



**March 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 utilizes 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 directing you to a full length story on our, or an affiliated web site.

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This same newsletter is also available at <http://nmcorvette.org/newsletters>

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**PLEASE WELCOME:**

Alan & Cheri Williams of Albuquerque – 1994 Red Corvette convertible

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**Driver's Seat**

Shane LeMon, NMCA President

(Shane is busy picking up his 2007 Z06 at the factory)

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**Governors Corner**

The Autocross season for the Roadrunner Region of NCCC starts this weekend in Phoenix with three autocrosses over two days put on by Arizona Competition Corvettes. The Great White Shark will be there as well as a couple other members from our Club. Anyone interested in joining a caravan to Arizona this summer should contact me and we'll get you hooked up and just plain hooked on the sport.

Your Governor and driver of that bone stock (Yeah, Right) '73...Save the Wave...

Jack Richards

## 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

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: 3+ hours

Special note: Soar plane rides can be arranged at discounts

What: International Dinner

When: Saturday April 28<sup>th</sup>

Chairperson: Jackie Haydu

Location: 2420 Midtown NE Suite A (American Property business location)

Start time: 5 pm

Cost: Free, but participating members are required to bring a dish of ethnic/cultural origin

RSVP: To Jackie Haydu no later than April 20<sup>th</sup>

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 5<sup>th</sup> – annual caravan & parade – Truth or Consequences
- ☼ May 5<sup>th</sup> – Corvette Show – ACC, Los Alamos (date may change)
- ☼ May 20<sup>th</sup> – 90 mile rallye in and around Albuquerque area
- ☼ June 15<sup>th</sup> – general meeting combined with BBQ at Shane LeMons place of business
- ☼ June 17<sup>th</sup> – caravan
- ☼ July – caravan, Corvette gathering & BBQ – Hyde Park (Santa Fe)
- ☼ August 18<sup>th</sup> – BBQ at the Buntings, 6 pm
- ☼ September 28-28-30 – NMCA Southwest Invitational (registration begins in April)
- ☼ December – awards banquet

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

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## MEETING CALENDAR:

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

April 11 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A – special day

April 20 – General Meeting – 7 pm - CASA Chevrolet – 7201 Lomas NE

May 9 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A – special day

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)

## **Birthday candles flaming out of control this March & April:**

### ☀ March ☀

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

### ☀ April ☀

Dale Mildbrandt – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Jack Stephens – 4<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Miller – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Mitch Taylor – 8<sup>th</sup>  
Larry Osborne – 10<sup>th</sup>  
Donnie Marchi – 15<sup>th</sup>  
Marty Hall – 17<sup>th</sup>  
Debbie LeMon – 19<sup>th</sup>  
Jim Robbins – 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **Wedding anniversary bells ringing in March & April:**

### ☀ March ☀

Hubert & Suzanne Monroy – 3/5/02  
Jim & Darla Straka – 3/18/77  
Mr & Mrs Chris Ortega – 3/24/79

### ☀ April ☀

Jim & Catalina Allen – 4/4/97  
Phil & Janet Ellison – 4/10/85  
Marty & Bonnie Hall – 4/25/86

## **NMCA NEWS**

Thursday February 22nd Mr Dave McLellan was special guest at UNM, discussing the building and testing of the Ferrari Formula 1 car. Dave has more than 40 years of automotive industry experience, including 17 years as lead engineer for Corvette. While the presentation highlighted Ferrari and notable breakthroughs in automotive design for the racing world, the conversation involved discussions about the Corvette. Below is a short recap from Lori Jordan who attended this event:

“What an enjoyable evening, thanks to an invitation issued by Professor John Russell of the UNM Department of Mechanical Engineering, to attend a lecture presented by Dave McLellan, Corvette Chief Engineer from 1975 until his retirement in 1992. While the topic was on the Ferrari manufacturing facility in Maranello, Italy, it had a way of drifting to the Corvette, especially when Dave opened the floor to questions. From why they made the C3 for so long to how much lighter can they make the Z06. Dave answered them all, even when asked what Corvette he drives...of course his ZR-1, what else! I tried to secure some discount coupons for a new 2007 Z06 but Dave said he was fresh out.

## 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 the club, its' 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 car shows. Subsequent issues will discuss autocrosses, drags, funkhanas 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.

### Car Shows:

The NCCC rulebook discusses car shows in great detail, however most of the written guidelines pertain to official judging and elements that go far beyond the typical NMCA car show event. Please know that if you choose to enter a NCCC sanctioned Corvette show, you should consult the rulebook prior to the show to determine where and how points are awarded. NMCA Corvette shows may have prizes awarded based on a paper ballot voting system. The chairman has the ability to have multiple categories if so desired. Even though national points are not awarded, there are some common sense rules to follow, plus some "nice to know" information which may make showing your Corvette even more enjoyable.

First, each NMCA Corvette show will require all entrants to sign an NCCC waiver. This is for your protection, plus the club is covered should somebody (member, host of general public) be injured as a direct result.

Just like with a caravan that departs at a set time, car shows more or less need to have the entrants available to position cars within a given time window. Generally NMCA will allow 45 minutes to get all cars signed in and placed. Individuals who arrive late may still participate, but may not be properly positioned or even parked with the main group.

Cars are parked in a safe, orderly manner. Anticipate NMCA to have a spotter assist you park. This spotter will be a second set of eyes so that no cars trade paint, and will help you with angle and exact positioning so that the end result is a uniform looking Corvette display.

Members are allowed and encouraged to bring enough supplies (rags, spray finishing liquids, etc) to polish off their already cleaned and waxed Corvette. Car shows typically have no means for actual wash points. (NMCA used to conduct wash-shine-show events where we'd go from dirty, to sparkling, but this option hasn't been used in many years). Any and all finishing rags, sprays, etc should be able to go back into your Corvette, or to another vehicle as opposed to sitting outside next to your car during the show. Within reason, car placards, trophies won, photos, etc can decorate your display. If the items pose a hazard to other cars or spectators, you will be asked to remove or reposition them.

Corvette shows have a start time and a finish time. Please be aware of when the event is scheduled to conclude, and make arrangements to leave your Corvette in the show until the conclusion. Nothing hurts a show more than a very nice, tight display having missing cars a short while into the event. You need not remain with your Corvette or in the show area during the show. If you elect to leave the area for any extended period (more than 30-45 minutes), you should coordinate with the chairman to advise you are leaving the area. You should leave a phone number where you can be reached with the chairman (usually a cell phone) plus your anticipated time of return. You should also leave your keys with a trusted

individual who will remain at the show, in the event your car needs to be moved. This has happened too often to not be considered in this article. If a Fire Marshall inspects and determines a car needs to be moved, he will expect prompt action. If you are gone and keys are not available, the Fire Marshall will call for a tow truck, and the expense will be yours.

Basic Corvette show survival gear includes but is not limited to: folding lawn chair, sun screen, cooler with water or sodas (alcoholic beverages are never allowed during NMCA events), cell phone and perhaps an umbrella and/or portable radio. Some car shows will be at locations with shade, others will be in the wide open without the benefit of shade. Bring a hat. Bring a small snack. Bring a camera. Bring anything else that may be appropriate for your own comfort.

Upon event conclusion, use extreme care when departing the location, affording everyone the peace of mind of a safe egress without incident. Departing the general area and rejoining public roadways is not the proper place to squeal tires, make jack-rabbit starts from a light, etc. You continue to represent NMCA as the event disperses.

## **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 or Parts For Sale list within the past 30 days include:

- ☀ 2004 Z06 – Black - \$40,000
- ☀ Several C-3 parts including wheels and tire have been recently listed

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

## **NMCA MEETING MINUTES**

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

### **Test your Corvette IQ:**

#### Question 1

The 1953 Corvette used a foot-operated windshield washer assembly. True or false?

#### Question 2

All Corvettes are Red, as we all know. In 1964 Riverside Red was again the most popular color. What was the second most popular (produced) color?  
Silver Blue - Daytona Blue - Ermine White - Satin Silver

#### Question 3

Orders for Corvettes come to the factory from outside the USA. For the 1994 model, how many orders came from non-USA addresses?  
516 - 649 - 707 - 763

#### Question 4

The 1996 Corvette was the last year when a yellow exterior was available until the 2000 model. In 2000, when Millennium Yellow was offered at an extra cost, how many Corvettes were painted this color?  
3,217 - 3,349 - 3,491 - 3,578

(answers at the end of this newsletter)

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](mailto: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 1953 Corvette had a production of 300. Cars numbered 1-175 did use a foot-operated windshield washer system. Cars 176-300 used a vacuum system. Answering true, or false, still scored you a correct answer. Only you will know if you really knew the answer or not!

☀ Ermine White was the second most popular (factory produced) color in 1964, with a total of 3,909 leaving the factory this way.

☀ 707 Corvettes were ordered by individuals living outside the USA for the 1994 production year, with Canada having the overwhelming majority of 513, and the Netherlands and France tied at 1 each as the lowest count.

☀ For the 2000 model Corvette, the factory painted a grand total of 3,578 Corvettes as Millennium Yellow, at an additional sticker cost of \$500. (That price that would increase for the 2001 model)

