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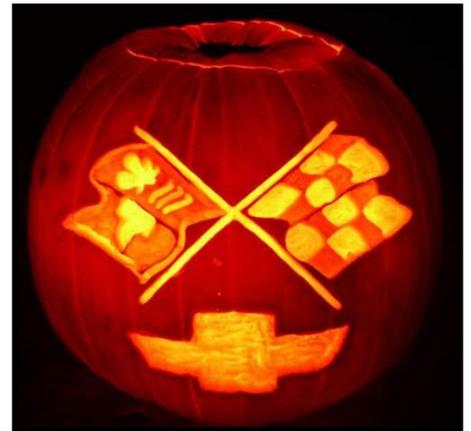
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All Memebbers Needed at November Meeting!



Joe Pimentel



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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:

November 6, 2014

President Rich Allen

October Report



Just a quick report this month as Marilyn and I are currently on a cruise through the Panama Canal. Having a great time and the weather has been very nice. First of all I want to thank everyone that participated in the Heritage parade last month and also thank Dave and Debbie for their run to Vision Quest. I also need to personally thank Lowell for working with our sponsor Abel and procuring next year's contribution. Finally a few words regarding our sponsor "Abel Chevrolet". Abel has been a contributing sponsor to our club for many years and goes above and beyond to make sure that the members of our club are well taken care of. They have a great service team and have been very responsive to all our members. Any time we can call and ask questions, or get information on our cars. They have also provided pick-up and delivery service for our members. Their only request is that they would like our members to utilize their services. As your President, I can't force any member to use Abel's service, but I highly encourage all our members to support our sponsor. We all need to have our cars serviced and Abel in my opinion is one of the best around. Please support our sponsor. This month was the month for election of new officers and I want to thank those who are running. We have the following nominations:

1. Secretary - Steve Gilpin
2. Events - Al Sauvadon
3. Quartermaster - Diana Cernera
4. Publications - Laura Hardt
5. Public Relations - Still to be determined but Marilyn will run again if no other nomination
6. WSCC Rep. - Lee Brant

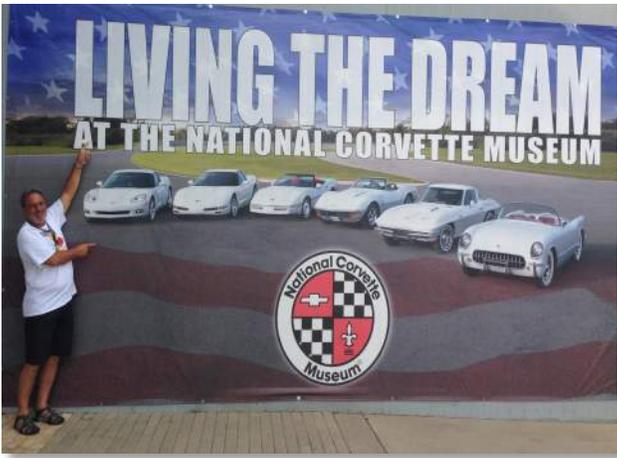
This month is also the month that our annual dues are due. Mailers have gone out to all members earlier this month and please remember that the dues are due by November 1st. Thank you. Also, remember that as part of the dues renewal, to update any contact information as we need to keep our roster current. At the November meeting we will determine if we as a club want to hold a WSCC car show next year. We elected last year to not do a car show. As active members of WSCC, I would encourage everyone to bring back our car show next year. I know it represents a lot of work on our club's part, but we need to show our support to WSCC.

Lots of other activities coming up and remember we only have one more meeting before the end of the year. We typically don't hold a meeting in December, therefore November will be the last meeting of this year. We have the Christmas Land Parade in December, and our club Christmas Brunch as well as our monthly runs. Please watch your email, the WEB Site, and the Newsletter for upcoming events.

As always, we are your board and encourage your comments and questions. Please let me know if you have any questions and I will personally take them to the board and get back to you.

Drive safe, Have fun, and I will see you around the curve.
Rich Allen

Vice-President- Mark Zupan



Membership

While I was on the caravan, **Janie Parker** applied for membership and was voted into our club. Janie is from Alamo and she attended the convention in Medford OR with our club. I'm looking forward to meeting her.

Mike Tompkins stopped in as a visitor at our last month's meeting. Mike lives in Disco Bay. He owns a 05 for the street, and has an older model for the track. I would love to welcome another member into the club who enjoys the track!

Winners

While we were at the NCM museum in Bowling Green, I saw three of the raffle cars the NCM routinely raffles off. These cars were actually special cars, C7 promotional cars with optional equipment and special paint schemes. I had the pleasure to witness them actually drawing the winning ticket. This is how it played out; One magical ticket was drawn from the barrel, the number was announced. As the crowd looked down at their tickets in hand wishing it was their number. But there was not much of a reaction from the entire crowd except a lot of shaking their heads and using their favorite 4 letter word (the ones we use when we don't win). The number was announced again, about 5 minutes later there was commotion in the back of the crowd that drew everyone's attention. The fellow with the winning ticket had been in the store shopping, soon he realized he was holding the winning ticket! Boy was he a happy man. It was great to actually witness someone winning a great car.

We also attended the Hall of Fame Induction dinner while in Bowling Green. We arrived early at the Convention Center for the no host cocktail party prior to the dinner. The reception area was poorly designed, the more the area filled up the louder it got in there. If you have ever been to a Nascar Oval race without ear protection, that's pretty close to what the noise sensation was like. As we entered into the dinning hall most of the tables had a Reserved sign on them. We finally found a table off to the side in the back of the room. Sitting at the table was other folks not there with a specific club. One of the families sitting at the table was; a father, mother and daughter. The father was seriously considering a C7 and his daughter was eagerly awaiting the C4. About half way into our conversation with them, the father tells us that he had won his 1996 Corvette from a NCM raffle! He bought his winning ticket on a whim while taking his family on a vacation to see the NCM Museum. When he bought it, he kept it a secret from his entire family (I'm thinking he used some of the family vacation money to buy it). One month later he receives a phone call from the museum rep telling him he's got some hard choices to make, because he is the winner of the ticket that gets to order the last C4 to be raffled off! He decided to pick a black couple with red interior and 6 speed manual transmission. Turns out his combination is pretty rare. He said only about 10, 1996's were ordered that way.

So in the span of just a few days, I got to see one person win a beautiful Corvette and talk with another who won his as well. I know Teddy's smiling down at me for getting to see and meet people who really do win these Corvettes.

Still Livin my Dream

Mark Zupan

Secretary Steve Gilpin

Minutes for October, 2014 General Membership Meeting

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

Guests included Mike Tompkins who owns a 2005 Coupe.

Thanked Laura for an outstanding newsletter once again.

The conventioners were welcomed back; Mark, Laura, and Gary gave her report on the trip mostly a good time was had by all.

Thanks were given to everyone who helped with the Heritage High Homecoming Parade.

Even though eight cars participated more was needed.

Vision Quest was a great run. The only animals that were not caged were the elephants. It

appears the ones in the cages were problem children or rescue animals and were in

transition. For example one of the bear cubs we saw was removed from a hotel room after he destroyed it. We all enjoyed this run very much and had a wonderful lunch at the end.

Officers not present Neva, Diana, Nelson

Consensus Items:

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

Board Member Reports:

Secretary (Steve Gilpin) – nothing to report

Treasurer (Brian Enbom) – financials were presented

Vice President and Membership (Mark Zupan) –Events (Neva Burdick) – see report in newsletter

WSCC Representative (Lee Brant) – see report in newsletter for WSCC. Congratulations on new grandson

Quartermaster (Diana Cernera) – absent

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

Sunshine (Mary Hodel) – See Sunshine Report

Public Relations (Marilyn Allen) – nothing new to report

Member at Large (Nelson Friesen) – absent

Publications (Laura Hardt) – Laura needs pictures of past events especially of The Hornet.

Old Business

Christmas Land Parade – Neva has accepted the responsibility of Chairman. A budget was moved and approved for \$300. A sign-up sheet was circulated for Neva's committee. The theme is Pirates and somehow we are using the deer heads in our decorations. So if you like to be on the committee and haven't done so yet, contact Neva you'll have a lot of fun.

2015 Dues – are due by October 31.

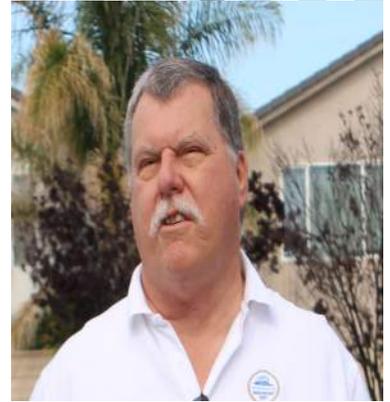
WCC Car Show – still many questions. The discussion was tabled until there is more membership present (only 31 out of 78 members present). The dates could be an issue as we would like a cooler venue. Rich to send an email to the membership.

New Business

Nominations – The Following Positions are two-year terms and are finishing their first year: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Webmaster. The rest of the board positions are open for nominations. Currently nominations have been made for the following positions: Secretary – Steve Gilpin, Events – open, Quartermaster – Diana Cernera, WSCC

Representative – Lee Brant, Publications – Laura Hardt, Public Relations – currently open but Marilyn may run

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.



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All members please attend the November meeting. This will be our last meeting of the year and there will be many important decisions to be made. Your input is greatly needed! Please attend!

WSCC **Lee Brant**



October “WSCC at sea”

This is going to be a short report as we are cruising the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, and spending some time in Key West. Wa-hooo!

The WSCC Convention 2015 will be next July in Reno, Nevada. It will be the 50th anniversary with the WSCC as our host with auto crossing, drag racing, a car show, tours, and other exciting events. For more and current information please check out the WSCC website.

Corvette Museum Skydome Sinkhole Viewing Ending Soon!

If you would like to see the National Corvette Museum's sinkhole, your time is running out so you better act fast. Plans have been made to begin construction on the Museum's Sinkhole. The scheduled begin date is Monday, November 10, 2014.

The National Corvette Museum, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky and is open seven days a week, 8 am until 5 pm Central Time. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids ages 6 to 16, \$8 for seniors or \$25 for a family admission. There is no charge for children age 5 and under, but they are not allowed in the Skydome building.

The projected completion date is July, 2015. The Skydome web cams will be removed during the construction but the Plexiglas viewing window will remain so attending Museum guests can view the work process.

Although your opportunity to view the sinkhole will end, you will still have an opportunity to view the 8 Sinkhole Cars. The Museum intends to display the three restored Corvettes and five unrestored Corvettes in the Skydome once work has completed. Prior to the completion, they will try to display as many of the cars as possible in other public viewing areas .

General Motors Releases 2014 Corvette Stats!

General Motors has shared statistics on the Corvettes produced for Model Year 2014. The stats show that Torch Red was the most popular color with 7,197 produced followed by 6,153 Arctic White; 5,929 Black; 4,064 Cyber Gray; 3,281 Laguna Blue; 3,020 Crystal Red; 2,125 Velocity Yellow; 2,088 Blade Silver; 1,827 Nightrace Blue; and 1,566 Lime Rock Green.

The Z51 performance handling packaged proved to be popular with 21,105 or 56.6%. Three Performance Equipment Groups were offered with 3LT being the most preferred with 19,725 followed by 2LT with 12,529 and 1LT with 4,736. 64.5% or 24,088 of the cars have automatic transmissions. Nearly 84% featured the NPP Performance Exhaust.

Chrome wheels barely edged out Z51 Painted Black wheels - 10,291 vs 10,142. Other wheels included Z51 Chrome 7,197; Painted Silver 4,586; Z51 Sterling Silver 2,834 and Machine Faced 1,156. Red calipers were a hot item with 16,258 of the Corvettes having them followed by 9,471 in gray; 9,173 in black; and 2,424 in yellow.

Jet Black Leather seats were the most popular and used in 14,580 of the Corvettes; followed by Kalahari Leather in 5,369; Black/Red Leather in 4,512; Red Leather 3,468; Jet Black Suede 2,983; Gray Leather Suede 2,835; Brownstone Suede 1492; Kalahari Suede 1,044; Gray Suede 559; Brownstone Leather 485. GT seats proved to be the most popular, landing in 93% of the cars and the suede wrapped upper interior trim option was selected for 5,108 of the cars.

Roof statistics include: Standard Carbon Fiber: 13,722; Transparent: 6,973; Dual Roof Package: 1,529; Visible Carbon Fiber: 3,393; Visible Carbon Fiber Dual Roof Package: 969; Black Convertible Top: 8,054; Kalahari Convertible Top: 2,088; Gray Convertible Top: 373; Blue Convertible Top: 224.

Several stripe options were offered, with the Carbon Flash Hood Stinger being the most popular topping 2,461 cars; Full Length / Carbon Fiber: 559; Full Length / Crystal Red: 75; Full Length / Blade Silver: 112; Full Length / Cyber Gray: 37; Full Length / Inferno Orange: 37; Hood Stinger / Cyber Gray: 75. 5,034 of the cars have Carbon Flash mirrors and spoiler.

The National Corvette Museum delivered 1,231 Corvettes for the Model Year.

Where did the 2014 Corvettes go?
34,678 cars went to the US; 1,193 to Canada;
112 to Mexico; 224 to Japan; 447 to the Middle
East; 597 to Europe; 31 to Russia and 15 to the
U.K.





What are the key statistics about Breast Cancer?

Breast cancer is one of the most common cancers among American women.

About 1 in 8 women in the US will develop invasive breast cancer during their lifetime.

The American Cancer Society's estimates for breast cancer in the United States for 2014 are:

- About 232,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women.
- About 62,570 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form of breast cancer).
- About 40,000 women will die from breast cancer

After increasing for more than 2 decades, female breast cancer incidence rates began decreasing in 2000, then dropped by about 7% from 2002 to 2003. This large decrease was thought to be due to the decline in use of hormone therapy after menopause that occurred after the results of the Women's Health Initiative were published in 2002. This study linked the use of hormone therapy to an increased risk of breast cancer and heart diseases. Incidence rates have been stable in recent years.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. The chance that breast cancer will be responsible for a woman's death is about 1 in 36. Death rates from breast cancer have been declining since about 1989, with larger decreases in women younger than 50. These decreases are believed to be the result of earlier detection through screening and increased awareness, as well as improved treatment.

At this time there are more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.



Cancer Survivor Creates Rolling Corvette Billboard to Raise Awareness



A woman's brush with death has given a new purpose for her black 1974 Corvette. Jennifer Barnett knew something just wasn't right with her body last year. She found a large lump in her left breast in August 2013, and about a month later, doctors gave her the grim news – she had stage IV breast cancer that had apparently spread to her liver. She embarked on a year of chemotherapy aimed to keep the cancer from growing, and by February, tests showed that the breast tumor had indeed shrunk – but the tumor in her liver had not. Fortunately, more testing revealed that the liver tumor was benign, and doctors adjusted her diagnosis to stage II cancer – which has a 93 percent five-year survival rate, much higher than the 22 percent of stage IV. While Jennifer is happy she has a greater chance now of surviving the cancer, she admits she still feels guilty sometimes about still being here when many of her fellow sisters with cancer have not survived. To increase awareness about breast cancer, Jennifer has had her vintage Corvette wrapped, and it now serves as a rolling billboard in the battle against the disease. On a sad note, the doors of the Corvette have been marked with the names of women who have already lost their fight with breast cancer, 50 names on each side. But on a more positive note, a large pink ribbon with wings now adorns the hood of the Corvette, surrounded by the names of about 100 other breast cancer survivors. Women who are living with stage IV breast cancer even have a special tri-colored ribbon by their names. “Now and forever, I will advocate for stage IV breast cancer,” Jennifer says. “Those women get pushed off to the side and forgotten about.”

Jennifer makes the car available for public events to help educate others about breast cancer, or she'll even try to add a little cheer for a woman who might be undergoing chemotherapy by taking her on a ride in her sports car. “I really felt like if I was going to hold on to (the car), she needed a job,” Jennifer says. “What better way to gain awareness than to take a vintage car you don't see every day on the road and put your cause on it?”

We're glad to hear that Jennifer is winning her battle against cancer, and we salute her willingness to use her Corvette as a goodwill ambassador for the cause. It's also great to hear that she has a more laid-back attitude about everyday living after her brush with death. She says, “I wake up every morning with a different outlook on life because I had to face my mortality”. (Corvetteblogger.com)

Events Neva Burdick



Hello Corvette Enthusiasts~

Thank you Dave & Debbie Gatt, for a fabulous run to Vision Quest. It was a beautiful park, with many gorgeous creatures. A Big thanks to your cousin as well for our special visit and group picture.

Thank you also, Ralph & Diana Cernera, and Steve & Sue Walde for all of your hard work in trying to put on the Gimmick Rally . The timing was not right with several members on vacation, however, the planning committee for the event may attempt to do it in the early spring 2015, so stayed tuned!

We still have plenty of time to plan an event for November, but with the weather changing, it becomes more of a challenge. If you have any ideas that you would like to do, I am open for suggestions. It becomes difficult trying to plan events that everyone will enjoy. The holidays are just around the corner, as we are starting to plan for the Discovery Bay street parade. Calling all Pirates, Deer Heads, and Wenches, etc. The parade will take place on December 6, 2014, so if you are interested in having fun, call me or send an email to neva.burdick@sbcglobal.net to GET INVOLVED! I have already been notified that a few of you will not be able to join us, as you will be busy on an annual trip to Carmel. We will miss you, but hope you have a marvelous time.

Be sure to check out the website Calendar, each month for all of different events happening. We are trying very hard to keep it updated and accurate.

Upcoming Club Runs & Events

[November 16 TBD](#)

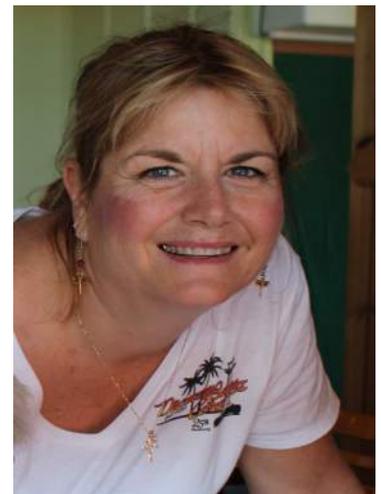
[December 6, 2014 ~ Discovery Bay Lighted Street Parade](#)

Happy Trails.....

Neva Burdick



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Heritage High Homecoming Parade



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Joe Pimentel



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 Diana Cerner 10/29



November

Gary Moreland 11/1 Pam Dooley 11/11 Linda Marin 11/12 David Franklin 11/22

Scott White 11/22 Ron Anderson 11/28 Sandy Mize 11/29 Tony Silva 11/29

Happy Halloween!



Jerry & Laura Hardt

10/12/13



Happy 1st Anniversary!



June 2012

Publications

Laura Hardt

Happy October!

Jerry and I celebrated our first year anniversary with dinner on the Napa Valley Wine Train and vacationing at Bass Lake and Yosemite. Love you Jerry!



Because October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and members of our own Discovery Bay Corvette Club have been stricken with Breast Cancer, I wanted to devote some time to Breast Cancer Awareness and also talk a little about my experience.

As many of you know, late September 2012, I was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and in October 2012 I began my journey to fight the battle. My beginning of the battle was chemotherapy to try to shrink the cancer, then surgery January 29, 2013, followed by rounds of radiation.

Jerry had proposed to me prior to my cancer diagnosis. I later talked to him about my cancer and let him know I would understand if he could not go through with our intended marriage. I knew my battle and struggle with my cancer was going to be significant and there was an uncertainty of what would happen. Jerry looked at me and reassured me nothing had changed and that he would be there for me no matter what happened. Jerry showed me what true love really means. He was the person who I confided with and the person who really saw my struggle. He saw my tears, my emotional ups and downs and my worries and never left me side. I will always be grateful for the love and devotion he has shown and continues to show me.

Unlike most women who shave their heads knowing that they will be bald with the chemotherapy treatment, I decided to wait, hoping that perhaps I would not lose my hair but knowing I would. I had long black curly hair and couldn't bear to cut it. I knew eventually I would lose my hair but I wanted to keep it for as long as I could. If I was going to lose my hair it was going to be because of the treatment, not because I cut it.

When I started to lose my hair, I decided to get a wig. My first wig was free from the American Cancer Society. It took me a long time to decide which wig to choose and they were so patient with me. I am so grateful to the American Cancer Society for all the education and support they provided me.

After I lost all my hair, I had fun purchasing a variety of wigs in many styles and colors. Losing my hair was not going to upset me, it was a time to have fun with different looks. I had so many wigs that at times, my family did not recognize me until they had a good look.

I don't know what the future holds for me, but I do know Jerry and I will be together forever, for even before we were married, we overcame many obstacles. We will continue having fun, driving beautiful cars and will cruise through life with the power of love and the blessings from God.

15 Thank you,
Laura Hardt

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