What a beautiful February day! NCoCC heads down the mountain into Rancho Mirage for a lovely Valentine lunch!

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Hello NCoCC Members,

I hope this month’s newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying our winter albeit spring like weather. Speaking of weather, Sandy and Lynn Mayer ordered perfect weather for the Club’s Valentines Day Run to Palm Springs. Not only was the weather perfect but the route, the restaurant, the food and the company was also perfect. One of my favorite things about this type of event is the opportunity to sit by members that you typically don’t get to talk too often. This lunch was no exception. We sat across the table from Jack and Norma Miyamoto and truly enjoyed our conversation and getting to know them a little better. All in all it was a great day.

Holy cow! Can you believe it? We are only 2 ½ months away from our 38th Annual Plastic Fantastic All Corvette Car Show! Dave Regenhardt and Tim Murray have been working hard with all of the team leads to get everything prepared for the event. Kathleen Regenhardt is heading registration again this year and has already begun receiving many. Dave and Tim went to COCSD’s last member meeting to promote the show, and Donna and I had dinner in Las Vegas with a bunch of the members from Calico Corvettes and Cruisers to promote the show. Dave and Tim have plans to attend the meeting for North Coast Corvettes and Corvettes of Temecula Valley. So as you can see things are really starting to happen to make this the best Plastic Fantastic ever. We really need all of our members to get out and get donations for our raffle. As I have said in the past, reach out to businesses that you patronize and see if they aren’t willing to make a donation for our raffle. Remember that 100% of the net proceeds go to our charity the USO of San Diego.

We have some great activities coming up so keep checking the calendar on our website (www.ncocc.com). By the time you read this newsletter we will have already attended the Marine Corp Trails at Camp Pendleton in support of the USO of San Diego. We have several upcoming events that have never been done by the Club before, and others that have not been done for many years. So, again keep looking to our website calendar to keep up-to-date on what is coming up.

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

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**Happy Birthday**

- Tim Murray: 2
- Joan Thompson: 9
- Lois Goodman: 14
- Dick Knutson: 19
- Pat Knutson: 23
- Patti Reminga: 24
- Rob Roth: 26
- Ron Lewis: 31

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**BIRDS**

- Two birds with flowers and eggs

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Club Events Calendar

March 2015

3 Marine Corp Trials, Camp Pendleton
10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
14 El Centro Air Show
26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

April

11 La Jolla Concours d’Elegance
14 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
18 Vette Set Car Show, Redondo Beach
23 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

May

3 COTV Promenade Car Show
12 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
17 Plastic Fantastic XXXVIII
28 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

June

5-7 Russo and Steele Auction
9 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
TBD Del Mar Fair
13 Idyllwild Run
25 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

July

14 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
19 Recognition Dinner
23 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm

August

11 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
16 Past President’s Picnic
27 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco’s in Poway. 7:00pm
The air show is free of cost and open to the public. You may bring folding chairs and lawn chairs with you. In addition to the free general viewing areas, there is paid seating available for Grand Stand Seating and Executive Chalet Seating. Tickets for these areas can be purchased by calling 760-339-2559.

Some of this year’s participants are; Red Eagles Formation Team, Smoke and Thunder, Metal Mulisha, Leap Frogs Jump Team, and the Blue Angels.

We will plan to meet at the PQ Park and Ride at 7:50 a.m. and depart at 8:15. It will take about an hour and ¾ to get there.
Valetine’s Day Run

Las Casuelas Nuevas
Rancho Mirage

February 14th
Thank you Sandy and Lynn Mayer! The day was beautiful, the drive was amazing, the food and chocolates delicious.
Co-Chair Corner

Things are moving right along for Plastic Fantastic. We have trophies in hand. Dash plaques and the gift giveaway have been ordered. This year we have selected a canvas trunk organizer with the event info printed on the side. Event t-shirts are in the works. Also, a new food provider is being sought as well as a drink and treat seller this year.

Renee Toomey is our Raffle Captain and she needs all of our help to ensure that we have a successful year to help support our charity, USO of San Diego. Ask your favorite businesses for a donation of goods and/or services. Be creative and come up with items for men and women and for couples.

We need some more vendors for the show. They have to be car related. So, if you have any ideas, please let Jay Kopelowitz or Laura Brandon know.

Thank you to all our volunteers. As always, it is going to be a great show.

Dave Regenhardt and Tim Murray
2015 Plastic Fantastic Co-Chairmen

46 cars registered!
"We've found your car" are the four most desired words you can hope to hear when your car has been unlawfully taken from your possession. In the case of Terry Dietrich, those words were uttered to her earlier this month some 42 years after her first love – a 1972 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray – was stolen in Duluth, Ga., just six months after it was bought.

But, as is typical with stories of long lost automotive loves, those four words were often followed by an endless amount of bureaucratic red tape and an unmovable state agency.

The story begins in North Carolina, where earlier this year a 1972 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray went up for sale and was purchased by car restorer Gary Green. The car had been owned by a neighbor who’d cruised the local streets in the Vette since 1975. Due to being around for so long, the sight of the blue Corvette was ubiquitous amongst fellow townsfolk, and Green thought he knew its history well enough. When the Corvette’s owner passed away, Green purchased it from the man’s wife without worry.

Green checked the VIN after purchase and immediately recognized the string as belonging to a 1969 Corvette convertible and, upon closer inspection elsewhere, found a different VIN stamped into the frame and engine. Like any law-abiding and upstanding businessman, Green reported it to the police.

Sure enough, the car was the same one stolen from Dietrich in November 1972; police quickly impounded it. Here’s where the next step would be for Dietrich to be reunited with her missing ride — but thanks to the aforementioned red tape, Dietrich’s Corvette will likely occupy the police impound lot, unless the North Carolina DMV changes its rules.

Back in 1972, Dietrich financed the Corvette and insured it through Allstate. Since she did not own the car free and clear, the lending institution held the title until the car’s eventual theft, thus giving Allstate title of vehicle when they paid out for the theft. North Carolina requires a title to release the vehicle and they won’t bend the rules an inch by considering the original police report from 1972.

Given the 42-year gap, neither Allstate nor the state of Georgia can provide a title to Dietrich, blocking her ability to lay claim to the well-cared-for Stingray sitting in a North Carolina impound lot.

Worst of all, unless a court order allows her car be released, it'll head off to police auction for the highest bidder, a situation Dietrich is not likely able to afford. They say it’s better to have loved and lost than never loved at all. But, twice over a span of 42 years is absolutely heartbreaking.
**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.

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**NCoCC Cruise News**

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