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North County Corvette Club



**A fun summer night at the Drive-In movie!**

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## President's Corner

September 2013

Dear Fellow NCoCC Members,

I hope you are all enjoying summer, it seems like it is passing fast. Since our last newsletter we have had a number of fun activities, including Main Street America, the Heritage Days Car Show, and the Rolex Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca.

As most of you know the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego hosts Main Street America at Seaport Village each year. We had 7 Corvettes in attendance and the weather was perfect. The nice thing about this show is the variety of vehicles that show up. They have classic cars but also late model cars, including Miata's, PT Cruisers, and so on. Donna and I were very pleasantly surprised to win first place with our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition 427 Convertible.

We were not able to attend the Heritage Days Car show in Chula Vista. They were celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corvettes and as a result all corvette entries were free. I believe we had at least a couple of members attend this show.

Donna and I put plans in place months ago to attend the Rolex Motorsports Reunion event at Laguna Seca and I have provided a write up on the great time that we had later in this edition of the newsletter.

With that I will close and wish you all safe travels in your Corvettes and encourage you to continue to support our fantastic National Corvette Museum, the USO San Diego, all of our active duty military men and women, and all those veterans who served in our military. I also want to ask for your support of our nation's fire fighters who put their lives on the line to protect us. I bring this up because of the significant number of wildfires that are currently burning in the west and in memory of the 17 fire fighters from Prescott who lost their lives.

*Sam*



## September Birthdays

Liz Brown	7
Ed Daher	10
Dave Regenhardt	11
Lena Mackey	14
Robert Nabours	20
Norma Miyamoto	25
Carol Haller	30




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## 60 Years of Cool

After years of a self-imposed racing ban, Chevrolet attempted to return to competition in 1963 with the Grand Sport, a heavily modified version of the redesigned Corvette. The Grand Sport used a much stronger frame, a tubular "bird-cage" underbody structure, lighter-weight suspension components, 4-wheel disc brakes and a 377-cubic-inch V8 engine that cranked out 550 Horsepower. Chevrolet intended to build 100 Grand Sports so the car would be sanctioned for racing, but only five were ever built, including two roadsters, as GM management nixed the project to honor the racing ban.



## **Club Events Calendar**

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### **September 2013**

- 9 Greatest Show on Turf
  - 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
  - 21 Coronado Speed Festival
  - 26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm
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### **October**

- 8 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 13 SD Auto Museum
- 24 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm
- 26 Borrego Days

### **November**

- 9 Vettes for Veterans
- 12 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 28 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### **December**

- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 14 Holiday Dinner Party
- ?? Santa Store
- 21 Christmas Light Run
- 26 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### **January 2014**

- 14 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- ?? Bowl-a-thon
- 23 NCoCC Board Meeting. Coco's in Poway. 7:00pm

### **February 2014**

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

## MONTHLY CLUB EVENT



*Saturday,  
September 21st*

We will meet at the PQ Park-n-Ride at 8:00 a.m. and leave by 8:15. We will then caravan to the Naval Air Station North Island Coronado Base and park in the Car Club Corral.

Corral passes are required to enter the race venue along with your general admission ticket. We have already secured 25 free corral passes for use by our members. General admission tickets are \$12.50 per person. Payment must be received by September 10th.

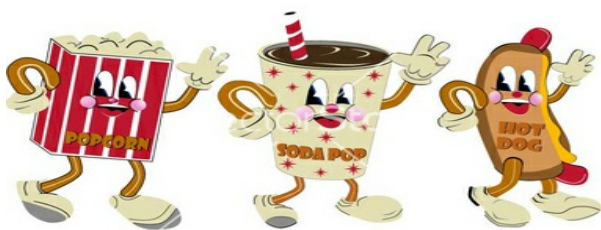
If you have not already signed up for this event, we will have the sign-up sheet at our next Business Meeting on September 10th. Bring your cash or checks for tickets.





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## Our Trip to Laguna Seca

How do I start to describe this experience, well I guess it is best to start at the beginning. About 9 months ago I received an email from my good friend, and former NCoCC member, Tom Harper with a link for the National Corvette Museum (NCM) that was announcing a special event; a dinner to be held during the Rolex Motorsports Reunion Race at Laguna Seca. I had long wanted to go to Laguna Seca, a bucket list item for me, so this email caught my attention. In addition to going to a race at Laguna Seca, I had always wanted to take a trip up Highway 1 in our Corvette, so I'm thinking this is a two for one. Tom's email was asking if I was interested in going and I responded that I was definitely interested but I still needed to run all this past Donna. When I suggested it to her she said, "a weekend in August in Monterey, what could be better." So we booked two seats for the NCM Dinner and booked a room at a hotel on the beach in Seaside (a straight shot up Highway 218 to Laguna Seca). Next up, get tickets for the weekend, wow they were honoring Corvette's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We purchased a pass for the Corvette Corral Parking with the hope of being able to do a lap on the famed track. We then made a call to my Nephew's fiancé who is an executive with Mazda public relations to see if she could score us some upgraded tickets, and she did (picture below)!



Oh no Tom's plans changed, as a result our road trip up Highway 1 was just Donna and I. We had a great drive stopping along the way to enjoy the beauty of the California coast. We really enjoyed the drive, top down, wind in our Donna's hair, beautiful California scenery and perfect weather, hard to beat this combination.



We got into Monterey around 7 p.m. and checked in. Did I mention we were in good company; a racing Ferrari, and a black Lamborghini parked in front of the hotel. In the parking garage a few more Ferraris, Porsches Lambos, Mercedes, and even a Mazda R8 with a roof top storage. We knew we were in the right place.





We were up early Friday morning and headed to the track. We pulled into the Corvette Corral expecting to see some Corvettes, but not lots because Friday is a practice day with no racing. Much to our surprise there were several hundred Corvettes with parking designated for C1s, C2s C3s, etc. We went to Corvette Island as it is called at Laguna Seca, and checked in. Behind the check-in area was a fantastic display of rare Corvettes and, in another nearby area, Chevy had a huge display of C7s and Camaros. The National Corvette Museum also had a booth set up and were selling Corvette stuff.





If anyone is interested in the details associated with any of these cars contact me as I took photos of the info plates displayed with each car.

Next Donna and I were on to check out the C7 display, wow they look pretty cool in person! They even had one open so Donna, not being bashful, hopped right in. Her comment "I want one!" The interior design is great and the seats are amazing. A fellow C6 owner was asking one of the Corvette display representatives if they would bolt into his C6, that's how good they feel. Unfortunately, the representative didn't know the answer. They had at least 15 C7s on display including a couple of convertibles.



We spent a lot of time on Friday just wandering through the pits and checking out all of the fantastic old race cars, I added some pictures of just a few of them below. Car #614 was driven by Vic



Edlebrock. The driver of car #14 was all decked out in period correct clothing and sported a cool handlebar mustache as well.



It was so much fun wandering the pits and talking with all the racers who are all very eager to talk about their vintage racers. As you can see by the photos, Corvettes were well represented. There were also old Formula 1 race cars, lots of old Porsches, Ferraris, and Cobras.



Did I mention there were lots of Celebrities on hand as well? Pictured below is Donna with Steve McQueen's son who was signing autographs, wow he looks a lot like his dad. We also got a photo of Donna with Vic Edlebrock, he is getting pretty old but still mixed it up on the track in his Corvette.



I was able to get an autographed poster from Bob Bondurant, and while we didn't see him we were told Jay Leno was wandering the pits. Also in attendance was former multi-time Formula 1 champion Michael Schumacher and late night TV host Adam Corrola. They had a great Q&A session featuring Corvette Racing drivers Tommy Milner and Jackie Stewart, they talked about the differences between racing today and back in Jackie's day.



On Friday we found out that they were going to let the 150 Corvette Corral cars on the track for a lap or two on Saturday and again on Sunday. This was being done to honor Corvette's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and was a onetime deal open only to Corvette Corral participants. You had to be there by 8:00 a.m. each morning to check in and we were told to be there early because they had over 500 Corvettes in the Corral. We arrived at the track 10 minutes before they opened the gates and we were about 75<sup>th</sup> in line for the pass to run on the track. This was a Bucket List item for me, doing laps on the famous Laguna Seca Raceway in our Corvette, wow life is good! The pictures below show the Vettes lined up and ready for laps on the track. We actually got to go pretty fast in some areas on the track, for example Donna and I went down through the famous Laguna Seca Corkscrew fast enough to scrape the plastic piece under the car, thankfully not so fast we scraped the splitter.





Then on the front straight away I floored it in first, second, and then third gear, reaching over 100 mph, while Donna swore they were going to kick us out. We got some great video with our GoPro camera! The next lap the cars were a little more bunched up so we didn't get to go as fast. The racing action on both Saturday and Sunday was awesome, its hard to believe these guys and a few gals raced these million dollar and up cars as hard as they did. The Porsche 911 class had 5 cars taken out in the morning practice, not even the race, and they were going fast and furious. I added some photos below of some of the action.





One of the highlight's of Saturday's action was a surprise lap by the never before seen in public C7R race car driven one lap around the track and then immediately up into an enclosed car hauler. The car pictured below sported a checker flag wrap which I am sure was designed to prevent other race teams for getting any real data from photos of the car. It was fast and sounded awesome, I can hardly wait to see them at Le Mans.



The dinner sponsored by the National Corvette Museum on Saturday night didn't disappoint either. We hooked up with Tom Harper and got to see a great presentation on the C7 by Tadge Juechter the Chief Engineer for Corvette. After the presentation Tadge brought his whole design team along with a representative from Brembo Brakes and Michelin Tires to the stage for a great Q&A session on the new C7. I've also added one more celebrity photo of Donna below along with the photo of Tadge and his design team.



All in all it was a fantastic weekend of antique race cars, fantastic weather, lots of beautiful scenery, great people, and 2 laps on the famous Laguna Seca in our Corvette. Bucket List Item, CHECK!!!



## **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 Awards 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 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 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).