

CRUISE NEWS

North County Corvette Club



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President's Corner

Hello Corvette Enthusiasts.....



Happy Mother's Day



By now, everyone should have been contacted by a member of our Election Committee (Alan Smerican, Dave Regenhardt and Ron Baker) regarding running for a position on the Board of Directors for the 2018-2019 term. If you did not receive a call please send an email to one of the committee members and let them know. I strongly encourage everyone to get involved with the Club through participation on the Board. Nominations will be accepted at our upcoming May Business Meeting and voting will be conducted at our June Business Meeting.

Just a reminder to everyone regarding our 41st annual Plastic Fantastic Car Show, even though our members don't have to pay you still need to register. If you have not already done so, please visit our website, print out a registration form, and turn it in to Kathleen Regenhardt at our next meeting.

Don't forget, on Sunday, May 13th, our club will be promoting Plastic Fantastic on KUSI news! If you have not signed up for the appearance, please do so at our May meeting.

Everyone has been extremely busy in preparation for our 41st Plastic Fantastic All Corvette Car Show, to be held on May 20, 2018. Please continue getting those Raffle donations turned into the Raffle Committee, Barbara Sadnick and Ruth Harwell. I would, once again, personally like to thank Sam and all of his teams for all of their hard work, support and dedication in making certain that this year's show is a huge success!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our May 8th, 2018 NCoCC Business Meeting. The month of May has many activities scheduled, so please don't forget to visit our website for all upcoming events. www.ncocc.com

“ Live Life at Full Throttle “

Rosemary

Club Events Calendar

May

- 5 USO for Love of Country
- 8 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 13 KUSI Appearance for Plastic Fantastic
- 20 Plastic Fantastic
- 24 NCoCC Board Meeting. Kaminski's Sport Lounge. 7:00 p.m.
- 26 Ramona Wine Run



June

- 3 San Diego County Fair Car Show
- 9 Russo Steele Auction
- 12 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 20 El Cajon Cruise Corvette Night
- 28 NCoCC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.
- TBD C6 Rally

July

- 1 Recognition Luncheon. Seasalt Seafood Bistro.
- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 26 NCoCC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.
- 28 COCSD Main Street America



August

- 4 Past President's Picnic
- 14 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Cruisin Grand w/ No Coast Corvettes; C1, C2 and C3 only.
- 23 NCoCC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.
- 20-26 Vettes on the Rockies

September

- 11 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Prescott Vetter Sette Corvette Show
- 27 NCoCC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.

October

- 9 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 25 NCoCC Board Meeting. 7:00 p.m.
- TBD Borrego Days Parade



The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach

April 2018

By: Sam Rindskopf

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach, as it is legally called, is a bunch of races held over 3 days in Mid-April every year since 1975, making this year's race the 44th annual Grand Prix of Long Beach. The race is run on the downtown streets of Long Beach, making it one of the most challenging circuits that the Indy cars and the IMSA sports cars run on! Of course, Donna and I went to watch Corvette Racing do battle with BMWs, Porsches, and Ford GTs and Ferraris on this historic circuit. There are actually a whole series of races that occur during this event. They have a drifting race, Robby Gordon trucks race, Can Am vintage race, a celebrity race, the IMSA race and on Sunday the Indy Cars race.



Every year at this race GM hosts what is called the Corvette Corral. This is basically a private fenced area for Corvettes to park and take advantage of the program that GM puts on. The Corral occurs on Friday and Saturday. Since the IMSA race was on Saturday, Donna and I chose to attend that day.

Saturday, April 14th, was a great day with perfect racing weather and we were fortunate enough to have snagged one of the coveted passes to the Corvette Corral. The cost is \$25. As I recall, you have to buy them as soon as they become available. I believe they only have parking for 100 to 150 Corvettes.

Oh, the alarm clock went off to soon Saturday morning, actually it was my cell phone alarm! I'm retired now so getting up at 5:00 a.m. is way too early! With a shower and a cup of coffee down I'm ready for the 2-hour drive to Long Beach. Of course, Donna was up ahead of me. She's like the energizer bunny, she was up late the night before and is in full on race mode on Saturday morning.



We arrive at the Corral and parked our Vette alongside lots of other Corvettes, but one caught my eye in particular, it was a brand new C7 ZR1, it looks fast sitting still!

Once inside we had coffee and some OJ and checked in, we were given a Corvette Racing goody bag and 2 Corvette Racing tee shirts! We ran into fellow NCoCC Club Member, Tom Harper (he spent the whole weekend there camping in his motor home - yeah really roughing it). We also ran into Craig Moya and several other members of COCSD.

The Corvette Corral program on race day does not include an autograph session for the drivers since they are way to busy getting ready to race, you have to go on Friday for that. Instead, we got to meet senior representatives from Michelin and Mobile One and discuss their products. They provided some amazing insight as to what goes on with their product development and Corvette. They gave away some nice raffle prizes and tee shirts and hats to almost everyone.

The Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach continued...

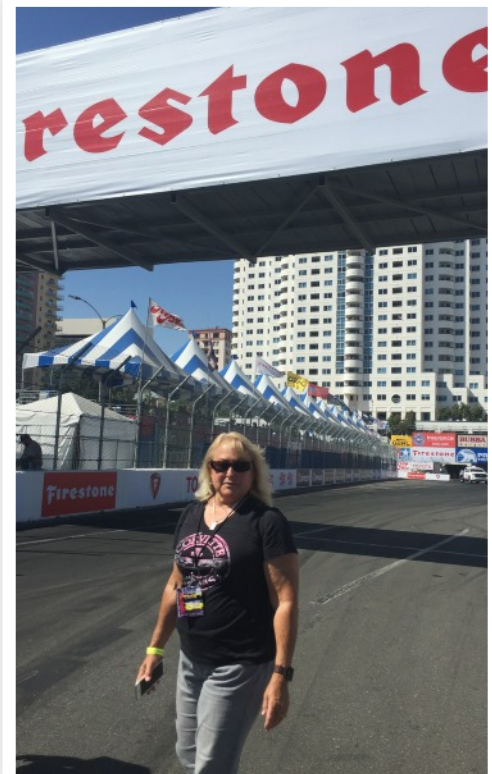


Next up was Ron Fellows along with a senior executive from Corvette. Ron is a very entertaining guy to listen to along with the fact that he has won the 24 hours of LeMans several times, the 24 hours of Daytona, and many many more.

Once Ron finished talking and answering questions and signing autographs, it was time for lunch, which is included with the Corvette Corral. Burgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, baked beans and salads, what more could you want? Oops, Donna is a vegetarian so all she got eat was salad. We actually had to hurry our lunch and get to our seats in the grandstand on turn 10.

The race was on, the Porsches were looking very strong early on and they were followed by the Ford GTs who were also very strong.

Corvettes were relegated to 5th and 6th place with the BMWs right on their tail. Well, as the race went on the Porsches and the Ford GTs were the victims of poor pit stops and racing mistakes. It was a thrilling race with lots of action occurring right in front of us. In the end it was the #4 Corvette driven by Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner that won the race! What a perfect ending to an awesome day in Long Beach. How could it get any better you say? Well on the way home we stopped in Old Town San Clemente for a nice dinner, Donna was happy to have something a little more substantial than a salad. All in all, it was a perfect day!





9 Cars from NCoCC attended this car show.

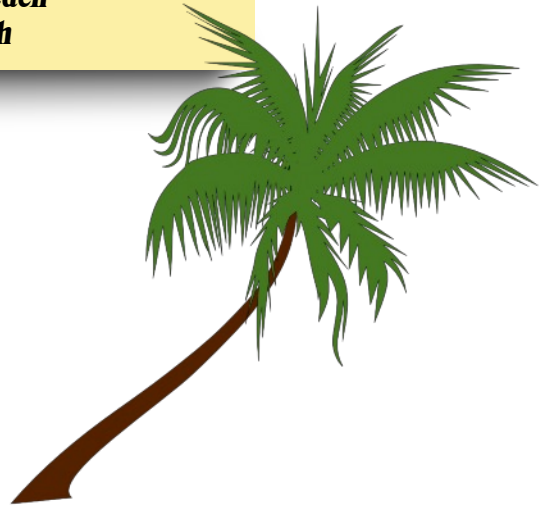
Deer Park Car Show April 15th



1918 Cadillac got 'Best of Show.'



**All GM Beach Classic
Redondo Beach
April 28th**



Gary and Sharon Wood



Wayne Osborne



Dave Regenhardt



Gary Sadnick



Sam and Donna Rindskopf



Mark and Ruth Harwell



Sam and Donna won for
'Corvette of Distinction'.



April's almost gone and we're getting into some of the best weather of the year.... driving time.

Did you know your car has a very complex self-diagnostic system built into the computer system? If it's a mid '90's or newer, it will have an On Board Diagnostic II (OBD-II) system which is currently the general industry standard. These data networks have traditionally been accessible only by repair facilities and require external reading devices to extract information from your car's computer. In years gone by, these readers were very expensive and the data they shared was fairly cryptic in nature....the most you might see would be the feared "check engine" light.

Now, however, thanks to free market forces, there are some very clever reading systems which tap into your vehicle's computer, transmit the data to your cell phone, provide you a plain-English explanation of the problem, tell you whether the car is safe to drive and give you a standard rate estimate of what it should cost to get the problem fixed- and they cost little more than a fill-up of your gas tank. Most consist of a cap that fits over the OBD-II port under your dash (this contains the bluetooth transmitter) and a free app for your phone which allows free access to the external data bases with the fault information.

Remember, our cars are highly sophisticated machines...if you get a check-engine light you should find out what the problem is sooner rather than later. If you get a flashing check engine light, the car has a serious problem.

Phil Souza

2018 President

Reno Corvettes

(Article borrowed from the Reno Corvettes DriveLines Newsletter.)



Who am I?



Happy Birthday to You!

May

- 1 Jo Belzman
- 5 Dale Partusch
- 6 Kathy Buie
- 13 Barbara Cota
- 18 Sandy Roth
- 27 Gary Sadnick
- 31 Dave Kitchen

We Celebrate Your Years of Membership!



Tim Murray & Pam Mason

5 years

Dear Members,

If you take pictures at any one of our events, please provide them to our Webmaster, Ed Daher, so that he may place them on our website for all to enjoy.

Thank you!

NCoCC Cruise News

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Our Club

Club members enjoy planned trips, car shows, fun runs, auto rallies and a host of social and Corvette related events, including a Holiday party, an Annual Recognition Dinner, and the NCoCC Plastic Fantastic All Corvette Show at Seaport Village. We support local communities in the San Diego County area by participating in special event parades and high school homecoming events. Our members also devote time, energy and resources in supporting our Club Charity, the USO (United Services Organization) of San Diego.

Meetings

Business Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., at the Living Way Church, Berean Bible Study Room, located at 13609 Twin Peaks Road, Poway, CA. We always welcome and encourage guests to attend our meetings and to participate in our club sponsored events.

For a map of our meeting location, please go to our website at www.ncocc.com.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone at least 18 years of age who owns a Corvette. Applicants must attend two business meetings and participate in one club event before becoming a member.

Membership in NCoCC entitles you to:

A membership card for you and your significant other.

Discounts on parts and services at participating dealers (Bob Stall and others).

A club T-shirt.

Name tags for you and your significant other.

A newsletter via email and/or the website.

Members are expected to attend Business Meetings, maintain current dues, and support the club by serving on committees and participating in club events. Initiation fee is \$25. Dues are paid in advance: \$75 for one year.

We hope this short introduction is helpful.. If you have questions, please contact us via email at info@ncocc.com.