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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:
September 1st, 2016 7:30**

Secretary - Ed O'Brien

DBCC General Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2016

August Minutes taken by Shari Peck



Brought to order by Vice President Jack Pera – He thanked Shari and Dave Peck for the great run to Renegade Winery.

Curt Maloney donated a gift certificate for a car detail at Deep Reflections Auto Detailers

Don Ramos mentioned a Mazatlán Golf Trip, Valentine's Weekend (50%) play golf. All-inclusive resort cost out of Sac \$1,595.00. Tuesday – Tuesday (dates not specified). 8 seats left on the airplane. 11-12 couples from DBCC are going.

David Vercoe is selling his 1977 T-top, rebuilt by Able for \$12K.

Perspective member Gary Peters.

Treasurer Report – Brian Enbom— as of 7/31 \$10,636

WSCC – Report – Joe Pimentel—next General Meeting to be held “Corvettes at the Castle” October 1st, 10am – 4pm at Ledson Winery in Kenwood. All clubs invited to participate. Now updated in Calendar.

Al Sauvadon – Great party at the Pera's house with 33 cars in attendance!

Approval of minutes and seconded

Sunshine Report – Marilyn Allen – Great news about John Flebut, cancer not spreading.

Al and Paula unpacking boxes.

Brian and Diane Enbom have a new grandson

Jack and Amy Pera won the Danville Choice award for their 68 Vette

Kathy Pimentel is doing better and is getting stronger.

Marilyn Allen has her hip replacement scheduled for end of October.

Birthday's announced.

Events– Sheri Peck—Announced upcoming events: Bayside Blues and BBQ – 8/28; CHP Cops and Rodders Show & Shine - 9/17; Boat House Lunch and Bocce/Horseshoes 9/25.

Ralph and Diana Cernera's Gimmick Rally!

8/20/16









Two Racers Join Museum's Performance Area

With most of the cars on display in the Museum on loan from private individuals, no two visits are the same. And on your next visit to the Museum you may notice two new racers to the display floor in the Performance Area.

The first is a gorgeous **1963 Grand Sport II Replica** on loan from Michael and Jeannie Bell of Indianapolis, IN. The Grand Sport conversion on this car was initially completed in 2002 at Mid America Industries and the first owner of the car was Jim Prather. It uses a real 1963 Sting Ray body and chassis, titled with serial number 308375120339. The car originally had a 1996 GM LT-4 engine and 6-speed transmission. Painted Admiral Blue with red fender hash marks, a white center racing stripe and Torch Red interior, it pays homage to the 1996 Grand Sport.



Michael took the car completely apart and gutted it, installing a race engine – a 427 cubic-inch stroker Dart block with a 10.7:1 compression ratio that runs on 93 octane. It boasts 770 horsepower and has a T-56 6-speed. Other features of the car are a four-inch tube frame with a 1989 Z51 Corvette heavy-duty suspension, except for Alden coil-overs up front and VBP monoleaf rear suspension; Z26 Warrior slotted and drilled rotors and an 18-point roll cage. The car also has a custom, one-of-a-kind Holley induction system, a side-draft EFI with a MSD Digital 6-Plus computer system that plugs into a Dominator V2 vehicle management system.

The car has racked up too many accolades to name including Mid America Motorworks Celebrity Choice Winner in 2012 and 2014; Best of Show 500 World of Wheels in 2013 and 2015; Bloomington Gold Best of Show in 2015; NCCC 2015 Convention Concours Best of Show National Champion. It was in the December 2014 issue of Vette Vues magazine, and featured on the publication's cover in July 2002. While the car is street legal and Michael does drive it on occasion, he has also tracked it at Pocono, the NCM Motorsports Park and other tracks for SCCA competitions.

Also on display in the Performance Area is an original 1969 Big Block, 4-speed coupe race car. It is #969 in the Registry of Corvette Race Cars. There is so much history on this car we couldn't fit it all on the display readerboard!

In 1972, Randy Wittine (a Corvette Hall of Fame inductee), bought the car from a customer (Rudy Kreiter) of Jerry Pennington who ran a custom car shop in Troy, MI. Randy crewed for and designed all the paint schemes for the Owens Corning Fiberglass Corvette Racing Team of Tony DeLorenzo and Jerry Thompson (also in the Hall of Fame).



The current title for the car is dated May 26, 1972 and was notarized by Wilma Kreiter, wife of Rudy. The car was originally black. Randy added the FIA style fender flares, L88 hood, and Minilite wheels he bought from Tony DeLorenzo, subsequent to their use on the Owens-Corning Vettes. In 1973 Dr. Richard Bostyan (a member of the Daytona Beach Corvette Club who had become friends with the OC racing team in the late 1960s) bought the car from Randy. Jerry Thompson helped deliver the car to a former GM co-worker's hot rod shop, Rudy Kreiter's Buggy Works in Detroit. Rudy gutted the car, added the roll cage and racing seat.

In 1974 Doc drove up to Detroit and trailered the car back to his race shop in Daytona Beach. He rented a garage at the airport next to the speedway where he and some of his racer buddies (Jim Owen for one) installed a ZL1 motor and finished preparing the car to race in the SCCA AP class. Doc raced the car for the second half of the 1974 season in Florida with such great success he won the AP class in the SE Division. He took the car to the National Run-Offs at Road Atlanta that fall and blew up the ZL1 engine. In 1975 Doc ran a few IMSA Camel GT races including the November 30th IMSA Finale where he co-drove with Jerry Thompson.

In 1976 the car (#19) was run in the IMSA 12 Hours of Sebring, with Doc co-driving with Don Yenke and Jerry Thompson. Jerry qualified the car 7th on the grid, on the first lap of the race John Greenwood's Corvette and David Hobbs' BMW had an off-track experience, thereby putting Jerry into the lead for the first lap of the race. Doc tells of how Chris Economacky, the famous announcer, came down to their pit stall to see how this low budget, unknown team came to be leading the race overall. Eventually the car had some mechanical problems but still finished 31st. Later that year Doc won the Bilstein SCCA National race at Palm Beach.

In 1977 the car, running as #19, competed in the 12 Hours of Sebring with Doc co-driving with Gene Felton. They started 36th and finished 71st, only making nine laps. Doc and Gene Felton raced together again that fall in the IMSA Paul Revere 250 at Daytona. In 1978, running as car #20, Doc, Don Yenke and Jerry Thompson started in 15th at the 24 Hours of Daytona. They placed 50th with a DNF, completing 152

laps. Don, Jerry and Doc ran together again that year at the 12 Hours of Sebring, starting at 26th and placing 64th with another DNF, only completing 26 laps. Don over revved and blew the engine. Don bought Doc a new motor from Bill King Racing Engines (a builder of engines for the Owens Corning team). This same engine is in the car today.

Doc added the wide body flares and painted the car red, the running as #21 at Daytona in an SCCA race.

Skip ahead nearly two decades to 2009. Jerry Thompson is being inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame and present are both Doc and Jerry's son Chris. Doc's car had been sitting idle in his shop since 1982, so a deal was struck and Chris purchased the car. A couple of days before the November 2009 HRS Fall event at Daytona Speedway Chris, his father Jerry, daughter Sara, long-standing crew members Al Trudeau, Mike Hurley, Steve, the infamous race car driver Michael DeFontes and Doc all gather at his shop in Daytona to finish prepping the car for competition. Jerry climbed back in the car after over 30 years and ripped it around Daytona's high banks. He shared driving duties in the two hour HRS enduro with son Chris and Mike DeFontes.

In 2010, Jerry, Chris and crew cleaned and went through the car, preparing it for vintage racing. The car has a new ATL fuel cell bladder, the carb has been rebuilt, new Holley fuel pumps, all of the calipers have been rebuilt, all of the fluids have been changed, the radiator has been re-cored and the car is ready for historic racing.

In 2012 Kent Hussey purchased and contracted with Kevin Mackay to restore it. The car appeared at the 2014 NCRS National Convention and the 2015 Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance.



A Special Corvette Delivery!

For Abbie Watt's 4th birthday, her grandfather, Tim Watts, had the perfect gift. As the owner of a 1963 Nassau Blue Corvette he wanted to share the hobby with his granddaughter, so he purchased her a 1963 Riverside Red battery operated Corvette. The only question was – how to present the gift to her in true Corvette fashion? As members of the National Corvette Museum, Tim and Debbie had heard of the R8C Corvette Delivery Program and the NCM Experience Program, so they contacted the Museum to see if something similar could be done with a child-sized Corvette.

On Saturday, August 20, 2016 the family traveled from Hendersonville, TN to present Abbie with her gift. Joining them in celebration were Abbie's aunt, mom, dad and little sister. With her name in lights on Corvette Boulevard, and signage declaring the miniature collector car as hers – Abbie was presented with her iconic American Sports Car. Just like the models 54 years later that dot the Museum's Boulevard, waiting to be picked up by their new owners, Abbie's Corvette was driven out of the Museum in style, down Victory Lane, pausing for photos which illustrate that owning a Corvette really is Living the Dream.



Maybe we'll see Abbie again in 12 years for an upgrade in Corvette size (hint, hint Grandpa)! But for now, we know her little sister is anxiously anticipating her turn to pickup a pint-sized Corvette at the Museum. Thank you to the Watts family for making Corvette memories with us!

To book your child's special delivery, please contact Kellie Steen at 270-467-8852 or kellie@corvettemuseum.org.

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Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi Everyone!

Ralph and Diana Cernera organized a truly fantastic Gimmick Rally! This was my first Gimmick Rally so I wasn't sure what to expect.

Before we headed off on our Run, there was a meeting where they explained everything. I was thinking to myself, how am I going to remember all the abbreviations? Luckily everything we needed was in our handouts.

Jerry and I travelled through our course, participated in the events and finally reached our destination where many outstanding awards were handed out.

It was really an amazing and fun experience and if you weren't able to attend you really missed out on a fantastic Run.

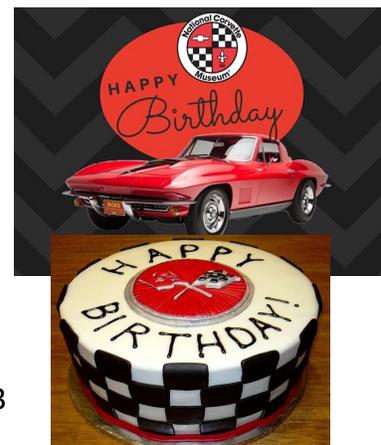
I know it takes a lot of work to do a Gimmick Rally but I really hope this will be an annual event as I am looking forward to participating in future ones.

Thank you Ralph and Diana. You truly went all out on the Gimmick Rally. Thank you for all your hard work in making it a truly memorable event and thank you to all your helpers.

See you soon

Laura Hardt

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August

Don Payne 8/11 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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