

CRUISE NEWS

North County Corvette Club



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President's Corner

Hello Corvette Enthusiasts.....



**Happy Mother's Day to
our Corvette Ladies!**



I know this is an extremely difficult time for everyone. I am certain, though, that soon we will be able to leave our homes, exchange hugs and kisses, travel, toast and celebrate occasions with family and friends, go on amazing club car runs and just be able to enjoy our simple freedoms that we now realize may have been taken for granted. Until then, we all just need to stay safe and remain positive!

It is really strange that we are not all running around preparing for Plastic Fantastic. A special shout out to Kathleen and Gary for seeing that all of our paid entrants received their fees back...definitely a huge undertaking! I would also like to thank those who donated their entry fees to our club charity GDB. We will come back next year stronger than ever and put on another fantastic show!

We are also still in need of three (3) Members to volunteer to form an Election Committee for our upcoming 2020-2021 NCoCC Board. Please contact me or any current Board Member, ASAP, if you are interested in volunteering for the task of soliciting Club Members for leadership nominations for our upcoming elections in June. I firmly believe that we will not be able to schedule a May club member meeting, so having virtual nominations to the ballot may be our best and only choice.

Finally, as everyone knows the National Corvette Museum (NCM) put on an online Corvette Car Show that included over 1,000 entries from the United States as well as several foreign countries. There were three NCoCC club members that entered the NCM online show....Dwight Alexander, Pete Neild and myself. I was shocked to learn that my 2013 Corvette GS Callaway SC606 won the "Most Unique / Personalized" category, selected by Reeves Callaway himself! I am so blown-away...not sure any other car show can ever compare with this honor.....very humbled to have been chosen.

Please remain vigilant and stay safe

I look forward to seeing everyone at our future NCoCC Business Meeting when it is safe to do so. Don't forget to visit our website www.ncocc.com

“ Live Life at Full Throttle “

Rosemary

ATTENTION ALL NORTH COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERS....

We **still need to three (3) volunteers to form an Election Committee** and solicit (make phone calls) club members for leadership nominations for the 2020-2021 NCoCC Board.

This could be a great way of communicating with our other club members in this time of self-quarantine.

In accordance with NCoCC By-Laws, we will need to act on the following:

- Form an election committee in April
- Open nominations in May
- Conduct elections in June
- Transition between Boards in July

Please feel free to contact myself, or any of our current Board Member, ASAP, should you have any questions or wish to volunteer for the Election Committee.

Next, very soon, we will be seeking nominations for candidates to the Board.

Once again.....Please stay safe and healthy!

Best Regards,

Rosemary

Rosemary Dymek
NCoCC President

WE NEED YOU!

Club Events Calendar

May

- 12 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Nominations open
- 17 Plastic Fantastic
- 28 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.
- TBD KUSTI TV Appearance
- TBD Lake Elsinore Baseball Game

June

- 9 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Board Election
- 25 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Board transition

July

- 4 Wheels of Freedom Motor Show
- 14 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 23 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.
- TBD Audit of Treasurer's Records

August

- 11 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 27 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.
- TBD Past President's Picnic

September

- 8 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Main Street America
- 24 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.
- 25-27 Prescott Vette Sette Car Show
- TBD Palm Springs Run

October

- 13 NCoCC Business Meeting. Living Way Church. 7:00 p.m.
- 22 NCoCC Board Meeting. Filippi's in Poway. 7:00 p.m.





The National Corvette Museum hosted an “online car show” as a way to keep spirits high, keep enthusiasts engaged and to continue promoting the car hobby during these unprecedented times. Submissions were accepted online only April 6-12, 2020. Cost to enter was \$10 per car, per category. Celebrity Choice Judging began the week of April 13. Winners were announced on Thursday, April 23 with an online video!

Over 1,000 entries submitted, 33 Corvette Owners Awarded

Most Unique / Personalized presented by Callaway and selected by Reeves Callaway goes to Rosemary Dymek with a Callaway C6 Grand Sport.

NCoCC Participants

2019 ZR1 Corvette



Rosemary Dymek

2019 Corvette ZR1 My ZR1 was a Christmas present from Santa (my husband). He new I wanted to add one to my collection but couldn't find one really I liked. So one day we were on our way to his doctor appointment when we happened to stop by a dealership and as we pulled in, there was this amazing Long Beach Red Metallic Tintcoat ZR1 just sitting there with this big red bow on top. He looked at me and said "go see if you like it? The rest is history...I drove it home and parked it next to my ZR1 SC757 and my GS SC606. My garage is finally complete! My license plate reads "REDS F35" and this bad boy lives up to the F35 LIGHTNING II's incredible passion for speed and stealth presence

Calypso



Pete Neild

Calypso is my third Corvette and first R8C delivery. She is my everyday driver and has completed three cross-country trips, been on six tracks from Watkins Glen to Laguna Seca. She has participated in over a dozen car shows winning twice. You can learn lots more about her on her web-site. <https://www.calypso-c74pjn.com/>

First Car



Dwight Alexander

I dreamed about owning a NEW Corvette since a child; I joined the North County Corvette Club in my late 60's, bought a used C6; I have over 50 Model Promo Corvettes and Models and at the age of 71 I became the NCM Ambassador for my club and bought a BRAND New 2017 Grand Sport and of course in Corvette Racing Yellow. Full Carbon Fiber Package, and Custom License Plate!

2013 Corvette GS Callaway SC606



Rosemary Dymek

2013 Corvette Grand Sport Callaway SC606...This was my very first Corvette purchase...all mine! After 5 years of totally enjoying my Corvette, I decided to give him a face-lift. Looked on-line and found this outrageous Callaway...just what I wanted! I found the Callaway website and gave them a call. Next thing I know, I received a call back from Pete Callaway himself. We met up, discussed the supercharge package and the build and proceeded immediately! We added the Callaway carbon front splitter, side rockers, rear spoiler, Callaway GT Le Mans brakes, Double D exhaust tip slats, OZ Racing black chrome wheels w/ Michelin PS2 (19 and 20), tinted windows, reflectors, Callaway badging, and the most impressive addition was the Callaway SC 606 with 553 lb/ft of torque...OUTSTANDING! My license plate reads "REDS F14" and this bad boy lives up to the F14 TOMCAT's Incredible passion for speed!

2017 Corvette Z06 Callaway SC757



Rosemary Dymek

2017 Corvette Z06 Callaway SC757...This was my very first Corvette order...What a thrill ordering a new Z06, seeing the birth of your Corvette when the VIN number is announced! COS at Spring Mountain was intense, and learning to control the 650 hp and 650 lb/ft of torque was incredible. Not soon after having my 2013 GS supercharged with the Callaway SC606, I knew I wanted to infuse that power into my Z06. One month later, I pick dup my new and improved Corvette Z06 Callaway SC757. Additions included tinted windows, reflectors, Callaway badging and the most impressive was the Callaway SC757 hp with 777 lb/ft of torque...EXCEPTIONAL! My license plate reads "REDS F18" and this bad boy lives up to the F18 SUPER HORNET's incredible passion for speed and precision.

I have attached the story that we put together for the NCM Online Car Show but were not able to enter. We felt that rather than let our efforts go to waste you may want to include it in our NCoCC Newsletter.

Sam Rindskopf

Our Corvette Life By Sam & Donna Rindskopf

The Romance

Sam and Donna met through her brother Spike. It seems Spike was working on the pit crew of Ronnie Runyan's 1963 "Blue Hell" Corvette Funny Car and Sam was working on the crew of Charlie Wilson's 1960 "Vicious Vette" Corvette Funny Car. This was back in the mid to late 60's when Funny Car match racing was a lucrative business. Sam and Spike soon became best friends which led to Spike inviting Sam to meet his little sister Donna. Sam and Donna's first date was on Sam's birthday and was to Orange County International Raceway to watch drag racing. Sixteen months later they were married on Donna's birthday, that was almost 51 years ago.



The Early Years

Sam's love for Corvette's didn't start here; it reaches all the way back to his early youth when he graduated from building model airplanes to building model cars. His very first model car was a 1953 Corvette which his father helped him build, he was 5 years old. Donna's love for cars initially focused on her prized 1950 Studebaker, she had a strong automotive based heritage, her uncle once raced in the Indy 500, her dad had a string of nice cars including a rare "E" series 57 Thunderbird, her oldest brother Skip was a starter at Lions Drag Strip, and her brother Spike went on to race motorcycles around the world.

Sam's love for Corvette's grew through high school and college years. However, economics and a family prevented the purchase of a Corvette until he and Donna's 4 daughters were out of the house and safely through college. At that time Sam and Donna decided to buy a C1 Corvette, Sam always loved the 60 Corvette ever since his days working on the Vicious Vette. After searching for just the right car, they found a low mileage 1960 Fuel Injected Corvette on eBay and while they were the high bidder, they failed to meet the buyer's reserve. After that failed attempt to negotiate a deal with the seller, they decided to just buy a new Corvette since they already had several old cars (a 1957 Nomad, 1957 Chevy truck, and a 1979 Z 28 Camaro).

The Tragedy

In mid-October of 2007 they purchased a new triple black 2008 Convertible Corvette (Figure 2) at Courtesy Chevrolet in San Diego. This was no ordinary Corvette; it had been used for driver introductions at NASCAR's California 500 held at the Auto Club Speedway on September 2, 2007. This particular Corvette convertible was used to parade Donna's longtime favorite driver Jeff Gordon around the track. Unfortunately, just 4 days later while they were out of town helping their daughter move, their home (just 14 months old), all of their belongings, their brand-new 4 day old Corvette (less than 200 miles on the odometer), and all of their other cars burned to the ground in the Witch Creek Wildfire in San Diego. To make matters worse their insurance company sought to treat the 2008 Corvette as a used car offering to pay them significantly less than their purchase price. Fortunately, after challenging them to find comps for Corvettes of that year with similar low mileage and threats of a lawsuit their insurance company hadbv a change of heart and reimbursed them for the full purchase price. Unfortunately, they were not nearly so lucky with their homeowner's policy. This devastating wildfire claimed over 1,000 homes in the San Diego area.



The Recovery

They were not about to let this tragedy slow them down for long! Sam called the Courtesy Chevrolet to get a copy of purchase paperwork (as required by the insurance company) and was informed by the Sales Manager that they had the sister car to the one they had purchased even offering to put a sold sign on the car until Sam and Donna could come down and complete the purchase. A few days later they were back at the dealer getting copies of the original Corvette's paperwork and buying the twin sister Corvette, the exact same car in every detail except this Corvette was used to parade Jeff Burton around the track. After spending weeks sifting through the debris to ensure nothing of value had survived, nothing did. They spent the next year and a half rebuilding their home and their lives. Taking their new triple black Corvette on weekend drives helped them forget about the tragedy at least for a little while.

Our Corvette Life (continued)

The Recovery

To this day, they both still tear up at the thought of the loss of all of their family photos, home movies (they purchased their first movie camera just days before the birth of their first daughter), their triple black Jeff Gordon Corvette convertible!

More Corvettes

After seeing a commercial for the brand new 2013 60th Anniversary 427 Collector Edition Corvette Convertible Sam and Donna ordered one and chose the National Corvette Museum Delivery option (figures 3 & 4). They both agree this was an amazing experience. After accepting delivery, they enjoyed driving their brand-new Corvette through the back roads of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Alabama, before jumping on the interstate and heading home to San Diego.



Shortly before time to depart for the 25th Anniversary National Corvette Museum Caravan they decided it was time to say goodbye to their 427 Convertible as it was making a troubling sound (which multiple trips to multiple Chevy Dealers were unable to resolve). Sam and Donna both loved their previous Corvette Convertibles and agreed that another convertible was the choice. Sam went online and checked out the 2019 Corvette colors and loved the new one year only Elkhart Lake Blue, when asked Donna also chose that same color! After an exhaustive search they found their 2019 Elkhart Lake Blue Grand Sport Grand Sport Convertible at Auto Nation Chevrolet in Mesa, AZ. After logging just over 500 miles and the requisite oil change, they were off to Bowling Green with a dozen of their fellow North County Corvette Club members and eventually met up with thousands of other Corvettes on their way to Bowling Green.



Our Corvette Family

Sam and Donna joined the National Corvette Museum shortly after purchasing their first Corvette and have been members ever since. They also joined their local Corvette Club the North County Corvette Club and immediately got involved, Sam served 5 terms as President and Donna has served on the Board of Directors every year since they joined back in 2008.

As members of the Corvette family they have participated in many events the most memorable of which was the National Corvette Museum delivery of their 2013 427 60th Anniversary Edition Corvette Convertible, followed closely by the 2009 and 2019 Corvette Caravans to Bowling Green, KY. The highlights of which includes tours of the Corvette Bowling Green Assembly Plant, tours of the National Corvette Museum, traveling on Route 66, and seeing many amazing and historic places along the way.

However, they both agree that the best part of owning a Corvette has been the people, all of the amazing friends they have made and continue to make!

We love our Corvette, but we love our Corvette family more!

New Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against GM Over Defective and Cracking C7 Corvette Wheels

By Mitch Talley ~ Apr 14, 2020

It's been reported for years that some owners are experiencing problems with their wheels cracking on C7 Z06s and Grand Sports.

A Pennsylvania law firm is asking affected owners to contact them to take part in a class-action lawsuit against General Motors.

Kehoe Law Firm P.C., says the class action has been filed in United States District Court, Northern District of California on behalf of owners of 2015-2019 Z06s and 2017-2019 Grand Sports.

The suit alleges that the wheels "are prone to bending and cracking, necessitating costly repairs and replacements" and that such cracking "can puncture the tires, causing air leaks and tire blowouts."

According to the complaint, said defect is a result of making the rims out of a cheaper cast material instead of being forged, and also because GM used less material than necessary to try and save unsprung weight (or weight that is not borne by the cars' suspension), resulting in cracks under normal driving conditions because the rims are too weak.

U.S. purchasers or lessees of either a Chevrolet Corvette Z06 (2015-Present) or Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport vehicle (2017-Present) designed, manufactured, marketed, distributed, sold, warranted, and/or serviced by General Motors LLC are encouraged to contact Kehoe Law Firm, P.C. Michael Yarnoff, Esq., (215)792-6676, Ext. 804, myarnoff@kehoelawfirm.com, info@kehoelawfirm.com, or John Kehoe, Esq., (215)792-6676, Ext. 801, jkehoe@kehoelawfirm.com, to discuss potential legal claims.

Numerous stories about wheel cracking problems have been posted for years on Corvette Forum. Car & Driver magazine even reported that it had to replace or repair six damaged wheels over the course of its 40,000-mile test period with a 2017 Grand Sport.

In 2017 Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter weighed in on the subject with the following response to an Ask Tadge questions on the Corvette Forum:

"A frequent sequence of events is that a wheel gets bent by a road hazard but the damage is initially almost undetectable to the driver. Maybe the driver notices a little more vibration, but many times not if the wheel is only slightly out-of-round (just a millimeter or two). A wheel that is not perfectly round puts stress in the rim that varies with each wheel rotation. Over time fatigue cracks can form after thousand or even millions of cycles. The wheel doesn't look any different but begins to leak air at the rim. Since it is hundreds or thousands of miles after the damaging event, the driver often can't remember hitting anything that would justify a crack in the wheel. I have actually experience this myself."

The Corner News ***Keeping you informed.....***

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM (NCM) REPORT

The National Corvette Museum is still delivering the last of the C8 Corvettes manufactured although many have elected to have them shipped.

Plant Manager, Kai Spande, was the guest on the teleconference on the 9th; he spoke and answered questions. As of now, the Corporate date for opening is May 4th but since Mexico is not exporting at all until May 30th that will not likely be the date for Corvette. The Tremec Transmission is partly made in Mexico and the US, and many wire looms are made in Mexico. He did not have any definite information on production, although, it would appear that convertibles will NOT be made in the 2020 model year.

Corvette has released changes for the 2021 model year which includes a new "Red Mist Tintcoat" replacing Long Beach Red and "Silver Flare" replacing Blade Silver. Also included is Magnetic Ride being available as a separate option and various NEW colored Stripes and minor additions. The price for the 2021's will not be announced until Mid-May.

The Museum is doing an "Email Car Show" and a few of our members have entered their cars. The judging begins on April 23rd and all that entered will receive a unique Dash Plaque.

Dwight Alexander

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND (GDB) REPORT

I wanted to give everyone a little update on GDB and our San Diego Northwest Puppy Raisers.

We are still quarantining and not able to go out and about to socialize our puppies. So, I have asked the raisers to video the training assignment I assign them to work with during the week to our own Google page. It helps keep the raisers connected and keeps the puppies on task as they are home. I will then comment on how good they all are doing or make a suggestion on a different approach teaching the puppy.

We are also including Lyric and Humble in these training sessions so they can stay up-to-date with training. We are now getting video conference calls from their trainers at GDB giving us assignments to work specifically with them. Gee, and Lyric & Humble thought they were going to just get to play.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. Can't wait to see you all again. The pups are anxious to visit also.

Take Care and Have A Tail Waggin Day!
Donna Rindskopf

Who am I?



Happy Birthday to You!

May

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

We Celebrate Your Years of Membership!



- Borise & Barbara Cota 10 years
- Rosemary & Wes Dymek 5 years
- Scott & Valerie Peele 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!

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NCoCC Cruise News

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Email submission for the newsletter is no later than the 23rd of every month!
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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.