



May 2007

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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Frankenfield & Martha Reagan – 1981 White T-top

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NMCA EVENTS CALENDAR

What: Rallye
When: Sunday May 20th
Chairpersons: Steve Schulteis & Shane LeMon
Meeting time: 9 am
Meeting location: Smiths (Tramway & Central)
Duration: approx 3 hours

Events you should block your calendar for: (details announced when chairperson(s) provide details)

- ☼ May 27th – NMCA autocross at Route 66 Casino*
- ☼ June 15th – general meeting combined with BBQ at Shane LeMon’s place of business*
- ☼ June 17th – caravan*
- ☼ July 15th – caravan, Corvette gathering & BBQ – Hyde Park (Santa Fe) (www.nmcorvette.org/events)
- ☼ August 18th – BBQ at the Buntings*
- ☼ September 28-28-30 – NMCA Southwest Invitational (registration forms will be available shortly!)*
- ☼ December – awards banquet*

* insufficient details available at publication time

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

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MEETING CALENDAR

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)

July 10 – Council Meeting – 6:30 pm – 2420 Midtown NE, Suite A

July 20 – General Meeting – 7 pm CASA Chevrolet, 7201 Lomas NE

Birthday candles burning May & June

☀ **May** ☀

Mary Mleczko – 1st
Helga Judd – 1st
Barbara Jackson – 1st
Janet Ellison – 3rd
Tommy Garcia – 5th
John DePaoli – 10th
Mike Robb – 16th
Omar Sanchez – 19th
Cheri Williams – 19th
Bill Lawrence – 23rd
Cindy Hopkins – 23rd
Michael Sanchez – 30th

☀ **June** ☀

Doug Bird – 2nd
Richard Sherman – 2nd
Sue Conrad – 8th
Mark Logsdon – 8th
Kathy Berry – 9th
Ken Pepin – 10th
Bill McKerley – 10th
Phil Anderson – 12th
Jay Innes – 14th
Kevin Wagner – 16th
Ron Scott – 20th
Mike Mansur – 21st
Juanita Romero – 24th
Stephen Hopkins – 26th
Jim Allen – 28th

Wedding anniversary bells ringing in May & June

☀ **May** ☀

Jim & Barbara Thomte – 5/1/82
Michael & Judy Luna – 5/4/??
Stuart & Karen Gorelick – 5/15/76
Mike & Mary Robb – 5/25/??
Donnie & Dusti Marchi – 5/31/02
Shane & Debbie LeMon – 5/31/80

☀ **June** ☀

Bruce & Debra Behrends – 6/4/77
Mitch & Sandi Taylor – 6/5/74
Bill & Barbara Jackson – 6/6/70
Marcus & Brenda Bunting – 6/10/67
Larry & Lori Jordan – 6/10/98
Lee & Coreen Carrillo – 6/13/??
Jack & Collene House – 6/14/58
Steve & Jean Haydu – 6/14/97
Bob DuBois & ??? – 6/15/95
David Buckner & ??? – 6/18/68
Stephen & Cindy Hopkins – 6/22/79

NMCA NEWS

Motor Trend Car Show:

NMCA displayed 31 Corvettes for the Motor Trend International Auto Show on April 22nd. Thanks goes out to Wallace Bow for coordinating this event. Motor Trend will be back next spring, so a wise member would clear a weekend to participate in this very special event. Dates announced when known (NMCA has not yet been officially invited to participate...but how could they pass us up?)

International Dinner:

NMCA enjoyed a splendid return to the once traditional and annual International Dinner. Below is a recap from Activities Director Jackie Haydu:

We had a wide variety of great dishes all through out the country and orient. We had a total of 27 members and friends who attended. We had a great time with Shane's gloves by death funkhana. The winner of the detailing of the Ladies Corvette was "Brenda Bunting". This will be held at the June 15th general meeting that will be held at Shane's place of business. Thanks to everyone that came out it was nice to see that everyone had a good time.

Parade & Show:

May 5th T or C update from Jackie Haydu:

The parade went on without a hitch. Thanks to Tom & Honey Sailley, Shane LeMon, Bruce Behrends, and myself Jackcuelyn Haydu. We had four Corvettes in the parade we loaded Dana and Steve and their girls (Dana is Honey's daughter) in the Corvettes and off we went. We were in the 10th spot, so therefore all the horses were far behind. We almost had a hoof print imprinted in Shane's Z06 (a horse on the side lines was getting restless). Shane was our coordinator for the parade. We flipped our headlights on and off, honked our horns, and revved up our engines. We all had a great time until after the parade. Tom's Corvette became very tired and needed a jump start. Jackcuelyn Haydu came to the rescue with her jumper cables. I don't leave home without them. We then all headed back to Tom and Honey's there we decided on where to go have lunch and we did. We said our goodbyes and headed back to Albuquerque. Thanks Tom & Honey Sailley for making the effort on having us in your annual parade. JH

Atomic City Corvettes Show:

May 5th show updates by Dan Bond & Jack Stephens (both attendees at the show):

Jack Stephens and Dan Bond represented NMCA at the Atomic City Corvette Club Corvette show, "Corvettes in the Jemez" and associated Los Alamos Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The event was at Los Alamos on Saturday, 5 May, a typical northern New Mexico spring day. Sun, clouds, wind rain, sleet and snow alternated all day. Despite the weather, the event was well supported with 45 Corvettes entered in the "Show and Shine" judging and Peoples' Choice voting. Prizes were awarded in each of the C1 through C6 categories and a Peoples' Choice Award given. Jack's supercharged C3 was most photographed as usual, but unfortunately did not win an award in "Modified." Dan placed second in the C5 category. The car show was well planned and enjoyable with many car stories told. Food and arts and craft booths and other activities were set up. Per Mike Ragsdale, the event will be held again next year. Suggest an NMCA caravan be planned. Dan Bond

Dan Bond and I represented NMCA at the Los Alamos show on Saturday. We ran into rain/snow/wind /sunny skies.....everything. Typical day in northern New Mexico. The show was good anyway. Dan GOT 2ND PLACE IN the C5 class. The judges did not what to make of my car.....looking like a blown fuel altered from the 1960s . I love to see the looks on their faces. Anyway very good time (just very very cold). Thanks to Mike Ragsdale and his group. Jack Stephens

From Mike Ragsdale, President, ACC:

The Atomic City Corvettes held their first car show, "Corvettes in the Jemez", on the 5th of May as a part of the County's Viva Recreation Days. In spite of the inclement weather, we had a turn out of 45 cars, an excellent showing for our first effort. Corvettes from all over northern New Mexico participated and trophies were awarded as follows. ACC would like to extend a big thanks to the community for their warm reception and support for this event.

ACC Show Results:

Jack	House	Los Alamos	C1 First Place	1961
Gene	Beck	Santa Fe	C1 Second Place	1957
Jack	House	Los Alamos	C2 First Place	1965
Tim	Alton	Santa Fe	C2 Second Place	1960
Chris	Hollendonner	Santa Fe	C3 First Place	1980
Mike	Bachtel	Taos	C3 Second Place	1969
George	Perrault	Los Alamos	C4 First Place	1993
Jacob	Sutton	Los Alamos	C4 Second Place	1995
Michael	Ragsdale	Los Alamos	C5 First Place	2003
Dan	Bond	Albuquerque	C5 Second Place	1999
Andy	Trottier	Los Alamos	C6 First Place	2005
Dave	Buckner	Los Alamos	C6 Second Place	2005
Jack	House	Los Alamos	People's Choice	1961
Mike	Bachtel	Taos	Best Modified	1969
George	Perrault	Los Alamos	Best of Show	1993

Editor note: a few photos may be viewed at <http://nmc Corvette.org/photos/2007/5-2acc/> or you can see the whole great collection at <http://www.atomiccitycorvettes.org/VIJPhotos.php>

NMCA becomes a mandatory NCCC car club.

By a majority vote at the April NMCA general meeting, NMCA will now mandate that all members, except Social and Dependent, be NCCC members as well. While this new situation has many positive factors, there will be some rustled feathers among the ranks. The new mandate went into effect May 1st. Any new member joining May 1st or afterwards will pony up extra to be an NCCC member also. This October when NMCA dues are collected, any existing NMCA member who is not currently an NCCC member will be required to submit a new NCCC application. Complete new dues structure is now available for review at the NMCA web site, <http://www.nmc Corvette.org/clubinformation>. NMCA hopes the tremendous benefits afforded by this sudden shift in policy offsets any negative issues that arise. Suggestions have been made that NMCA membership dues be examined and possibly reduced. NMCA financial stability needs to be maintained, and all reasonable approaches should be given consideration.

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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 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 funkhanas. 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.

Funkhanas:

The word “fun” is incorporated for a reason. This event is truly fun in nature, and requires little, if any actual navigational skills as a Corvette driver. A 1958 Corvette would be equally as suited as a 2007 Z)^, because the Corvette plays such a minor, almost insignificant role. In a nutshell, a course is designed to provide multiple challenges to be overcome. The one common factor is simple: a navigator (partner) is required. For most funkhanas, helmets are required and some minor element of the overall event will require a Corvette (but not always). Depending on the depraved mind of the chairperson(s), you will be required to do a number of seemingly ordinary tasks, under the pressure of the clock. If required to wear a helmet, even the easy task of putting a golf ball can be difficult. Many tasks will involve direct coordination between the two teammates. Since you are competing against the clock, good communication is needed with your partner. Every second counts, and fully anticipate feeling silly as sin. This Corvette event is about as far removed from a Corvette event as possible. Traditionally the Corvette will be used to navigate a series of cones or demonstrate parking abilities. Again, against the clock you’ll find errors and miscalculations that wouldn’t occur otherwise (all in the name of fun). You’ll spend 2-4 intense minutes doing a lot of “entertaining” tasks (entertaining mostly to the others watching you), and when the dust settles, the unforgiving clock will be the ultimate judge on who wins, and who has to come back next time to redeem themselves. In reality, there is no division between “experienced Corvette people” and the common or new corvette owner. Each team has a truly equal opportunity to go out and make fools of themselves as they negotiate child’s-play challenges and tasks. Try it once, and you’ll be hooked forever. The hardest part of the funkhana is the chairman’s job....designing the event to have flow, fun, total equality and something that can be accomplished in the same day!

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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 – reduced to \$41,900
- ☀ 2004 Z06 – 6 speed – Black – reduced a second time to \$36,500

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

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NMCA PLACARDS

With a bunch of new and welcomed members, we should take a moment to advise that you can have a custom placard created for your Corvette. A sample placard and complete details can be found at <http://www.nmcorvette.org/clubinformation>. When you’re involved in a car show, these placards stand out and provide the public with interesting details and trivia about your Corvette. To place an order NMCA needs to have a few members involved. Currently only one member is awaiting his placard to be created. If you are interested, please visit the club web site above, and submit your request. \$10 will get you a nice, 12” x 18” color poster type placard.

WORLD WIDE WEB

Curious what sort of activity takes place at www.nmcorvette.org?

Each month is a little different, but here are some stats for April 2007 . . .

In April we had 405 unique visitors. This figure does not count automated robots that routinely scan all web sites. 405 means that if every single NMCA member went to the club web site once, we'd still have 275 other people out there somewhere who made an effort to visit us.

In April the web site was visited 605 times, meaning that of the 405 unique visitors, 200 returned for at least one more look, and probably more.

For April, the average time spent on the web site per visit was 3 minutes, and those visitors looked at 3 different pages, on average.

The most viewed pages, in order: photo albums (319 times), events (218 times) & for sale (133 times)

And finally, the busiest club web traffic day of April was the 17th. Aren't you glad you asked!

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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:

This month gets personal – dealing with high visibility Corvettes within NMCA:

☼ Donnie Marchi has a beautiful 1965 Silver Coupe. Which of the below is true?

- Donnie is original owner
- Donnie is second owner
- Donnie is third owner
- Donnie is fourth owner

☼ Barb Jackson owns the club's oldest Corvette (1961). This Corvette was acquired at a DEA action. When she & Bill finally got the car home, what did they discover in the trunk?

- Drugs
- Money
- Weapons
- Jimmy Hoffa

☼ Marty Hall owns a beautiful 1969 Coupe, 427 tri-power. This Corvette has been displayed at many NMCA Corvette shows. What is so unique about this Corvette ownership?

- Marty is the original owner
- Marty is the second owner
- Marty is the third owner
- Marty is the fourth owner

☼ Phil Ellison frequently displays his Daytona yellow 1969 Coupe, 427 4-speed. The club placard is always displayed with this car. What is the highest recorded speed as printed on the placard?

- 120
- 130
- 140
- 150

(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. 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.

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ABOUT NMCA

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Corvette Trivia Answers

- ☀ Donnie is second owner of his immaculate 1965 Coupe.
- ☀ Barb Jackson brought her 1961 home, opened the trunk, and found a sack of money (a large sack of pennies to be exact – why they were in the truck is still an unsolved mystery)
- ☀ Two correct answers here. Marty is both original owner and third owner, having sold the Corvette, then realizing his error in judgment, buying it back.
- ☀ In 1980 Phil's 1969 registered 140 mph. (He can't tell you where this happened, because they're still looking for him – but if you knew, you wouldn't believe it!)

