

# CRUISE NEWS

North County Corvette Club



**Wait, is that water?  
Downpour at the Prescott Corvette Show.**

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# President's Corner

October 2014

Hello NCoCC Members,

I hope this month's newsletter finds you all in good health and enjoying the fall weather. Oh wait, the forecast for tomorrow is a heat wave, not our typical fall weather at all. The good news is that you can go cruising in your Corvette without any worries of rain. Of course, the bad news is we really need the rain.



I recently received an email from the organizers of the Borrego Days Parade (October 25<sup>th</sup>) and they have offered us a stipend of \$250 if we bring 10 to 15 Corvettes to their event. They are also looking for that many cars to host dignitaries in the parade. I have volunteered my Corvette to host and would really love to have other members with convertibles do the same. I would really like to encourage everyone to participate in the event this year. The organizers assure me that the car show portion of the event will be much better organized. This event features a nice run to Borrego on a fun road being led by Dave Regenhardt. I have participated in this event several times and can tell you it's a nice way to spend the day with your Corvette friends. Also for the wives they have a lot of vendors selling all kinds of stuff. So, please register for this event and support your Club and help us get the \$250!

Speaking of events, I hope that Rob and Sandy Roth can share their experience of participating in the Corvette Museum Caravan at our next meeting. I am sure they had a lot of fun! We also had a few members go to the all Corvette Car Show in Prescott. I'm sure we will have some good stories from that one as they had a lot of rain that weekend! I hope those that attended stayed dry, had fun and, most of all, were safe. I think I hear that at least one of our members won at Prescott.

As always, Terry Thompson, our Activities Coordinator, has been working hard to keep the activities flowing. Coming up: the Autry Museum run, the Vettes for Veterans Car Show, and, of course, our fabulous Holiday Dinner in December. I am hoping Bob Brown will again lead us on a tour of neighborhoods to see all of the holiday lights! I want to remind everyone to keep checking the calendar on our website ([www.ncocc.com](http://www.ncocc.com)) so you don't miss out on any of our upcoming activities.

In addition to all of these activities, I'm hoping to have us participate as volunteers at one or more USO San Diego events. I personally want to thank the USO San Diego President and CEO, Judy Forrester, for taking time out of her schedule to attend our Membership Meeting. I believe this shows their appreciation for our recent donation and their desire to have us continue to support them both with our annual donation and as active volunteers. I know that they have a Halloween event coming up and a Christmas event also. I'm sure that our Charity Representative, George Marks, is working closely with the USO to get the details.

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.

*Sam*

## Officers

### President:

Sam Rindskopf

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Terry Thompson

### Newsletter Editor

Kathleen Regenhardt

### Club Historian:

Sandy Mayer

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Dave Regenhardt

### Past President

## Appointees

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Ed Daher

### NCM Representative

Bob Hurst

### Charity Representative

George Marks

### Car Club Council(s)

Jan Houshar (San Diego)  
Terry Thompson (Southern)

## Birthdays

Bob Mackey	2
Gary Wood	2
Norma Miyamoto	5
Sharlene Hower	10
Terry Thompson	12
Laura Brandon	14
Borise Cota	27



## Club Events Calendar

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### October 2014

- 14 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 19 The Autry National Center
- 23 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm
- 25 Borrego Days Desert Festival



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### November

- 9 Veters for Veterans
- 11 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 27 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### December

- 9 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 13 Holiday Dinner
- 25 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### January 2015

- 13 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 22 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### February 2015

- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### March 2015

- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

## **THE GENE AUTRY MUSEUM of Western Heritage**

(now called "The Autry National Center")

4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

The very first hit movie shot in Hollywood was a western ("The Squaw Man"), and over the years the good old cowboy movie has played a big role the history of Tinseltown. Generations of kids thrilled to the adventures of Roy Rogers, Tom Mix, the Lone Ranger, and the original singing cowboy, Gene Autry.

Well, now Los Angeles has its own Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum, where those cowboy movie stars of yesteryear finally get the recognition and appreciation they rightly deserve. Join us...

October 19<sup>th</sup>

Meet 8:15 a.m. at Jay Kopelowitz Office  
12702 Via Cortina, Del Mar, CA 92014  
for a light breakfast.

We will depart at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$8 Docent Guided Tour  
\$5 for Seniors 60+

### **Borrego Days Desert Festival Classic & Vintage Car Show**

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the PQ Park-n-ride at 7:15 a.m. We leave at 7:30.

Those who live in Ramona ~ caravan will meet you at the Ramona Valley Grill around 8:00 a.m.

**Monthly Club Event**



**Recognition Dinner**  
**Sunday, September 7th**  
**StoneRidge Country Club**



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Kathleen Regenhardt*

# Thank You!

## 2013-2014 Board of Directors



Rick Toomey



Ruth Harwell



Gary Sadnick



Jay Kopelowitz



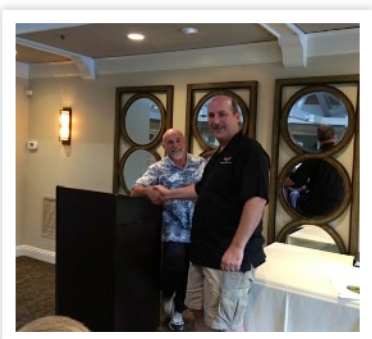
Kathleen Regenhardt



Wayne Osborne



Mike Bonar



Sam Rindskopf



Dave Regenhardt  
and  
Tim Murray  
(not pictured)





# Coronado Speed Festival Highlights

*Photography by:  
Dwight and Karen*







## Meet our New Members!

*Welcome* Doug and MaryJo!

Doug and MaryJo found out about our group through our website and are the proud owners of a 1962 Red Convertible. This is their first Corvette and their first Corvette Club.

Doug is a Commercial Roof Consultant and MaryJo is a Human Resource Vice President. They live in Ramona and have one daughter, Cara, age 24.

In their spare time the O'Brien's enjoying camping and hiking.

### Stop-Sale Order Issued for 2015 Chevrolet Corvette



About 2,800 cars are affected though very few of these have actually been delivered to customers. The recall will cover problems with airbags and parking brake cables.

The airbag-related problem concerns the driver's airbag which could separate from the steering wheel. The second problem concerns the rear parking brake cables, which are said to be not fully seated and engaged.

Source: Motor Authority News

# Prescott Corvette Show September 27th



**Congratulations Bob and Carol Haller!  
Their Corvette won 2nd Place for C3 Stock!**

## **Rob, Sandy and the 'Black's' Great American Road Trip** **By Rob Roth**

Ok, so I named my car; the Black. It seems kind of juvenile, but I like the name for my Black C5 Convertible. I never would have thought of it, but the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Corvette Museum Caravan did it. The nine months of pre-trip chat line was filled with every different subject, some of them even related to Corvettes. It turned out that most of the people writing chats had named their cars. So, I did mine. End of story.

What about the trip? Absolutely incredible! It was like a bargain European vacation advertisement: 13 states in 20 days, more than 5,000 miles of hot, sweaty, humid, rainy weather in the A/C comfort of the world's best sports car with my wife. Life is truly good!

The Southern California Caravan started with 190 Vettes leaving the Ontario Speedway in Fontana on a Thursday morning and blossomed to over 450 when we arrived in Bowling Green six days later. All together over 5,000 Corvettes and 10,000 people descended on Bowling Green for three days of an Incredible experience at the Museum, the GM factory and the new NCM Motorsports Park.

Sandy and I buddied with two other cars; our friends, Steve and Debbie, in their 2007 Atomic Orange Indy Pace Car, and our new friend, Ron, in his new Torch Red C7 Convertible. By the way, they may be interested in joining the club. Spending the entire six days of the caravan together made us a cool little family.



It's hard to tell which was better: the caravan or the Museum celebration. For six days we drove for up to nine hours in blisteringly hot weather. I could only keep the top down on two days due to the heat. Thank you to the inventor of air conditioning. Every day was a new adventure and another town showing local hospitality. We only saw two cars stopped by the local law enforcement folks. One was for a Vette having red and blue flashing lights pointing out the back window (only a warning).

At every lunch and night stop the local town turned out for celebrations. Chevy dealers, local clubs and town organizers created some of the most moving events I have had in years. We met car enthusiasts from all over the South along the way and shared our experiences. Southern hospitality was at its best from Texas on through Kentucky. Not a single rude or nasty purveyor of food or spirits was found. Of course, after a few drinks who knows.

Thinking of all the best experiences and memories, one stands out above all others. Sandy has now become a true Corvette girl. She had such a great time that she has already planned out her 2015 C7. God, what was I thinking when I thought I was really retiring?





**Great American Road Trip continued.....**

So, lots of other memories and experiences. Here are some of the best, not in any particular order:

1. Not getting stopped anywhere by the police for not having a front license plate. Lots of pre-caravan jitters about that on the chat line.

2. Williams, AZ, the first stop on the trip. Truly a one street town that we lined with all the Vettes for a great Friday night celebration. I discovered that my Bed & Breakfast 'cottage' was crummy bed and less breakfast. So, at 6 a.m. I was out looking for coffee on a completely deserted street. Amazingly, The only open coffee shop in town was open because the owner makes home-made cinnamon buns starting at 4:30 a.m. A great way to start the day: decent coffee and a fresh cinnamon bun. At 8 a.m. we lined up and did a parade route out of town on the road to Albuquerque.



3. Staying at the Parq Hotel in Albuquerque, a hospital built in 1926, later converted to a mental hospital and now a boutique hotel with a rooftop night club called the Apothecary. Very hot spot for well-heeled night crawlers. Interesting to realize that our exquisitely done room once housed the crazies of the time.

4. Getting lost in Texas after about a dozen of us followed a Vette off the freeway only to find out he was looking for gas. Then driving at an unmentionable rate of speed to catch up to my group. Lesson: Lemmings are not the only species that can follow a leader to their death.

5. Taking a very 'scenic' route in Missouri after the OnStar systems in both Debbie's and Ron's cars gave competing directions. Enjoyed the extra two hours sitting at multiple construction sites waiting for the one way only traffic to open in our direction. But, we still got to Bowling Green on time for the entire caravan entry lap at the Museum.

6. Having a great burger at the Mid-Point Cafe, in Adrian, TX, the exact mid-point of Route 66.



7. Stopping at the Cadillac Ranch in Texas to see the line of half buried Cadillacs fully engulfed in graffiti.



8. Police escort through El Reno, Oklahoma, to Frontier Chevy for BBQ spread for us. \$5,000 off on any some takers.

9. The great "Southern" To Bowling Green.

a caravan car display and a massive They had a special sale for the day: 2014 C7 on their lot. I think they got

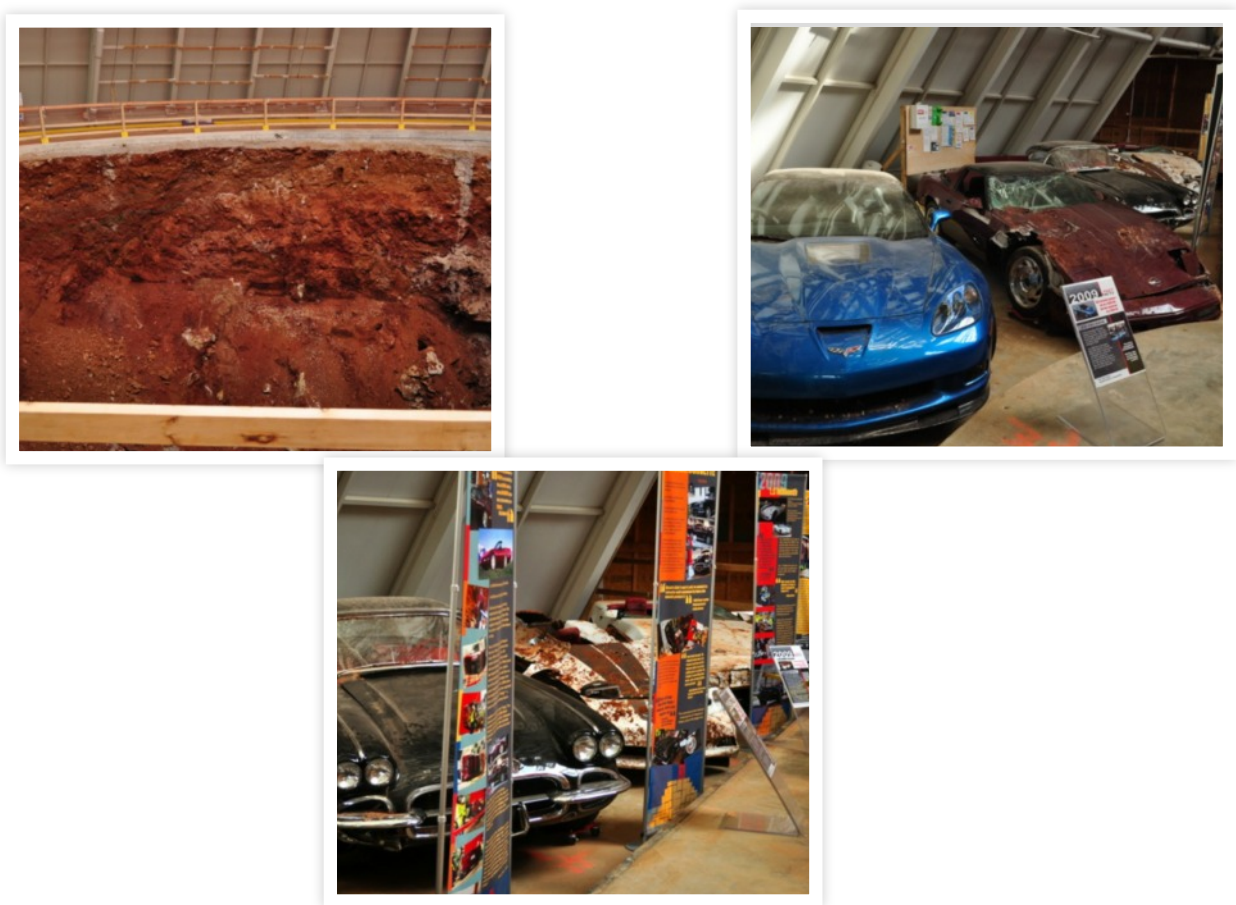
hospitality at every stop along the way

10. In Tulsa, the local Corvette club had a celebration at the top of the Hard Rock Hotel. I was privileged to buy a 'Vettes for Vets' T-shirt to help honor WWII Veterans. With their contributions, Vets are flown to Washington DC for a grand tour of the military memorials and other important sites. I understand that more than a few tears are shed by these patriots who are late in life and few in number.
11. Cape Girardeau, MO, where the whole town seemed to come out for a huge Corvette display. Our last stop before Bowling Green with our 450 cars and about an additional 300 from local clubs. Popeye's Chicken provided a huge dinner. Saw the Mississippi River for the first time.
12. I paid \$50 to take my C5 Convertible out on the track at the new NCM Speedway for a 'Hot Lap.' Unfortunately, as I was about to get on the track they informed me (and several others) that convertibles were not allowed. So, I had to 'settle' for riding shotgun in a 2013 Z06 Coupe driven by one of GM's test drivers. It's a good thing I had a helmet and good hand holds, because Dave hit very turn like it was his last one on the planet. He maxed out at a 130 mph during the longest straightaway before hammering the brake for the turn. When it was over, he asked me if I needed to change my underwear. I told him I wanted my money back because he couldn't get the car up to 170 mph. We compromised; I kept my clothes and he kept the money.
13. Touring the GM Plant and watching the lovingly hand-made Corvettes being constructed. An incredible display of the meeting of cutting edge automated technology with skilled assembly workers melding each part manually to create a beast of a car. What an incredible sight! Makes you salivate as you watch them roll off the assembly line.
14. Thinking about the new 'build-your-own-engine' program to start next year. What about this? Order the 2015 C7 for Sandy, schedule the trip to help build the car, and have it completed just in time to drive it just up the road to next year's Kentucky Derby. Ah, the things dreams are made of.
15. Meeting owners from all over the country driving Corvettes of all generations. Met a gal in Albuquerque with a car that is a C1 from outside, but a C5 interior. Her husband had taken a C5 and had a new custom C1 style body put on it. Beautiful machine in original color.
16. Driving down the road and seeing a sea of Corvettes looking like a candy factory of vibrant colors. Finding out that the most popular Vette color is red, followed by white, blue and yellow. My black is a distant loser. The 2014 Lime Rock Green (which I liked), the first green Corvette since 2001, turned out to be a loser for GM and they dumped it for 2015.
17. Attending the NCM Hall of Fame induction banquet for the three latest inductees: John Heinrich of GM design and test drive fame, Dave MacDonald (posthumously) race driver, and Jerry Burton, founding editor of Corvette Quarterly Magazine and who writes extensively about cars and Corvettes specifically.



***Great American Road Trip continued.....***

18. Looking down into the sinkhole at the Museum was awe inspiring. This hug hole in the ground into which eight of the most unique Corvettes in existence plummeted in February has become a huge spectator draw for the Museum. Attendance tripled after the sinkhole occurred. We were able to walk right up to the barrier at the edge of the hole and see where these cars fell and were partially or completely destroyed. Of the eight, three are so totally destroyed that most of what's left are just crushed chassis. It was good to see that the only 1983 C4 in existence was not damaged. After many months of speculation it now appears that the Museum plans to fill in the sinkhole rather than keeping it as a memorial. Apparently GM will restore three of the cars and the others will be kept on display in their current state.



19. Having great Mexican food in the tiny town of Munfordville, KY. While we were eating a large Amish family of 18 sat down to enjoy tacos and enchiladas. Corvette vs. horse and buggy. Driving to our Bed & Breakfast after dark, wondering why the speed limit on the wonderful country road is so low. Suddenly, we are barreling down on something with flashing red lights: a horse and buggy driven by the same Amish family on their way home.
20. Sandy buying an inordinate number of Corvette shirts and hats for me.
21. Watching a magnificent thunderstorm out the window of the Country Girl at Heart Bed & Breakfast in Munfordville. A working farm/B&B, this is where we stayed while in Bowling Green, about 30 miles north of the Museum. Picked eggs from the henhouse in the morning and fed the goats and rabbits. Great country roads to drive in a Vette while Sandy is tightly gripping anything she can.



22. Touring the Cub Run Cave rather than the more popular Mammoth Cave. It's for sale for only \$1.5 million and includes a house. A great deal.

23. Touring the Maker's Mark distillery with a biker group in black leathers. Amazing how much booze you can fit in the trunk of a C5.



24. Packing and shipping our dirty clothes home from St. Louis to make more room in the trunk just to buy more clothing.

25. Stopping at Churchill Downs for a genuine Kentucky Mint Julep and planning our first trip to the Kentucky Derby.

26. Having more Southern BBQ in two weeks than the rest of my prior life.

27. 'Road Food,' a book describing 900 restaurants throughout the country serving 'genuine' local cuisine. The Cozy Inn Burger Cafe in Salina, KS, is one of the last remaining six stool counter shops serving over 1400 outstanding sliders daily. Al's Chickenette in Hays, KS, cooking delicious southern fried chicken and pot pies.



28. Stayed at the Tivoli Lodge in Vail. Spent a long time chatting with Bob Lozier, the owner, who not only owns a C6, but has been a Corvette enthusiast for many years, and is the patriarch of a race car family. His son, Buddy, won the Indianapolis 500 in 1996.

29. Unbeatable, beautiful country from open plains to majestic pine and aspen lined mountains and red rock formations and arches.

The Caravan Chat line is down to a meager few stragglers and it feels like something great has come and gone. But not forgotten! Would do it again in a heartbeat. Five more year and counting.

More pictures from the Great American Road Trip!





## *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 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](http://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](mailto:info@ncocc.com).