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- Tom Astengo
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- Patti Reminga
- Alice Roberts
- Randy Solle
- Annette Wood

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### **About Our Club**

Corvette Enthusiasts.

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.

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 phone at (858) 549-2660, via 'snail' mail at P.O. Box 500104, San Diego, CA 92150, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:silfox@san.rr.com">silfox@san.rr.com</a>

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

Tom Astengo President, North County Corvette Club

#### Presidential Ramblings - August, 2006

This and that.....

First things first, a great big thank you and a tip of my big red NCoCC cap to Linda Kotanan for once again putting together a great event, the Annual Awards Banquet (remember rules One and Two from last month). Kinda neat to just hang out, eat good food, "foot cruise" from table to table and schmooze. Linda will be the first recipient of the "Grand Poo-bah Merit Award."

Next things being next, a big welcome to our newest members, Phyllis and Andrew Laderman. Let's see who can put them to work first on our next activity so they can start having more fun.

Seems like the heat is kinda' slowing everything down a little bit (at what temperature *does* fiberglass melt?) but August could be real busy with COCOD's Main Street at the Embarcadero (Embarcadaro?), The Run to the Hills at Barona, The Mike Smith Memorial in Irvine, the Corvette Super Sports Show in Buena Park, and Classic Chevys' Picnic by the Bay. See some of you there somewhere since the '64 Mutt is back on the road.

Well, a new president and a new board for a whole month now and we haven't changed our meeting place yet. You can just tell this is going to be a great year.

Remember the rules, there may be a test later!

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## Meet the Members: Submitted by Annette Wood, Club

#### Welcome, Phyllis and Andrew Laderman, to NCoCC

#### 1. Occupations

I am a self employed accountant (CPA, but I don't do taxes). My husband is a Vice President with Safeguard Dental and Vision Insurance.

#### 2. How you found out about NCCC?

I found out about NCoCC from Steve Ricketts. In fact, I bought my Corvette from him.

#### 3. Your feelings about Corvettes?

I LOVE Corvettes. It's the only car I've ever really wanted, and I finally got one for my 50th birthday. I'm already planning on upgrading mine in two years. I plan now to always own one.

#### 4. Special features of your Vette?

It is pretty black, and fast. It also has the LT engine

#### 5. Hobbies and interests?

My other big hobby is horses. I have owned horses for over 30 years, and I show in Dressage. My daughter has a horse that she jumps.

#### 6. Where were you born / raised?

I was born in Dayton, Ohio, and moved quite a bit as a child (Air Force brat), but have lived in the San Diego area since 1966 (almost a native, but not quite).

#### 7. Where did you meet each other?

My husband is British, and we met in London while we both worked for NCR. I told him I'd move there, but he came out here on vacation, fell in love with the weather and that was it! We met in 1982 and married in 1983.

#### 8. Dream of a lifetime?

My one dream, owning a Corvette, has already been answered. I always wanted to ride in the Olympics, but THAT probably won't happen now. So, maybe World Peace?

#### 9. Children?

We have a 15 year old daughter, learning to drive, but not allowed near the Corvette!



#### **August Birthdays**

Wayne Osborne - 4

Diane Solle - 7

Lee Pluta - 10

Marge Ricketts - 10

**Bob Hurst - 14** 

Jeannie Del Monte - 15

Cathy Lewis - 17

Linda Collins - 20

Marilyn Astengo - 23

Dave Haltermann - 27

Candi Daher - 29

#### Editor's Note:

I'd like to thank the many club members who have volunteered to contribute to the newsletter, either occasionally or on a monthly basis.

If you take photos at an event, please forward those you'd like to share along with accompanying information identifying the subjects, location, and date.

If you just want to forward a link to a story others would enjoy, that will help as well. If you know how to lighten and sharpen your photos, please do that before you send them. They tend to darken a lot during the printing of the newsletter.

Deadline for submitting most articles and photos will be the  $20^{th}$  of each month. If you can get it in earlier, so much the better for me!

~ Clarice

### Life in the Past Lane

Submitted by Tom Astengo

After months of trying to get support from GM executives Duntov and the guys at Corvette decided that asking forgiveness might be easier than asking permission.

In 1957, Corvette introduced its most serious challenge to Europe's best with the Corvette SS. The SS was introduced in the 1957 Sebring 12-Hour Enduro. Driven by the great F1 champion Juan Fangio the SS set a lap record after only a few tours of the circuit during a practice run. As it turned out in the actual race a ten-cent suspension bushing gave up and ended the race for the SS.

From racing, the SS was turned into a research and experimental mule for the Chevrolet engineering nerds. It was of special interest in what was then the black magic of aerodynamics. The car was far advanced for its era. A lightweight truss-type frame and magnesium-alloy sheet metal body formed the sleek body lines (that's right.....no fiberglass).

The SS used a Corvette V8 with a specially modified Ram-jet Fuel Injection that produced over 300 horsepower from 283 cubic inches. First fuel injection, aluminum heads, aluminum bell housing, close ratio 4-speed and power brakes with separate power units for front and

rear operated by a single pedal, the first dual master cylinder system for Chevrolet.

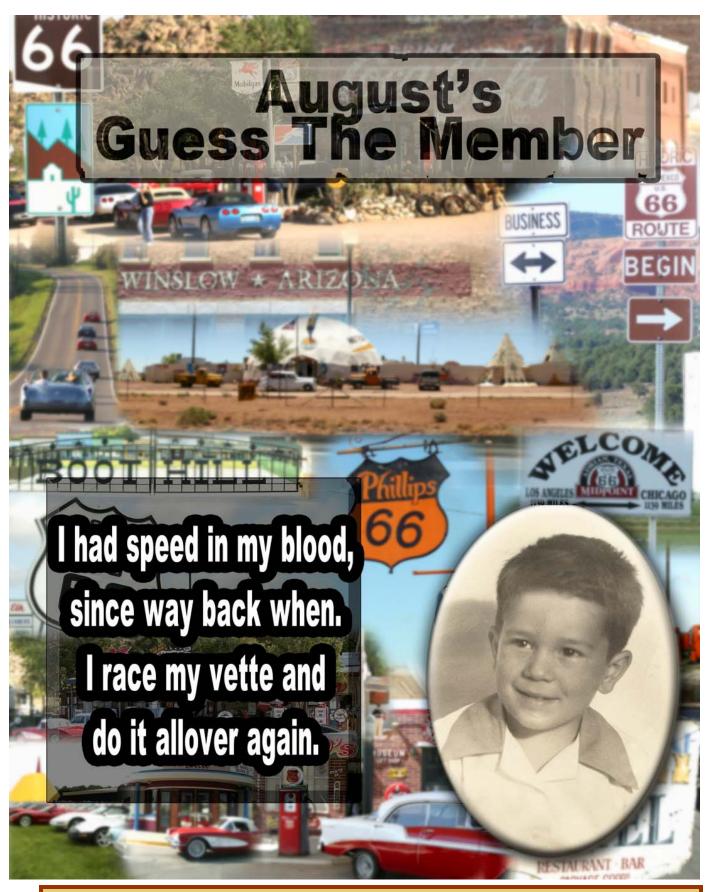
The SS was permanently enshrined in the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's Museum at the 1968 race.





# **Coming Events**Cathy Lewis and Jack Grindstaff, Activities

AUGUST		SEPT	SEPTEMBER			
1-5	NCRS Convention, San Antonio, TX http://www.ncrssanantonio2006.org/	1-2	Checkerboard Vettes Run, Reno, NV			
1	San Diego Car Club Council Meeting, Balboa Park	2	2nd Annual Mark Metz Memorial @ Bates Nut Farm			
•			Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In			
2	NCoCC Business Meeting. Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00pm	4	Labor Day Holiday			
6	COCSD Mainstreet America Show, Embarcadero.	4	San Diego Auto Swap. Qualcomm Stadium			
	http://www.cocsd.com/upcoming.html This is a NCoCC Club event		NCoCC Business Meeting. Plaza Creek Meeting Room 7:00pm			
6	Automobile Heritage Show, National City http://www.nationalcitychamber.org/heritage/form.html	8-10	Cherries Jubilee Show, Monterey, CA			
		9	PVCA Corvette Show, Upland, CA http://www.pvca.org/PVCA/PVCA_CarShow.asp			
6	Dalton's Roadhouse Cruise-In	10	1st Annual Beach 'N Cruise Info:			
6	Vista Rod Run http://www.vistarodrun.com/		www.drivethe101.com			
13	LVCA Corvette Show, Bill Heard Chevrolet, Las Vegas	10	Belmont Shore Car Show, 2nd St., Belmont Shore			
	http://www.vegasvettes.com/Events/2006/2006 0813_Bill_Heard.jpg	16	Motorhead Madness Show, Poway. http://www.powaytransmissions.com/motorhea			
18-20	Monterey Historic Races & Pebble Beach Concour http://www.montereyhistoric.com/		d_madness_2006.htm			
19	Run to the Hills, Barona	15-17	Route 66 Rendezvous, San Bernardino http://www.route-66.org/			
	http://www.mondaynitecarclub.com/	17	Camaro Club Fall Classic, Embarcadero			
20	Mike Sharp Memorial Car Show	17	13th Annual All Corvette Car Show, Thousand Oaks, CA			
23	NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB. 7:00pm	20	NCoCC Board Meeting, Coco's in RB. 7:00pm			
26	Corvette Super Sports Corvette Show, Buena Park	23	Cruisin for the Cure, Orange County Fairgrounds http://www.cruisinforacure.com			
	http://www.corvettesupersports.com/frame/frameset.html NCoCC Club event					
27	Pomona Swap Meet <a href="http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com">http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com</a>	30	16th Annual Harbor Days Car Show, Bayside Park, Chula Vista, J Street Marina			
27	Picnic By the Bay. Embarcadero. http://clubs.hemmings.com/frameset.cfm?club= classicchevyssd		Page 9			



Guess the Member is created by Ed Daher

### Spirit of the 4th Car Display July 4th, Rancho Bernardo

#### Photos and story by Bob Brown

NCoCC has always been proud to support local communities and this year was no exception when club members again displayed their shiny Corvettes at the Spirit of the 4<sup>th</sup> Show in Rancho Bernardo. There were only a couple of problems; it was too blankety-blank hot, and the organizers of the event simply hadn't done a very good job. Last year there were at least 75-80 beautiful cars and a number of motorcycles on display. This year, 21 cars were on display, and zero bikes.



If it were not for the NCoCC Corvettes and the Heartbeat Classic Chevys, there would not have been a display!



Al Jiminez' 66 & Jan Houshar's 69 blue coupes dominate this view.



Plastic Chevys and steel Chevys... that was about it.



Sandy, Jan, Doug & Al look like they are wondering, "Where the hell is everyone?"



Bob Romeo brought his 55 Chevy ragtop. He wasted no time breaking out the detailing gear.

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Sweaters' Row; the boys look for a little shade.



There wasn't much shade in an asphalt parking lot, but our guys found what little there was.



Clarice didn't need no stinkin shade!



Sandy's 63, Jan's 69 & Al's 66



This guy is saying, "Ok, which one of these Chevys wet their pants?"



"Ok Cathy, Ron doesn't see us does he?" Actually, they are all wondering, "What are we doing here on such a hot day?"

Thanks to all who came out to show their support and celebrate Independence Day with their clubmates.

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#### NORTH COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB AWARDS BANQUET 2005/2006

Photos and article contributed by Alice Roberts

As always, Linda Kotanan did a wonderful job planning the dinner to acknowledge the NCoCC Board Members that served the 2005/2006 year. Good food, good company and a good time were had by all. Just look at all the smiling faces.



Jack & Lynn Grindstaff, Lynn & Sandy Mayer with Wayne & Marilyn Osborne.



Randy & Diane Solle with Trudy & Bob Romeo.



Don & Marilyn Houser (in front) with Len Krumpen.



Delores & Joe Steinmetz, Al and Betty Jiminez, Tim Bunch with daughter.



Sharon & Gary Wood (in front) with Todd Barbour and Jamie in the back.



Pat & Dick Knutson (in front) with Patti & Chuck Reminga.

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Jim Collins (in front), Tom Kaiser, Barry Penn, Stan & Linda Kotanan, and Ann Collins



Niki & Cliff Barbour with Cathy Lewis



Marilyn & Tom Astengo



Alice Roberts, Clarice & Bob Hurst, Bob & Liz Brown



Cliff Barbour with Cathy & Ron Lewis



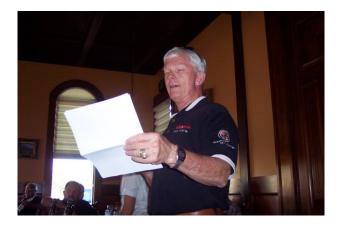
The Hursts, the Browns and David Roberts (too busy talking smack to look up and smile)



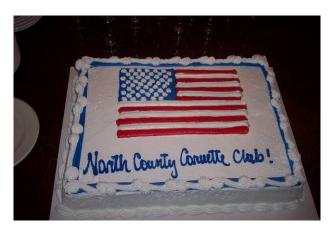
Candi Daher (we all missed Ed) with Linda Eklund



Jeff and his daughter with Laura Loberman (They arrived just in time for dessert)



Mr. Past President trying to pretend he can read without his glasses.



The Yummy Cake we all pigged out on!

#### May 1957 Corvettes Go Four Speed - Submitted by Sandy Mayer

Two of Corvettes most significant equipment options were first offered to buyers in 1957. There were "Ramjet" Fuel Injection at a whopping \$484.20 over the Corvette's \$3,176.32 base price and, on May 1, 1957, the 4-speed transmission for an additional \$188,30. Only 664 of the 6,339 Corvettes produced in 1957 were equipped with the new T-10 4-speed.

The original 2-speed Powerglide transmission was upgraded to a manual 3-speed in 1955 with the introduction of the V-8 engine, but the 3-speed did not provide the close range of gear rations needed to unleash the V-8's potential. The T-10 box moved the reverse gear into the otherwise vacant tailshaft housing and the four forward gears into the main case iron case. A new second gear ratio of 1:66 to 1 was added between the 2:20 to 1 (first) and the 1:31 to 1 (second) of the 3-speed.

With the arrival of Fuel Injection and a 4-speed transmission to the V-8 package, Corvette took its place among the elite of the world's sports cars.

(Courtesy of National Corvette Museum)

#### Boyd Coddington's Customized '54 Vette

Randy Solle submitted these close-ups of Boyd Coddington's Custom '54 Corvette which was introduced at the SEMA show after the American Hot Rod TV show covered the 2 month preparations. Randy caught the car on display at the LA Roadster Show in Pomona on the 17th and 18th of June.









On Boyd Coddington's billet wheel web site, you can find more photos as well as this article about the development of this yellow Vette.

In 1953, Chevrolet introduced what was to be considered the first American sports car. With an anemic Blue Flame six the only engine choice and an ancient suspension about the only thing that made it a sports car was its two passenger only seating. Jump 51 years into the future, and ad a little Boyd Coddington magic, and the little Vette's shortcomings would soon be corrected. Boyd and customer Ron Pratt decided to build a '54 Corvette, and the build would also be filmed and a series produced for the hit show "American Hot Rod."

With an unveiling planned for the 2005 SEMA show only 8 weeks away, Boyd would need to find a donor car quickly.

Although it proved to be difficult locating a decent body, one was obtained nearby and brought back to the shop for evaluation. With the body shop crew straightening out the body, the hot rod shop focused on the chassis, the transformation was well underway. Boyd turned to Art Morrison for a custom chassis. Once this arrived at the Boyd's garage the crew bolted in a independent front suspension and a C5 rear suspension. These pieces combined would turn the little Vette into a canyon carver. The original six cylinder was certainly not an option on this project, nothing less then an LS2 backed by a Richmond 5-speed would be acceptable.

Two things are the most important on any car, stance and wheel and tire combo. With stance already handled, wheels and tires were next.

Only a set of one-off design wheels would be appropriate for a car of this caliber, so, Boyd chose the newest version to come out of the Coddington stable, the Flares. This design keeps a traditional 5- spoke design, however, adds a modern spin. 20" Goodyear tires were wrapped around the Flare's to complete the package.

Most '53 and '54 Corvettes came out of the factory white, for this Vette to stand out Dupont Boyd Mellow Yellow was picked. Once the body work was completed Bernt Carlson laid on a few coats followed by the prerequisite color sanding and buffing to get the mirror finish.

The car then made its way to Gabe Lopez. He and his crew went to work for a short couple of days to install the new carpet and yards of tan leather. In keeping with the sports car tradition and little design influence was borrowed from Ferrari with some dark brown stripes added to the seat inserts.

Once Gabe finished, the Vette made its way back to Boyd's for some final touches. Then, it was on the truck and off to Vegas and the unveiling, now proudly sporting the look and performance allowing it to be considered a true American Sports Car. Once uncovered, Boyd let the crowd of onlookers know this car was to be dedicated to friend and employee Roy Schmidt, who had recently lost his battle with cancer and will truly be missed.

When asked about the most difficult aspect of the build, Boyd replied, "The toughest part of this car really had nothing to do with the car at all, my good friend Roy was really ill, and he passed away. Knowing I would never come in the shop and talk to or see him again was pretty rough." He went on to say "seeing Ron and Jeanna Pratt's reaction when we unveiled the car at SEMA was great, but, not the same without Roy."



# August 2006



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Diane Solle	8	9	Lee Pluta Marge Ricketts	11	12
14 Bob Hurst	15 Jeannie DelMonte	16	17 Cathy Lewis	18	19 Run to the Hills at Barona
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#### Patti's Palate Pleasers ..... from Patti Reminga

#### Half-Million-Dollar Pie

1 14oz. can condensed sweetened milk
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 11oz. can mandarin oranges, drained and chopped
1 8oz. can crushed pineapple, drained
1 cup chopped pecans
1 16oz. Cool Whip
2 Graham cracker pie crust

In a bowl, mix condensed milk and lemon juice. Stir in the oranges, pineapple, and pecans.

Fold the cool whip into the fruit mixture.

Divide filling between pie crust. Cover and refrigerate.

(This pie will keep in the frig for up to eight days)

P.S. I've also added chopped maraschino cherries and flake coconut... YUM!!!!

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