



March 2008

EDITORIAL

We have certainly had a busy start to 2008! As a Club, we have already participated in the Super Nationals, had Chinese and Japanese dinners, even had an informal dinner @ the Rt. 66 Casino's Hungry Cowboy buffet. In addition, the caravan to the J&R Vintage Car museum was a huge success. Last Friday prior to the General meeting, we had Mexican dinner provided by Garcia's Kitchen. This was the first of the pre-meeting dinners we are planning each quarter.

Your Council is working hard to make sure we have just as much fun and adventure in the months to come. Now that the weather is beginning to cooperate, the caravans and other events should bring even more of our members out to drive their Vettes.

We have also had a few new members join our ranks in the past couple of month; welcome aboard to those of you who are new to NMCA.

IN THE NEWS & COMING ATTRACTIONS

NMCA members came out to support our Japanese dinner event; we had 23 folks show up @ the Osaka Sushi and Steakhouse in Rio Rancho. Member Steve Haydu brought out his '53 Chevy Bel Air for some of the new folks to check out.

Our upcoming event to the Very Large Array on March 30, outside Socorro should be fascinating! Treasurer Lori Jordan has arranged a private tour of the facility. This will be followed by lunch @ the Socorro Springs restaurant. Their specialty is brick-oven pizza.

We have also scheduled a dinner on Saturday, April 5, at the County Line BBQ restaurant. There are also plenty of non-NMCA sponsored car shows coming up in the next few weeks if Show N' Shine is your passion.

Next month is the planned caravan to Mountainair; there will be a guest speaker present @ lunch to talk about the town and particularly the ghosts inhabiting the Shafer Hotel.

Be sure to keep checking the website under Events Schedule for further details on all upcoming events/functions.

I would like to note that all General Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of each month; all Council Meetings are 10 days prior to the General Meeting & ALL members are welcome to join us. So using the information above, mark your calendars, so you don't miss a thing!

BIRTHDAYS

Christina LeGrand	4/5
Mitch Taylor	4/8
Larry Osborne	4/10
Donnie Marchi	4/15
Marty Hall	4/17
Jim Robbins	4/22

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Catalina Allen	4/4
Marty & Bonnie Hall	4/25

HOW TO SAVE AT THE GAS PUMP
(Information from the Department of Energy)

Tips on Pumping Gas:

I don't know what you folks are paying at the gas station, but it's close to \$3.50 for premium. So here are some tricks to get more of your moneys worth @ the pump. At the Kinder Morgan Pipeline in San Jose, CA, they deliver 4 million gallons in a 24-hr period. One day is diesel, the next jet fuel & gas (regular & premium). They have 34 storage tanks with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons. In the petroleum business the specific gravity & temperature of the gas is very important. Unlike service stations, the temperature is controlled so that each tanker filled is temperature compensated so every gallon is actually the exact amount. Gas stations don't have the capacity to control the temperature & even +1 degree can make a big difference.

1) **Only buy or fill up on gas early in the morning**

Gas station storage tanks are buried underground; the colder the ground the more dense the gas. In the afternoon/evening it's warmer & the gas expands, so your gallon is really a gallon. Gas stations can't control the temperature compensation @ the pumps.

2) **DO NOT SQUEEZE**

When you're filling up **do not** squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3) stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode ***you should be pumping on low speed***, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some of the liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

3) **Fill When 1/2 Empty or 1/2 Full**

One of the most important tips is to ***fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY***. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

4) **DO NOT FILL UP WHEN TANKERS ARE UNLOADING GAS**

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, ***DO NOT fill up*** --most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

Publication Information:

Since we now have a smaller newsletter format, photos, events, stories will be posted on the website. Photos in our album, stories on the front page of the site, upcoming events on the Events Schedule page. Articles for the newsletter should reach the Council by Sunday following the General Meeting. Thank you!

If you have information regarding Club members; illness, hospitalized, lost a family member, please notify Secretary, Suzanne Monroy @ monroysm@cs.com

THAT'S IT FOR THIS MONTH!

Yours sincerely, Suzanne Monroy, Secretary, NMCA

SAVE THE WAVE!

