

# SLO VETTES

The Corvette Club of San Luis Obispo  
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Monthly Newsletter

April 2009

## President's Message

Hi All,

For those of you who didn't make the Ragged Point run on the 21<sup>st</sup>, you missed a good run. What started out as a misty morning ended up cloudy and warm. We had 22 cars (I may be off by one or two) and it appears that everyone had a good time. Gayle and Hector (Pres and Secretary) of Vapor Trails Corvette Club joined us on our run. Thank you for coming along. We enjoyed your company. Hector and Gayle also explained that Vapor Trails members are working the barricades/security at the Pismo Beach Car Show (father's day weekend). If you work one 4 hour shift, you qualify for a chance to win cash and if you work two shifts in a row, you also get a free lunch. More information will be forthcoming regarding this event. We also had Peter and Kathy Sherman join us on the run. Hopefully they will soon be joining the club. I also received an application and check from new members, Marc and Gabi Cutler while at the OSH parking lot and they followed us up to Cambria and later on, pulled into Ragged Point. I'm sure we'll see them on future runs. On April 25, Paso Hot Springs is having the balloon fest. They are looking for volunteers. Darlena and Valerie will have additional information regarding this event (this is not a club sponsored event; however, it could lead to something in the future). March 28<sup>th</sup> was the Cobra Club run to San Antonio Lake. Several members attended and again, a good time was had by all. Members of the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club were also in attendance and told us about a benefit run that they are sponsoring May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. If no flyer, in this newsletter, you can find information at...

[www.MontereyCorvettes.com](http://www.MontereyCorvettes.com).

Happy motoring! Drive Safe! I'll see you at the next meeting at CJ's in Arroyo Grande. REMEMBER, THE NEW START TIME IS 6:30.

CHRIS

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Look forward to  
advertisements in  
future issues of the  
SLO Vettes  
Newsletters.

Remember to e-mail  
Dick Hart with any  
noteworthy events,  
information, pictures  
or ads that you want  
to have included in  
the next newsletter.

### *Thought for the Month*

*"You never think  
you're the age  
you are, and, as  
long as you  
don't look in the  
mirror, you  
aren't" - Frank  
Gebry*

## Secretary's Report

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER  
BY PRESIDENT CHRIS AT 6:05  
P.M.  
35 MEMBERS AT THIS MEETING.

MOTION TO CHANGE TIME OF  
MEETING TO START AT 6:30 TO  
GIVE MEMBERS TIME TO GET  
FROM NORTH & SOUTH CO.  
MOTION PASSES.

CHRIS WILL BE BACK IN 20  
MINUTES TO START TONIGHT'S  
MEETING.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - WE  
NOW HAVE 42 MEMBERSHIPS.  
IF YOU NEED A NAME TAG GIVE  
ME A CALL.

SECRETARY REPORT READ  
BY BECKY. REPORT  
ACCEPTED

TREASURE REPORT READ BY  
JAN REPORT ACCEPTED

EVENTS- RAGGED POINT  
RUN IS THIS WEEKEND WE  
NEED ALL MONEY TONIGHT.  
19 CARS SO FAR.

MARCH 28 LAKE SAN  
ANTOINO BBQ WITH COBRA  
CLUB.

APRIL 18 CAR CLINIC & BBQ  
AT THE VIVAS HOME.

PASO ROBLES BALLOON  
FESTIVAL AT RIVER OAKS .  
NEED TO BE AT RIVER OAKS

AT 6:00 A.M. COST \$10.00 PER  
CAR.

THE EVENT AT RICH &  
MARY'S - EVERYONE HAD A  
GREAT TIME.

SUNSHINE - BRIAN LISTED  
MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND  
ANNIVERSARIES.

MERCHANDISE-WE HAVE A  
LOT OF WINTER STUFF  
STILL. PLEASE BUY SO WE  
CAN GET NEW  
MERCHANDISE.

MEETING CLOSED 6:50 P.M.

BECKY.

## *Birthdays and Anniversaries*

### April Birthdays

Chuck Van Tassel	9
Juanita Gibbs	12

### Anniversaries

Bill & Chris Johnson	1
Gary & Chris McPherson	12
Gary & Myra Sirkin	15

*Congratulations to you all!!!*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Check out Page 4 of the Newsletter to read an article from the Mercedes Benz Club of America Magazine, Featuring Slo Vettes' very own, Mary Nohr.

**Follow this link to our website...**

**[www.slovettes.org](http://www.slovettes.org)**

Jon Dallons puts a lot of time and effort into this. Check it out for any information you need such as upcoming events, other websites, You Tube showing the new 2009 ZR1, 600 plus horsepower. Corvette drag racing against other super horsepower sports cars, click on media, go to bikini driving school and scroll down to #10 and much, much more including our members list with address and phone numbers and type and color of corvette. You can spend an hour or more without knowing it. ENJOY!

**\*\*EC products ([www.ecproducts.com](http://www.ecproducts.com)) John Fortney (owner) has offered a 10% discount to all corvette members. Just mention SLO Vettes!**

**\*\*AMS OIL, Darrel Kinkaid (owner) is offering SLO Vettes a 10% discount on his products at 8759 El Camino Real, Atascadero.**

Please contact me for any surgeries, illnesses, deaths, births or weddings!

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**Chris McPherson, Sunshine/Historian**

## ADVERTISEMENTS

Eagle Castle Winery – 3090 Anderson Road, Paso Robles

227-1428 [www.eaglecastlewinery.com](http://www.eaglecastlewinery.com)

Lens Masters – “From our place to your face in as little as 2 hours.”

8105 Morro Road, Atascadero – 466-6939

No appt. necessary!

Mary Nohr at home under the hood.



## MARY NOHR

Central Coast Section

I have been a member of the Central Coast Section in California for 16 years. I am currently the Activities Director for my section. I own two Mercedes, a 1988 300TE and a 1982 380SEC that I converted to a 500SEC.

I grew up on a farm near Madison, Wisconsin. After two years at Madison Area Technical College, I graduated with an A.S. degree in Automotive Technology in 1976. Working summers at a Chevy dealer, I continued my education another two years at a nationally recognized aircraft maintenance school called Blackhawk Tech in Janesville, Wisconsin. I graduated in 1978 with an Airframe and Powerplant license.

I made my way to California by accepting a job as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician at the Napa airport where I met my husband Rich, also an Aircraft Technician. In 1980 I successfully completed the test for the Inspection Authorization or IA. At the time, I was one of only six women in the U.S. with that FAA certification.

In 1981 a new career opportunity brought us to the Santa Ynez Valley near Santa Barbara, California, as the maintenance team for a Santa Barbara based business jet. In 1984 another career change took me to Vandenberg Air Force Base where I was the only

woman working for Martin Marietta as a Titan Missile Mechanical Technician.

Finally, reaching that final and the most satisfying career step in 1987, Rich and I purchased an existing Mercedes repair business renaming it Nohr's Auto Haus, Inc. After 16 years in Santa Ynez, we relocated to a much larger facility in Buellton, California.

I have really enjoyed working on all the different Mercedes that have come through our shop over the last 20 years. We work on everything from '50s Pontons and SLs to the newest S-Class cars. We are lucky to be in an area with a large amount of Mercedes, most of which are our customers. We have a very large clientele of woman customers who appreciate dealing with a woman as their mechanic and service writer. Many women will continue owning a vehicle brand we work on just so they can keep coming to us.

After the doors close at the shop, I relax in my studio at home designing and creating stained glass windows. Several of my windows have been national award winners in the "Glastar" company's competitions. In 2002, I learned the art of glass etching and have etched shower doors, windows, wine bottles and glasses and even automobile windows.

In the future, when I retire as a Mercedes mechanic, I hope to concentrate on my glasswork full time. I will always remain in the Mercedes family and drive the world's best automobile.

MARY AND HER HUSBAND, RICH, ARE MEMBERS OF SLO VETTES. AS YOU SEE HERE, SHE WAS RECENTLY FEATURED IN THE MERCEDES BENZ CLUB OF AMERICA MAGAZINE.

WAY TO GO MARY!

# SLO VETTES

The Corvette Club of San Luis Obispo



SLO Vettes 2 - in - 1 Event  
Saturday, April 18, 2009  
at Carlos and Sherry Vivas Home  
370 Verbena Street, Nipomo

## 11 AM Car Clinic

Bring your Corvette and use our lift to check the underside, change oil, or make other minor repairs.

(Please bring your own fluids and containers to remove used fluids)

Please let Carlos know that you want time on the lift so he can schedule everyone who wants to participate.  
Phone: 929-0838 or e-mail to [my1963vet@aol.com](mailto:my1963vet@aol.com)

## 3 PM It's Barbecue Time

We will have a catered BBQ meal consisting of Santa Maria Style Tri Tip and Chicken, Beans, Salad, Bread, Salsa, Cake, Soft Drinks & Coffee.

Feel Free to BYOB

Dinner is \$20 per person including gratuity

*cut along line and mail*

Yes, I/we want to participate in the BBQ Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$20.00 per person for the Tri Tip/Chicken BBQ. If vegetarian meal is needed, please let us know ASAP so we can notify the caterers.

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Make checks payable and mail to:

Sherry Vivas  
370 Verbena Street  
Nipomo, CA. 94444

Payment is due by Saturday, April 11th.

April 24-26, 2009

### Paso Robles Hot Air Balloon Festival

This is one of the most widely anticipated events of the year as Estrella Associates will play host to a parade of hot air balloons at River Oaks Hot Spring! A live concert will kick off Friday night at River Oaks Amphitheater. During the concert select balloonist will highlight the musical event with a "Candle Glow." Just before dusk, and weather permitting, the hot air balloons are securely tethered and inflated circling the lake. At the direction of the Official Balloonmeister, burners are ignited and the evening sky fills with a kaleidoscope of brilliant, luminous colors that is truly magic. Food, beer and wine will be available during the concert. Amphitheater seating - blankets and low back chairs are welcome. Gates will open at 5:30 PM with the concert beginning at 6:00 PM. Entertainment announcements will be coming shortly so check back! Proceeds benefit The First Tee Central Coast youth golf and life skills program. Event parking is free Friday evening! Please no ice chests, alcohol, food, and animals may be brought into the site.

Saturday morning hot air balloons will ascend into the Paso Robles sky. Included in the Saturday festival will be hot air balloon rides, tethering, food, music, sporting activities, children's activities, model airplane demonstration, model boat demonstrations (on the lake!) and event vendors. Saturday balloon launch and festival begins at 6 AM (weather permitting) with festivities continuing until noon. For the safety of our guests, Saturday balloon rides and tethering are based on weather conditions. Saturday balloon rides require reservations. Reservations will be open after March 1, 2009. Tethering does not require reservations and will be based on first come basis and weather conditions. Festival admission entry fee is \$10 per car! Enjoy this morning sport and festivities - something for the entire family for only \$10 per car!

Hot Air Balloon Rides will be available Sunday morning. (Festival activities Saturday only). Reservations are required for balloon rides and are based on weather permitting rides. Sunday launch will be at 6:00 AM (weather permitting). Reservations for Sunday balloon rides will open March 1, 2009. Visit [www.EstrellaAssociates.com](http://www.EstrellaAssociates.com) for event information. All Festival proceeds benefit The First Tee Central Coast golf and youth life skills program.

**Slo Vette's Interested : We will meet at Cuesta College  
North campus Saturday at 6:00 AM Buena Vista Drive**

## **EVENTS CALENDAR 2009**

<b>January 11</b>	<b>Events Meeting</b>
<b>February 13</b>	<b>Meeting CJ's Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>February 21</b>	<b>Maguiar's Car Care - Buellton (Nohr's)</b>
<b>March 13</b>	<b>Meeting Player's Pizza Atascadero</b>
<b>March 21</b>	<b>Ragged Point Run &amp; Brunch</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Meeting CJ's Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>April 18</b>	<b>Car Clinic &amp; Catered Lunch - Nipomo (Vivas)</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Paso Robles Balloon Festival (Kings &amp; VanTassel's)</b>
<b>May 1-3</b>	<b>Morro Bay Car Show</b>
<b>May 8</b>	<b>Meeting Player's Pizza Atascadero</b>
<b>June 6</b>	<b>A Day at the Lake (Gary's ??? Birthday)</b>
<b>May 14-17</b>	<b>Lake Tahoe 2009 Regional NCRS</b>
<b>May 16</b>	<b>Santa Cruz Boardwalk (McPherson's)</b>
<b>June 12</b>	<b>Meeting CJ's Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>June 18-19</b>	<b>Pismo Beach Car Show</b>
<b>June 18-21</b>	<b>Corvettes at the Lake (Tahoe Corvette Club)</b>
<b>June 27</b>	<b>Corvette Mystery Run (Sauvadon's)</b>
<b>June 26-28</b>	<b>Big Bear Bash (Corvettes West)</b>
<b>July 4</b>	<b>Templeton Parade and Bar-B-Q at VanTassel's</b>
<b>July 10</b>	<b>Meeting Player's Pizza Atascadero</b>
<b>August 8</b>	<b>Bar-B-Q at the Stone's (Bring your own meat)</b>
<b>August 14</b>	<b>Hot El Camino Nites Cruise, Bar-B-Q &amp; Meeting</b>
<b>August 15</b>	<b>Atascadero Lake Car Show (Mid State Cruizers)</b>
<b>Sept. 10-13</b>	<b>Tahoe Tour (Corvettes of Fresno)</b>
<b>Sept. 11</b>	<b>Meeting CJ's Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>Sept. 19-20</b>	<b>Oakhurst (McPherson's)</b>
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>Cruise for Life Santa Maria</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Meeting Player's Pizza Atascadero</b>
<b>October 31</b>	<b>Halloween Party (Cyester's)</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Meeting CJ's Arroyo Grande</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>CHP Toy Run &amp; Brunch (Cyester's)</b>
<b>December 4</b>	<b>Christmas Party San Luis Obispo Elk's</b>

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