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NORTH COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB



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President's Corner



Hey North County Corvette Members

The summer has gone, the clocks have been turned back. Hope all enjoyed the ghosts and goblins of Halloween. Thanksgiving & Christmas soon to come, the year is almost done.

We've had some fun. We had eight cars attend the 50th Anniversary of the Borrego Days Desert Festival and Parade. We had cars carrying dignitaries and, at least one exciting the crowd with a performance exhibition (driver not to be named). We enjoyed sitting around in the shade after the parade. Thanks, Gary & Barbara Sadnick.

The club also participated in a run to the Palomar Observatory with Calico Corvettes from Las Vegas. Thank you to all the members participating in a joint club event.

Got to catch up with past member, Tom Harper, at a Bonsall donut shop. His 427 Yellow Vette looks really nice.

Looking forward to the Santa Store, hope we have participation to support a very worthy cause. The kids are amazing. Thank you to all of you who brought wrapping paper to the last meeting, including Bob Belzman and Renee for getting it where it needs to be.

The Christmas dinner is also coming up. Thanks to Wayne and Marilyn Osborne for heading this event up. I know they will do an awesome job as always, thank you.

Heads up, Plastic Fantastic is coming up. We have two "ghost" leaders (wink, wink, not to be named yet) already starting on it and I hope you all support them so we'll have another successful show.

Look forward to seeing you all at the next business meeting.

I am proud to be a member of North County Corvettes!

Rick T.

Happy Birthday

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you are all adjusting to the time change during the weekend. Our cat and dog have not yet adjusted so they've been waking me up when it's still dark outside so they can go out and do their business. I call them my alarm clock animals.

We're finally getting a little rain and lower temps which are really welcome after the long hot Spring and Summer.

We are happy to hear Sandy and Lynn Mayer have sold their home but sad to have them leave the club after so many years. We wish them the best of luck in the future.

This year has just sped by so fast! Thanksgiving is just around the corner. We're happy to know our daughter and her beau are going to join us for the holiday before our daughter takes off for Georgia to report to her new Army base. We'll be meeting him for the first time. He's Army too!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter, you make this job fun and easy.

Please feel free to contact me at the meetings or by email at mrsr2me@yahoo.com with any corrections or ideas for articles to feature here.

Events Calendar

November

- 7 Corvettes on the Midway, Phoenix, AZ
- 10 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 15 VETTES for Veterans, Carlsbad
- 17 NCoCC Board Meeting. Mainstream Bar & Grill. 7:00pm

December

- 5 USO Santa Store
- 8 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 12 NCOCC Christmas/Holiday Dinner
- 13 30th Annual Street Masters Christmas Cruise for the Kids, Torrey Pines
- 20 NCOCC Christmas Light Run (Note: No leader yet, may not happen)

January

- 12 NCoCC Business Meeting. The Well Church. 7:00pm
- 17 "Back-country run" with a stop at Bates Nut Farm, another surprise location, and late lunch at Trupiano's Italian Bistro in Fallbrook. Meet at 11:30 a.m. at North County Fair (usual meeting spot), depart at 11:45. Lunch at 2:30. We'll have the entire restaurant to ourselves! Dessert at Miyamoto's home following.
- 28 NCoCC Board Meeting. Mainstream Bar & Grill. 7:00pm

RUN TO PALOMAR OBSERVATORY

October 18, 2015

Submitted by Sam Rindskopf



As most of you know I have become friends with John Williams, the President of the Calico Corvette Club in Las Vegas. We met via email before last year's Plastic Fantastic Car Show when he contacted me asking for information about the show. Not long after that Donna and I were in Las Vegas and met with his Club to promote Plastic Fantastic and hand out entry forms. Since then we have stayed in touch and in fact Donna and I have gone on a couple of their Club runs. A while back John contacted me and said he and several of his Club members were coming to San Diego and asked if I wanted to do a joint run and if so did I have any ideas for a good place to go. My response to both questions was yes.

We met at the usual meeting spot north of BJ's Brewhouse on Sunday morning October 18th, we had 4 Corvettes from Calico Corvettes and 6 Corvettes from our North County Corvette Club. The day started out a bit overcast and even a little foggy on the drive up to the Observatory, the folks from Las Vegas loved it because they have had nothing but hot hot hot weather. As we got up to the Observatory the sun came out and the blue sky and white billowy clouds made for a great backdrop to the Observatory dome. We checked out the museum and then hiked up the stairs to see the world famous 200-inch telescope. We met one of the scientists who talked about the telescope and answered questions. I for one can tell you I was really impressed with the telescope and more impressed by fact that it was build during the 20s.

We went up the front curvy side of Palomar Mountain to the Observatory and afterwards went down the backside ending up and the Round Up Grill across from Lake Henshaw for lunch. The food was good and provided a nice opportunity to chat with the folks from the Calico Corvette Club. All in all it was a really nice run and a great way to spend a Sunday and also check off another item on my bucket list, go to the Palomar Observatory DONE!

PICTURES FROM THE PALOMAR OBSERVATORY RUN

Pictures submitted by Kathleen Regenhardt and Sam Rindskopf



ABOUT PALOMAR OBSERVATORY

Palomar Observatory, located atop Palomar Mountain in north San Diego County, California, is a center of astronomical research owned and operated by the [California Institute of Technology](#) (Caltech).

The Observatory is home to three [active research telescopes](#): the [200-inch \(5.1-meter\) Hale Telescope](#), the [48-inch \(1.2-meter\) Samuel Oschin Telescope](#), and the [60-inch \(1.5-meter\) telescope](#)

Research at Palomar Observatory is pursued by a [broad community of astronomers](#) from Caltech and other domestic and international partner institutions.

Source: Palomar Observatory website





MORE COMMENTARY ON THE PALOMAR OBSERVATORY RUN

Submitted by Bob and Carol Haller

We all met at North County Fair in the morning. We had six cars from our club and 4 from the Las Vegas Club.

It was really foggy on the way up the mountain but, when we got to the top, the sun was shining.

The observatory tours were closed, but we could walk up and look at the observatory. It was open to where you could see the huge telescope. A worker there started to tell us about it, so it was like we had a free tour. What an incredible telescope! (See above picture)

As we went down the hill on the other side of the mountain, you could see how low Lake Henshaw is getting due to the ongoing drought.

We stopped at the little restaurant across from the lake for lunch. The food was good but, we felt, the servers were not prepared for so many of us.

All in all, it was a fun day spent with our friends from Calico Corvette Club.

BORREGO DAYS PARADE AND DESERT FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 24, 2015

Submitted by Renee Toomey

We met at the Rancho Penasquitos Park and Ride at 7:15 am and started our run at 7:30 am lead by Dave Regenhardt, meeting up with a few more members in Julian, where Sam Rindskopf took over the lead.

I guess I was expecting a quick stop at Dudley's bakery along the way because I needed to use the ladies' room but instead we just kept going. I should have been smart and had Rick stop like Bob and Jo Belzman did because the trip is no fun when nature is calling. When we finally arrived in Borrego, we stopped at the staging area for the parade. There was a filling station at the corner so several of us made our way to the restrooms only to find them closed with a sign saying they were out of order. The manager of the station must have seen the desperation in our eyes because he gave us the key saying not to let anyone else use it once we were done. Thank you!

Rick decided we would make the trip from Julian to Borrego Springs with the top down. It got a little cold on the way up the mountain but heated up as we made our descent into the desert. Thank goodness for the seat warmers!

Rick had volunteered to drive a dignitary in the parade so he dropped me off at Christmas Circle then went back to pick up his ride. The parade starts out with a "parade" of aircraft flying low over the main street and over Christmas Circle. After they made two or three passes, the street parade started with all kinds of participants from marching bands, car clubs (PT Cruisers, Broncos, Jeeps, and Corvettes, of course). It's a typical small town parade, hokey, but fun.

Once the parade was over, we parked our cars on the grass at Christmas Circle and gathered our chairs in a circle in some nice shade. The temperature was 90 degrees but the breeze and shade made it bearable. As always, it was fun catching up with everyone. The free food choices were a little eclectic, but we all had something. Popular items were Belgian waffles and Hawaiian Shaved Ice.

We eventually broke up and went our own ways to get home. It amazed me how many bicyclists brave that long grade up the hill from Borrego Springs! We were careful to give them their space but, one time, a car came around a curve just as we were going by a cyclist! Yikes! All's well that ends well. We ended up taking the 76 by Palomar mountain on the way home. We had never taken the road any further than the road that takes you to Valley View Casino so we experienced some new scenery.

Drove by the Lazy H Restaurant on the way home. We stopped there during a run several years ago. The food is good and the restaurant has a lot of history behind it not to mention a big tree growing up right in the middle of it. It might be time to make another run there in 2016.

Just so everyone knows, Rick's ankle is okay and he's up and at 'em again.

PICTURES FROM BORREGO DAYS RUN

Submitted by Rick & Renee Toomey, Dave Regenhardt, Kathy Buie











GOT WRAPPING PAPER FOR THE USO?

If you have Christmas wrapping paper you want to donate to the USO for their Santa Store in December, please remember to bring it to the November meeting.

Bob Belzman will collect it from you then.

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 12, 2015

The club has decided to subsidize one half of the cost of the party this year, so the cost per couple is \$35 and per single is \$17.50.

At last count, there were 54 people signed up to attend. The party limit is 60 people. Wayne Osborne tells me the first 60 paying participants will be able to attend.

Make sure you get your checks, made payable to NCOCC to Gary Sadnick either at the meeting or you can mail them to him at **901 Madison Ave., Escondido, CA 92026.**

LADIES WHO WRENCH

By Renee Toomey

This month I have added some new skills to my automotive knowledge.

My sister had a check engine light on in her car so Rick showed me how to hook up an OBD II Code Reader to the port on her car and get the code for the issue she was having with it.

I found out she was having trouble with the coolant temperature sensor in the car. That's great to know, but how are you supposed to know where this thing is and how to get to it?

My sister has a generic, do it yourself repair manual for her Hyundai so we took a look at it to see if we could figure out where this bad boy was. Yikes, there's no way you would be able to find out exactly where this thing is situated using the book!

Luckily, Rick knows a little bit about my sister's car and others having worked on many in his lifetime. He replaced her radiator last year.

Rick showed me where the part was AFTER removing a whole slew of things, like the shield over the engine, the air cleaner assembly, radiator hoses, and on and on! Plus, before we removed the sensor, we had to find the stop cock for the radiator so we could remove some of the coolant. You had to remove things to get to that too! They don't make it easy for us!

Once he cleared the way, he put the socket wrench on the sensor and told me to have a go at removing it. It was a lot harder than I thought it would be! I was afraid of breaking something so I let Rick get it loose and then we finished it up.

My sister is back on the road and I learned a little something new. Nothing wrong with that!

I hope you have enjoyed this little bit of info. Ladies, if you've got a story about working on your car, please send me a piece on it.





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 pm at The Well Church Meeting Room located at 13604 Midland 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 web site at www.ncocc.com.



NCoCC Cruise News

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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 service 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 web site.

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 any questions, please contact us via email at info@ncocc.com.