

# Discovette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

September 2014



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# Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2014

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**Meeting Schedule:** First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

**Location:** Discovery Bay Yacht Club

**Board Meeting** 6:30 PM

**General Meeting** 7:30 PM

**All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!**

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**Next Meeting:  
October 2, 2014**

# President Rich Allen

September 2014

Welcome back all those who made the cross country run to Bowling Green, Kentucky. From what I have heard the NCM Caravan and reunion was a great success with over 8,000 Corvettes attending. We should have some very interesting stories from our participating members at the October meeting. Many thanks go to all those who attended from our club. Also a big thank you goes to Marilyn Allen (Public Relations) for her work with the Discovery Bay Press. Through her efforts, she was able to put together and have published a 'Front Page' article about our club. Also thank you to all who helped Marilyn put this together.



We will again be supporting the Heritage High School Homecoming Parade with cars this year. My thanks go to all those who volunteered their time and cars. This is one of our many community support activities for the year.

At the September meeting the revisions to the by-laws were officially approved by a unanimous vote from our members. The new by-laws are now available on our Web site. For anyone who doesn't have access to the Web site, a printed copy can be sent from our club secretary. I will also bring a few copies to the next meeting. Thanks to the committee members for their work and dedication to get these updated and approved.

September is time for mailing out the dues renewal. Please remember the renewal dues are DUE BY OCTOBER 1st and DELINQUENT BY NOVEMBER 1st. All members will be getting a renewal dues letter in September. To insure we maintain a current roster it is requested that all members review and update their member profile on the dues renewal form. This time of the year is also the time to re-elect officers for the club. We have a number of positions open: Secretary, Events, Quartermaster, Public Relations, WSCC Representative, and Publications. If any club member wishes to run/volunteer for a position, please contact/email me or the club Vice President (Mark Zupan). We will be finalizing the nominations at the October meeting. Actual voting for new officers will be held at the November meeting.

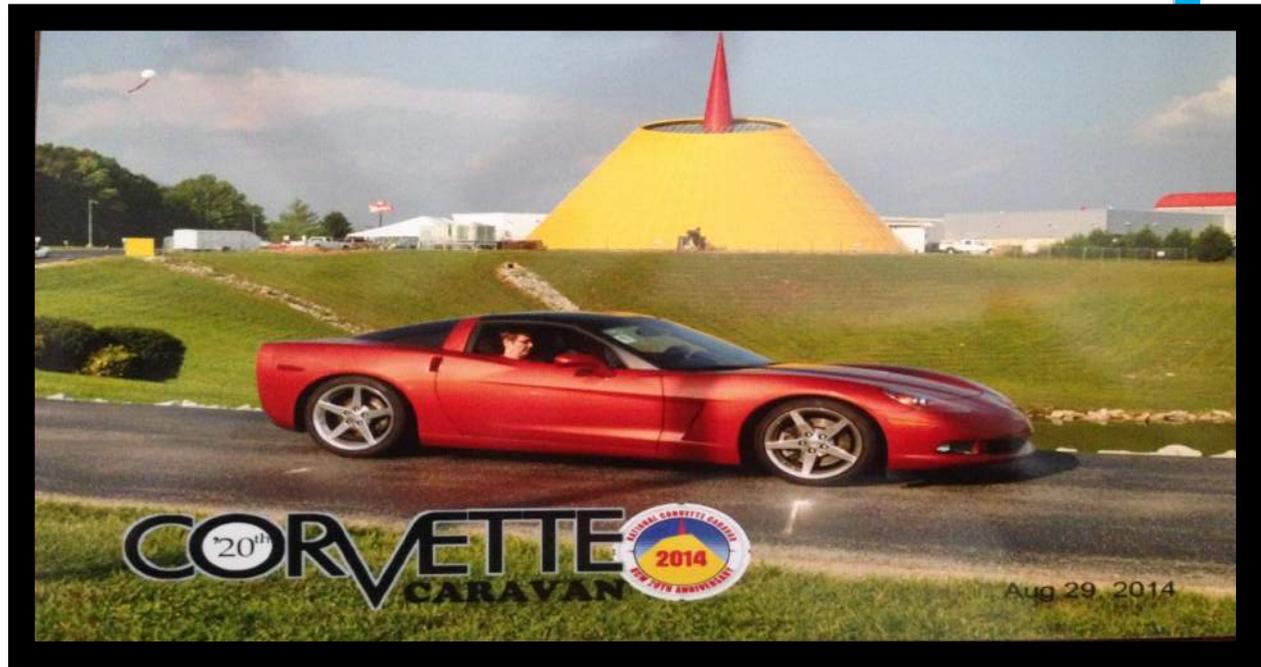
We have a couple new runs scheduled over the next couple months and these are detailed in this newsletter and on our Web site. We also will be starting our preparation for this year's annual Discovery Bay Christmas Land Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. This year's theme is "Pirates". We have a committee forming and will need lots of help. If interested, please contact Neva (Events Coordinator). It is also time to think about a WSCC car show for next year. This year (2013) it was decided by the members not to have a car show. If we elect to do a car show next year we would like to do it at the beginning of the year therefore we need to make some decisions within the next month. Lee Brant will be talking about WSCC's perspective on car shows and some inputs from other clubs about car shows in general.

As always, I would like to hear from any club member as to how you think we are doing as a board, or what we as a club should be accomplishing or participating in over the next year. Only with your input can we make the club better. I will ensure that any and all inputs are taken to the board for discussion and personally get back to you with an answer. Please email me any of your inputs, issues, questions, or concerns.

Live, Laugh, and Drive safe ... Make friends and have fun.  
See you around the curve

Rich Allen

# Vice-President- Mark Zupan



## **Mark and Denise's Adventures on the 2014 NCM 20th Anniversary Caravan**

We started out from Disco Bay with 2 cars, the Allens and us, a trend that would be most of the trip out to Bowling Green KY. We went to the launch (picking up our registration packet) for the Northern CA group at Speciality Auto Sales in Fairfield. This is where we met up with a few more members from our club. Gary Moreland, Steve Gilpin, Rich, Patti, Carol and Gordy. From here we headed to Reno but not in a large group.

We stopped at Sierra College in Rocklin to pick up more cars and up to Donner Pass to meet the Reno club for an escort down the hill to our night stay. At this point we had a couple of hundred Corvettes at the rest stop but staying in a nice pack down to the Atlantis hotel didn't work out to well. Once at the hotel Denise and I had a nice relaxing dinner and played Mexican Train with Rich and Marilyn (who could only do this first part of the caravan due to personnel reasons).

For the next four mornings there would be a 7:30 am drivers meeting in the lobby of each hotel. Going over the details and optional sightseeing routes for the days drive as well as planned events and stops along the way.

We met up with Jerry and Laura Hardt in the lobby at Atlantis. We were really glad that they became our traveling partners all the way to Bowling Green and since we had already booked a two bedroom condo in Nashville, we invited them to stay with us. They agreed and we had a wonderful time playing Mexican Train eating pizza and chatting.

The drive through NV's high desert was pretty boring. We stopped in Wendover at a Historic old airfield where the hanger for the Anola Gay is. We took a group picture in front of the hanger and a tour of some of the old buildings. We chose to hit the road and get to Salt Lake City for the night's stop.

I have to tell you that I really enjoyed that afternoons drive. I have never been in that area before and loved going over the salt flats and passing the sign that read: Bonneville Speedway.

I swear I saw Land Speed Record cars running on the salt and their transporters parked out there. Denise said it was just a “Mirage” and that I just wanted to see them so badly, (In my head they were all out there), but in reality I think she was right.

That night it started raining with some lightening thrown in. Just another trend that would stay with us through out our trip.

The drive east of Salt Lake City was beautiful. There were a couple of scenic options on this leg of the trip. We chose a more southern route into Colorado towards Steamboat Springs.

We had a great BBQ lunch with the Hardt’s in the quaint old main street area across from the ski slopes in Steamboat Springs. The slopes were in summer mode with slides and sleds set up on the hill instead of snow skiing. We drove up to Wyoming to our next stop for the night.

We had an historical hotel booked in Cheyenne WY, which was over 100 years old and the rooms were small but adequate for the nights stay. But not so much for Jerry and Laura. They had to change hotels due to a mold and haunting issue with their room that was on the second floor. Let me explain; Laura is one of those people that are in tune with that sort of thing (haunted) and she picked up on it the minute she walked into the hotel lobby, but she did not mention anything to anyone. Jerry on the other hand had a much different problem with the hotel room. As soon as he opened the door he smelled mold! (Jerry and mold do not mix and he does not want anything to do with it). So when he told Laura that they would not be staying in that hotel; she didn’t have a problem driving down the street to a much newer hotel (one without mold or ghosts). Turns out when she looked up the historical hotel on line, there is paranormal activity going on there. Story has it; Years ago a couple was celebrating their honeymoon there. The groom was in the bar when he decided to pick up a hooker and have some fun, but he got caught with her upstairs in the room (on the second floor) by his bride and she kills them both! Guess Laura was right! Our room was on the fifth floor, and no signs of paranormal for us.

The only thing memorable about the drive from Cheyenne WY to Lincoln NB was the steady and hard down pour of rain. One strange thing is that for the most part of the caravan it was only Jerry, Laura, Denise and I. We kept wondering where are all the other Corvettes? We would come across small packs of them, but they soon would pull off to a rest stop or for gas. At times some others would join up with us, but not the big masses of Corvettes together like I was expecting.

The morning leaving Lincoln NB was one of my favorites. We went to the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed. We had the whole main parking lot filled completely with Corvettes. The museum had the most amazing collection of racing engines, from Hot Rodded Model T 4 bangers to one of experimental engines for Indy cars, dirt track and racing boats. It really was amazing to see what they built in the 1930's and 40's without our modern manufacturing processes. Needless to say, I was in heaven and Denise was bored to death.

Our evening in Lincoln was the only time we got together with our DBCC members. The NB club hosted a welcome party at the new Railyard. It had a lot of new restaurants, a convention center and the new basketball

arena for the Cornhuskers was across the street. This would be the last time of the entire caravan that we would see Gary, Rich, Patti, Carol and Gordy. (We did stay in touch by texting)

On our big organized drive into the actual NCM with our “trooper escort”, turned out to be a big joke! First of all, I missed the off ramp and had to drive probably 30 miles to get back. By then the group was leaving before we had even made it back. So I had to drive down a shoulder, across an island and drive the wrong way down a street to cut in a lane (good thing the trooper had his back to me directing traffic) but the good news was that we made it back into the pack. So we thought!

The pack got so strung out (Corvettes going every which way possible) we ended up following a group of cars that had no idea how to get into the NCM. Somehow we finally made it to the NCM and did our lap around it and had our picture taken.

The museum was great and the new Motorsports Park was beautiful. I have to admit that the most interesting thing at the museum was the big sink hole and all the wrecked cars that got pulled out. The track looked great but I never saw any cars on it and it rained off and on throughout the event.

I have many more stories but this article is way too long already. We had a fantastic time going on this event and we will do it again. I have to say one of my favorite things about the whole trip was that every place we went or stopped (going or coming home) was that we would run into fellow Converters. Everyone was really nice and we heard a lot of great stories.

I encourage every one (if you have not yet) of you to take this trip at least once in your life and the most important thing to pack is a positive attitude.

Trip Stats: Total miles: 5599      Cost of Gas: 799.80      Length of Trip: 3 weeks      =      One Fantastic Trip

Still Livin my Dream      Mark Zupan



# Secretary Steve Gilpin

**Minutes for September, 2014 General Membership Meeting**

**President, Rich Allen called the meeting to order at 7:37 PM.**

Guests included: Maggie Winding and Alecia from heritage high school. Also present was Ed O'Brien who has a new C7. Neva introduced the guests and Rich introduced prospective members.

Officers not present – Mark Zupan and Laura Hardt

Rich welcomed back those members who attended the NCM caravan

Looking for nomination of new officers when we get to new business. Nominations have to be completed in October

Thanks went to Marilyn for the great public relations job she did in connection with the write up In the Discovery Bay Press about the club.

Consensus Items:

Minutes from August were moved, seconded, and approved. As was the financial report from August

## **Board Member Reports:**

Secretary (Steve Gilpin) – nothing to report

Treasurer (Brian Enbom) – financials were presented

Vice President and Membership (Mark Zupan) – absent

Events (Neva Burdick) – see her report of activities in the newsletter

WSCC Representative (Lee Brant) – see report in newsletter for WSCC.

Quartermaster (Diana Cernera) – Diana outlined items that could be purchased through her. She and Ralph are working on having items to purchase set up on the website

Webmaster (Ralph Cernera) – see Ralph report in the newsletter

NCM Representative (Dave Gatt) – see Dave's report in newsletter.

Sunshine (Mary Hodel) – See Sunshine Report

Public Relations (Marilyn Allen) – Marilyn reported on the club's coverage in the Discovery Bay Press. She also outlined this year's Christmas parade. The theme is Pirates and we are utilizing our deer heads once again.

Member at Large (Nelson Friesen) – Nelson reported everything is on track for the next inauguration

NCM (Dave GATT) – see Dave's report in newsletter

Publications (Laura Hardt) – absent.

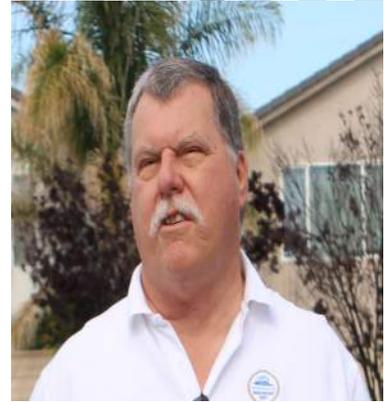
## **Old Business**

Bylaws – the bylaws were approved with a unanimous vote of 48 to 0. They will be available on the website.

The Christmas Parade is fast approaching. We intend to use the deer heads once again. Looking for volunteers to be on the committee. It is a lot of fun.

Nominations for board positions started at the September meeting and will end in October. The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Webmaster are two-year terms. All other board positions are up for reelection.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8: 35 PM.**



# Gatt's Run to Vision Quest Ranch!



9/24/14









Great Run! Great Food! Lots of Fun!



# Gimmick Rally Time!

Disclaimer: Camera & Walde rally organizers will not be responsible for any divorces that may be the result of this rally!

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014

 (The Sweetest Day)

Drivers meeting will start **1:00PM sharp** at Discovery Bay Yacht Club. The rally will start at approximately 2:00PM.



This will be a fun rally that will take you on a tour around, up, over, and through far east county. You will need to pay close attention to navigational signs in order to reach the checkpoints, earn points and make it to the final destination to collect your reward!

The driving portion will end approximately 4:00PM at... where we will sit down to enjoy dinner & drinks.



**\$27 per person**

Price per person includes rally material and dinner.

Menu selection and payment information to follow.

**\$5.00/person optional poker hands. (Bring Cash)**



# Gimmick Rally Menu Selection

**Chicken Salad**– Fresh Mixed greens tossed with cider vinaigrette, smoked granny smith apples, cranberries, glazed pecans, bleu cheese and sliced chicken breast.

**Chicken Parmesan**– Penne pasta sautéed in marinara sauce served with panko crusted chicken breast and topped with parmesan cheese.

**Black Angus Burger**– Angus beef topped with two slices of cheddar cheese, served on a grilled parmesan sourdough bread with lettuce, tomato, and thousand island dressing burger. Served with french fries.

**Chicken Cobb Wrap**– Sliced chicken breast, bacon, romaine lettuce, tomato, bleu cheese crumbles, hard-boiled egg, guacamole and ranch dressing, wrapped in a large flour tortilla. Served with french fries.

**Fish & Chips**– Two Alaskan filets, batter dipped and panko breaded then deep fried golden brown. Served with cole slaw and French fries.

**French Dip**– Tender roast beef piled high on a Hoagie roll with a beer ale au jus. Served with french fries.

**Meatloaf**– Home made meatloaf topped with brown gravy and served with garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables.

SIGN UP & PAYMENT DEADLINE—FRIDAY OCTOBER 10th

\$27 per person. Make checks payable to Ralph Cernera.

Mail check and selection page to 2115 Sandpoint Road, Discovery Bay. 94505

Participant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

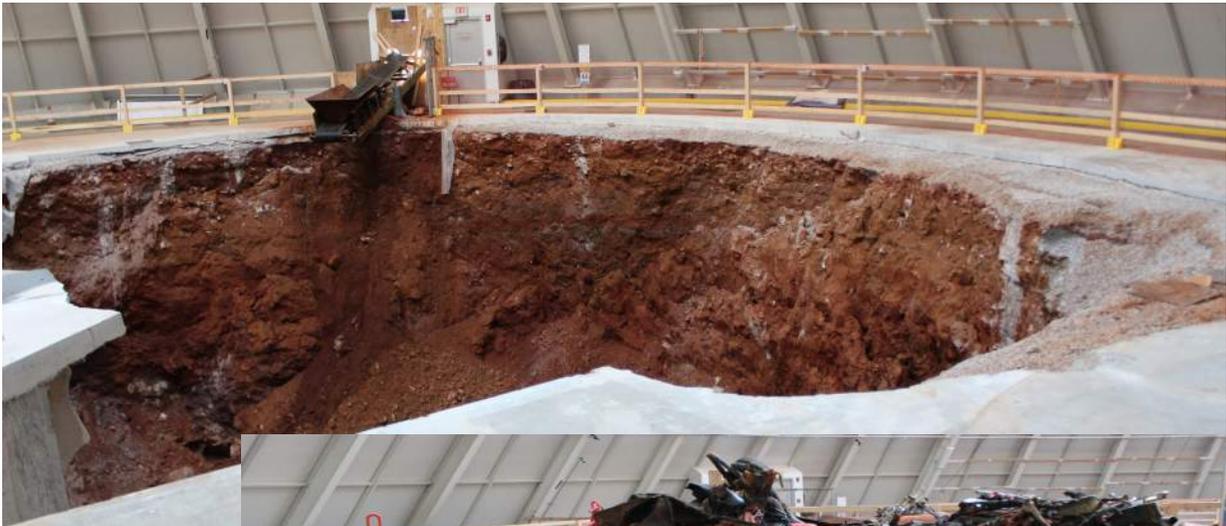
Selection for person #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Selection for person #2: \_\_\_\_\_

# Caravan to Bowling Green!







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# Route 66!





# Discovery Bay Corvette Club - Providing Community Service!

## Heritage High Homecoming Parade

**Thank you to our members**

9/18/14

Dick Realph   Rhonda Davidson   Bob Anderson   Gordy Wilson

Dave Franklin   Joyce Friesen   Joe Pimentel





**Gordy Wilson**



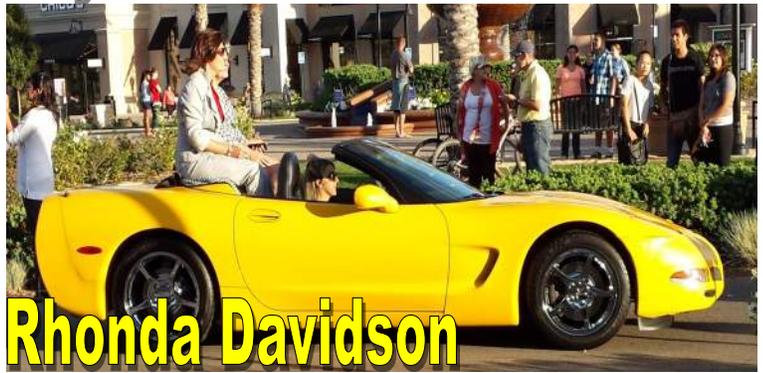
**Dick Realph**



**Joyce Friesen**



**Dick Realph**



**Rhonda Davidson**

# Sunshine



# Mary Hodel



Happy Fall Corvetters!

We are hoping that Lee Doty's chemo sessions are going smoothly. No other news to report other than I'll be on a lovely Mediterranean cruise next month so if you have any Sunshine events please let me know as soon as possible.

Happy October!  
Mary Hodel



## September

John Bento 9/5   Elaine Stark 9/12   Jean Franklin 9/21

Gorden Wilson 9/24   William Burdick 9/25



## October

Al Sauvadon 10/2   Neva Burdick 10/12   Joe Pimentel 10/19  
Jack Hernandez 10/20   Paula Sauvadon 10/21   Lee Brant 10/28



# WSCC EVENT

October 4, 2014 Wings and Wheels Auto X at Rio Vista Airport

# Publications

## Laura Hardt

Hi everyone!

What an adventure Jerry and I had! We had so much fun traveling to Bowling Green with Mark and Denise Zupan. We also enjoyed staying with them at their resort. We had a great time! Thank you so much and thank you Mark for a great article. It brought back many wonderful memories; it made me smile and laugh.

America is so beautiful! I got to see many beautiful sites traveling to and from Bowling Green. Although we did have some rain, we also had some beautiful days with beautiful white puffy clouds. On one of those sunny days, Mark even had a chocolate jalapeño milkshake!

Seeing the Museum's sink hole and the crushed cars was an amazing experience. Although you may see the images in pictures, it is nothing compared to seeing it in person.

Jerry and I also got to tour the Corvette Assembly Plant. Touring the plant was a fantastic experience. You get to see how a corvette is made from start to finish. Unfortunately, they do not allow cameras so I was not able to take any pictures. In fact, you cannot take anything in, no purses, no cell phone, nothing except yourself.

On our way back home we drove on Route 66. I have also shared some of our pictures. Jerry and I also got to explore caves, a meteor crater, the painted desert, petrified forest and many other places! It was an experience I will never forget!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and I want remind everyone to please submit any articles or pictures you would like included in your newsletter. Thank You to Bernie Realph for providing me with the Heritage High parade photos.

Thank you,

Laura Hardt

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