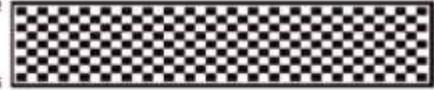


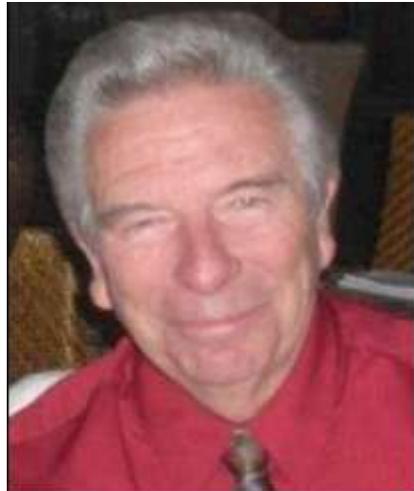
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JUNE 2012



Al Sauvadon
President

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Thank you Sherry Vivas

My sincere thanks to Sherry for stepping up to the plate at our last meeting in Pismo Beach. When I called Sherry and asked her to take charge of the meeting, she without hesitation replied "Yes, I will handle it," and handle it she did. Our club is truly fortunate to have members such as Sherry who are willing and able to jump in and make a difference when needed. A big thank you also to Dough and Sue Owen for taking over the Treasurer report and raffle ticket duties.

Our next meeting at the Atascadero Lake Park

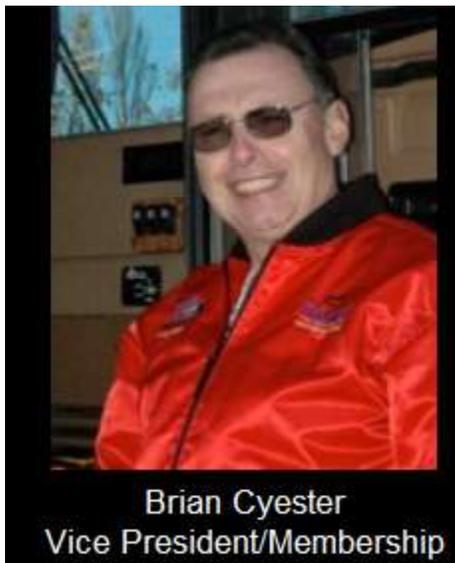
Reminder the SLO VETTE June 8 meeting will be held at the Atascadero Lake Park at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. Each member should bring their own meal, sandwiches, Pizzas, Mexican Food, etc., as well as your preferred beverages. Also, be sure to bring chairs. The members voted to have two meetings this year at the park. It will be a regular meeting. Important issues will be discussed and voted on. Officers will provide their reports as usual. Your support will be appreciated in order to provide a meaningful and informative get together.

A great Memorial Day program at the Park

Rex reported his appreciation for a very special memorial ceremony held at the Atascadero Lake Park last weekend. I take this opportunity to thank all our Men and Women who have served and are presently serving in our Armed Forces; they stand on the wall in order to insure our freedom. Our thanks to Steve Wright for all his hard work as master of ceremony, he is a true Patriot.

Up coming Board Meeting

A board meeting is scheduled for all elected officers and appointed officers on Wednesday June 6th, at my home at 6:30 p.m. We are having a pot luck dinner. Paula will contact you regarding the menu. These meetings are intended to deal with various issues/challenges and serve as "Battery Chargers" for our Officers. Officers, please check your calendars. Thank You.



We are still at 55 paid memberships.

NEXT MEETING IS FRIDAY, JUNE 8TH AT ATASCADERO LAKE PARK, HIGHWAY 41 WEST JUST WEST OF PORTOLA ROAD. BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND BEVERAGES AND SOMETHING TO SIT ON IN CASE THE PICNIC TABLES ARE UNA



Sherrie Vivas
Secretary

NO REPORT AVAILABLE.



Jan Dallons
Treasurer

Report at June Meeting



Bill Johnson
Events

4TH OF JULY PARADE IN TEMPLETON

Come join us for the parade!

We will meet at the corner of MAIN St. and Gibson between 9:00 and 9:30a.m.
Please decorate your car there. What to do after the parade is still up in the air.
We can talk about it at the next meeting (June at Atascadero Lake Park)

SPEND A DAY AT THE LAKE

**S.L.O. VETTES IS SPENDING A DAY AT
LAKE NACIEMENTO ON
JUNE 30TH!!**

**Boating, Swimming, Eating, Sunbathing,
Eating, Waterskiing, and Eating**

**We have several members bringing their
boats and RVs. We'll have an air
compressor to blow up water toys.**

Cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday and pancakes on Sunday morning. Bring your own drinks. We will be in the overflow area (follow the signs).

We need a head count for food, so please R.S.V.P. by June 15 to Bill Johnson, 701-6658 or billhotrodjohnson@yahoo.com. We will need payment by June 22nd. Please mail checks to: 2780 ArborView Lane, Lompoc, 93436



**Becky Cyester
Sunshine/Historian**

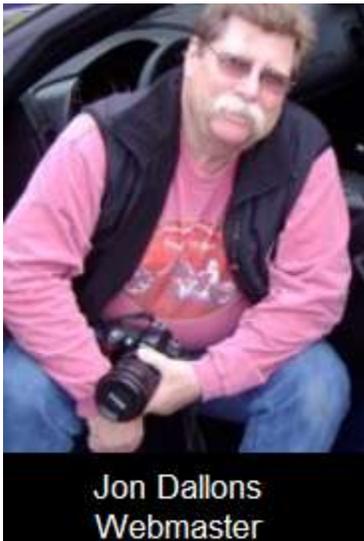
JUNE BIRTHDAYS: David McKeand -9th; Gary McPherson – 6th; Judy Suschke – 9th.

June Anniversaries: Dennis & Sharon Querantes – 26th; Jim & Ann Collins – 12th;

Al & Paula Sauvadon – 22nd and John & Donna Ramos – 15th.



See Ron for all the latest fashions and ordering jackets.



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Sunday, May 20, 2012 3:17 PM

Home at Last?

Attending Corvette events away from home can be a blast until you are unlucky enough to have the misfortune of breaking down. This is exactly what happened to Chris and Glenna Petrush on the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Cruise. Something happened to their ignition system and steering column lock. The security system in their car actually thought they were trying to steal their own car. Long story short, the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club called their go-to man for such problems. Apparently, one of their former members works for the service department at the local Chevy dealership. The guy left his family function and went to their car. After an hour on site, he decided to flatbed their car to the dealership and solve the problem. Three hours later, Chris reports in person back to the banquet and informs us that all was good. This was totally a stroke of luck. Can you imagine the flip side of the story if this guy hadn't appeared? All the extra expenses, frustration and basically a ruined weekend.

I want Chris to know that he was not singled out. The next day, some of us headed down Highway 1 as the weather was really nice. No coastal fog and the temps were perfect for a run down the windy road.

Late Sunday afternoon, Jan and I pull up into our parking area at our home. We immediately pull out the bags and empty the car as Jan had to pick up our daughter. Suddenly from within the house, I heard the car sound the horn once indicating that the key fob had been removed and the car had locked. What happened next was totally unexpected. "Honey!!!!" Jan says. "The car's locked." "Well", I said, "why did you take the fob out of the car?" Jan said, "I didn't."

Now stay with me here. This really gets good.

She brought her fob on the trip because she likes the automatic seat and mirror adjustment feature. Little did she know, that her fob battery was dead and no such function was operational. My fob was also in the car. As best I figure and the dealership agrees with me, my battery in my fob went dead just then. The car no longer saw a fob so it assumed that it was being instructed to lock itself.

Hmmmmmm Both key fobs along with the back hatch keys are now locked up tighter than a drum in the car. "I can see them right there in the cup holder" "Shit!"

"Honey" I said, "Where's the smart key that comes with the car?" No answer - - - - -

I told Jan, "I know. Call OnStar and ask them to reinstate our account and have them unlock the car."

This is another screwed up story but in a nutshell, after our two initial years of their service that came with the purchase of the car, they quietly signed us up for the most expensive service. Many months go by and Jan catches the charge on our credit card statement. She called them asking for an explanation and an adjustment to the monthly charge. They basically refused her request. They informed her that if we dropped the service and then signed up as a new customer, they could give us a new program with a cheaper price. So, with my blessings, she calmly told them "Thank you. We will no longer be needing your services."

OK, so now your wondering where this is going. hehe

When she called OnStar this time, they quickly told her that they would be happy to reinstate our account and help us unlock the car however, in order to do so we would have to push the blue OnStar button on the rearview mirror. What part of "We are locked out of our car" did they not understand? After a few minutes of go nowhere conversation, they told us for \$67 they could send someone out to open the car. By this time, we were in no mood to be insulted as the

blue button statement still rang loud and clear in our minds. We told them, "No thank you. We will call AAA to open the car."

AAA answers the phone and after they identify us as AAA Plus members, they inform us that for \$85 they could take care of us. I guess the only winner there would be the governor with state sales tax. We said again, "No thank you."

Jan then called OnStar back as they seemed to be our best bet. They sent out a young man. He had never been asked to open a Corvette before and was more curious than confident about looking at the car. After taking a quick look he announced, "I had a bad feeling about this. I'm not going to snow you but I'm not qualified to open your car."

Jan said at this point, "What do we do now?" Since we were home and the bed bought and paid for, I instructed her to wait until tomorrow and call the Chevy dealership. They must have an answer.

The next day, I called Chuck Giles. For those of you who do not know Chuck, he used to be in SLO Vettes and works in the sales department at the local Chevy dealership. Chuck was also totally dumbfounded that OnStar was unable to simply push a couple of buttons and unlock the car especially if we were going to re-up for their long term services. We were previous customers and they had all our info in their computers. Surely they don't purge all their former customer's info we thought.

The Close - - - - -

The only thing that saved us was the fact that Pete Johnston owned the local dealership that sold us the car in the first place. He is no longer involved with the dealership but is still involved with the AAA service on the same lot. He saw our name on the service calls from the prior night. He called Jan and told her to bring the vin number along with a drivers license to the parts department. That day along with Chucks help, they cut us a key which allowed us to open the back hatch and enter the car. The price you say? Not \$ 85.00. Not \$67.00. For a mere pittance of \$8.75 we were able to gain entry. We were lucky to be in the company of our home dealership and some really good follow up by Pete and Chuck. Out thanks to them for their help.

Needless to say, we have taken some action to insure that this will not happen again.

Jon & Jan Dallons

SLO Vettes

Corvette Club of San Luis Obispo County

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

[Hello SLO Members:](#)

Since this is about our present Corvette, (*the 2nd one I have owned*) & how we met, I'll try not to digress into my ancient history, I'll quote a lyric from one of "Billy Joel's " songs,, " *Back when I wore a younger mans clothes* ". I have been very lucky, & had many interesting experiences, but they would go too far back for this missive.

A chance meeting- on my lunch break- in Aug: 1981 brought my Georgia & I together for the 1st time. Being single nearly 10 yrs: I noticed, in this quick meeting, there was something different about this young lady, that I immediately liked.. Gaining some courage, next day I called her, & asked for her home number, she gave it, and a day or so later, on August 31st '81 would be our 1st date. I'm sure she was surprized, when I requested an early Saturday morning date, as I picked her up in my nearly new Camero Z-28, & off to Monterey we went.. Up beautiful Hwy: 1, lunch by the Sea, & by that late, late , evening, I had decided , time to quit my running around habits, and devote some serious dating time with her alone. A scant (4) years later to the day, on August 31st, 1985 we were married.. Those of you who know her, must agree, what a lucky sob I am..

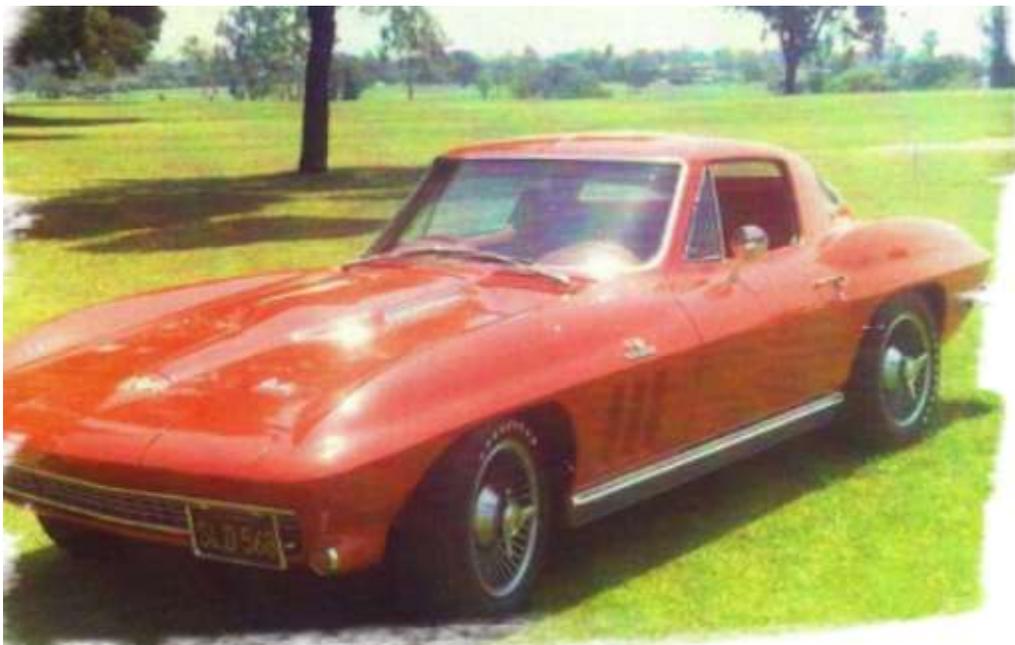
In our 31 years together, we have taken many trips across these United States, owned @ least a dozen vehicles, & Camped in 100's of places, with our restored older " Ideal Trailer " as far as Vancouver. (Our favorite area,) camping on, & driving my Pontiac powered, V-8 Dune Buggy, up and down Pismo Bch. Devils Slide, & places that have long since been closed to such fun.. The 3rd of the fast Sand Buggies, I built, we , or one of Georgia's Sons, named this one, " Dinosaurs' Rex".. Wanna' talk about 100 mph Sand Buggies, I have several stories but for (another time).. Our driving trips, have taken us to dozens of States, & to the East Coast, & Arlington, Wash: DC, for Marine Reunions, meeting every yr. or so, to meet with my Comrades, 25 Original Marines, I was in Boot Camp with in 1958... Yes 54 years ago, this June 6th, I was a young 18 Yr old, in San Diego in Marine Boot Camp... Moving on---

We saw our Corvette, as it was Entered, in the Pismo Bch. Car Show, June 2007..(actually Georgia) spotted it, out of several hundred other cars, & saw a small 'For Sale ' sign in the window & said to me, Humm' I wonder how much that beautiful car is.. We had never ever even mentioned, buying a car, let alone a Vette', till that very second. Anyhow we looked, she sat in it,she revved the Borla exhaust, I looked @ the speedo', discussed the price, left him our Ph: number along with 10 or 15 others he said he had collected that day, & I never thot; of it again, considering this car would be sold, long before he got to my name. I got the call from him several days later, on June 25th 2007. None of his --lookie-lou's-- had bought it, so we took it for a drive, G' was @ work, but I bought it on the spot, immediately went to AAA registered it, & hid it in our cousins garage. I had planned to surprize her when she got home, but on that Tuesday, June 25th, a very tragic accident happened in our family. Some of you locals may remember on that day, a huge Specialty-Crane, had an accident off #101 on Brand Ave. near the High School there, and the driver of it, my Brother-In-Law, lay in San Luis Hospital in life or death situation. For many days, into weeks, we would drive daily to see him, he did eventually recover, but this for sure was not the time, to break out the news that I had just bought a beautiful Corvette,, so it stayed hidden, from all, even Georgia, for a couple weeks. Well so much for a short letter, (Al you shoulda' known me), but this will help us all become acquainted..

OH !,, my 1st Corvette a "Brand New " 1966 Rally Red, 427/425 hp, I drove off the S.R. Floor @ Felix Chevy: in late 1966.. You can bet I have many exciting stories & adventures, of those -Hot Rod - years.. If I'm lucky again, & Georgia happens to see a late model Grand Sports in next yr. or so ,there may well be a 3rd, 'Vette' in our life.. I would love to sell my low mileage C-5, to a SLO 'member.. a perfect 2nd driver, or a gift for your child. It's perfect in every way, I guarantee all it needs is a tank of gas, & within the hour, I would take it straight to New York City..If interested, let me know, & we'll begin the search for a replacement.}}

>) Lets drive'um, that's what our Club

does.... Rex and Georgia Ott





Rex & Georgia, I can personally say that we're glad to have you in the club. There's never a dull moment when you're around.

Chris













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Chris Petrush
Newsletter Editor

I apologize for the lateness of the newsletter. Too many issues to mention here. I do want to mention a few things. **FIRST**, a big thank you to our many friends at the Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club for the assistance in getting me up and running after breaking down during the poker run at their event (if you've thought about attending their event but haven't, you might want to check it out next year). **SECONDLY**, a tip

from their on-call mechanic regarding jumping your Corvette; Do not leave the key in the ignition when attaching jumper cables. Place the key back in the ignition after attaching the cables so that the computer doesn't re-set itself into thinking something that it shouldn't (geek speak).

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