

# DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

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# Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2017

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Sunshine Persons	Marilyn Allen	925-240-1055	marilynallen26@yahoo.com
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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!**

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**Next Meeting:  
October 5th, 2017 7:30 pm**





## OAKDALE Cheese Factory Tour and Lunch



**Saturday, October 14th, 2017**  
**Meet at Safeway parking lot at 10am**  
**Leaving at 10:15am Sharp**

Meet the cheesemakers, watch cheese being made and enjoy handcrafted cheese, wine and gourmet specialties under the willow trees. Satisfy a sweet tooth with treats from their bakery, savor a delicious lunch—  
Choice of Tri Tip or Teriyaki Chicken Sandwich \$15 includes; fresh fruit, pickle, cheese sample and soda/tea/coffee  
Beer/Wine/Dessert are available for purchase

*Name(s): and Sandwich Choice \_\_\_\_\_*

*Total \$*



Please send your Check - **Payable to DBCC to:**  
Shari Peck  
2284 Winchester Loop  
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**Drop Dead Deadline: October 9th 2017**

# Secretary - Ed O'Brien

## DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES / ORDER OF BUSINESS

9-7-2017



- **Call to Order** – Time 7:38 pm by President Lowell Onstad
- **President's Report (Lowell):** Welcomed everyone and introduced guests. Guests: Mark Lucas and his wife from Byron, who has an '08 Z06.
- **Vice President's Report (Jack Pera):** Welcomed Mark Lucas and he gave him an application.
- **Secretary's Report (Ed O'Brien):** No correction to the June minutes. Al Moved to accept as written, Erlyn seconded, club approved almost unanimously (one opposed.....maybe, Dave Peck, but not sure). Ed encouraged all to mark/sign the meeting sheet, especially guests.
- **Treasurer's Report (Brian):** Bank Account is in good shape. Brian ran into a previous DBCC member in Scotland who lives in the Bowling Green area and volunteers at the museum.
- **WSSC Report (Tim Denham with Dave Gatt):** Convention, register right away if interested in going. Auto Cross, Poker Run, Rallies, hospitality suite. Contact Tim if you are going.  
21-24 Sept. Laguna Seca, Scott White leading, tickets sponsored by General Motors. Scott has 5 hotel rooms reserved but will cancel if he doesn't hear from club members by end of this week. GT-1 racing, meet drivers and engineers. \$25 for corvette corral. Dave Gatt voiced support for this event, most vintage Corvettes you'll ever see. Cars from all over the country. Hooked on Driving sponsors the Run The Track Day on the 25th (\$319 for 5 sessions), also a very brisk, (you need a helmet), parade lap available for \$100. This is a Bucket List item not to miss!  
Dave Gatt saw the Ralph's in Bowling Green.  
Oct 7th, WSSC Car Show at Ledsun Winery Castle, plus WSSC general meeting and dinner that evening.
- **Webmaster Report ( Ralph not present, Diana spoke on his behalf) :** Send Ralph info on you and your Corvette. Check the website, its updated and download flyers!
- **Publication's Report (Laura):** Laura is looking for articles and/or pictures of Westmont or Abel events for the newsletter and can text pictures to Laura's cell phone (# in roster)! Erlyn will text to Laura a corvette picture from Burning Man!
- **Quarter Master Report (Diana):** See Diana to pick up or if you wish to purchase clothes with DBCC logos!
- **Board Member at Large Report (Rich):** The Bi-Annual Inaugural party set for Nov 11th. Theme and decorations will be Route 66. Location is DBYC. Event includes Corvette special parking and pictures. Double Shot will be playing the music. Food options include a couple choices 1) Stations by DBYC, including prime rib carving station, including 2 drinks, aprox \$25/ person, or 2) go outside and have Brentwood Fine Meats Tri Tip, etc. wine + 2 drinks, \$20.00 served. Salmon can replace chicken for same price. Prime Rib and Salmon was preferred by club. Prices assume 70 people. Time anticipated to be 6:30-11:30 pm. Rich needs help (3 people) with planning for decorations and activities.

- Events Report (Shari Peck):** Recap of previous events: Great times at the Brentwood Car show, Al the Wop's Run, then Car Show at Hanna Nicole, all had fun, plus Rich and Marilyn's party was super!!  
 Planned Events: Tomorrow, 9/8, Al and Paula Sauvadon hosting run to the CHP academy in Sacramento. 9 cars Leaving Lunch with the cadets is \$5. Picture opportunity at the academy. Includes guided tour of the CHP museum and store. Also school bus driver trainer facility at the California Department of Education nearby. Paula explained the route being taken, bring your radios.  
 Sept 10th, DB Lyon's Car Show at Discovery Bay Community Center, 5 cars registered. Let's win the trophy for the most club participation! Register either on line or at the event. We'll meet in the parking lot across from DB Community Center (not at Chase).  
 September 30th, mini run to Clayton October Fest! E-blast will be coming!  
New fun Idea! Polar Express Train ride down Niles Canyon from Sunol at 4:30 pm. Date proposed is Nov 18th. Shari needs feedback and a count ASAP as tickets go on sale Oct 10th (and they go fast). Tickets are \$30/person round trip, both open and closed cars available, you can bring your own food/drinks or purchase on the train. Jack said it is a real fun trip, best run at night. Eblast to come.  
 Oct 14th Oakdale Cheese Factory Tour. Jack Parker suggested. Ralph leading the run, lunch is great, plus cheese samples too! Blast is out and mark your calendars! \$15/person (chicken or tri tip sandwich).  
 Nov 11th Inagural dinner at DBYC. See Rich's discussion.  
 Dec 2nd. Small World Theme D.B. Parade. Rich Allen to organize first meeting for committee. Let's all participate!  
 Dec 10th Christmas Brunch at Lone Tree G.C. (Also Jack's Birthday!!)  
 50/50 raffle (see Dave for tickets).  
 Ed mentioned Sept 16th Cars and Coffee in Discovery Bay. 8-10 a.m. A total of 13 cars registered, easy to do and it will be fun. Ed will use the DBCC Banner.  
 Kim Bellinghausen has two cruises (Alaska and Carribean) available for DBCC membes. See Kim for flyers and details!
- Public Relations Report (Danica Harris):** Danica will be at the Lion's car show and bring cards! Janie Parker said free breakfast included with registration (either on line or on site). Arrive early for a shady location to beat the heat!
- Sunshine Report (Marilyn Allen):** Marilyn thanked Mary and Danica who helped her set up for a great party at the Allens.  
 Tony and Betty Silva celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. All invited tomorrow to DBYC. Cutting the cake at 8:15, contact Marilyn.  
 Jack and Amy are back and looking great!  
 Welcome Shari without her "stuff... and she's driving too!  
 Joe Pimentel had his surgery and is doing real well!  
 John FleBut is starting round 2 tomorrow. Best wishes John!! Best wishes to Jack and Amy too!  
 Our sympathy reaches out to Denise Zupan, who lost her mother Viola. Marilyn sent a card and coordinated flowers to be sent to her services, scheduled for tomorrow.



September Birthdays: Jack Parker, John Bento, Ann Parker, Carol Helfrick, Robert Ferreira, Jean Franklin, Alan Bellinghausen, Gordy Wilson, Bill Burdick, and Karen Denham.

Thanks to and Sandy and Mary for treats this month, and Janie Parker is scheduled for next month.

- **NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** Mid-Engine Corvette is expected but GM is mum... could be a supercharged V8 followed by a V6/electric drivetrain.
- **Old Business:** Lowell announced Lee and Marge DeSalles as gold star members. Congratulations, 27 years in DBCC!
- **New Business:** Lowell, announced nominations open: President: Al Sauvadon, Mark Zupan. VP: Ed O'Brien, Tim Denham. Secretary: Dave Peck, Cyndie Puckett. WSCC: Dave Harris (assuming he accepts nomination). Sunshine: Paula Sauvadon (appointed by Pres). (Appointed positions are NCM and Sunshine). Lowell announced nominations closed and ballots will be sent out to membership for voting.
- **50/50 Raffle:** Dave Peck reported \$80.00 in the pot to win. Erlyn won!!



# President- Lowell Onstad



Well, I am down to my last two articles for the news letter. One this month and one next month. I must admit it is very hard to come up with things to write about. Everything is very transparent and I hate repetitiveness. Our election of officers is in the works and we have one more month to see who the new board will be.

I made a trip to Abel Chevrolet to see Derek Abel and to find out if they are going to sponsor us next year. I know he really appreciates our business and wants to continue with the sponsorship. Because he is our sponsor, it is requested that all club members and family try to use them for their maintenance needs and any other business you might need.

We are going to be blessed with one of the founders at our next meeting. Dick and Bernie Realph are going to be here from Tennessee and plan on attending our club meeting. They are spending a couple of weeks and will continue on to the Convention in Las Vegas.

Well, I will not bore you anymore but sign off by stating, Save the Wave.



## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ARTICLE



by Dave Gatt

## SPORTS CAR CHAMPIONSHIP AT LAGUNA SECA!



The Corvette Teams weren't the only teams that were points racing on Sunday at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca. In GTLM, No. 3 Corvette Racing C7.R came into the weekend with a 16-point lead in the season standings. Surrendering their position to eventual race winner the No. 24 BMW M6 GTLM, as the Corvette Team opted to focus on keeping its Championship rivals behind them rather than challenging for the victory. This strategy keeps Corvette in First Place, in the Championship. Standings: Chevrolet, Ford, BMW, Porsche, Ferrari.

Cadillac DPi-V.R was impressive in the Prototype Class, and will clinch the season in First Place.

# CHP Run Experience by Dave Peck!

On Friday September 8, we had a great run set up by Al and Paula Sauvadon. 12 Corvettes of many different generations made our way to the State Capital for a tour of the CHP Academy and Museum. Let me just say, if you didn't attend, you missed out. The facility and grounds are amazing. They were completed in 1976 at a cost of \$16 million dollars. The cost today would have many more zeros. We were greeted by Sgt. Christensen, who gave us a brief history of the facility and the curriculum of the academy. There are 2 cadet classes at the academy at any given time, and the workload is heavy. Sgt. Christensen told us that some cadets have to go through the courses multiple times to complete their certifications; which include law enforcement, high speed driving, physical training and a host of other skills. Upon graduation and completion of 1 year in the department, officers can enroll back in the academy for special training for things like motor patrols, equestrian patrols and Capital security.

We then were taken on a tour of the CHP museum. It is funded entirely by volunteers and donations. There are exhibits showing the history of the CHP, as well as uniforms, equipment, significant events and an extensive display of CHP vintage motorcycles. To the dismay of most of the attendees, the exhibits of patrol cars showed Camaro's, Dodges, Plymouth's and even Mustangs. But alas, no Corvettes, Maybe a C8?

They had a large Multi Media display explaining a significant event in CHP and law enforcement history. It is referred to as the Newhall Incident. On April 5, 1970, 4 young CHP officers were essentially ambushed by two ex cons who had recently been released from prison. This one event changed the way officers in the CHP as well as other agencies conduct stops and the way they approach suspects. It is worth a Google search to learn a bit about this tragic event.

We were then shown around the grounds. In the center is a fountain with a memorial to all the fallen officers who have given their lives protecting the citizens of California. There is a moving ceremony conducted by specially selected cadets in which they approach the memorial in military formation. Then in precise timing, they each polish several of the small brass markers with the names of the fallen officers. We did not get to see the actual ceremony, but there are pictures in the museum.

After our tour, we had a great lunch in the academy cafeteria. The food is so good it speaks to how demanding the training is. If I had 3 meals there a day, I would weigh 300 lbs.

When we finished lunch, Sgt. Christenson had one more special treat for us. He made arrangements for us to visit the EVOC course. This is not something the public normally gets to do. EVOC is Emergency Vehicle Operations Course. When we arrived, Sgt. Christensen had us park in formation for a special picture. Soon after 2 Dodge Challenger patrol cars came screaming up. Drifting off the access road and onto the track. Tires screaming, smoke billowing and burning through radial tires at the rate of about 1 set every 20 minutes. The 2 instructors gave us an impromptu show of high speed maneuvering, drifting and high speed 360 degree spins. It was awesome. For once we felt like our tax dollars were going for a worthwhile cause. After about 10 minutes the instructors pulled up for a little one-on-one time. You could feel the heat coming off what was left of the hitherto brand new tires.



After our special photo Op, we thanked all the officers for the wonderful hospitality as well as the special glimpse of what CHP cadets have to endure to become one of the States elite law enforcement officers. Needless to say, Sgt, Christensen went above and beyond, and is a great ambassador for his fine department. Leaving the academy, we had one more stop to make. We went around the block to the Department of Education, Office of School Transportation. We were greeted by Al and Paula's daughter, Anna Borges, who is the Director of Transportation. She gave us a quick tour of their facility and then an overview of what the department does.

In a nutshell, they develop the training protocols for safe bus operation in the state. This includes School buses, transit buses, private busses, (like the ones that run back and forth to casino's), as well as buses operated by the department of corrections. They develop a curriculum for safe operations, and then they train the people from the various groups and agencies that train the drivers. Anna told us many stories of how changes in operations came about. Sadly most involved tragedies and loss of life, too many involving children. But the agency is committed to make every trip on a bus safer than it has ever been. They are currently championing ideas such as mandatory seat belts and safety buzzers which require the driver to walk to the back of the bus to turn off the buzzer, ensuring all passengers have disembarked. It was an interesting presentation into something most people take for granted.

We all thanked Anna and hit Hwy 5 for the return trip, hoping to beat the traffic. It was a great day thanks to all the planning and arrangements made by Al and Paula. This is something everyone should see, and we are hoping that Al and Paula will schedule another visit sometime in the not to distant future.

## Al & Paula's California Highway Patrol Museum Tour and Lunch Run!



9/8/17



























This piece of steel from the World Trade Center is dedicated to the men and women who perished in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack in New York City. WTC I-beam donated by Larry & JoAnn Davis



















# Appreciation Letter to Sergeant Christensen

Sergeant Christensen  
Administrative Services Unit  
California Highway Patrol Academy  
3500 Reed Avenue  
West Sacramento, Ca. 95605

September 11, 2017

Sergeant Christensen,

On behalf of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club members who attended your program on Friday, I thank you for the outstanding tour of the CHP Academy. Everyone was very pleased with the tour. Your positive attitude and enthusiasms about the Academy, and the California Highway Patrol was contagious. We were impressed with the cadets and appreciated being able to visit them in their classroom. The icing on the cake was having the opportunity to watch the instructors driving the cars on the high speed track; their skills behind the wheel are second to none.

As Californians we are fortunate to have people like you keeping our highways safe and training the CHP officers of the future. Our group was pleased to have met you and the driving instructors. Everyone enjoyed the trip immensely and they are ready to do it again. Please convey our appreciation to the instructors who took the time to demonstrate their driving skills.

Thank you very much, we appreciate your service.

Al Sauvadon  
Discovery Bay Corvette Club

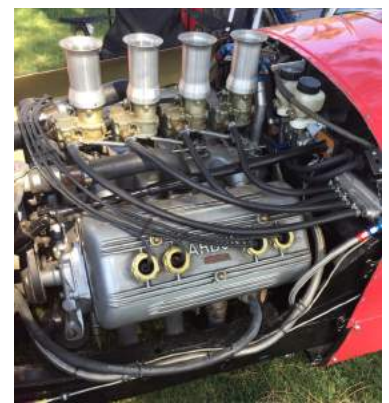




# Discovery Bay Lions Club Car Show! 9/10/17



Photos provided by David Harris  
Thank You!





# Discovery Bay Cars and Coffee! 9/16/17

## Article and Photos by Secretary Ed O'Brien

Discovery Bay Corvettes participated in the Discovery Bay Cars and Coffee Car show this past September 16th. We started with 13 cars and several more Corvettes came to join us. We all had a nice time visiting and looking at the cars. Jim Mattison of the Discovery Bay Foundation, sponsor of the event, was very pleased with our presence and set up a reserved area for us. Jim and I agreed that, if possible, we should work to establish a date well ahead of time next year and publicize the event to other Corvette Clubs and owners nearby to make it even bigger. Additionally, Al Sauvadon suggested we add additional DBCC activities in conjunction with this event. Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun this year. I'll be working with Shari, Al, and club members to make our support of Discovery Bay be even more fun next year! Thanks again DBCC members!!







## Cars & Coffee Photos submitted by Jerry Hardt







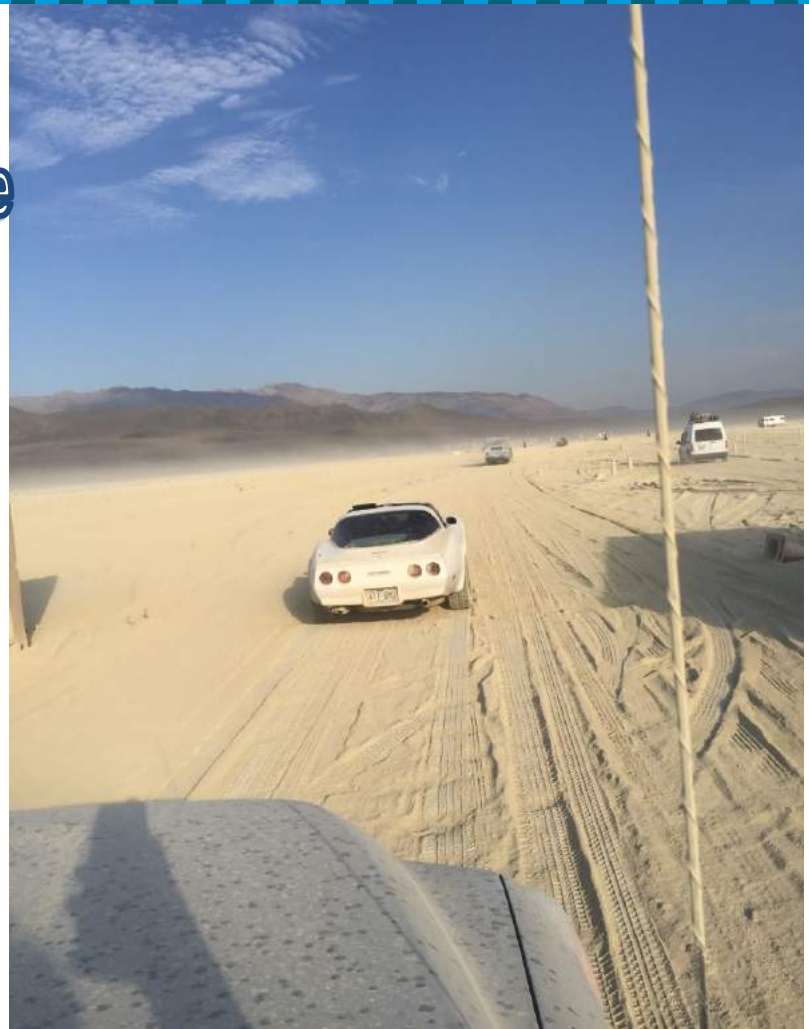
Jack Parker 9/2   John Bento 9/5   Danny Parker 9/10   Carol A. Helfrick 9/12  
 Robert Ferreira 9/17   Jean Franklin 9/21   Allen Bellinghausen 9/22  
 Gorden Wilson 9/24   Bill Burdick 9/25   Karen Krowl Denham 9/25



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 Cernera 10/29

## Burning Man Corvette Photo Submitted by Erlyn Lucas-Payne

"Corvette leaving Burning Man with the Tee Tops off and in 6 inches of dust on this thoroughly pitted road. We were struggling in our truck to keep up".



## Octoberfest Photo submitted by Shari Peck





# Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi everyone!

Sorry I am late with this Newsletter but I was away spending time with my new grandson! My daughter and her husband had their first child on September 13th and he is adorable! He is such a cutie I just had to share his picture which I took the day he was born.



Now getting back to Corvette information. What an amazing Run by Al and Paula Sauvadon. If you didn't attend the CHP Run you really, really missed an outstanding Run. The tour was conducted by Sergeant Scott Christensen who did an excellent job and went above and beyond what we expected. He even offered and took the group pictures. Thank you so much!

The food was amazing and it only cost \$5! What a deal!

We were also able to see CHP high speed maneuvering. This is a must see! We were all amazed at their expert skills and abilities.

After the CHP tour, we met Al and Paula's daughter, Anna Borges, who is the Director of Transportation. What an intelligent daughter they have! She did an outstanding job informing and educating us of the State's bus operation. Thank you so much!

Thank you everyone who submitted an article and/or pictures. I really appreciate it! Please continue to send them to me either by email or text.

We will soon have new officers. It will be sad to see some of our board members leave but I am excited and looking forward to working with our soon to be elected board members. I hope everyone has already voted!

See you at the meeting!

Laura Hardt

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