

# DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

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# Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2015

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## Appointed Positions

Sunshine Persons	Mary Hodel	408-823-8771	mhodel32@gmail.com
NCM Ambassador	Dave Gatt	925-513-1605	dgatt@comcast.net

**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!**

**Mailing address: PO Box 1158, Discovery Bay, CA 94505-1158**

**Next Meeting:  
September 3rd, 2015, 7:30**

# President Rich Allen



We are back from Convention. WSCC did a commendable job sponsoring the convention this year. We haven't had a convention in Reno in quite some time and the Grand Sierra was the home of over 400 Corvette Club members. Lots of activities, some sunshine, some rain, thunderstorms, hale, an outdoor BBQ, and even some gambling. Two of our members (Lee DeSalles and Pam Dooley) took the top spots in this year's "Poker Run" poker hand with a straight and 3 Aces. Congratulations to Lee and Pam. We sponsored the indoor car show and what a great place to hold a car show. Almost 100 new and old Corvettes took center stage in the Silver State Pavilion. What a great place to view new and old Corvettes. The indoor lighting brought out the best of all the cars. The hospitality suites were busy with activities. Thanks go to everyone who helped decorate our room. Some of the rooms were decorated with "Retired Super Heros", our own "travel down Route 66", "Mardi Gras", and once again "the Moose Milk bar". Our sponsor (Abel Chevrolet) put on the BBQ. The rain held, the weather was clear, and the food was fantastic, especially the tri-tip prepared by our sponsor Derek Abel. All in all a fun time for everyone.

We also said a final good bye to Dick and Bernie Realph as they left the convention and headed east to their new home in Tennessee. We will miss them, but anyone on their way to Bowling Green, Kentucky can stop and say hello for the club. As it turns out we might be the first with a visit in September.

Marilyn and I and Al and Paula Sauvadon had a second agenda at the convention. We all were looking at colors of new Corvettes. Al and Paula settled on a Red coupe for their new 2016 Corvette. We decided to go with the Artic White convertible. When we got back we both ordered new 2016 Corvettes. Hopefully they will be ready sometime in September and our intentions are to take delivery in Bowling Green and drive the cars back.

Back on the home front a lot of things on the agenda, August 1st was "Hot Brentwood Days". We had several members registered. Al is trying to put together an overnight trip to San Luis Obispo, and there will also be a Gimmick Rally. We also have the President's Mystery run in October and the inaugural in November. Check the web site for more information.

As September approaches we will be looking to fill new board positions. Nominations begin in August and we will be looking to fill all board positions: Laura has consented to run again for publications, Brian has agreed to run for Treasurer, Ralph would like to remain our Web Master, and Diana would like to continue as Quartermaster. President, Vice President, Events, Secretary, and Public Relations as of yet have no formal nominations. At the August meeting we will be taking formal nominations for all board positions.

As always, we are your board and encourage your comments and questions. If you have any questions or issues, please let me or any board member know and we will get back to you. We value your input and suggestions. Through these inputs we will continue to improve our club.

Have fun and drive safely. Enjoy the summer and I will see you around the curve...

Rich Allen

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# Secretary Steve Gilpin



## Minutes Aug 5, 2015 General Membership Meeting

**President, Rich Allen called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.**

The minutes and financials were, moved, seconded and approved.

New Members: Steve/Diane Hoffman, Danny/Mary Parker and Less Horne

Guests: Tim, Girls from Heritage HS

**President** – Rich See report in Newsletter

**Vice President** – Mark Zupan, see report in newsletter

**Treasurer** – Brian Enbom We have money

**Secretary** – Steve Gilpin, nothing

**Events** – Al Sauvadon, see report in the newsletter

**Quartermaster** – Diane Cerner, see report in newsletter

**Webmaster** – Ralph Cerner, see report in the newsletter.

**Member at Large** – Nelson Friesen, see report in the newsletter

**NCM Representative** – Dave Gatt, see report in the newsletter

**Publications** – Laura Hardt, see report in the newsletter

**WSCC Representative** – convention is July 6-12. Need to register and sign up for events online.

**Public Relations** – Marilyn Allen, see report in the newsletter.

**Sunshine** – Mary Hodel - sees report in the newsletter

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Nominations for upcoming election:

Treasurer – Brian

Webmaster – Ralph Cerner

Quartermaster – Diana Cerner

Publications – Laura Hardt

President – Lowell

VP- Al

Events – Vickie

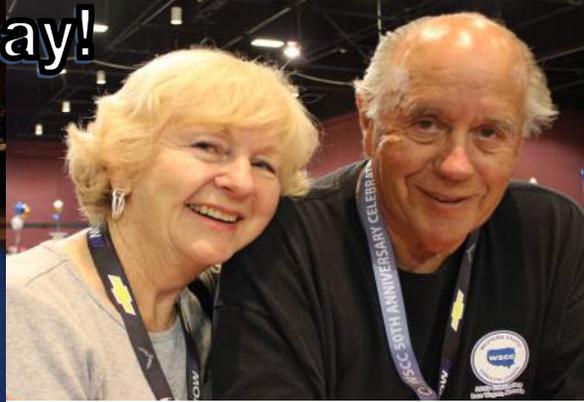
WSCC Rep – Bill Burdick

Sec – Ed O'Brien

**Meeting closed at 8:45**

# WSCC Convention

## 1st Day!



# WSEC Convention Car Show



# Hospitality Suite

America's Sports Car  
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# Visiting other Hospitality Suites



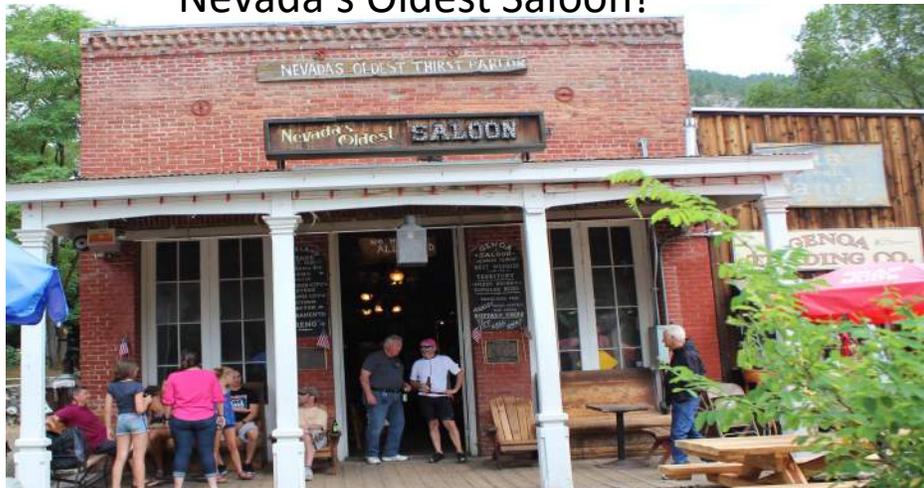
# Poker Run



The Cloud looks like a dog!



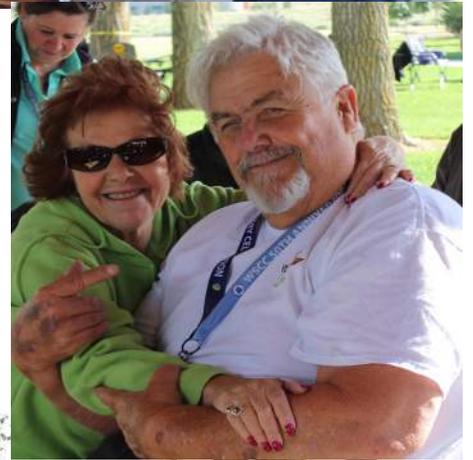
Nevada's Oldest Saloon!



# Fallon Run



# Abel Chevrolet's BBQ



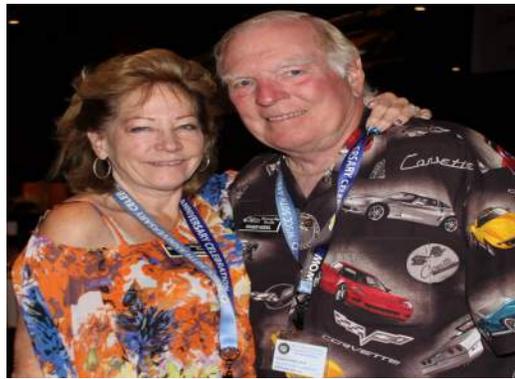
# Poker Run



# Autocross



# Banquet



# Bowling Winner! Neva Burdick



# Poker Run Winners! Lee DeSalles & Pam Dooley



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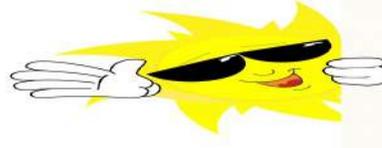
Complimentary shuttle service

Complimentary car wash with service

# Car Show - Hot Brentwood Days 8/1/15



# Sunshine - Mary Hodel



Hi August Veters!

Only report is that John Flebut is still going thru chemo and our hearts and prayers are with him.

The sun is shining and getting everyone healthily from colds, allergies and seasonal pains from too much fun. Make sure you get shots for flu, shingles and tetanus.

Enjoy summer!

Mary Hodel



## August

**Don Ramos 8/5      Dennis Walter 8/8      Danica Harris 8/11**  
**Elly Walter 8/13      Marilyn Allen 8/16      Ralph Cerner 8/18**  
**Arnold Plonczak 8/25      Susan Anderson 8/26**

## September

Jack Parker 9/2    John Bento 9/5    Danny Parker 9/10    Jean Franklin 9/21    Gorden Wilson 9/24  
 Bill Burdick 9/25

# EVENTS - AL Sauvadon

Hello Corvette Enthusiasts

*"Hot Brentwood days,* We had a terrific turn out, 13 cars representing our Club, a special thank you to each and everyone of you who were able to attend. It was a lot of fun, the Mexican food was great and the beer was cold. The sponsors of the event expressed their appreciation to our club for our participation, they hope we will return next year.



**Convention in Reno, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>:** Thank you to all the members who were able to attend the Convention in Reno. The cars were beautiful and it was a nice car show and above all we had a good time. This was our first Convention but not our last, we were pleased that we attended. We enjoyed working at our hospitality suite, Americana Route 66, and visiting the other rooms was a kick. Looking forward to next year.

***The Central Coast Corvette run that was set for September is cancelled and will be rescheduled.***

Al Sauvadon  
 Events,  
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# NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ARTICLE



by Dave Gatt

## CHEVROLET CORVETTE BEATS PORSCHE 911 IN THE LATEST J.D. POWER SURVEY

**Category: Midsize Premium Sporty Car**

**Winner: Chevrolet Corvette**

1st runner up: Porsche 911

2nd runner up: None

The Chevrolet Corvette beat the Porsche 911 as the most satisfying car in its category in a survey of new car owners released Wednesday July 22nd. The 911 took this category last year. The last time the Corvette has topped its category was 10 years ago.



More than 84,000 people who bought a new car within the past 90 days were asked dozens of questions about various aspects of their vehicles in J.D. Power's latest APEAL study.

Fuel economy, acceleration and audio system quality were among the characteristics that vaulted the Corvette to the top spot.

# 2015 Corvette Production Stats Released!

The 2015 Corvette production has ended. The very last 2015 Corvette was completed on Wednesday, June 17th and the 2016 Corvette production began on June 22nd.

Below are some of the final production stats for the 2015 model year Corvettes.

- 34,240 Corvettes were produced
- 1,049 R8C Museum Delivery Cars, the 2nd highest number delivered when compared to Chevrolet Dealerships
- Stingray Coupes 60.6%; Z06 Coupes 20.4%; Stingray Convertibles 14.1%, Z06 Convertibles 4.9%
- 68% had automatic transmissions
- Black wheels and black interiors were the most popular
- Arctic White was the top selling color, though if you combine Torch Red and Crystal Red then "Red" is #1.

**Thousands of 2015 Corvettes were delivered throughout the world!**

**Some went to members of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club!**

DELIVERY	STINGRAY COUPE	STINGRAY CONVERTIBLE	Z06 COUPE	Z06 CONVERTIBLE	TOTALS
EUROPE	261	204	149	32	646
MIDDLE EAST	580	15	1	1	597
JAPAN	96	12	37	1	146
MEXICO	175	0	30	0	205
CANADA	880	347	238	91	1556
UNITED STATES	18,765	4,252	6,525	1,548	31,090

**And some Discovery Bay Corvette members are awaiting their 2016 Corvettes!**

# Publications- Laura Hardt



Happy August!

I hope everyone has been having a great summer. My summer has been great, especially the month of July! My birthday is July 22nd and I celebrated all the month of July. I attended the WCSS convention, spent time at Whiskeytown Lake, the SunDial Bridge, and McArthur– Burney Falls State Park where I saw the most beautiful waterfall I have ever seen!

I had a great time at the convention. We went on several Runs, one of those Runs was to Fallon. The tour was really nice and the jets were awesome. To top off our experience all of us were able to have our picture taken in front of a jet! What an amazing experience and I really love our picture!

The weather at convention was crazy, We had sunshine, rain, hail, thunder and lightning and even heavy winds. The wind was so strong it blew a man, that was sitting in a chair beside the pool, into the pool.

The Car Show in Brentwood was fun. We had a great shady spot and we were near the band playing music. Jerry and I also enjoyed eating at a nearby Mexican restaurant.

Being a member of the Discovery Bay Corvettes is great fun!



See you soon!

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