On the road again........

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Dear Fellow NCoCC Members,

I want to wish everyone a happy spring! This is the time of year when Corvette enthusiasts across the country are beginning to dust off and prep their cars for driving and car shows. That is with the exception of the folks back in the Midwest and East who are still waiting to get their Corvettes out. I saw a picture just the other day of the cherry trees in Washington D.C. all covered in snow! We are so fortunate to live in San Diego!

Plastic Fantastic is fast approaching, so I again want to ask all of you to get out and get busy collecting donations for our raffle. We have a long way to go to meet the mark set last year and Plastic Fantastic is just weeks away. Remember, all of the proceeds from our raffle go to support the San Diego USO. I also want to remind our members that you need to register for our show even though your attendance is free. If you don’t register before we reach the 300 mark, you won’t get one of our very nice giveaways.

For those of you who attended the Craftsmanship Museum run, I want to thank you for your participation. We had seven corvettes, one OTC, and 14 people participate. Even though our group was small I think everyone had a great time. Lunch at the Penny Lane Pub was very good as well. I’m sure Kathleen will include lots of pictures of the fantastic miniatures they had on display. I particularly like the demonstration of a few of the miniature engines actually running, some amazing stuff. If you have not been to this museum, you need to put it on your list of things to do!

As I mentioned above, we are moving into car show and car cruise season with lots of great activities planned over the next months. Please check the calendar on our website (www.ncocc.com) frequently so you don’t miss out on any of our upcoming activities.

I will sign off for now and, as always, wish everyone safe travels in your Corvette. I also want to remind you to support: 1) our Club charity the USO San Diego, 2) all of our military men, women and veterans, and 3) our fantastic National Corvette Museum.

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April Birthdays

Todd Barbour  4
Barbara Sadnick  12
Jeff Brandon  17
Kathleen Regenhardt  17
Sharon Wood  26
Jim Snook  29
Club Events Calendar

April 2014

8 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
24 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm
27 Temecula Winery Run

May

4 Plastic Fantastic Raffle Meeting. Bring your donations! 4:00pm
10 Car Detail Clinic
13 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
18 Plastic Fantastic
22 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

June

8 Del Mar Fair
10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

July

8 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
24 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

August

12 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
28 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

September

9 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
25 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm
Run to Temecula Wine Country
With Barbara and Gary Sadnick

Sunday, April 27th

We will meet at the Westfield North County Mall in Escondido (under the sign in the parking lot off the Via Rancho Parkway off-ramp) at 8:45 a.m. and leave by 9:00 sharp. We will then caravan through the back country roads up to the Temecula Wine Country. The drive will be approximately 1.75 hours. After touring two wineries and having a few tastes, the group will caravan to a nice restaurant for a relaxing lunch and more socializing.
The Wounded Warrior Tryout Games were held at Camp Pendleton for approximately one week ending Wednesday, March 12th. Bob and I volunteered with the USO on Monday, working the main check-in area or “Command Center” as they liked to call it.

Our job was to hand out drinks, power bars, snacks, and various fruits to the athletes that stopped by, and to assist in restocking the outlying refreshment stands located at the various athletic events.

It was not the busiest day of the event, but we kept busy and had the opportunity to meet and talk with Wounded Warriors from England, Netherlands, Australia, and Columbia. The weather could not have been more perfect and I overheard one gentleman from England say he was enjoying his time here so much that he planned to return to the states with his family for a vacation. The Warriors from foreign countries seemed to be the most appreciative of the USO’s support efforts.

As Bob and I were leaving late Monday evening, a young Warrior from Columbia, proudly displaying his Silver Medal in Cycling, approached our car and wanted to know if he could take a picture of the Corvette. He seemed to really like the Vette, and Bob took several pictures with the Columbian’s camera for his use. We got this one photo of the Warrior with Bob’s cell phone.
Bob returned on Tuesday afternoon to team with Bob Hurst. They were assigned to the Strength and Conditioning Classroom and had absolutely zero clients visit their stand during the first two hours. In fact, the activities were so slow they were told to close their station at 3:00 p.m. and secure for the day.

It was a very rewarding experience to be able to help these young people who have put their lives on the line for us.
Miniature Engineering Craftmanship Museum

Engines, models, miniature guns and other projects are all on display at this museum as are some items remembered from the youth of many older craftsmen.

Photography by: Kathleen Regenhardt
Article II, Section 2

Membership classes and their requisite qualifications are as follows:

ASSOCIATE
A. Is unable to attend business meetings.
B. Requests in writing to be placed on associate status to Board of Directors.
C. May no hold office or vote.
D. May be reinstated to active status upon receipt of written request to the Board of Directors and payment of all outstanding debts to the club.
E. Pays associate monthly dues.

Amendment Option 1:
Delete item E.

Amendment Option 2:
Delete Associate membership in its entirety.
Plastic Fantastic XXXVII
May 18, 2014

7 weeks to go!

We need your help!
Contact a Team Leader today!

Publicity:  Jay Kopelowitz
Vendors:  George Marks
Registration:  Kathleen Regenhardt
Parking:  Sam Rindskopf
Raffle:  Mike Bonar

132 registrations have been received!

Next meeting regarding Plastic Fantastic is Scheduled for
Sunday, May 4th
4:00 p.m.

Are you getting raffle donations?
Be sure to email Kathy Buie with your donation information.

Bring your raffle donations!
While the second-oldest Ford GT40 will dominate the interest of car fans around April’s classic car Auctions, a pair of Chevy Corvettes offer an interesting story of their own – including one so pampered it’s never seen a passenger.

The first at Mecum Auctions is the Bernie Knudsen Corvette, a one-off 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray Styling Car that was built for General Motors Chevrolet Division General Manager Semon “Bunkie” Knudsen.

Besides its most obvious and outrageous feature – gleaming chrome side pipes – the car features a special paint scheme (Crimson Firefrost Metallic accented by white stripes), a modified interior (pulled from 1964’s model and boasting then-chic white Naugahyde with maroon stripes) and custom under-the-hood touches (chrome plating and crinkle-finish black paint took the place of cast aluminum on the 327 cubic-inch V8).

“All of Knudsen’s cars came in this color, and I’m sure he was out and about showing it off often,” says Mecum consignment director John Kraman, who estimates that the car could fetch close to $1 million. “It’s a real automotive landmark that has special panache.”
The second Vette made Kraman’s “hair stand on end” when he walked up to it for the first time. “You just don’t see this that often.”

By “this” he means a 1967 Corvette Sting Ray with a shockingly scant 2,996 original miles on the odometer, the prized possession of a former Marine who bought the car new with some Las Vegas winnings and kept it until his death in 2011. Mecum’s selling points on the car are almost comical: “the original owner, Don McNamara, is the only person to have driven the Car,” “3 people are known to have sat in the car,” “no one has sat in the passenger seat.” Mecum might as well add, “Please take off your shoes when entering the Time Machine.”

“It’s a great color scheme (white with a red strip) and must be the absolute best second-generation Sting Ray in the country,” say Kraman, who predicts upward of a $1 million for this lot as well. “The first thing that jumps out at you is how different an original car feels from a restored one. This is what it must have looked like in the showroom, down to the whitewall tires.”

As unique as the car is its owner. McNamara, who lived in Colorado Springs, never married and was intensely private throughout his long life. After buying the car with his jackpot winnings, he drove it sparingly, and soon denied he still had it, preferring to keep a low profile. By the mid-80s the car only had a few thousand miles on the clock, the result of late-night drives.

And then as suddenly as the car came into his life, it seemed to vanish – until a friend who had been willed all McNamara’s belonging discovered the car covered by U.S. and Marine Corps Flags, a snarling bear long in hibernation.
60 Years of Cool

In 2009, Chevrolet introduced the fastest production Corvette of all time, the ZR1, a car that continues to this day. A true supercar, the ZR1 uses carbon-fiber body panels and aluminum suspension components to cut weight, and General Motors’ Magnetic Ride Control adjustable suspension to improve handling. Powered by the supercharged LS9 6.2-liter V8 engine that cranks out 638 horsepower, the ZR1 sprints from zero to 60 mph in 3.5 seconds and tops out at a stratospheric 205 mph.

Chevrolet unveiled the C7 Corvette in 2013 at the Detroit Auto Show, reviving the Stingray name for the first time since 1976. Corvette performance improves with each generation, and Chevrolet is employing a lot of technology to make sure the C7 follows suit. An aluminum frame and a carbon-fiber hood and roof help cut 150 pounds total, and the new LT1 6.2-liter V8 engine increases base horsepower to 450. Zero to 60 mph arrives in four seconds flat, and an available Magnetic Ride Control suspension promises to improve agility.
Our Club
Club members enjoy planned trips, car shows, fun runs, auto rallies, and a host of social and Corvette-related events, including a Holiday Party, an Annual Recognition Dinner, and the NCoCC Plastic Fantastic all Corvette Show at Seaport Village. We support local communities in the San Diego County area by participating in special event parades and high school homecoming events. Our members also devote a time, energy, and resources in supporting our club charity, the USO (United Services Organization).

Meetings
Business Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in The Well Church Meeting Room located at 13604 Midland Road, Poway, CA. We always welcome and encourage guests to attend our meetings and to participate in our club sponsored events.

For a map of our meeting location, please go to our web site at www.ncocc.com.

Membership
Membership is open to anyone at least 18 years of age who owns a Corvette. Applicants must attend two business meetings and participate in one club event before becoming a member.

Membership in NCoCC entitles you to:
A membership card for you and your significant other.
Discounts on parts and service at participating dealers (Bob Stall and others).
A club T-shirt.
A name tag.
A newsletter via Email and/or the web site.

Members are expected to attend Business Meetings, maintain current dues, and support the club by serving on committees and participating in club events. Initiation fee is $25. Dues are paid in advance: $75 for one year.

We hope this short introduction is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact us via email: info@ncocc.com.