

# DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

July 2016



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# Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2016

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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:  
August 4th, 2016 7:30 pm**

# Secretary - Ed O'Brien

## DBCC General Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2016



### Meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by Lowell Onstad

Lowell welcomed guests: Bill Helfrick, and Carol his spouse. Bill lives on Beaver Ct. Len McDonald from Pahrump NV. Has a '15. Has had 5 Corvettes over the years.

**V.P. Report (Jack Pera):** Roger and Danielle Boaz were presented shirts and badges. Also he has materials for Bruce and Deborah Chapman, Howard and Delores Maxwell, and Arnold Plausnick who were not present. Jack gave badges to Bill Casson and Lynn Sessions, and has shirts for Paul Bishofberger, who was not present tonight. Jack also discussed events (see below in Shari and Cheryl's event report)

**Secretary Report (Ed O'Brien):** No correction to the minutes. Rich Dooley made motion to accept and Sandy Ramos seconded, and club voted unanimously to be accepted.

**Treasurer Report (Brian Enbom):** Brian was not present. Lowell reported that the club is in good financial condition, thanks in part to the support we receive from Abel Chevrolet. Rich reported the DBCC have purchased cars from Abel's at the show, and many club members use Abel's service department, and it is great that Abel's and DBCC members support each other. A member asked a question regarding airbags, and Rich responded that if DBCC receives information it will be distributed to members.

**WSSC Representative: (Joe Pimentel)** Joe reported a meeting to be held in Oct, all information is in the WSSC RedLine.

**Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera):** Ralph not present.

**Publications Report (Laura Hardt):** Laura requests members email pictures and articles to her. New members please send article to her.

**Quartermaster Report (Diana Cernera):** Diana not present.

**Member At Large Report (Rich Allen):** Inaugural is on schedule for next year.

**Events Report (Shari Peck and Cheryl Fleb'ut):** Shari went through her list of current events on the calendar.

1. Danville Car Show July 14th, cars pre 1972. Lots of great cars and people checking out the cars. Jack and Amy invited all. Hart's Ave. 800-900 cars anticipated. Turn on Old Front St. Hours are 4-9pm, cars arrive at 2pm. Free admission.
2. Jack and Amy's party, 4pm July 17th: Check to Jack and Amy by 7 July to Jack. Jack needs to get info to caterer. Let him know tonight. Jack announced plans developing for activities, starts at 4pm. Lots of parking space. Rich will lead caravan to the Pera's, leaving Chase parking lot at 3pm. Rich will send flyer.
3. Renegade Winery Run: July 31. Meet at Chase at 9:45, leaving at 10 am. Shari is the leader. We have the entire winery until 2pm. Wine and Beer included. They won gold medals for many of their wines and best micro winery in CA.
4. Brentwood Car Show, Aug 6. Sign up here at meeting (Shari has sign up sheet), Rich will sign members up with Brentwood Downtown Coalition. No cost, and contact Rich for signups. Rich will go on line on behalf of the club. Note this is NOT streets of Brentwood, but a downtown event.
5. Gimmick Rally: Aug 20th. Ralph and Dianna Cernera are organizing. Flyer available. Meet at 12:30 at DB Yacht Club, \$25 for event plus \$5 for poker hand. At end of run a divorce lawyer will be available to negotiate differences between drivers and navigators, then at 4pm dinner and drinks, wherever the rally ends. Ralph has requested \$120 from the club to cover rally related expenses, Betty made a motion to provide \$120 support for the rally, Sharon seconded, with unanimous approval made by club.
6. DBCC is invited to participate in the Brisbane BBQ and Blues on August 28, presented by the Santa Clara Corvette Club. Derek Abel is sponsoring, cooking up his famous steaks and bringing his blues band. Cost is unknown, and Shari will distribute a flyer.
7. Sept 25th we going to Boat House in Lathrop in lieu of Cappo Di Bocce. Lowell is heading the run and much more cost effective, \$15/lunch incl. tip

**Public Relations Report (Kathy Doty):** Kathy submitted two articles to the Brentwood Press regarding presentation of DBCC scholarship. It is anticipated to be printed soon.

### Sunshine Report (Marilyn Allen):

1. Danville's 4th of July parade used our Christmas decorations for the DB Christmas parade. The decorations looked great.
2. Laura and Jerry are moving back to their NEW home in July, and also their daughter is now to be married.
3. Al and Paula are moving into their new home.
4. Neva's mom passed away. Her Services are tomorrow (Friday), Marilyn has information on Los Gatos location.
5. Kathy Pimentel is back, and feeling well.
6. July Birthdays: Bob Anderson, Brian Enbom, Vicki Hunter, Bernie Ralph, Rich Dooley, Laura Hardt, Rich Brenetto, Steve Gilpin, Howard Maxwell, Erlyn Lucas-Payne, Shari Peck, and Lowell Onstad.
7. Treats: Thanks to Sandy Ramos and Michelle White for treats tonight, Kathy Pimentel and Joanne Onstad are scheduled to bring treats for next month.

**NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** Dave refuses to be the bearer of bad news, so instead reported that a C8 mid-engine mule was spotted on the test track. Pictures to be in next newsletter. New car not expected until 2018. Maybe this car will have a new V6 or V8 with electric all wheel assist. Also, GM plans to invest \$290M at the Bowling Green Plant for improved processes and higher production volume, announced last week, following \$400K recent investment at the plant. Finally, Dave is predicting heartburn for Ford when the new mid-engine Vette rolls out. His predictions were well received by the club!

**Old Business:** There was no other old business.

**New Business:** Dave Harris discussed \$139.00 Novi Stretch Braw. Bill Cassons reported they work great, and so sexy since you can see through it (to see the emblem).

**59/50 Raffle:** \$80.00 Winner was Jack Parker. Adjourn meeting: Betty Motioned, Mary Hodel seconded, and unanimous approval for adjournment.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. by Lowell.**

# Jack and Amy's DBCC Summer Fun Party! 7/17/16







# 2016 CORVETTE STINGRAY

Corvette Stingray was named one of Car and Driver's 10Best cars for the second consecutive year in 2015.



**BUILT AT:** Bowling Green, Ky.  
**EPA VEHICLE CLASS:** Coupe

## NEW FOR 2016

- Twilight Blue, Spice Red and Jet Black Design Packages
- Corvette Racing Yellow Tintcoat and Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat exterior colors
- New standard wheel design offered in four finishes
- Flat-bottom steering wheel
- Power-cinch feature for coupe hatch and convertible trunk latches
- Front curb view parking camera offered on 2LT and 3LT trims
- Magnetic Ride Control offered on Stingray models without the Z51 package; includes 19"/20" wheels and rear spoiler
- Enhanced Chevrolet MyLink with phone integration technology, including Apple CarPlay capability

## VEHICLE HIGHLIGHTS

- Lightweight materials, including an aluminum frame; carbon fiber hood and removable roof panel; composite fenders, doors and rear quarter panels; carbon-nano composite underbody panels contribute to optimal 50/50 weight balance
- Five-position Drive Mode Selector that tailors 12 vehicle attributes to fit the driver's environment
- Interior that offers genuine carbon fiber and aluminum trim, hand-wrapped leather materials and dual eight-inch configurable, high-definition color driver/infotainment screens
- Available Z51 Performance Package with specific wheels, tires, brakes, cooling, suspension, electronic limited-slip differential, gearing, dry-sump oil system, performance exhaust and aero package
- Available Performance Data Recorder - or PDR - enables users to record high-definition video, with telemetry overlays, of their driving experiences on and off the track
- OnStar 4G LTE with Wi-Fi hotspot (3GB/three-month trial)

## SAFETY FEATURES

- Four standard air bags, including side-impact air bags
- Four-wheel disc brakes with four-channel ABS
- Active Handling with electronic stability control
- Safety belt pretensioners
- Tire pressure monitoring with run-flat tires

## EPA FUEL ECONOMY

	CITY	HWY
MANUAL	17	29
AUTO	16	29



## FUEL TANK

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## POWERTRAIN

ENGINE	LT1 6.2L V-8 VVT with direct injection and cylinder deactivation
TRANSMISSION	seven-speed manual (std.) or eight-speed paddle-shift automatic (opt.)
DRIVELINE	rear-wheel drive
HORSEPOWER	455 @ 6000 rpm (460 hp w/ avail. exhaust)
TORQUE	460 lb-ft @ 4600 rpm (465 lb-ft w/ avail. exhaust)

## CHASSIS & SUSPENSION

FRONT	short/long arm (SLA), cast aluminum control arms, transverse-mounted composite spring, monotube shocks. Magnetic Ride Control available
REAR	short/long arm (SLA), cast aluminum control arms, transverse-mounted composite spring, monotube shocks. Magnetic Ride Control available
STEERING	electric variable-ratio power steering
BRAKES	Brembo 4-wheel-discs with four-piston fixed calipers. 12.6" front rotors (Stingray) or 13.6" front rotors (Z51)
WHEEL SIZE	18 x 8.5" (front) and 19 x 10" (rear) - Stingray 19 x 8.5" (front) and 20 x 10" (rear) - Z51

## EXTERIOR

WHEELBASE	106.7"	LENGTH	176.9"
WIDTH	73.9"	HEIGHT	48.6"
FRONT TRACK	63"	REAR TRACK	61.7"

## INTERIOR

HEADROOM	38"
LEGROOM	43"

## CARGO & CURB WEIGHT

	COUPE	CONVERTIBLE
MAX CARGO ROOM	15 cu. ft.	10 cu. ft.
CURB WEIGHT	3298 lbs.	3362 lbs.

For More Information: [Media.Chevrolet.com](http://Media.Chevrolet.com)

# *Final Numbers For The 2016 C7 Corvette Model Year Released*

## **40,689 Corvettes were produced for 2016**

52.6 percent were Stingray coupes.

28.4 percent were Z06 coupes.

12.4 percent were Stingray convertibles.

6.7 percent were Z06 convertibles.

The 2LT package was the most popular trim, but the 3LZ package was the most popular for the Z06.

371 Corvettes were outfitted with the Twilight Blue package

535 received the Spice Red trimmings

454 had the Jet Black Suede package.

### C7.R Edition

500 were earmarked for the U.S.

150 were sent off to other global markets.

570 of these special Corvettes were coupes, 80 were convertibles.

### Colors

Arctic White— 21%

Black—17%

Torch Red— 15%

Shark Gray—12%

Laguna Blue—9%

Long Beach Red—8%

Corvette Racing Yellow—7%

Blade Silver—6%

Daytona Sunrise Orange—2%

Night Race Blue—2%

Admiral Blue— 1%

	Coupe	Convertible	Z06 Coupe	Z06 Convertible	TOTALS
<u>DELIVERY</u>					
U.S.	19,826	4,557	10,451	2,448	37,282
CANADA	925	355	351	162	1,793
MEXICO	122	0	85	0	207
JAPAN	76	5	94	16	191
MIDEAST	146	4	102	2	254
EUROPE	292	106	460	104	962

# Dave and Sheri Peck's Renegade Winery Run! 7/31/16







# Favorite Corvette Winners! Congratulations!



## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ARTICLE



by Dave Gatt

### Mid-engined Chevrolet Corvette C8 spotted testing!



The top left and center are the first pictures of a Chevrolet Corvette C8 test mule running a Corvette body over its mid-engined underpinnings. This car, which was photographed from about one mile away, looks to be wearing an adapted Corvette C7 exterior. The mule has gained a pair of rear buttresses and flat centre section, hinting at its mid-engine layout and supporting information that the drastically different next-gen model is back in the cards.

The C8 is also expected to use more aluminium in its construction to save weight. As this latest mule shows, the Corvette C8 is still at an early stage in its development. The finished car isn't expected to arrive before 2018, with most sources predicting a debut at 2018 North American International Auto Show, First cars arrive 2019.

### GM plans \$290 million investment in Corvette plant!

Kentucky officials say General Motors Corp. plans to invest \$290 million at the automaker's Corvette plant in Bowling Green. The company's North American manufacturing manager, Arvin Jones, said Friday. The investment includes technology upgrades to improve the Kentucky plant's manufacturing process. The investment announcement was made by Gov. Matt Bevin's office in Frankfort. Bevin's office says the investment includes a \$153 million project aimed at improving vehicle assembly line processes. The latest investment follows a series of upgrades and expansions in recent years at the Corvette assembly plant in south-central Kentucky.

To encourage the investment, Kentucky officials recently gave preliminary approval for GM to qualify for up to \$3 million in tax incentives, based on the level of investment and job creation. This follows a \$439 million investment for a new paint shop at the factory, which only build the Corvette at the relatively low rate of about \$25,000 cars annually. You think maybe another halo performance Cadillac on the horizon..? Kind of makes sense! Hmmm.

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# Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi Everyone!

Things are still a little crazy for us but we are finally back home and it is so good to be back home.

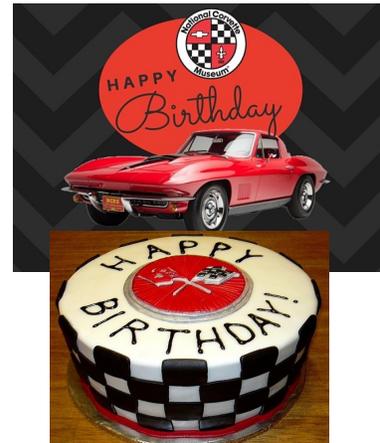
It has been a long journey. Our house fire occurred August 2015. We lived in a hotel with our 3 dogs from August to October. We were then in a rental from October until the end of July. The rental had many, many issues that the landlord/Marples agency never addressed and instead of resolving the issues they raised the rent by \$2,000 making the rent close to \$6,000 a month. They knew we were in a jam and had nowhere else to go so they took advantage of our unfortunate situation. I wish no one ever has to deal with what we went through or deal with the people we dealt with. Our situation was already stressful enough and the landlord/Marples agency added further stress. It is a miracle neither Jerry or I suffered a stroke or heart attack.

I wasn't able to attend Jack and Amy Pera's Summer Fun Party. I heard it was great. Luckily Patti Brunetto and my husband Jerry were able to provide me pictures of the event. Thank you! Also thank you to Brian Enbom for some pictures from the Renegade Winery Run!

See you soon

Laura Hardt

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## July

**Howard Maxwell 7/1 Erlyn Luca-Payne 7/2 Bob Anderson 7/6**

**Vickie Hunter 7/6 Brian Enbom 7/6 Bernie Realph 7/7 Rich Dooley 7/15**

**Steven Gilpin 7/21 Laura Hardt 7/22 Shari Peck 7/23 Rich Brunetto 7/29 Lowell Onstad 7/31**

## August

Don Payne 8/4 Don Ramos 8/5 Denis Walter 8/8 Danica Harris 8/11 Elly Walter 8/13

Marilyn Allen 8/16 Ralph Cernera 8/18 Arnold Plonczak 8/25 Susan Anderson 8/26

Bruce Chapman 8/27 Roger Boaz 8/31

## September

Beverley Deeley 9/2 Jack Parker 9/2 John Bento 9/5 Danny Parker 9/10 Carol A. Helfrick 9/12

Jean Franklin 9/21 Gorden Wilson 9/24 Bill Burdick 9/25 Karen Krowl Denham 9/25 Tom Lester 9/30



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