. The car show on Sunday is out of this world. Nearly 500 Corvettes invade the tiny town of Frisco, with about 300 lined along main street. One giant Corvette street party, with every kind and color of Corvette you can imagine. Each night the dinners were excellent, well planned, plenty of food and on time. Prizes flowed each time there was a gathering. The host hotel (Beaver Run Resort) was well equipped to handle the crowd. Corvette wash points with warm water were readily available.

Here are some "reality" items for your consideration:

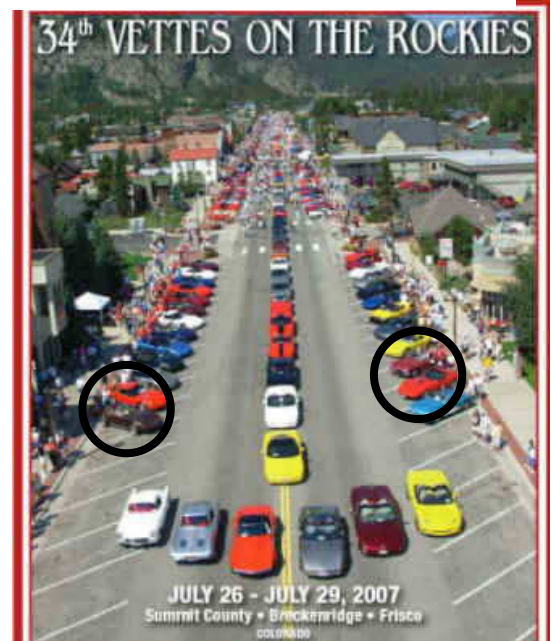
You will want to depart Albuquerque Thursday morning so as to be at the destination by 7 pm for dinner. If you are a working stiff who needs to be back in the office Monday morning, you'll need to depart by 2 pm on Sunday and head south. The main street photo is taken Sunday about 1:30, so if you're involved, you are pretty much held hostage until the shutter clicks. This is monsoon season and you'll be 9,000 feet high. Be prepared for rain (although we stayed dry in 2006!) Beaver Run only offers queen size beds (4 king size in the entire 400 room complex!) As a financial guide, in 2006 this trip cost Janet & I \$856 for room, VOTR registration, gas & food. We departed 9 am Thursday and returned 9 pm Sunday.

NMCA members planning to attend the 2007 VOTR are: Ragsdale's, Jordan's & Ellison's. There is every reason to believe Stephens and the Jones' from T or C will attend also (see photo for why we feel this way!)

More details: www.lgcacorvette.org

Registration will be limited to 700 participants in 2007.

Registration is scheduled to begin in April (but get your room now).



Each year a group photo is taken on main street in Frisco, CO. For the past few years, the circled C-3 on the left has been at the front of the pack. This belongs to Richard & Laura Jones from T or C. The red '77 circled on the right belongs to Jack Stephens. How these members manage to secure premium spots is a tightly kept secret, but does prove that no matter where NMCA shows up, we lead the pack!

About 300 Corvettes line main street, and another 150 completely fill up the side streets. Park on a side street if you need to depart before the photo is snapped. The above photo was taken July 30, 2006. More photos of 2006 are on our web site.