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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

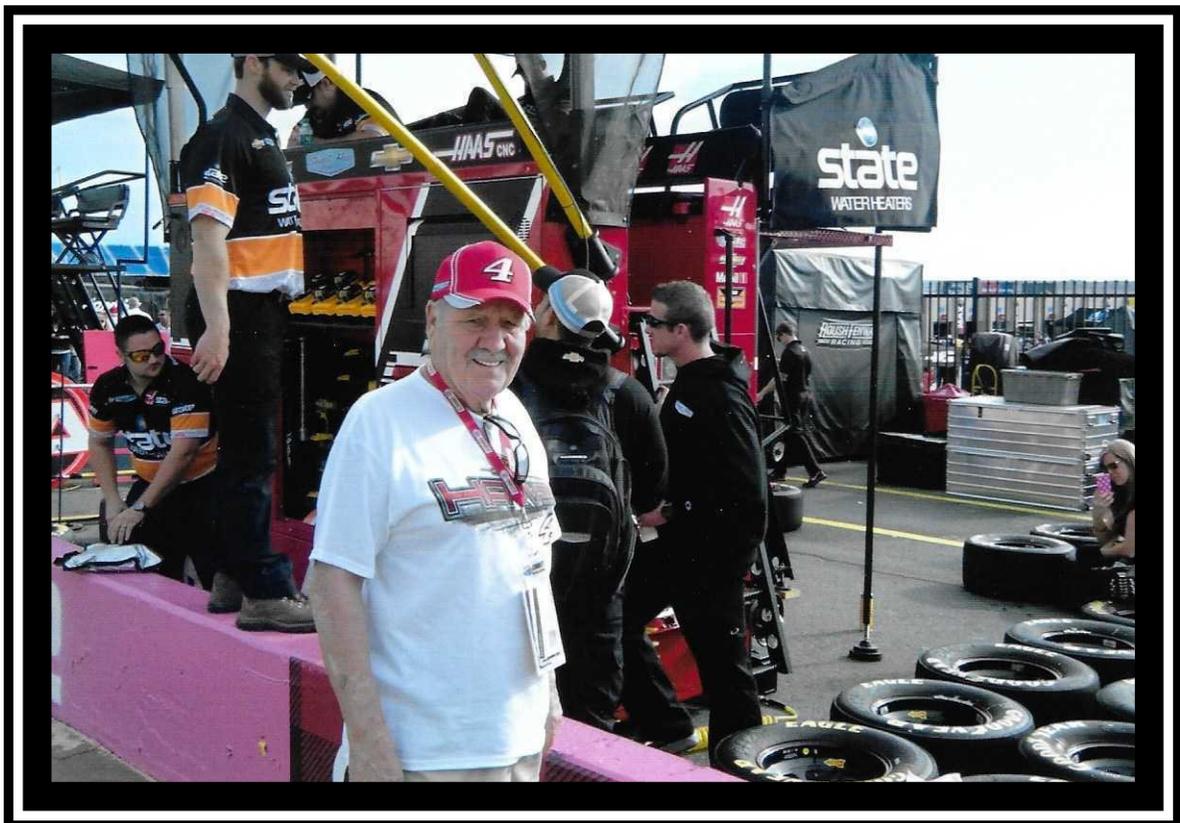
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In Loving Memory Lowell "Butch" Asbe



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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!

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

**Next Meeting:
June 2, 2016, 7:30 pm**

President- Lowell Onstad

Well fellow Corvetter's, I would like to thank everyone for your cooperation on a very nice meeting. We were able to handle all of our agenda in an orderly manner.

I want to thank David Hunter for a job well done as Vice President. I am sorry to see him resign. I would like to welcome his replacement Jack Pera to the Board. I know Jack will do a great job. I also want to welcome Shari Peck to the Board as events coordinator. She will be working together with Cheryl Fleb'ut on our events. We have 60 people going to the Point in Rio Vista on Sunday May 15th. I must admit with the Poor Man's Cruise on the same day, that we have a club that wants to do things.

Much to my surprise Abel Chevrolet has sent us our Sponsor money without me going over to beg for it. It shows our membership is using them for our service and purchases.

I also want to express the loss of a very good friend and fellow corvette Butch Asbe. Butch was a very good neighbor and a very good friend. I am going to miss him.

See all at our next meeting.

Lowell



News from Dick and Bernie!

Dick and I attended the Bash at the Museum. Micheline hosts this event every year, it is the introduction of the new cars and this year new colors. There are events, tours, and seminars by GM reps. Using one of the attendee's cars for demos.

You could be overwhelmed by what to choose from every day. We arrived on Wed. as I filled in for Buzz Marston (WSCC President) on the board for a meeting on Wed. afternoon, then a couple more throughout the weekend. It was a fun event, met people from all over Dick played golf with guys from New Jersey, they reminded us of Don and Tony in the old days. This event draws over 1200 people and more that don't pre register.

Dick and Bernie



Secretary - Ed O'Brien

DBCC General Meeting

DATE: May 5, 2016



Call to Order

- Time: 7:36pm by President Lowell Onstad. Lowell announced new VP, Jack Pera. Lowell attended Butch's Celebration of life. It was a very nice tribute to Butch.
- Lowell announced results of the VP election. 56 ballots returned from 623 members. Jack Pera won the election.

Guests

- Stacy Chance, Discovery Bay has a '67 & a '73. He knows Lee Brandt.
- Kenny Anderson, DBCC past president, Bob's brother visiting from Reno Corvettes
- Gina and Paul Biscofberger have turned in their application, but Brian has not been to the mailbox since he's been out of town.
- Rufino Ramos came to know more about the club. He has a '92 convertible and an '86. Lowell introduced him to Don Ramos.

Vice President's Report (Dave Hunter):

- Dave announced New Members and handed out new badges: Howard and Delores Maxwell, Michelle and Scott White, Cynthia Puckett and Norm DeLong, Roger and Danielle Boaz, Debra Lynn and Bruce Chapman, and Erlyn and Don Payne
- Bill Casson and Lynn Sessions are also new members but badges were not yet available.

Secretary's Report (Ed):

- No corrections on the minutes.
- Approval of previous meetings minutes: Al Sauvadon moved to accept and Patty Brunetto Seconded. Unanimous approval by members.
- Ed apologize for the junky sign-in sheet this month, and reminded all to sign.

Treasurer's Report (Brian):

- Not available. He is in Orlando after flight issues and will return soon.
- Lowell announced club is solvent

WSCC Report (Joe Pimentel):

- Not available
- Lowell announced a Convention Oct. 2017 expected in Las Vegas and will have one every other year.

Webmaster Report (Ralph):

- Ralph will change the password for the members-only area. He will email members with the new password.
- Club now up to 62 members.

Publications (Laura Hardt)

- Laura requested members send pictures to Laura for Butch Asbe and his celebration of life for inclusion in the next club's newsletter. Lowell announced Butch's celebration was very nice and over 80 people attended and will contact Butch's son for pictures. Also please send Laura any stories of your times with Butch. Email to: corvettenewsletter@hotmail.com.

Quartermaster Report (Diana Cernera)

- Diana has shirts if ordered and a pamphlet and order form (especially for new members). You can also call her anytime.

Member at Large (Rich)

- Rich was not present.

Events Report – (Shari Peck)

- Cheryl Fleb'ut will be assisting Shari with DBCC events
- Dianna Cernera announced the gimmick rally is set for August 20th
- Shari announced the web site calendar is up to date
 - o Al and Paula's Pismo Run June 3-5
 - o Jack and Amy Pera's summer party July 17th
 - o Aug 6 Downtown Brentwood Car show
- Shari suggested the following possibilities. Please get back to Shari (shari.peck@att.net) with your feedback:
 - o 1-1/2 hr run to the Renegade Winery on Hwy 26th on July 30th . Lunch is reasonable and both beer and wine available.
 - o Reno Run end of Aug? Stay overnite at the Silver Legacy. Does this sound fun? Let Shari know!
 - o Sept Run to Nicolini Winery?
 - o Run to Boomers in Livermore? (has miniature golf/ go carts)
 - o Oct 22nd Monterey, two night trip. (Aquarium, wine tasting, dinner, hotel)
 - o Run to a funky retro bowling alley (Half Moon Bay or Pacifica)?
 - o Oct 22nd weekend run to Monterey, including 17 mile drive, aquarium, wine tasting on cannery row?
- Lowell recommended Shari put a flyer together for a run to get feedback. Shari will send out an email blast and is looking for any and all ideas from members.
- Lowell asked members to contact Shari or Cheryl with ideas and thoughts.
- Lowell announced the following:
 - o He announced the President's "topless" run May 15th the Point in Rio Vista. Great breakfast and champagne. Lowell needs a check within the next week \$25/person.
 - o He reminded members of the Abel Car Show, located at their dealership in Rio Vista. BBQ, 300-400 hot cars anticipated, all GM Sat, May 21 from 10am – 2pm. Register on line at Abel's site. A nice red Z06 is available for purchase too!
- Al Sauvadon gave update on the Pismo run, and has 24 people going. Deadline is May 27th. He has flyers. Run includes staying overnight in Oceano for both nights, June 3rd and 4th. Book your 2 night room reservation directly with Dee Dee at Pacific Plaza Resort, Oceano, (phone (800-300-0903). Mention Paula Sauvadon when you book your room. Nearby motel are points of interest that include the beach (you can bring your own firewood--no pallets, if you wish), and Elks Club dinner Fri nite. On Sat, Jun 4, Al has planned a '50's breakfast, trip to Solvang, then back road Corvette driving to wine tasting. Evening includes dinner at Old Juan's Cantina (also walking distance from motel). Sunday the 5th offers either return home via Hwy 1. Al recommends wearing Corvette/ Discovery Bay attire.

- Jack Pera discussed his party on July 17th. No limit on guests or cars anticipated, but would like RSVP. The theme is a Rock and Roll summer fun party. Jack passed around a flyer.
- A Chamber of Commerce Cars and Coffee event is on the 3rd Sat of the month, at 8 or 9 am. Coffee and Donuts provided and is located in the Yacht Club parking lot. Not just old but all cool cars are welcome.

Public Relations (Kathy Doty):

- Kathy was not present at the general meeting
- Lowell announced \$500.00 scholarship to the auto department at Liberty High to assist with college costs. Presentation to be made to the Liberty Board on May 24th at 7pm. Ralph Cernera has offered to present on behalf of DBCC.

Sunshine Report (Marilyn):

- Marilyn was not present. Diana Cernera provided the following information on Marilyn's behalf:
 - o Thank you to Carol Wilson for a great cruise
 - o Lowell and Joanne did a great job at Butch's celebration of life
 - o Club sent nice flowers to Butch's celebration of life
 - o Cheryl Fleb'ut lost her mom. Our club sent her a plant and she really appreciated it. Lowell read Cheryl's thank you note.
 - o Cheryl was given a clean bill of health by her doctor. Great!
 - o Joanne lost her brother last month.
 - o Diana announced May birthdays: Tim Denham, Diane Enbom, Janie Parker, and Bill Cassons.
 - o Diana thanked Neva for bringing treats tonight, and Joyce Friesen and Shari Peck are scheduled to bring treats for the next meeting (June 2).
 - o Diana requested members let Marilyn know of members' news updates.

NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt)

- Four new corvette colors are: Admiral Blue, Black Rose Metallic, Sterling Blue, and Watkins Glen Grey Metallic. Photos are on web site, and cars were at Laguna Seca. Colors are great!
- Dave appreciated Laura's additional museum information in last month's newsletter.
- 2017 Grand Sport (GS) pricing out, at \$66,445 for coupe, and \$70,445 for convertible. They go on sale this summer
- Laguna Seca had a great weekend with Corvettes. Lots of Corvettes in hotel parking lots. Santa Clara Corvettes had a dominant participation and huge banner at Laguna Seca. Members from DBCC participated in a TOT day "taste of the track", a spirited 5 lap track driving event that included convertibles. This year's DBCC participants included Terry Berardy, Mark Zupan, Neva Burdick, Bill Burdick, and Dave, who's new nickname is 'half spin' that he earned doing 90+ at turn 7 with the stability control turned off! All had lots of fun!

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

- A member reported a fuel gauge problem on his 2007. Lowell recommended contacting Rich Wilhoff at Abel Chevy, tell him you are a DBCC member and ask him the question. Sometimes you can simply reset the computer, and as DBCC member Abel will give you a discount if additional work is required.
- It was requested all May birthday people stay for a picture to be included in the next newsletter.
- Congratulations to Dave Peck who won \$65.00 at the raffle!

The meeting was adjourned by Lowell at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed O'Brien, Secretary

From The Webmaster - May 2016

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Hi Everyone,

First off just a quick "Welcome" to our new board members Jack Pera-VP, and Shari Peck-Events coordinator...I look forward to working with you both!

As everyone knows, the club is using email and the website more often for communication to the members. Even our DiscoVette newsletter is sent to the majority of our members by email. I recognize that for some of you, this is a new method of communication.

Here are a few of things to remember about email:

1. An email address is not case sensitive. To the email program, RalphC@xyz.com looks the same as ralphc@xyz.com. For ease of reading an email address, it is best to use all lower case letters.
2. Passwords are case sensitive.
3. When typing someone's email address, many email programs these days have a feature called "auto-fill" or "type-ahead" which will fill in a person's email address based on names from your address book, so pay attention to the email address that you end up sending too. You might have meant to send the email to robert@xyz.com but instead it went to rob@xyz.com.
4. Email in general, is insecure. Don't send sensitive information like Social Security numbers, or credit card information through email.
5. Email gets delayed and may disappear altogether. We've all gotten used to the idea that e-mail should be nearly instantaneous, but delays happen and are often unavoidable.
6. Most all email programs have a Spam or Junk folder. Check it often to see if an email ended up in there by mistake. If so you can flag that email address as 'trusted' so it will always get through.

Speaking of junk email, this has to be one of the most annoying 'features' of email...the Spam or Junk that you will inevitably receive. At some point, you are going to receive an email from what appears to be a known friend, colleague, etc. It happens when Spammers get a hold of valid email addresses, and it will try to trick you into responding with certain information or clicking on a link that could launch a computer virus. Never respond to suspicious e-mails, and never click on any link unless you are absolutely sure of who sent the email. Flag them as junk and move on. If you're unsure about a particular message from someone you know, ask them in a separate email or phone call if they sent it to you legitimately.

As always, if you have any questions about using our web site, emails, or this "techy" stuff in general, please ask.

Fast is Good
Ralph Cerna
Webmaster



In Loving Memory Lowell “Butch” Asby

Butch was a quiet man, but very generous, kind, giving, a loyal friend and would give anyone a helping hand .

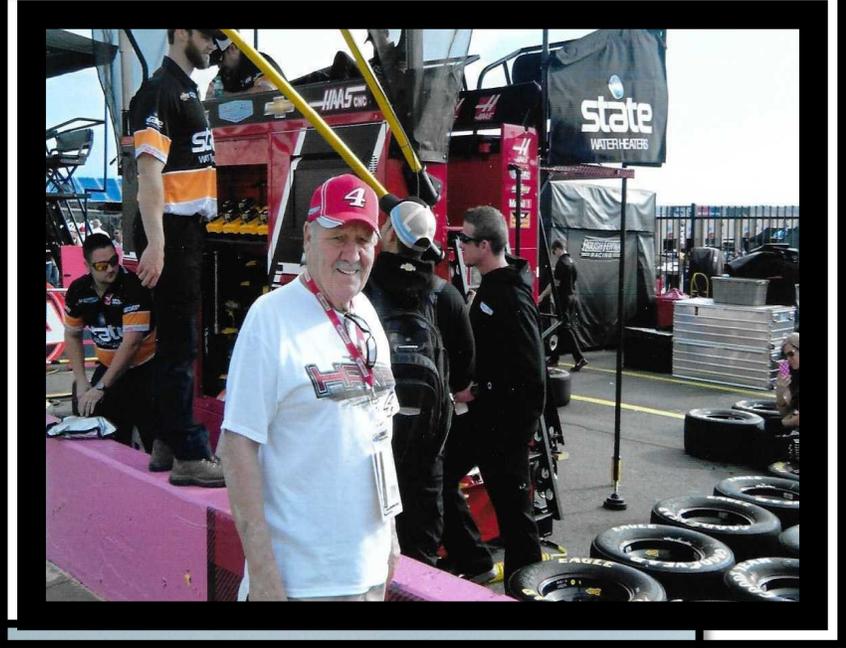
Butch Served 3 years as a Parachute Rigger in Fort Bragg, NC and worked in the Carpenters Union for 42 years before retiring here in Discovery Bay.

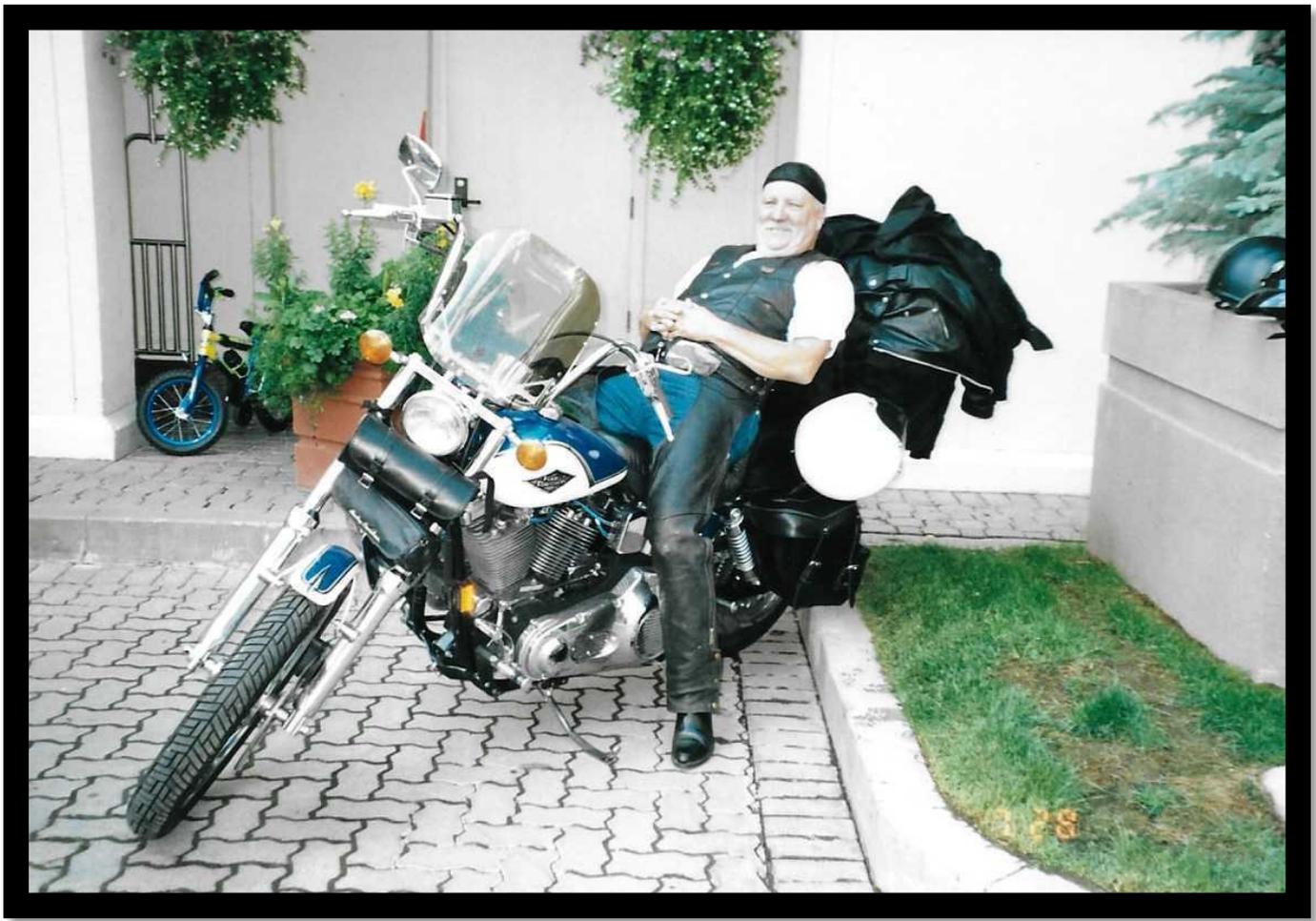
Butch never missed a boat race driving all over the United States with his son Alan and grandson Alan Jr. of whom he was very proud. Butch also enjoyed rides thru out the Delta in his own boat, riding his Harley Davidson, eating ice cream for breakfast and Nascar.

Butch was very proud of his home, his talking parrot Sam and being a member of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club as well as spending time with his family which meant the most to him.

We will miss seeing him quietly sitting at the bar with the boys at Corvette Meetings, but we know he will be there in spirit.







We miss you!



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Al & Paula's PISMO BEACH RUN

June 3rd -4th -5th

**Motel: Pacific Plaza Resort in Oceano 800-300-0903,
CALL THE HOTEL to RESERVE your room ASAP.**

A 2 night minimum (Friday & Saturday),

King room \$211.68 p/n includes tax (\$223.36 total)

Two room suite \$351.68 p/n includes tax (\$703.36 total)

(The hotel is a block from the beach and has a pool & hot tub). Bring a jacket, sand chairs and an ice chest to walk to the beach.

Friday June 3rd dinner at the Elks Lodge, across the street. Selections

Steak \$17 or Chicken breast \$14 or Mahi Mahi \$12

***All dinners include salad, beans, baked potato or fries and garlic bread**

Walk to the beach after dinner or stay at the Elks Lodge for drinks and dancing (the lks is causal jeans are OK) then walk to the beach or stay and enjoy the hotel.

Saturday June 4th, breakfast at a 50's dining car just down the street followed by a cruise to Solvang via the back roads. Solvang is a cute Danish village, lots of shopping and terrific lunch. We will return via Fess Parker's winery on another great Corvette road.

Dinner, walk or drive to Old Juan's Cantina a great Mexican restaurant with a full bar just 2 blocks from the hotel.

Sunday June 5th, opt to return via scenic Highway 1, with a stop to visit Elephant Seal beach and lunch at Ragged Point Inn.

Or

Return straight up 101 with a stop for lunch in Gilroy?

We can return as group or, you might decide to stay longer, or take a different route home.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ARTICLE



by Dave Gatt

A Mid-Engine C8 Corvette? It's Happening And Here are the Latest Details:

Over a year ago, we heard that Chevrolet is finally going to pull the trigger and build a mid-engine Corvette. Obviously nothing has been confirmed and when the Corvette's chief engineer, Tadge Juechter was asked about this subject at Geneva last March. Of course he denied any knowledge, but today our colleagues at Car and Driver have managed to dig up additional information about the mid-engine C8. First off, it's happening. Second, it'll debut in production form at the 2018 Detroit Auto Show.



Power will initially come from the C7 Stingray's 6.2-liter LT1 V8 with an output between 450-500 hp. Expect a base price of around (seriously?!) \$80,000. The C7, meanwhile, will remain in production through 2017. So yes, the C7 and C8 will be built and sold together but only for a short time. In order to give the C7 and, not to mention, the traditional front-engine Corvette, a proper send off, Car & Driver claims a new ultra high-performance edition will be unveiled, possibly to be called ZR1. Heading into 2019, the C8 will receive a new four-cam, 32-valve V8 that'll push its price tag above \$100,000. In 2020, expect to see the hybrid E-Ray Corvette debut featuring electric front-wheel propulsion.

Don't be surprised if it's also called the Zora, named for Corvette godfather Zora Arkus-Duntov. We've also learned that Chevrolet is benchmarking the C8 against the likes of the Ferrari 458 Italia, Nissan GT-R, Porsche 911 Turbo, and the BMW i8. So there it is. A mid-engine Corvette is clearly happening though Chevy sources continue to deny it. What are your thoughts?

Bulletin

Discovery Bay Corvette Club

Rock & Roll - Summer Fun Party!

SAVE THE DATE!!

Sunday - July 17, 2016

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Place: Jack & Amy's "Corvette Party Park"

* Food! * Drinks! * Music! * And Much More! *

More Details To Come Soon!

Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi Everyone!

I want to thank Joanne Onstad for gathering the pictures of Butch Asbe that have been used in this newsletter. I truly appreciate your assistance.

Butch we will miss you. You will always hold a place in our hearts.

The President's Run was great and many of our members attended the event. Thank you Lowell! We all had a great time. More to come in the next Newsletter.

Also in the next Newsletter will be information and some pictures of Abel's 8th Annual Corvette and GM Car Show. Jerry and I took the Yellow Stingray and the 45th anniversary Camaro to the car show and as some of you already know, Jerry and I have a new addition to our car collection. I will share more information and pictures in the next Newsletter.

See you soon,

Laura Hardt

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May Birthdays

Tim Denham 5/14

Dianne Enbom 5/14

Janie Parker 5/29

Bill Casson 5/30

June

Scott White 6/1

Paul de Leon 6/1

Joanne Onstad 6/1

Linda Humbert 6/2

Ron Mize 6/4

Lee DeSalles 6/4

Dale Franklin 6/6

Kathy Zickenberg 6/7

Norman DeLong 6/16

Sandy Ramos 6/17

Denise Zupan 6/19

Larry Hosser 6/24

Dave Peck 6/25

Myra Buckman 6/27



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