

CRUISE NEWS

NORTH COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB



J. Bittle Open House before Coronado Speed Festival

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President's Corner

Hey North County Corvette Members

This month, it feels like everybody is on vacation, if you took your Vette please take pictures and share for next month's newsletter.

I want to see what I am missing!



Summer is ending and the club went on an amazing run to Julian led by Rob and Sandy Roth ending at their home, sorry we missed it.

Bob Brown and I attended the JBA open house view of the Corvettes from Texas and got a shop tour including the engine dyno! We were asked if anyone was allergic to burning rubber before someone lit their tires up. We had a lot of fun!

Dave Regenhardt, Gary Sadnick, Bob Brown, and I went to the Coronado Speed Festival and had an invitation from J. Bittle to have lunch in his pit area. I think everybody had fun and great parking.

Renee and I had the opportunity to participate in the Carlsbad High School Homecoming parade. Renee got her first chance to drive in a parade, with an OTC. In the meantime, I drove the King and Queen of the court. This was a fun community support opportunity, with great kids.

Best wishes to many of our members; Brenda Houshar had a stroke and is back home with Jan taking good care of her. Joe Steinmetz is recovering from surgery as is Lois Goodman. They are both convalescing at The Remington. Get well all of you. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Our Activities Leader, Norma, has more awesome events coming for the future!

I am proud to be a member of North County Corvettes!

Rick T.

Happy Birthday

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It's still hot but not so humid these days. Our AC has been getting a workout.

I hope you managed to see at least part of the total eclipse of the moon. It was beautiful!

Looks like we'll be having some fun at the Borrego Days parade in October. Can't believe Walmart already has Christmas stuff out on the shelves!

Don't forget your NCOCC club dues are due at the October meeting.

I've added a new column, "**Ladies Who Wrench**", this month. Don't be shy about contributing for next month.

Please feel free to contact me at the meetings or by email at mrsr2me@yahoo.com with any corrections or ideas for articles to feature here.

Enjoy! Renee T.

Events Calendar

October

- 11 7th Annual Fifth Avenue Auto Showcase
- 13 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 18 Cops & Rodders Fall Pow Wow, SD Embarcadero
- 22 NCoCC Board Meeting. Mainstream Bar & Grill. 7:00pm
- 24 Borrego Days Desert Festival
- 24-25 4th Annual Corvettes@Bondurant

November

- 7 Corvettes on the Midway, Phoenix, AZ
- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 15 VETTES for Veterans, Carlsbad
- 19 NCoCC Board Meeting. Mainstream Bar & Grill. 7:00pm

December

- 5 USO Santa Store
- 8 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 12 NCOCC Christmas/Holiday Dinner
- 13 30th Annual Street Masters Christmas Cruise for the Kids, Torrey Pines
- 20 NCOCC Christmas Light Run

JULIAN CIDER RUN

September 12, 2015

Submitted by Rob Roth

First of all, I drove the run alone. My dear wife, Sandy, decided to stay home and make the house perfect for everyone at the end of the run. It must be a chromosome thing because the house looked perfect to me.

Sandy had originally researched Julian for a destination and discovered that parking would be a major problem. Then she found Julian Hard Cider's website. The managers were all too happy to accommodate our crowd and open early for cider tasting and they had plenty of parking.

From North County Fair, we drove to Ramona to pick up the Harwells. The dawdling cars on San Pasqual Valley Road seemed oblivious to the 5,000 horse power worth of Corvettes behind them. In any event, patience prevailed and we arrived in Ramona and picked up the Harwells on the fly.

On the road to Julian, I was prepared to outdo the Calico Club's speed record, but we were directly behind a group of 4 bikers who were continuously doing various stunts on the road, slaloming side to side and slowing way down on the straightaways and then gunning it to fly through the curves almost horizontally. And then there was the guy who liked to drive 'no handed'. So, we stayed far back hoping none of them would need my kind of professional services if they wiped out on the road.

We finally got to Julian Hard Cider. The place is like a big barn out of a bygone era with all kinds of stuff for sale. "One person's junk is another's treasure." That pretty much sums up what I saw there. The manager, Brad, kindly offered the tastings on the house, presumably hoping we would buy a bunch of bottles. Brad is a military buff and enjoyed talking with some of our guys. Despite the cider being bitterly hard I had to buy 4 bottles of his concoction, because at our family gatherings there is always someone who can drink anything.

Mom's Julian Pie Shop, right next door, beckoned and pies and other sweets were purchased. Kathy Regenhardt's pie graciously became dessert later at the house.

After a brief stop at Dudley's Bakery, we headed to our house in Poway. The road down to Ramona should have been a nice slow comfortable drive. But Bob Brown was on my tail all the way, forcing me to speeds that far exceeded my expectations. I just had to go fast enough to keep him at a safe distance; at least that was the explanation I was prepared to give my wife if asked.

We got to the house safely and Sandy was waiting with the lunch spread. And, of course, the house was perfect. The side dishes and wine brought by the gang were the hit of the day. Recipes were shared and the food was wonderful. There was great comradery and enjoyment of the time together.

Kathy Regenhardt was first into the pool followed by the Sadnicks and Sandy. The rest of us enjoyed the heat and sweat of the afternoon. I hope everyone had as good a time as Sandy and I did.

PICTURES FROM THE JULIAN CIDER RUN





Sipping a little cider!



Having a good time at Rob and Sandy's home in Poway.

Pictures submitted by Bob Brown.





MORE COMMENTARY ON THE JULIAN RUN

Submitted by Norma Miyamoto

The day was HOT, but the Julian run on Sept.12 reminded members that fall is upon us. Our Corvettes were surrounded by OTC's and other Corvette drivers who were doing the same—enjoying one of the last summer weekends.

Rob Roth led about 13 cars from North County Fair through Ramona to our destination: The Julian Hard Cider, an eclectic store with several shops and a tasting room inside. What more could we want? Ah, there was also the discovery of Julian Mom's Pie Shop next door where pies, homemade cookies and candies could be purchased.

Yes, the EXPENSIVE candy I bought melted into one ball of chocolate, but a sharp knife and chopping board returned the candies to their bit-size shapes. Whahoo!

Our second destination was a brief 10 minute ride down the road: the famous Dudley's Bakery—and, yes, more yummy food. Their date nut bread makes exquisite French toast!

The group reached its final destination, the beautiful home of Sandy and Rob Roth, around 1 pm. Sandy's deli sandwich fixings and the "sides" brought by members made the poolside summer picnic another savory delight.

Certainly there are more stories to tell, but these must stay "poolside", I'm told!

Many thanks to Sandy and Rob for organizing this run and hosting its finale at their Poway home.

CORONADO FLEET WEEK FESTIVAL

SPEED WEEK September 20, 2015

Photos submitted by Rick Toomey and Bob Brown



Meeting up at the Rancho Penasquitos Park and Ride in the morning



Club members cars parked on the tarmac in Coronado.



Cars racing in Coronado.

LADIES WHO WRENCH

By Renee Toomey

My first car was a 1960 Chevy Nomad station wagon which was 8 years old when I bought it from a neighbor. It had been used to pull a travel trailer and had a rebuilt truck engine in it.

This car was a big deal for me and my family as my mother did not drive so we had not had a car in the family since 1961 after her divorce from my step-father. We relied on public transportation, rides from friends/co-workers, bicycles for us kids, and our "Chevro-legs".

During the time I owned the Nomad, it spent a lot of time in the shop because it went through generators regularly and had other issues. Over time, I learned how to make a few repairs, simple things like replacing the windshield wiper pump assembly, replacing the blades, etc. I was very proud of my car.

In 1971, I bought my first new car, a 1971 Chevy Camaro which I still own after 44 years. I drove this car for 17 years before the purchase of my next new one.

Naturally, over the years, the exterior of the Camaro took a beating from being outside, so I learned how to sand and prep the car for a new paint job. I actually did this twice, the second time taking the roof down to metal because some prior repair work had begun to go south. I learned how to remove the trim pieces from around the window as well as other trim and replace them once the car was painted.

Since I was doing this in the garage at home in the evenings after work and on the weekends, some of the neighbor guys would come over to see what I was up to. They were impressed and said they had never thought about doing this. I'm not sure their wives thought it was such a good idea.

I also learned how to refresh the interior of the car using Duplicolor vinyl spray paint taking the plastic panels out of the car to spray them. This was needed because I changed the color of the car from green to metallic brown, then to a cream color. This last time was left up to the pros and it shows.

As time went on, I would take on the things I felt I could handle on my own leaving the rest to my mechanics who got to know me too well as I was a nervous Nellie when it came to cars.

I met Rick in 1992 and, over time, began helping him make repairs to his vehicles. Most notably, I spent a few nights under his Ford F150 truck steadying the transmission so he could take it out to replace the pressure plate and clutch then put it back in. We didn't have a transmission jack so it wasn't as easy as you might think!

No, I don't change my own oil or do much repair on the vehicles now, but for many years I had no one but me to rely on to handle things that broke in the house or out in the yard. I can still handle many things but getting down on my hands and knees is really no longer an option.

I hope you have enjoyed this little bit of info. Ladies, if you've got a story about working on your car, please send me a piece on it.



NCoCC Cruise News

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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 time, energy, and resources in supporting our club charity, the USO (United Services Organization) of San Diego.

Meetings

Business Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at 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.

Name tags for you and your significant other.

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 at info@ncocc.com.