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Club Meetings:

1st Wednesday of each month, 7 PM

Location: Creekside Plaza
13491 Poway Road, Poway, CA 92064

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- Webmaster** Ed Daher
- NCM Representative**..... Laura Loberman
- Charity Representative**..... Candi Daher
- Car Club Council**..... Jack G /Jan H / Bob H.



January Birthdays

- 02 Bob Brown
- 03 Bob Belzman
- 06 Marilyn Osborne
- 07 Betty Jiminez
- 08 Ann Collins



SAVE THE WAVE



North County Corvette Club (NCoCC) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1974 by San Diego Corvette enthusiasts who wanted to enjoy America's finest sports car. Our sponsor is Bob Stall Chevrolet in La Mesa, and NCoCC is a member of the National Corvette Museum and the San Diego Car Club Council.



Club members enjoy planned trips, car shows, auto rallies and a host of social and Corvette-related events, including a Christmas Party, an Annual Awards Dinner, two major NCoCC shows (PLASTIC FANTASTIC at Seaport Village, and ENDLESS SUMMER at Bob Stall Chevrolet), monthly fun runs, and special trips. 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 lot of time, energy, and resources in supporting our club charity, the Challenged Athletes Foundation located in Del Mar, CA.

Business meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm in the Creekside Plaza Meeting Room located in the shopping center at the SE corner of Poway Road and Community Road in Poway. The meeting room has no dining facilities, but there are a number of restaurants within nearby walking distance. 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 in the Creekside Plaza Shopping Center Meeting Room (across from Baskin Robbins 31 Flavors) please check our web page.

Membership is open to anyone at least 18 years of age who owns or leases 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 monthly newsletter**

Members are expected to attend regular 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: \$48 for six months or \$88 for one year.

We hope this short introduction is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact us via 'snail' mail at P.O. Box 500104, San Diego, CA 92150, or via e-mail to ssmayer@cox.net.

Again, "Welcome to **North County Corvette Club.**" Your only requirement is to have a great time and make some new friends along the way.

Sandy Mayer
President, North County Corvette Club

President's Corner – January 2008



It is amazing how fast the year 2007 went by. I feel we had a very good year, with both car shows a success. Plastic Fantastic turned out very well in spite of a venue change, and Endless Summer had the highest attendance in several years. We closed out December with an active month. I want to thank the members that participated in the Christmas Party at Camp Pendleton on December 9th, along with the other 60+ Corvettes from Southern California. We both supported the troops there and raised several thousand dollars for gift cards. While I did not attend the light run everyone that went had a good time. The Holiday Party was excellent, with great weather, good food and friends. A big thank you to Linda Kotanan for her efforts. This year we even had fireworks added to the parade of lights.

As we go into the New Year let's keep our activities going. Everyone needs to come up with ideas for club runs, new dining adventures, and activities throughout the year. Let's make this coming year one of the most active years in recent times.

I wish you all a prosperous, healthy, and Happy New Year!

Your Pres,
Sandy



News from Challenged Athletes Foundation

Candi Daher, Charity Representative



Donate online today to help CAF rise from the ashes. Help make dreams come true for challenged athletes.

It is the mission of the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) to provide opportunities to people with physical challenges so they pursue active lifestyles through physical fitness and competitive athletics. We believe involvement in sports at any level increases self-esteem, encourages independence and enhances quality of life for those facing physical challenges.

Since 1994, CAF has fulfilled 2,600 + funding requests from challenged athletes across the country -- and around the world. Your gift will help CAF support challenged athletes and program activities like:

- **Access for Athletes** - Provides direct support for training, competition and equipment needs.
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- **Reach High** - Outreach to inspire and educate our communities by showing them "what is possible" for challenged athletes.
- **Operation Rebound** - Post-rehabilitation support and mentorship to American soldiers and veterans who suffered traumatic injuries in Afghanistan and or Iraq that resulted in a permanent physical disability.

Donate to CAF with confidence on a secure server.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

By Marilyn Astengo

This year has been a little bit hectic and crazy.

As most of you know, we've been looking for somewhere to retire for some time. Last December we took a trip to Austin, looked at old homes and new houses and said, "***This is it!***" Went back to Rancho Bernardo and put the house up for sale (in the middle of the worst housing slump since 1991). In the midst of selling the house I took off for Disney World with a long time girl friend, Paula. We had lots of laughs and a really good time.

In September, we packed up our stuff, sent 96% of it in a moving van (about 10,000 lbs including the live Sago Palm in the bottom of a wardrobe box), put the other 4% in my new 2007 Impala SS and a week later started a new chapter in our life in a small town 25 miles north of Austin called Georgetown. But not without some excitement. First night on the road, about 10 miles out of Phoenix on the darkest back road to nowhere, Tom came eyeball to eyeball with a deer at about 70 MPH (Tom, not the deer) and my brand new SS went backwards thru a barbed wire fence and went off-roading for three or four loops. We got a ride to my Mom's house in Phoenix in the back of a squad car; the SS got a ride on a flatbed and was ready to go on before I was. The second day, I broke out in a rash, but we got here OK. Second day here Tom came eyeball to eyeball with one of Georgetown's finest for "blazing thru my school zone at 25 miles per hour." He don't do that anymore.

We moved into a Sun City, Del Webb community and started a new life style. We spent 2 weeks unpacking and then took a 10-day vacation in Maui, relaxing by the pool and taking walks on the beach. Came home to making lists (for things that need fixing in the new house). Blue taping every paint and finish flaw and getting bids on window coverings and landscaping. Poor Tom has to deal with all these problems while I go off to work. Actually Tom has been doing some consulting out of the house for an outfit in Canada involved in feedstocks for biofuels and has just been offered the CFO job, but will still work out of the house. (I hate him for that-----I want to stay home)

We are in a lovely brand new neighborhood, and everyone is as new here as we are. Our neighbors are very active; we have a monthly dine-out, a monthly wine tasting event, a monthly night at the movies and I'm in charge of Bunco night. And just in case we need something to do, we also belong to the Zoomers (a very active social club), the California club, the Italian club (bocce on Sunday, but everyone cheats), a local Corvette Club in Sun City, (the Austin group was just too big, too far away and kinda clicky). We've attended several dances and found out we really need to hone our dancing skills, especially the Texas Two Step (especially Tom).

Anyway, having a good time and we have a lovely guest room with a terrific sunset view (they really are terrific here, Tom says it's the biggest sky he's ever seen) so please call when you're in Texas and let's sit on the patio, watch the sunset, and have a Margarita. (Tom has planted a lime tree).



Member of the Month - January

Featuring... Laura Loberman

Laura grew up in "Hot Rod Heaven" AKA, Claremont, in the San Gabriel Valley, and San Diego, where she has been for the last 24 years. For the last ten years, you can find her zipping around in her fabulous '65 Roadster! As Laura tells it, this classic is her "First and only (Corvette), bought in the summer of 1997, after dropping my business card off at Coast Corvette and telling them exactly what I was looking for. A month later, they called me!"

Zippering right along with her on many Club runs and meetings are Jeff Brandon and his darling daughter, Jocelyn, who is 4. What will be happening for a long time, according to Laura, is her work as a senior appellate court attorney with the Fourth District, Division One Court of Appeal. Laura says, "That means I work for the State of California. My boss is an appellate court justice. It's great work." What she didn't say is that she has been nominated for a judgeship! This may be why you hear people calling her "Judge." We all have our fingers crossed for her, but she keeps saying, "No news is good news!" Laura has much more patience than most of her friends. 😊

A former NCoCC Secretary and Member-at-Large, Laura is currently our Representative for the National Corvette Museum. She brings us news each month about the current NCM raffle

opportunities, NCM retail store specials and, of course, the latest news as we all look forward to the 2009 Corvette Caravan for the Museum's 15th Anniversary. Laura will be the first to tell you the NCM Anniversary Celebration will be September 3-5, 2009. Don't forget to make your reservations for this fun, ultimate Road Trip!

Inquiring minds wanted to know Laura's hobbies....She said, "I would say that most people think having an interest in vintage muscle cars, hotrods and motorcycles is "interesting" but for all of us, that's par for the course. Oh... and I picked up golf this past couple of years. Never thought I'd ever love golf (my dad has golfed for almost 60 years)! I love to run."

Laura's preference is for classic Corvettes, but adds that she would take a Z06 too! It was while driving her classic Vette that a funny thing happened. Laura says, "I was driving Westbound on the 78 one beautiful weekend afternoon in the number three lane, when I saw from my side view mirror red Ferrari and Black Porsche convertibles coming up on me in the fast lane. They screamed by, and about 5 seconds later, a truck pulled up to my right. The guy yelled out, "I'd rather have the Vette!!" I gave him a thumbs up, of course. That put a big smile on my face."

Submitted by Lynn Grindstaff,
Member of the Month feature writer



Laura Loberman with her fabulous 1965 roadster.

Thanks to Tom Harper, Lynn Grindstaff, Lynn Mayer, Sandy Mayer, Randy Solle, Bob Brown, Linda Kotanan, Don Houser, and Bob Hurst for contributions to this newsletter.

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

Diane and Randy Solle often bring their adorable Miniature Schnauzer of club runs. We all recognize Macowanii when she waits patiently for her owners. But diid you know there is another Solle pet who stays behind when her owners take a drive?

Ho,

Ho,



Ho,

and one more we haven't seen...



Macowanii and Peppe (Diane's mom owns Peppe) wished members a Merry Christmas at the Light Run in December, but there's .one more. Thought you might want to see the big one, Safira.

RUN TO CAMP PENDLETON ON DECEMBER 9, 2007



After lunch at the Macaroni Grill, we join up in the parking lot at North County Fair



Randy (the reindeer" hams it up with Clarice



No...you are supposed to look at the Pres' new black top



Do it "this way" Clarice.



Early arrivals.



Randy & Diane are ready for the season



Randy & Jack whisper about the run leader



Fearless Run Leader explains details to Jack



Uh, Bah Humbug?



Meet at the Basilone Gate PX



Plenty of Vettes join up at the PX



The run in to the parade field





Randy & Diane always display the proper holiday spirit.



Start of the line-up of cars on the parade ground



Line-up continued



Part of the NCoCC line.



NCoCC

Thanks to the Cypress Church who organized this great event and the help of southern California Corvette clubs who joined in to help provide the Marines at the School of Infantry enjoy the holiday season a little more. Over \$2000 was raised to present the Marines with gift cards and calling cards.

Captions and photos courtesy of Bob Brown

January and February Events - Tom Harper, Events Coordinator

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
January		1 New Years Day	2	3	4	5
6 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In	7	8	9 NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7pm	10	11	12 21st Annual Burger Run to Peppertree Frosty, Vista Auction
13 • CoCC Club Run TBA • Pomona Swap Meet	14	15	16	17	18	19
Barrett - Jackson Auction, Scottsdale AZ 12 - 20						
20 • Cruisn' Coco's Rancho Bernardo • News Items Due Auction	21	22	23 NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's RB 7pm	24	25	26 Grand National Roadster Show
27 Pomona 25-27	28	29	30	31		

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
February					1	2
3 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In	4	5 Car Club Council of Greater San Diego Meeting, Balboa Park	6 NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7pm	7	8	9
10 NCoCC Club Run TBA	11	12	13	14 Valentines Day	15	16
17 Cruisn' Coco's Rancho Bernardo 11 - 2	18	19	20	21	22	23 NASCAR Sprint Cup Weekend
24 Fontana	25	26	27 NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's RB 7pm	28	29	Big 3 Swapmeet Feb 29 - March 2

Coming Events

Tom Harper, Activities Coordinator

JANUARY 2008

- 1 New Years Day
- 6 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In www.daltonroadhouse.com_events.htm
- 9 **NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00 pm**
- 12 21st Annual Vista Burger Run to Pepper Tree Frosty
- 13 **NCoCC Club Run (TBA)**
- 13 4th Annual Motor Car Classic, La Jolla, www.lajollabythesea.com/motorcar/Registration.pdf
- 12-20 Barrett-Jackson Auction, Scottsdale, AZ www.barrett-jackson.com
- 20 Cruis' Coco's, Rancho Bernardo, 11am-2pm
- 13 Pomona Swap Meet
- 20 Deadline for Submission of NCoCC Newsletter Items
- 23 **NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB, 7:00 pm**
- 25-27 Grand National Roadster Show, Pomona, CA www.hotrodshows.com/gnrs.html

FEBRUARY

- 3 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise In www.daltonroadhouse.com_events.htm
- 5 Car Club Council of Greater San Diego Meeting, Balboa Park
- 6 **NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00 pm**
- 10 **NCoCC Club Run (TBA)**
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 17 Cruis' Coco's, Rancho Bernardo, 11am-2pm
- 22-24 NASCAR Sprint Cup weekend, www.californiaspeedway.com
- 27 **NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB, 7:00**
- 29-3/2 Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium, www.big3partsexchange.com

MARCH

- 1-2 Big 3 Swap Meet, Qualcomm Stadium
- 2 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In www.daltonroadhouse.com_events.htm
- 4 Car Club Council of Greater San Diego Meeting, Balboa Park
- 5 **NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00 pm**
- 9 Pomona Swap Meet
- 9 **NCoCC Club Run (TBA)**
- 16 Cruis' Coco's, Rancho Bernardo, 11am-2pm
- 26 **NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB, 7:00 pm**

APRIL

- 1 Car Club Council of Greater San Diego Meeting, Balboa Park
- 2 **NCoCC Business Meeting, Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00 pm**
- 4-6 Good Guys Nationals, Del Mar
- 6 Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In www.daltonroadhouse.com_events.htm
- 13 **NCoCC Club Run (TBA)**
- 18 Corvette Racing Corvette Corral-Special Event, Long Beach
- 18-20 Long Beach Grand Prix, Long Beach www.gplb.com
- 20 Cruis' Coco's, Rancho Bernardo, 11am-2pm
- 23 **NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB, 7:00 pm**





NCoCC members look forward to the Lights Run planned by Bob and Liz Brown. Candi and Marilyn Houser warm their hands while the gang arrives.



Randy Solle wore his festive hat as he chatted with Ed.



The lights of Poway and Santee seemed extra bright this year.

Christmas Lights Run on December 15, 2007



In the neighborhood of the Belzmans, we met Santa Bob generously supplying us with candy treats for the road.



The best part is always chatting with friends over dinner when the run is behind us.

Holiday Dinner at the Island Palms – December 16



President Sandy corralling the members



Joyce Bunch with Randy and Diane Solle



Annette and Ron Wood share a table with Todd and Jamie



Marilyn Houser, Bob's daughter Laura, and Bob Belzman



Bob, Candi, Sharon, and Gary : Pre-dinner talk



Ann & Jim Collins at the buffet, followed by the Kotanans



Bob Belzman with his daughter, Tim Bunch's daughter with her fiancé, Ron Rune, Joyce Bunch, and the Solles



Sandy and outstanding party planner, Linda Kotanan

Rare Corvette to highlight Barrett Jackson auction

The world's only 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe Speciale "Rondine" will be sold at no reserve during the 37th Annual Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Event. The Corvette Rondine was built for the 1963 Paris Auto Show and was preserved at the Pininfarina Museum.

Craig Jackson, chairman and CEO of the Barrett-Jackson Auction Co., said few Corvette concept cars find their way into private hands and the Rondine offers an incredible opportunity to elevate a collection from very nice into the "realm of the exceptional."

The event will be held Jan 12-20 in Scottsdale.

Steve Davis, president of the Barrett-Jackson Auction Co., said the Rondine blends American power with "bold Italian design."

He also said that because the Rondine was part of the Pininfarina Museum collection since its unveiling, the car is in pristine condition.

"The important historical significance of this Corvette will make the 'Rondine' one of the most anticipated cars available during our Scottsdale event," he said.



Barrett-Jackson expands Garage party for Jan. auction

The Business Journal of Phoenix

Fashion, live music and refreshments will rev up party activities as **Barrett-Jackson Auction Co.** expands The Garage for its Jan. 12-20 classic car week at Scottsdale's WestWorld.

The Garage tent has been expanded to 10,000 square feet this year adding to the events running alongside the company's annual classic car auction. The will be the second year for the party venue, to be sponsored by Speed, Salty Seniorita's Salty's Taco and Chop Shop, and Dos Equis.

Sak's Fifth Avenue, Tommy Bahama and Fleur't will headline fashion shows on Jan. 15. Bands on tap include The Chadwicks, Shirley's Temple, and MetalHead.



Chevrolet presents the very "First **Retailable Unit Built**" **Corvette ZR-1** for auction at Barrett-Jackson on Saturday, January 19, 2008 with all proceeds from the auction will benefit The United Way."

Want to be the first to get your hands on a new 2009 Corvette ZR1? In just a matter of days, head on over to the Barrett-Jackson auction as we've just heard the first ZR1 will be going up for auction as part of their "Muscle Car Wars" marketing of a sale of the first 2008 Dodge Challenger SRT8, a Shelby GT500 KR and now a 2009 Chevy Corvette ZR1. Don't they know we've already got the "Muscle Car Wars" thing trademarked? We'll take our royalties in either cash or any mix of the above acronym-obsessive vehicles from the BJ auctioneers. Full lot quote from the folks all about the BJ after the jump. Oh -- and did we mention the Barrett-Jackson folks think it's a "ZR-1 CONVERTIBLE?"

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