

DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette
November/December 2017

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In Loving Memory



Dick Realph



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Discovery Bay Corvette Club Executive Board 2017

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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

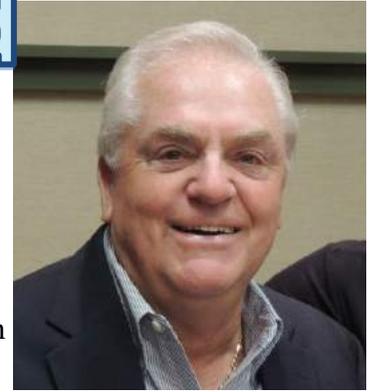
All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!

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**Next Meeting:
January 4th, 2018 7:30 pm**

President- Lowell Onstad



I do believe this will be my last article as your President. I have mentioned how hard it is to start writing these but once you get going it isn't so bad. I want to thank everyone on my board for being so supportive and the membership for being tolerant. It has been a fun two years and I have really enjoyed myself.

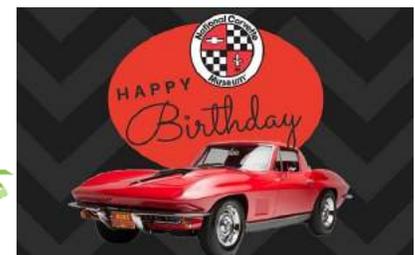
I look forward to being Board Member at Large and sitting back to watch the wheels at work. Mark I am sure will make a good president and he has good backup in Ed.

I want to thank Rich for giving me support when I needed it and Jack for covering for me when I couldn't be there. Ed for going the extra mile on the minutes. Laura for always doing an excellent newsletter. Sheri for her setting up so many events that no one was short on things to do. Joe for doing WSCC in 2016 and Tim for taking over WSCC and doing a fine job. Brian for his conscientious work on the money issues. Dave for his thorough museum report (maybe sometimes a little long). Ralph our webmaster for having everything up to date on events and rosters. Diana for taking the quartermaster job to new levels. Danica for stepping in and getting grips on Public Relations and Marilyn for doing the Sunshine report and coordinating the snacks. All of you have been a real joy to work with. I will miss running things but will also enjoy most of you doing your jobs for the next two years.

Now, back to business. Abel Chevrolet is our sponsor and we as a club need to support them. When you need mechanical work or are purchasing a vehicle, please give them the first chance at your needs. We also get a 10% discount on parts and a lower labor rate.



I will close now with Save the Wave.



Debbie Franklin 12/5 Loretta Parker 12/8 Cheryl Heggelund 12/9

Jack Pera 12/10 Delia Berardy 12/10 Carol Kennedy 12/10 Terry Berardy 12/22

Danielle Boaz 12/27 Jerry Hardt 12/30



Trudy deLeon 1/5 Lani Maloney 1/21 Carol Wilson 1/21

Gina Bischofberger 1/27 Ron Parker 1/24 Paul Bischofberger 1/31

Secretary - Ed O'Brien

DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES / ORDER OF BUSINESS

11-2-2017



- Call to Order – Time 7:28 pm by President Lowell Onstad
- **President's Report (Lowell):** Dick Realph developed a knee infection in Vegas, now in Phoenix hospital, part of infection taken care of, been on a ventilator and starting to breath on his own. Bernie sent an email and Lowell responded to her, but Dick is weak and has a long way to go. Election: Mark Zupan, Pres, Ed O'Brien VP, Dave Peck Secty. Brian Treas, Laura back Ralph back, Dave Harris WSCC with help from Tim. Quartermaster Diana, Member at large Lowell, Events Shari, Danica at Publications, and Sunshine Paula, NCM Dave Gatt. Guests: Dave Harris introduced Lynn McDonald, who brought his check tonite! Lowell welcomed Lynn. He was invited to participate in the next run!!
- **Vice President's Report (Jack Pera):** not present
- **Secretary's Report (Ed O'Brien):** No correction to the Oct minutes. Janie Parker moved to accept as written, Betty Silva seconded, club approved almost unanimously (one opposed.....looked like Dave Peck). Ed encouraged all to mark/sign the meeting sheet, especially guests.
- **Treasurer's Report (Brian):** Send in your renewal via mail. Reduced WSCC dues for associate members.
- **WSCC Report (Tim Denham with Dave Gatt):** •17-22 Oct. Convention, Las Vegas, Lowell attended. 160 mi Scenic run up to Mt. Charleston via Red Rock Canyon was great, Poker run was fun too, Lake Las Vegas, then a beautiful shopping center. Mark Z attended autocross, it was fantastic. A 1mile course, 80+mph straights, very cool. Spring Hill in Pahrump. Fantastic course, Mark did taste of the track, at his limit (with burned up brakes). Also did Barrett Jackson auction (it was really fun). Lead car was Bill, Denise went shopping! WSCC looking for feedback as they wished attendance would have been higher. •WSCC relaxed Car Show at Ledsun Winery Castle near Kenwood, plus WSCC general meeting and dinner. Beautiful location, Was real fun evening. •November has Corvettes of Fresno and San Jose parades on Veterans' Day. Jack reported the San Jose parade is a big one. Call Buzz Marzton if you wish to attend the San Jose parade. •Jan 13th, awards banquet, dress up night, Hilton Stockton (\$119/night), \$45/person for dinner. Good to attend as a club as it is close!
- **Webmaster Report (Ralph):** Check the website, its updated and download flyers! •Ralph thinking about getting DBCC decals made. Lowell suggested Budweiser Bob can do these. Club interest was shown for decals.
- **Publication's Report (Laura):** Thanks for articles and/or pictures of events for the newsletter and can text pictures to Laura's cell phone (# in roster)!
- **Quarter Master Report (Diana):** Nothing to report
- **Board Member at Large Report (Rich):** The Bi-Annual Inaugural party set for Nov 11, 6-11:30 p.m. 58 people signed up, would like a few more. Sign up asap so Rich can send in the food count. Great food, 24 well drinks, desert, band is Double Shot, dancing, Rich will sign you up tonite!

- Events Report (Shari Peck):** Planned Events:
 - WSCC dinner at Ledsun Castle was great fun. We hope to do again next year!
 - Polar Express Train ride down Niles Canyon from Sunol at 7:30 pm. (leave DB around 6p.m.) Date proposed is Fri, Nov 17th. Shari needs feedback and a count ASAP because 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. E-blast to come, and you can bring your own “goodies”. Rich explained the video projection on Jack’s trailer with kids in corvettes. We’ll have holiday music.
 - Oct 14th Oakdale Cheese Factory Tour was a lot of fun, great weather, great cheese!
 - Nov11th Inaugural dinner at DBYC. See Rich’s discussion.
 - Dec 2nd. Small World Theme D.B. Parade. Volunteers needed in costume. Costumes are desired. Next meeting Nov 14th. All country costumes are good! Denise will join. We’ll be costume dressing from different countries. Next planning meeting Nov 14th at Brian and Diane Enbom’s home. Brian explained we have 12 different country flags! Save your Halloween Candy for the parade and let’s all participate!
 - Dec 10th Christmas Brunch at Lone Tree G.C. (Also Jack’s Birthday!!). Private room with fireplace, \$22 per person (\$44/couple) includes mimosa bar. Bring an unwrapped toy per person for the kids!! Flyer went out on email and is on website.
 - Shari looking for run ideas, including re-runs.
 - Dave has a run idea “the other run-run” Bring any other car for a fun run. Will do in the spring.
 - Paula working on a Jelly Belly run.
 - Shari announced a Save the Date for Aug 23-26 in Steamboat
 - Neva doing a Bocce event in Jan. Stay tuned for more info!!
- Public Relations Report (Danica Harris):** Nothing to report.
- Sunshine Report (Marilyn Allen):** Marilyn thanked the club for a fun year and many good years on the board.
 - Good news! Amy Pera got a clear CT scan!
 - Bernetos and Wilsons on cruise in Australia.
 - Ed and Nancy O’Brien have new grandson, Andrew Smith O’Brien
 - Scott and Michelle have moved near Bowling Green on 65 acres.
 - Betty Silva looking good with her afib monitor
 - Roger Hodel had hip replacement on Monday, doing very well. Mary keeping tabs on him.
 - John Feb’ut, getting radiation, appreciates cards and visits, call ahead. Adding a meal train. See or call Neva for Monday and Wednesdays meals needed.
 - Margie DeSalles has been hospitalized, but now home doing ok.
 - Ed’s ankle is healing. Nancy is glad for that!
 - Nov. Birthdays: Bill Helfrick, Pam Dooley, Ed O’Brien, Carol Ayers, Dave Franklin, Scott White, Amy Pera, Steve Hoffman, Sandy Mize and Tony Silva.
 - Thanks to Norm and Nancy for treats this month, and Neva and Nancy for next month.
 - Congrats to Paula Sauvadon, replacing Marilyn!
- NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** Dave Thanked Laura for covering Dave’s section of the newsletter while he was gone in Austin.
 - Formula 1 was awesome. Most exciting race to date. Cars doing 225 in the straights, turns at 60 pulling 5-6 g’s in a turn plus 2-3 g’s braking.
 - NCM Oct 30th ‘67 big block Vette donated
 - C7 Calibration Enhancement, new performance calibration for mag ride control announced at SEMA. Avail via Chev dealers \$350.
 - 1962 restoration coming along, check NCM site for details.
 - R&T Magazine called competition track the NCM new track for car of the year. Corvette isn’t participating this year in the 10 top car competition.
 - Paul Newman’s racetrack Rolex watch went for \$17M
- Old Business: None New Business:** Al Sauvadon thanked Lowell for his tenure as president. The club agreed!!
 - 50/50 Raffle:** Dave Peck reported \$52.00 in the pot to win. Money is used for the inaugural and Christmas brunch. Dave Peck won!!
 - Close:** Lowell thanked everyone for their support over his term these past two years. Erlyn made the motion to adjourn, Betty Silva seconded, Meeting was unanimously

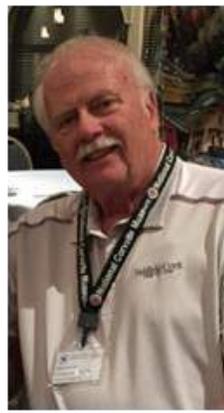
MISSING YOU...

YOUR LIFE
WAS A
BLESSING.
YOUR MEMORY
A TREASURE.
YOU ARE LOVED
BEYOND WORDS.
AND MISSED
BEYOND
MEASURE.

Dick Realph

Dick was one of the founding members of the Discovery Bay Corvettes, President of our club and organized many of our car shows over the years. He and Bernie were also very active with WSCC and other Corvette Clubs in the Bay Area.

He also led the 2003 Run from California to Bowling Green Kentucky for the "50th Anniversary of the Corvette" Run.



Goodbye to a dear friend of WSCC

Richard “Dick” Realph passed away on November 12th in Phoenix AZ after a 3 week illness. Dick and Bernie left WSCC Convention early when Dick’s knees began to show an infection from prior surgery that ended up taking his life.

Dick and Bernie are long time members of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club and Dick served as the Events Director for WSCC for two years in 1995 and 1996. I remember Dick first when we attended our first WSCC Convention in Sacramento in 1995 and Dick was running the gaming room that was part of convention and as fairly new members of WSCC, Dick treated us with a lot of enthusiasm and made us feel welcomed. We last saw Dick at convention this year after he had just gone on the scenic run and showed us the pictures he took of the Las Vegas area mountains. Dick and Bernie were co-captains on the NCM caravans back to Bowling Green.

Dick and Bernie were inseparable and one of the happiest couples we have known, Bernie was Vice President of WSCC when I went on the Board in 2002 so we got to know Dick and Bernie well and consider them dear friends. Dick was also an avid golfer which usually assured that we included a golf game in Convention yearly.

Dick coming from Nebraska originally joined WSCC in the early 60’s and took 8mm movies of the first Convention in 1966 that are still being used today in the video that is played at our WSCC display at the National Corvette Museum. He also loaned us the first dash plaque that was given to people that attended the 1966 convention which is also displayed at the NCM.

Bernie tells us that there will be a celebration of life out on the West Coast where a lot of their friends and Corvette family are. The date and time of that will be announced throughout WSCC once we know the details, we hope you will join us for that.

We have lost a dear friend and fellow Corvette icon in Dick Realph, but are here to support Bernie and Dick’s family in this sudden time of loss.

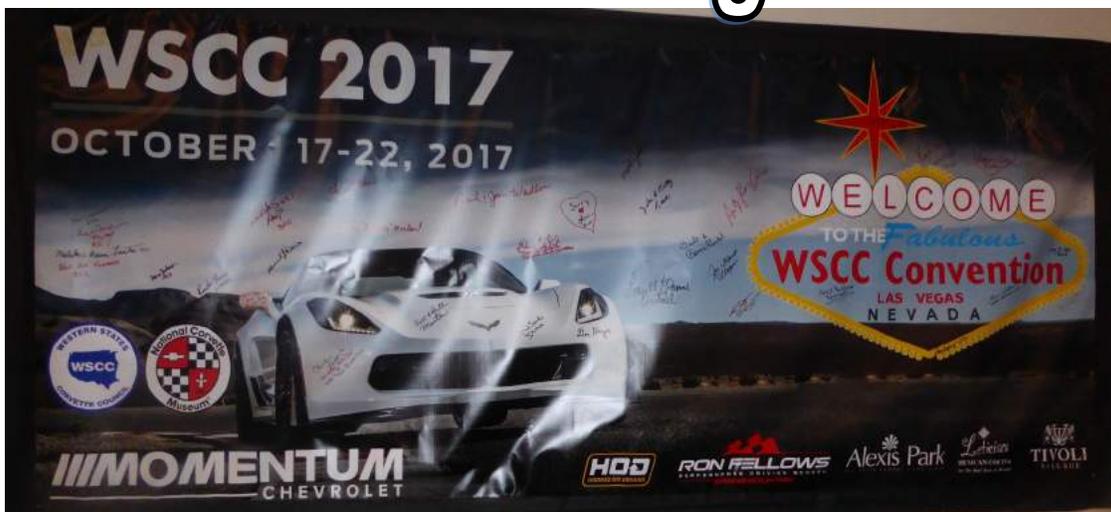
On behalf of the entire WSCC Board of Directors we offer our profound condolences.

Buzz Marston, President Western States Corvette Council

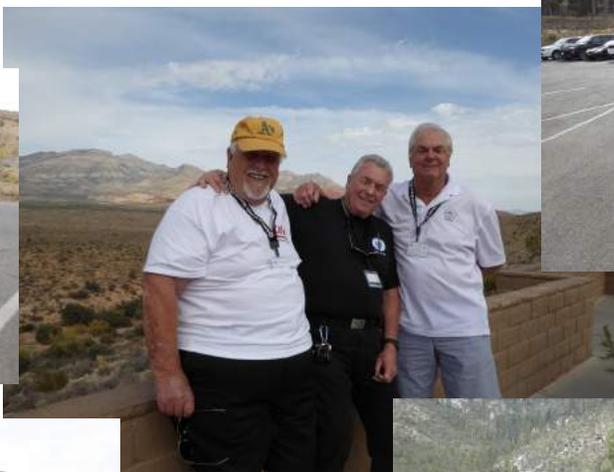
Rob Weaver and Don Herzer contributed to this article



WSSC Las Vegas Convention!



Scenic Run



Wild Burros



Hospitality Rooms





POKER RUN



Car Show



Las Vegas Shooting Memorial



Mark & Jerry attend Barrett-Jackson in Las Vegas



Track Day - Spring Mountain Resort



Denise and Laura meet some of the Members of the Oakland Buffalo Soldiers while in Las Vegas



The Oakland Buffalo Soldiers ride motorcycles (Iron Horses) to represent the horses that were ridden by the Buffalo Soldiers during the 1800's. The club's objective is to educate those that are unfamiliar with the racism, sacrifices and hardships that the Buffalo Soldiers of the 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalries endured.

Our vision is to instill this knowledge into the hearts and minds of our youth today so that we can motivate them to become better citizens and leaders of tomorrow. We feel by doing this the legacy of the Buffalo Soldiers of the past will live on forever, never to be forgotten.



Discovery Bay "It's a Small World" Christmas Parade

12/2/17





NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ARTICLE



by Dave Gatt

IT'S OFFICIAL: 2019 CORVETTE WILL INCLUDE A ZR1



Rumors have been circulating that the Corvette ZR1 would be making a return for the seventh generation, and those rumors were confirmed on Wednesday when the December 2017 cover of Car and Driver was leaked, showing the 2019 ZR1 in all its glory. This leak was followed

by a teaser video on Corvette's social media channels giving a very sneak peek of an unidentifiable car, and the date of 11-12-17.

The Dubai International Motor Show, scheduled for November 14-18, has been rumored to be the spot the ZR1 will make its official debut.

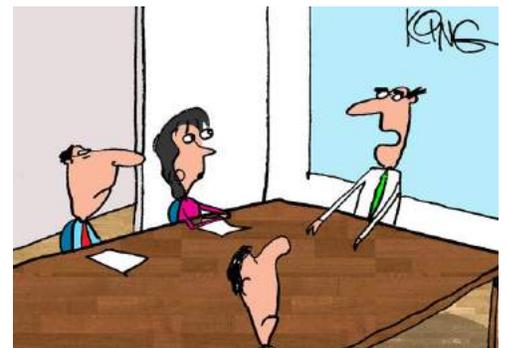
The magazine's cover boasts 750-horsepower in the LT5 engine and quite noticeable is a new rear wing, providing much needed downforce. While pricing has yet to be release, speculation is that it will start just above \$120,000.

The car has an Eaton supercharger, a bigger blower than the LT4s but the same drivetrain (either seven-speed manual or eight-speed automatic) as the Z06 according to the Car and Driver article. Other features mentioned in the piece include front wheels that are a half inch wider, same standard and option rubber as the Z06, and brakes that are the same as the Z06's optional rotors and calipers with new pads.

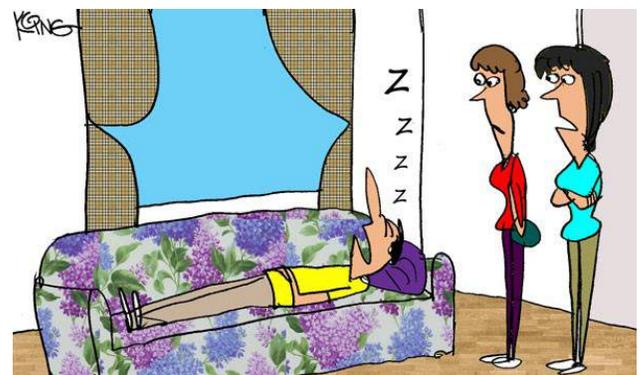
Rumor has it the LT5 will shoot flames from its exhaust. Thanks to a new fuel-delivery system, which uses both port and direct injection. This also creates louder exhaust.

The ZR1 is expected to hit 60 mph in less than three seconds, and have a quarter mile time of less than 11 seconds... topping out beyond 210 mph. It's lap time at VIR is said to be 2.5 seconds quicker than that of the Z06.

Corvette Comics



"As you all know, I recently bought a new Corvette. To help pay for it, coffee in the breakroom will now be \$300 a cup."



"The winter got him out of shape. Cleaning his Corvette's windows wore him out."

CORVETTE ZR1

CONSIDER THE PACE SET.



SUPERCHARGED
V8 ENGINE WITH
755 HP

The 2019 Corvette ZR1 will assume the throne as the fastest, most powerful production Corvette ever. This supercar borrows underwing technology from the race car world, uses carbon fiber extensively, and incorporates sophisticated aerodynamic configurations and additional cooling. Plus the new hand-assembled LT5 small block 6.2L supercharged V8 engine boasts an incredible 755 horsepower (offered with a manual or automatic transmission). With ample luxury and capability that is otherworldly, Corvette ZR1 lives up to its reputation on the street and on the track.



[Learn More About ZR1](#)

Christmas Brunch Run!

12/10/17





Let the Games begin!



The 1st Place Winner! →

Now the ladies compete!



Roger & Mary get
Coal for Christmas!





**When: Saturday January 13, 2018
3:45pm—6:45pm**

**Where: Harvest Park Bowl
5000 Balfour Rd.
Brentwood, CA**

**Price of \$18 per person includes:
3 Games of Bowling & Shoes
Unlimited Pizza & Soft drinks**

**Price of \$12 per person for pizza only
Teams will be picked at random.**

Sign up deadline is January 7, 2018

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Names _____

No. of Persons Bowling _____

No. of Persons for pizza only _____

Make checks payable to DBCC and mail to:

**Denise Zupan
2085 Largo Court
Discovery Bay, CA 94505**

Publications- Laura Hardt

It was such heart breaking news to hear about Dick Realph's passing. We were fortunate to have spent time with him when he and Bernie came to our meeting and our Cheese Factory Run. They were also able to attend the WSCC convention in Las Vegas. Thank you for the memories and all you have done for our Club. We miss you!



I was going to include the Inaugural pictures in this Newsletter but then removed them and decided it would be better to have them in the next Newsletter. This will allow me to devote more space for the pictures and also obtain more pictures from our members. So please send me your pictures! Also please send me pictures of the Train Run. I only received 1 picture so I need a few more.

Jerry and I attended the WSCC Convention in Las Vegas. Shortly before arriving to the WSCC Convention in Las Vegas, Jerry and I had an issue with the passenger side seat belt of my corvette. We went to Findlay Chevrolet in Las Vegas explained that we were scheduled to go on a Run and they quickly fixed the seat belt. We were able to make the scheduled Run! Thank you Findlay Chevrolet for providing such excellent service!

Findlay also has a great waiting area with computer access, drinks and delicious snacks for their customers! Thank you!

Laura Hardt

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Findlay Chevrolet was also having a fundraiser for Breast Cancer by selling T-Shirts and other items! →





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