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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club



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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:
October 6th, 2016 7:30 pm**

Secretary - Ed O'Brien



DBCC General Meeting Minutes September 1, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by Lowell Onstad

Lowell welcomed guests:

- 1) Alissa, student from Heritage High School, requested DBCC support for their Homecoming Parade, ideally need 20 cars, but could use fewer cars since they can circle around. Date is Sept 22nd couple convertibles for their homecoming parade, arrive 4:30-5:00 p.m. at Streets of Brentwood. Rich Allen is coordinating for DBCC, get info to/from Rich, who has applications from Heritage.
- 2) David Auberry, friend of Kathy Doty.
- 3) Sandy and Len McDonald, friends of Dave and Danica. This is their second meeting. They are from Pahrump NV and have a '15. They have had 5 Corvettes over the years.

V.P. Report (Jack Pera): Has Name tags for a number of new members, and presented tags to Gary and June Peters, applied last meeting, here tonite. Current count is 67 members, largest in DBCC history.

Secretary Report (Ed O'Brien): No correction to the minutes. Brian Enbom made motion to accept and Bob Anderson 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.

WSCC Representative: (Joe Pimentel) Joe asked Lowell to explain WSCC changes with DBCC positions on those changes. DBCC Board of Director supports all WSCC minor bylaw changes (included with minutes from Joe) EXCEPT the proposal to soften the requirement of Corvette ownership for membership. DBCC supports the existing, mandatory requirement for Corvette ownership. Lowell announced WSCC officer board members were also presented. Bob Anderson moved for WSCC to accept Bylaw proposed changes as discussed, Jack Pera seconded, club unanimously voted to support. Joe reported next convention to be held in Oct 2017 in Las Vegas, and every other year beyond, and is looking for club sponsorship of a gathering meeting in a non-convention year, with 75% profit split to the local club (25% WSCC). Joe and Lowell have copies of the WSCC changes if members are interested in reviewing proposed changes.

Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera): Nothing new on website, all posted. Current newsletter posted, and current flyers for runs.

Publications Report (Laura Hardt): Laura requests members email pictures (i.e. gimmick rally) and articles to her.

Quartermaster Report (Diana Cernera): Gimmick Rally T-Shirt orders are open, be sure to see Diana, even if you saw her at the rally be sure to check with her. Also, see Diana for a button collar t-shirt (like Jack Pera's), as they will be discontinued.

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

Events Report (Shari Peck and Cheryl Fleb'ut): Shari not present tonite, so Rich went through the list of current events on the calendar.

1. Ralph thanked all for participating in the Gimmick Rally. Lowell thanked Ralph and Diana for a great event.
2. Lowell discussed the Sept 25th run to the Boat House in Lathrop. Leave at 10 am from Chase Bank. Lowell is heading the run and much more cost effective, \$15/lunch incl. tip and non-alcoholic drinks. No host bar available. Horseshoe, Bocce, and volleyball courts available. RSVP by the 15th of Sept. Contact Shari for bocce and horseshoes.
3. Cheryl announced the Nichelini Winery Run for Sat. Oct 22nd, located in hills above St. Helena near Lake Berryessa. Cheryl has flyers and needs real good headcount, with early RSVP. Run includes stop at Turtle Rock Bar, a great fun bar. El Bonita in St. Helena is hotel best price. Should be fun that includes playing bocce, and crush grapes possibly. Calistoga about ½ hr away, 90 min drive from Brentwood.
4. Car Show, DB Lions, Sept 10th being held at the community center. Starts at 10 am, cars there at 8:30. Show at community center. Shari will handle registrations for DBCC participants. See Rich for sign ups.
5. Light Parade in Dec., work is in progress, and is on calendar.
6. Christmas Brunch Run in Dec. is on calendar.
7. WSCC events now on calendar also!
8. Click on calendar date for event and additional information will be displayed.

Public Relations Report (Kathy Doty): East Co Co County Historical Museum has a brick walkway being built. Kathy proposed we spend \$100 to support the museum and purchase a brick. Board of Directors had approved the idea. Sandy Ramos motioned to support, Betty seconded, unanimously passed. Ralph and Kathy discussed the great things the museum people do, their knowledge and student support.

Lowell announced Joe, Kathy, Rich and Bob will support Liberty High's Homecoming parade this year with their cars.

Marlilyn Allen recommended Kathy's phone number be with the Grapevine for DBCC related contacts.

Sunshine Report (Marilyn Allen):

1. Ralph and Diana's rally was great and lots of fun!
2. Roger and Mary are in Hawaii
3. Lowell's surgery postponed, but he's looking forward to it in a couple weeks
4. John is doing well with his hormones, and looking forward to immune-therapy regimen.
5. Linda Humbert's boyfriend Frank passed away, and Marilyn sent a card from DBCC.
6. Neva thanked the club for the flowers for her mom's recent service. It meant a lot to her and her family.
7. Happy Birthdays! Bev Deeley, Bill Burdick, Jack and Danny Parker, John Bento, Karen Denham, Carol Helfrick, Jean Franklin, and Gordy Wilson.
8. Treats: Thanks to Betty Silva for the great pineapple desert. Sue Anderson also brought great goodies too. Janie Parker and Joanne Onstad are scheduled to bring treats for next month.

NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt): A new Fast and 'Furious movie being filmed featuring Corvette, also 2017's are being delivered, including Grand Sports and many new color/stripe combinations. Corvette producing record numbers of cars: In 2016 40,698 produced up 19% over 2015. 17 hall of fame members attended the most recent NCM anniversary event, including Bob Bondurant. Ford's LeMan win will be on TV CBS 60 minutes next Tues, but Corvette racing is turning up the heat and now doing very well on the GT circuit against the Ford GT!!

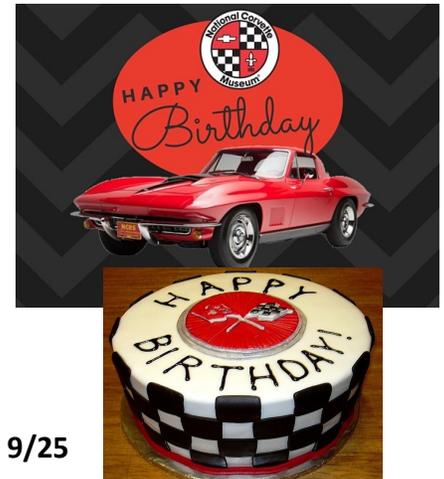
Old Business: Lowell announced that name Badges required to be worn at future club meetings. This is to assist members in getting to know each other better. He is instituting a whopping \$1.00 charge if you forget.

New Business: Lowell is looking for officers this month and next. All existing officers good to stay in place except WSCC rep Joe Pimentel, whereupon Tim Denham was nominated, and Tim will look into it. Kathy Doty is busy next year so would like to pass on her Public relations position. Danica Harris is thinking about taking the position.

50/50 Raffle: There was no raffle tonite.

Adjourn meeting: Joanne Onstad Motioned, Diana Cerner seconded, and unanimous approval for adjournment.

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



September

Beverly Deeley 9/2 Jack Parker 9/2 John Bento 9/5 Danny Parker 9/10

Carol A. Helfrick 9/12 Jean Franklin 9/21 Gordon Wilson 9/24 Bill Burdick 9/25

Karen Krowl Denham 9/25 Tom Lester 9/30

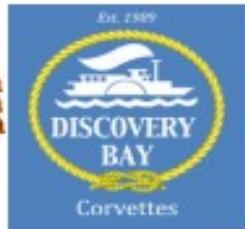
October

Al Sauvadon 10/2 Neva Burdick 10/12 Joe Pimentel 10/19 Paula Sauvadon 10/21

Curt Maloney 10/21 Steve Buckman 10/24 Lee Brant 10/28 Diana Cerner 10/29

Deborah Chapman 10/31

BBQ and BOCCE



Camping

John & Cheryl's Corvette Wine Run To

NICHELINI
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Saturday October 22ND

Nichelini Family Winery

<http://www.nicheliniwinery.com/>

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St. Helena, California 94574

Phone: 707-963-0717

\$20 per person for BBQ

9:45am Start at Discovery Bay Yacht Club

World Famous Egg Roll Stop at:



Tasting, Bocce, and BBQ - 12 to 5pm

\$20 per person for Tasting at Winery

(\$20 Tasting fee will be waived with Purchase)

Overnight camping at the Nichelini Picnic grounds available

(Please RSVP to Cheryl 925-684-4637, Water and Electricity only, Cost TBD)

Disco Johnny's
Famous BBQ Tri Tip &
Chicken, Salad, Beans,
Garlic French Bread!

Make Checks payable to:
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5460 Beaver Lane
Discovery Bay, CA 94505

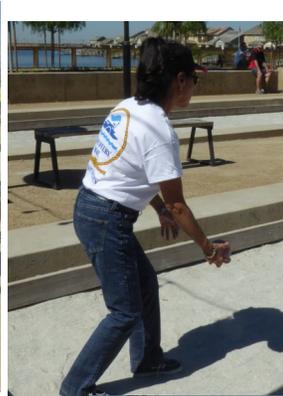
DEADLINE TO JOIN:
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The Boathouse at Rivers Island Run 9/25/16







A few members did a mini-run to Delicato Family Vineyards after the Laphrop Boathouse.



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Discovery Bay Corvette Members at the Big Cat Run



Terry Laughlin working on one of the boats , a 1360hp Mercruiser at the dock prior to the run.



The Zupans and O'Briens having fun in Kauai!



SCCC's Blues by the Bay

Bill and Neva Burdick took the lead that day. There were 5 cars from the Discovery Bay Corvettes. The SCCC's Blues by the Bay event starred Derek Abel's band and his great steaks! The weather was also great and the event lots of fun!

Also seen was a "Wet Vette" sailboat in the Brisbane Marina which is owned by a couple guys that both own Corvettes.



Trunk or Treat at the Track by the National Corvette Museum

Tick-or-Treaters are invited to visit the NCM Motorsports Park on Tuesday October 25th from 4 pm to 6 pm for this free event! No registration necessary for Trick-or-Treaters, just show up!

The NCM is inviting individuals, businesses, clubs and other groups to decorate their vehicle trunks and hand out candy.

Those bringing a vehicle to hand out candy can register so they know how many to expect. There will be prizes for the best decorated!

This is a great way to promote your business or organization while having fun and supporting the community.

- Best Business
- Best Non-Profit
- Best Club
- Best School or Day Care
- Best Sorority or Fraternity
- Best Church
- Best Individual Entry



Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Leading the charge will be Jeffrey Duda of Hainesport, NJ, a Lifetime Member of the Museum and previous co-captain of the New Jersey 2014 and 2009 Caravans.

The 6th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 28-31, 2019. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. An event such as this requires years of planning and coordinating. All help is appreciated!

If you would like to volunteer to be a Caravan Captain, please email Jeff at nationalchairman2019@verizon.net

Quadriplegic Racer Drives Corvette at 152 MPH!

Sam Schmidt was a promising driver with 27 Indy Racing League starts when he went into the wall at Walt Disney World Speedway in Orlando, Florida on January 6, 2000 and became a quadriplegic. Many assumed that his driving days were over. They were not. Arrow Electronics called and asked if he'd like to get behind the wheel again. Schmidt said he signed on "without hesitation." Thanks to the amazing work of engineers for the Arrow company, Schmidt has indeed been able to drive fast again with just the use of his head.



Schmidt has driven the semi-autonomous Corvette at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway with speeds of 152 mph, smashing his old record of 107 mph set in 2014 in a Stingray at the same track.

"It was a thrill to be back in control and hitting racing speeds on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway again," Schmidt said. "The SAM project is a great example of what's possible when the right people come together to innovate and push boundaries."

Arrow's engineers continue to improve the Corvette's electronic steering, acceleration, and braking systems that are controlled through an updated headset that Schmidt wears.

Thanks to a new IoT (Internet of Things) platform, real-time adjustments to the car can be made by Schmidt and the Arrow team while it was on the track. "Arrow's engineers incorporated insights learned from the previous model to build an advanced car design that incorporates cutting-edge Internet of Things technologies and live data-streaming, among other exciting improvements," said Joe Verrengia, Arrow's global director of corporate social responsibility, who oversees the company's SAM project. "We hope the SAM car continues to inspire and drive technology innovation forward."



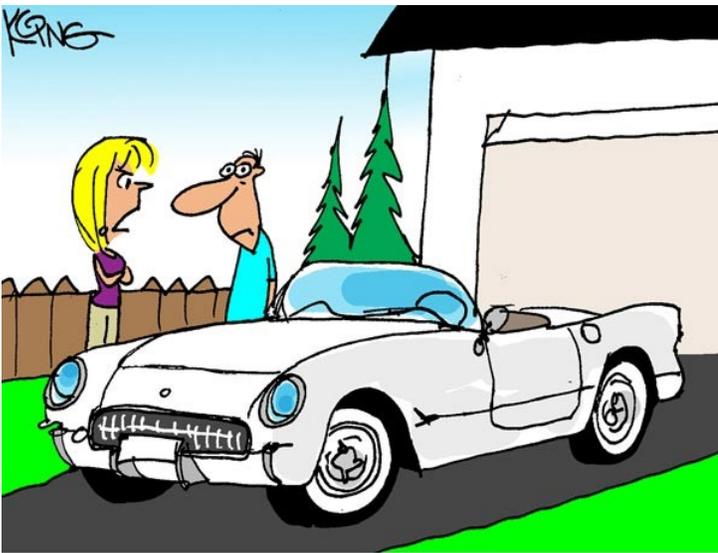
GM is Recalling All 2014-2017 Corvettes for Air Bag Software Defect

General Motors has announced a recall notice to fix a defect in the software that controls the vehicle's air bags. The nationwide recall notice affects about 3.6 million vehicles in the USA including all 2014-2017 C7 Corvettes.

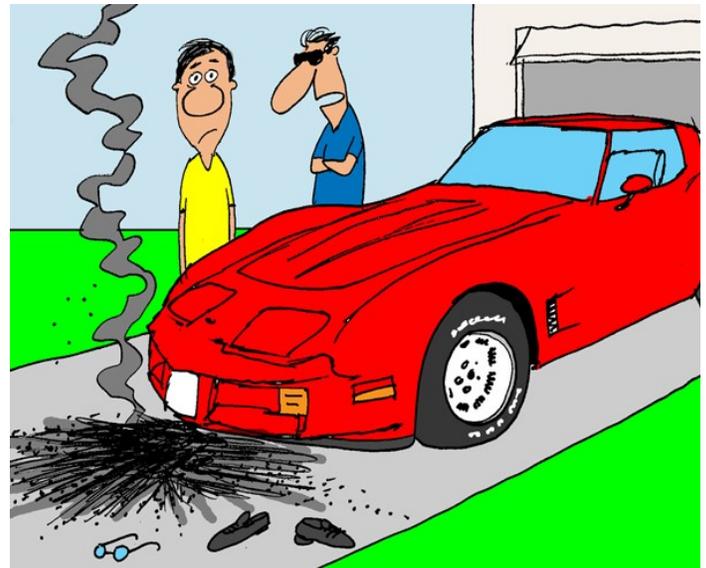
According to an AP report, GM said in rare cases the vehicle's computers can go into test mode and the front air bags will not inflate in a crash. It's also possible that seat belt pretensioners may not function as planned. GM says the defect is linked to at least one death.

In addition to all C7 Corvettes, the recall notice "16007 - Frontal Airbag and Pretensioner Non Deploy" also includes the following GM vehicles:

- 2014-2017 Buick Encore
- 2014-2016 Buick LaCrosse
- 2015-2017 Cadillac Escalade, Escalade ESV
- 2014-2017 Chevrolet Caprice, Silverado, Trax
- 2014-2016 Chevrolet Spark EV, SS
- 2015-2017 Chevrolet Suburban, Tahoe
- 2014-2017 GMC Sierra



"I realize you love driving your Corvette, but quit driving it to the end of the driveway to check the mail!"



"My new security system vaporizes anyone who gets too close to my Corvette. I'm going to miss Jim."

Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi Everyone!

I recently had a great experience at Abel Chevrolet.

I called Abel Chevrolet early one morning to see if I could get my oil changed on my 2016 Corvette Stingray and they said they were able to accommodate me. When Jerry and I arrived I was informed about the airbag recall on my vehicle and was asked if I had time to get it fixed. I said yes, lets get it done. Since it was going to take longer than expected, I asked if they could give us a ride to a Mexican restaurant so Jerry and I could have lunch. They were very accommodating and quickly gave us a ride. Jerry and I had a great lunch while they worked on my Corvette and when we were done we called them and they quickly came to pick us up. The oil change and recall repair was completed and my Corvette was ready for me. Thank you Abel Chevrolet for providing such excellent service! You truly have excellent customer service and outstanding employees!



I felt it was important to get the word out about the airbag recall so I have included that information in the Newsletter. So if you have a newer Corvette, please take your Corvette to get the issue resolved. Safety is very important!

What a fantastic Run we had to the Boathouse! The food was great and playing bocce was so much fun! Our next run will be to the Nichelini Family Winery. You will not want to miss out!

The National Corvette Caravan preparations have begun. The Caravan is scheduled to be held August 28-31, 2019. The Caravan occurs every 5 years. Jerry and I participated in the last Caravan with Mark and Denise Zuppan. It was such a great experience and we had a lot of fun. We are looking forward to participating in the 2019 Caravan. Come join the Caravan!

See you soon

Laura Hardt

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