



OCTOBER 2007

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NMCA WELCOMES

Robert O'Keefe – Rio Rancho – 1982 Silver Blue Coupe
Tom Reynolds – 2001 Red Z06
Eric & Donna Smith – 2002 Black Z06

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MEETING & EVENTS CALENDAR

October 19 – General Meeting – 7 pm CASA Chevrolet, 7201 Lomas NE
Voting for NMCA Governor
Nominations for all remaining elected Officer positions

November 6 – Council Meeting – 3317 Girard Blvd NE – Special time 6 pm
November 16 – General Meeting – 7 pm CASA Chevrolet, 7201 Lomas NE
Voting for NMCA Governor
Nominations for all remaining elected Officer positions

December 11 – Council Meeting – 3317 Girard Blvd NE – Special time 6 pm
Remember: no general meeting will be conducted in December

December 15 – NMCA Awards Banquet
Where: La Placita in Old Town
Time: gather at 6 pm, dinner served at 7 pm
Cost: \$27.25 per person – includes tax & tip
Menu: NM combination plate, grilled chicken plate, chile relleno plate, chicken enchilada plate
Bring: new unwrapped toy for child or teen (for donation)
Bring: non-perishable canned food items (for donation)
Special note: NMCA will NOT conduct a member gift exchange at this event
Special note: this is traditionally a semi-dressy event – no jeans please
RSVP: Lori Jordan or Suzanne Monroy, no later than December 5th

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BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

☼ October ☼

Chuck Tipton – 6th
Theresa Rahe – 6th
Fay Godfrey – 10th
Michael Luna – 13th
Susan Nolen – 18th
Bill Jackson – 11th

Michael Rothman – 17th
Honey Sailley – 24th
Jean Haydu – 25th
John Wydra – 27th

☀ November ☀

Jocelyn Glas – 14th
Maryellen Mitschelen – 15th
Rachael White – 16th
Marcus Bunting – 19th
Nelda Tipton – 21st
Phil Newland – 22nd
Jim Thomte – 24th
Barbara Thomte – 24th
Annie Jaques – 25th
Catherine Ragsdale – 30th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES – OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

☀ October ☀

Alan & Cheri Williams – 10/2/04
Michael & Annette Sanchez – 10/19/85
Matt & Leslie Helge – 10/22/88
Fay Godfrey – 10/28/51

☀ November ☀

Bob & Kris Becker – 11/10/90
George & Joanna Nail – 11/15/64
Terry & Kathy Berry – 11/15/75
Robert O'Keefe – 11/22/91
Rich & Mary Mleczko – 11/27/99

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REPORT

Fall Colors Caravan Report: submitted by Dan & Jan Bond

On Sunday October 7th a large group of NMCA members took a ride to northern NM on the annual fall foliage tour. A stupendous autumn day ensured a good time as we trailed to Mike and Cathe Ragsdale's in Los Alamos. There we joined with the Atomic City Corvettes for an excellent picnic. The BBQ was excellent. After Mike Rothman refueled his big-block, we combined clubs and caravanned to the Rio Grande overlook and to Valles Caldera. It was a very impressive sight with the combined Corvettes (C-2s through C-6s) all together gleaming in the sun. At Valles Caldera we separated, with some returning to Los Alamos and Albuquerque the short way, and 8 or 9 other cars returning via the Jemez and San Ysidro. Northern New Mexico stayed at its absolute finest the whole day. Those of you who stayed home missed a Great Corvette Day. Jan and I thank all who attended and extend a special thanks to Mike and Cathe Ragsdale and Atomic City Corvettes.

Editor note: photos of this event are available at www.nmcorvette.org in the photo album section.

NEWS

☀ Officer Adjustment:

Due to personal reasons and conflicts, NMCA President Shane LeMon has resigned his position with NMCA. VP Hubert Monroy automatically assumes the position of President. By-laws state that elections will be held to fill any Elected Officer vacancy, but due to the fact that elections are pending for these very positions currently, no special nomination and election process will be conducted to fill the now vacant VP position. NMCA members will vote for the Governor position during the October meeting, plus take nominations for all remaining Elected Officer positions, with voting conducted at the November general meeting.

☀ Important NMCA Membership Dues Information:

NMCA membership runs November 1st through the following October 31st. NMCA strives to have member dues renewed prior to October 31st. Only paid members are eligible to run for office, and/or vote for Officers at the November general meeting. Up until now, there has never been a true penalty or consequence for being tardy on your NMCA dues, other than the fact that you couldn't vote or be elected without having paid dues first. NCCC members have a more definitive deadline. Dues must be collected and submitted by NMCA to NCCC on or before a hard, fast date. The penalty for missing this date meant that you would need to resubmit an NCCC application and be treated as a new member. This results in a higher fee (initial or new members pay a higher fee than renewing members).

Earlier this year, as voted in by the general membership, NMCA elected to make NCCC membership mandatory for all members with only a few exclusions/exceptions. What this means to you:

If you are currently an NCCC member, you will continue to pay your standard renewal rate, which includes both NMCA and NCCC memberships. If you have a change in status (want to drop or add a spouse), please see NMCA membership to complete the appropriate paperwork.

If you are not currently a NCCC member, you will be required to complete an NCCC application form, and pay a higher dues amount this year. NCCC is no longer optional, and without this membership, you will not be allowed to remain an NMCA member. If you feel you have circumstances that would allow you to remain an NMCA member but not join NCCC, you will need to state your case to the NMCA President and Governor.

Below you'll find the current dues schedule. Locate the situation that represents you, and pay that amount. Please consider October 31st your hard fast deadline. Please consider that NMCA Officers need to collect mail, complete a master list for NCCC, cut a check to NCCC and get this mailed in time to meet NCCC deadlines. This requires yet another evening where several Officers need to set aside time, gather and work on behalf of all members. This year with our policy change, the workload may be compounded. Your cooperation and timely dues submission will be greatly appreciated by those Officers who need to be directly involved in the process.

In the past, NMCA has been overly accommodating in helping a few members. We all want to have the process run as smoothly as possible, and on verbal commitments, NMCA has paid NCCC dues for a renewing member who hadn't yet actually paid his/her dues to NMCA. NMCA floated loans for all practical purposes. This was done as a favor to the member(s), and was not publicized. With the new regulations and mandated NCCC membership, this practice will most likely no longer be tolerated. If a member misses the NCCC deadline, they will need to take it upon themselves to obtain a new member application, complete and pay the higher dues rate. For anyone falling into this category, you will still submit your completed application and make payment to NMCA membership, who will then forward to NCCC as a new member application.

NMCA Dues Schedule – all checks made out to NMCA
(NMCA in turn cuts one check to NCCC with a list of names the funds are for)

Initial Single (not currently an NCCC member) - \$55
Renewing Single (not currently an NCCC member) - \$45

Initial Couple (both currently NCCC members) - \$70
Renewing Couple (both currently NCCC members) - \$60

Dependent - \$15

Social Single - \$17
Social Couple - \$20

Single & couple NMCA memberships include mandatory NCCC membership
Social & dependent members do not have NCCC membership included
"Renewing" indicates no break in membership
Members returning after a lapse in membership will pay "initial" dues for first year
Review NMCA By-Laws and Standing Rules for descriptions of the above categories
Please note the removal of the previous Associate membership category

If you need forms:

NMCA membership renewal form – <http://www.nmcorvette.org/forms/2008dues.pdf>

NCCC membership form – <http://www.nmcorvette.org/forms/NCCCapp.pdf>

☀ NMCA Website Expands

As you are aware, the NMCA website has always offered a photo section with photos generally grouped by event. Taking this one step further, the website now offers video presentations and/or slide shows, complete with background music. The inventory is small at the moment, but will most certainly grow with time. If you simply can't wait, the direct link is <http://www.nmcorvette.org/video>.

Technically speaking, these files are .wmv and will open with Windows Media Player. As with any large file, a high speed broadband connection will produce rapid results, while those using dial-up service will have a lengthy delay as the file loads. Clips are expected to be 1-5 minutes in duration. There may come a time when we post digital video clips of an event, create longer presentations and/or narrate the presentation. For now we'll stick to a few photos with some toe-tappin' background tunes.

As with any element on our website, members are always welcome to provide feedback and suggestions about our efforts and the web site functionality. Send your ideas and comments to info@nmcorvette.org.

In unrelated web site news; please know that all stories that you initially see on the home page are available for review in the "news" section. We try to limit the home page to 4 or 5 stories, but don't fear if the story you saw is no longer on the home page. They all live on within the news area. Announcements on the home page, like the one currently addressing NMCA dues, are not archived. Once an announcement has served its purpose, the file is discarded.

NMCA NEEDS YOU

☀ Any NMCA member who has an interest or desire to assume the monthly Tach Times newsletter publication duties should immediately make your interest known to info@nmcorvette.org. After six years of monthly newsletter generation and countless format changes, the time has come for a fresh individual to assume this monthly task. The newsletter is currently in a relatively easy format requiring minimal printing duties or mailing issues, although there are some of these issues involved each month. Whomever assumes this task can rest easy knowing that the current editor will provide assistance to make the transition easy and seamless.

☀ Calling all NMCA members owning a Yellow Corvette: please send a note to info@nmcorvette.org with the model and year of your Yellow Corvette. Reason for this request will be released shortly, however at this stage of the game an actual count and basic detail collection needs to take place. In particular, we are looking for a yellow C-4. Thank you.

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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 recently include:

☀ 2003 Coupe – Red – reduced to \$32,999
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

☀ For numerous reasons, the 1955 Corvette is probably the most mysterious model ever as far as documentation and “why did they do that”. The 1955 model had a huge change in switching over to a 12-volt electrical system compared to the standard 6-volt. All 1955 models made the switch except one unique group. Which group did not make the switch and remained a 6 volt system?

- 1 – the first 250 Corvettes made this model year
- 2 – the models equipped with a V-8
- 3 – the models equipped with a 6 cylinder
- 4 – the models equipped with manual transmissions

☀ The 1958 Corvette grill had fewer teeth than previous years. 13 used to be the number of teeth until 1958. How many teeth does the 1958 Corvette have in its grill?

- 1 - 7
- 2 - 9
- 3 - 11
- 4 - 12

☀ It is believed that the 1960 Corvette was the first to offer a temperature controlled radiator fan. Of the 10,261 1960 Corvettes produced, how many opted for this \$21.55 option?

1 – 2,711

2 – 2,827

3 – 2,876

4 – 2,901

☀ A power antenna became standard equipment in what model year?

1 - 1963

2 - 1964

3 - 1965

4 - 1966

(answers at the end of this newsletter)

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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.

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ABOUT NMCA

Mailing address: NMCA, PO Box 91355, Albuquerque, NM 87199-1355

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Governor - Jack Richards

Activities - Jackcuelyn Haydu

Membership - Jan & Dan Bond

CIA - David Judd

Tech Chair - TBA

NMCCC Rep - Bill Jackson

Newsletter - Phil Ellison

Webmaster - Phil Ellison

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CORVETTE TRIVIA ANSWERS

☀ All 1955 Corvettes came from the factory with 12-volt electrical systems . . . all except the 6 cylinder models.

☀ The 1958 Corvette has 9 teeth in the grill, down from 13 in previous years.

☀ 2,711 1960 Corvettes left the factory with the optional temperature controlled radiator fan

☀ The 1966 Corvette included a power antenna as standard equipment.

Editor note: Trivia Q&A comes directly from the editor's unending and keen sense of Corvette history. His Corvette Black Book is used simply to confirm the answers!

