



SLO VETTES

THE CORVETTE CLUB OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ©

June 2006

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Al Sawadon

Thank You Chris Petrush

Our appreciation to Chris Petrush for handling the May 12th meeting. I was unable to attend due to work obligations. I personally appreciate Chris stepping up to the plate.

Web-site Proposal

I believe that our club would be well served with a web-site. Most, if not all car clubs, have a site. It would be a great recruiting tool and would provide various up to date information regarding SLO VETTES. At my request, Jon Dallons has researched publishing a web-site and has accepted to be our webmaster. During the past few months, Jon has worked diligently at putting a proposal together for your review. He will share the new site and the proposal at the June 9th meeting in Atascadero.

A Search is on for a NEW South County Meeting Location ?????

We are outgrowing our meeting space at the Quarterdeck in SLO. I am in the process of locating another restaurant in the SLO area. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please call me. We need a location with a private room that will accommodate between 35 and 45 people on a Friday night every other month. When I

have a recommendation, I will present it to the membership for approval. The meeting sites are important in order to provide a pleasant atmosphere when we meet.

ACA Increases Their Dues

Jan Dallons will present a report to the membership on the ACA insurance changes and the effect it will have on our club finances. A possible dues increase and other options will be discussed and possibly voted on at the June meeting. Your voice and participation is welcome.

See you at the meeting: Players Restaurant 6 P.M. June 9

Al

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EVENTS

Brian Cyester

Our last event was the Ragged Point Brunch Run where we had an excellent turnout. May 20th - 21st was the Morro Bay Car Show. We had three members showing cars (not Corvettes). We took a vote at the Ragged Point Run and decided to cancel the Basque Restaurant Run due to lack of interest. May 26th - 29th is the West Coast Kustoms Car Show in Paso

Robles. On May 27th, Golden State Classics is hosting a car show at Pete Johnston's in Paso Robles. (1980 and older)
June 4th is our photo shoot. I will be contacting all of you with a meeting place. Please put this on your calendar.

See you at the next event.
Brian

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

Becky Cyester

May Meeting - - -

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Chris Petrush. There were 38 people in attendance.

Chris introduced guests Ron Akins, Brian Jones, Chuck Tempus and Steve Snyder.

The minutes from the April meeting was read by Becky Cyester. There was a motion to approve it as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

CNN - Frank received a ticket for speeding in the new C-6 and a week later Vicki also received a very expensive parking ticket. Marion and Linda

Todd bought a new Z06. Chuck Giles broke his foot and is on medical leave.

Treasurer's Report - Jan gave her report. There was a motion to approve it as read. The motion was seconded and passed. Jan also reported that our ACA dues are going up so we may have to look at raising our dues by \$5.00 to cover it. We have until the end of the year to vote on it.

Sunshine - Donna passed around a photo album. She asked people to send any additional photos of events to her so she can add them to the albums.

Events - Brian talked about the great turnout we had for the Ragged Point Run. He said we had 3 members showing cars at the Morro Bay Car Show. He also informed us that he was in the process of fine tuning the club photo shoot.

Merchandise - Bruce brought the jackets that had been ordered. He also mentioned the pin-stripping gathering that will happen at his home in June.

Newsletter - Jon reminded everyone that all articles should be in within one week after the general meeting.

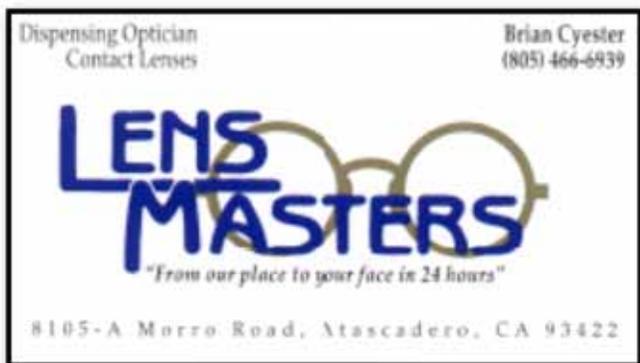
Randy Huhn and Rich Nohr won first place on a road rally.

The 50/50 pot was won by Becky Rief.

Next months "Our Corvette" article was given to Randy and Debbie Huhn.

Becky

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NEXT MEETING

June 9th, 6:00PM
Player's Restaurant
Atascadero



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PIN STRIPPING -- BURGERS & BEER POTLUCK

COME BY AND WATCH THE CARS TAKE ON A NEW PERSONALITY --
THERE ARE 5 SIGNED UP FOR PIN STRIPPING -- ALL CLUB MEMBERS
ARE WELCOME

Saturday, June 24th, 2006

Pin Striping begins at 8:30A.M.. until finished
Burgers and Beer Potluck -- between 12:00 and 3:00P.M..

Please RSVP to Bruce and Barbara Lomath

462-8774 -- by June 17th so we can get a count and find out what you would like
to contribute....

Address" The Lakes of Atascadero"
Off Traffic Way and Ferro Carril Rd.
(not on Map Quest)

Directions

North - Take Del Rio exit -- cross freeway (East)

Go thru stop light, come past 2 stop signs

Left on Chico -- cross Traffic way across RR tracks

* Right into "The Lakes"

Right at stop sign first left = Avenida Del Sol

Go to end of street = 3110 Avenida Del Sol = B & B's

South - Take Traffic Way exit -- turn right

Cross El Camino pass The Carlton

Go approx. 2.6 miles

Turn Right at Ferro Carril Rd. -- crossing RR tracks

The rest as above....*

If the gates are closed -- use the Key symbol and 043 and 049..if that doesn't open
the gate, call us on your cell.....

This is a social event, not a club event- just friends getting together



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Birthdays For June

Gary McPherson 6th
Bill Nicholson 18th

Anniversaries For June

John & Donna Ramos 15th
Chris & Paula Daman 20th
Al & Paula Sauvadon 22nd

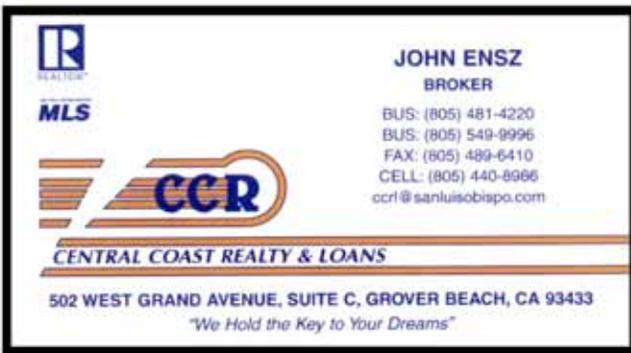
**Happy Birthday and Anniversary
To Everyone From SLO Vettes**



OUR CORVETTE – – Randy and Debbie Huhn

My journey into automotive high performance had humble beginnings in Seattle, Washington in the early '60s. In seventh grade, a friend's dad, who bore a remarkable resemblance to Roy Orbison, picked us up for a birthday party in a Plymouth Sport Fury that probably had a Max Wedge or some such. When we hit a long incline known as Zenith Hill, he punched it. As I was being crushed into the back seat, I thought, "coooooo!"

Fast forward several years. I was one of the fortunate high school students that got to ride the bus to school every day. How I envied the kids that had their own rides! It seemed that no matter how dorky otherwise, having a set of wheels raised one several rungs on the popularity ladder. I bought my first car (by selling my drum set) for \$200. It was a '55 Chevy 4-door, six cylinder, automatic that needed rings. As one of my pals sarcastically opined, "What more could you want?" I never drove that car legally. After several modifications such as vinyl dyed black



upholstery, re-verb rear speaker and manifold vacuum wolf whistle, I was ready to sneak it out, sans insurance. My dreams of drive-in romances under red painted dome lights faded and I sold the car.



My dad offered to help me select/buy my next car which turned out to be a 1964 Falcon Sprint. One of those cars I wish I could have magically kept. It was an unmolested 260 C.I. 4 speed. This was to be the first car I learned how to "bolt on more horsepower for lower E.T.s!" High on ambition and ignorance, I decided to build a "Boss 302" for it. I went into the local Ford dealership with an idea and some \$\$\$\$. A friend with only slightly more automotive experience than I helped wrestle the parts together and stuff them into the car. It actually started and ran! Unfortunately, the oil and water were finding a way to commingle. After two tear downs, we finally relinquished the

problem to a higher source. It turned out we had been given the wrong head gaskets by our friendly FoMoCo parts jockey. That car gave way to a 1965 Chevelle SS into which we swapped a 325hp 396. With a big solid lifter cam, a 3310 Holley Carb and headers, that car had an unblemished street race record. It walked all over 427 Vettes, 440 Chargers and 454 Chevilles. We must have totally lucked into the right combination of parts!

The next automotive period was the early 70's. Gas shortages! I drove a 1952 GMC panel truck for a couple of years. 232 straight six & 3 on the tree. Never became the wet dream the posters and mattress in the back promised. Next, a 1970 VW beetle. Great gas mileage and the car that brought me to the central coast.

All the while, Debbie was the blonde, bikini-ed surfer girl in Ventura. She had boy-friends with '69 Camaro Z-28s and '69 Road Runners. She moved North to attend Cal Poly. I happened to spread my towel next to hers at Avila Beach. After a few minutes of talking, we decided to get married. No, no..... we dated for a few years, then got engaged, then married in Lake Tahoe. We are closing in on 28 years together. Wow, that went by fast. It seems like only 27 years and 5 months!

In 1985, I convinced Debbie that we needed to re-finance the house to buy a Corvette. We went to the Pomona Swap Meet with cash a-smolderin' in our pockets. Alas, all that we found in our price range for '63-'67 Vettes was sh*t! We went home crestfallen. Debbie's sister called us 3 days later to tell us she had read an ad for a Corvette in Westlake Village that kind of sounded like what we were looking for. I called, and after hearing the car described, told the owner I would buy the car if it was as he described it. When we arrived, he opened the garage door and I knew I was buying that car! It was a numbers matching 300hp 327 4-speed, PS, PW, 2-top silver pearl roadster. Debbie and I took turns driving it home. During my stint, a stretch limo pulled up next to me and out of the top popped a gaggle of cute girls that all yelled and gave me a "thumbs up".

In the last 20 years, I've put 5 different engines in the car: 355, 383, 427, 509 and lastly the ZL-1 483 with a 5-speed. (Original parts in storage) I have had every part of the car apart and back together, so I feel a certain familiarity (intimacy?) with it. I have considered selling the car in the past, but Debbie asks, "What car would you enjoy more?" To which I have no answer.

Randy and Debbie Huhn



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Chris Petrush

I officially stepped to the plate and filled-in for Al at the May meeting. A little technical difficulty, (darn batteries anyways) but we managed to pull it off. We had a good turnout and with the weather cooperating, more Vettes were in attendance. Steve Snyder from Kimball Motors was there as a guest and was given an application. Steve owns Jack LaLane's old Corvette. Steve didn't waste any time in sending in his application and I'd like for all of us to welcome him to the club. I also had request from several members to change their name tags from the pin-type to the magnetic back. I dropped off several tags and hopefully they will be completed by the June meeting. If you're interested in changing the back of your tag, please let me know and pass your name tag on to me so that I can make arrangements to have it changed. If you need any of our business cards to hand out to Corvette owners, please ask me for some at the next meeting.

Chris sierradog84@msn.com

Come Support Your Club

We are having a club photo shoot on
Sunday, June 4th.

Shine those cars up and bring them out.
We would like to have as many of the club
cars as we can.

We will meet in Paso Robles at the O.S.H.
parking lot off of Hwy. 101 and Hwy 46
West, at 10:00 A.M.

After the photo shoot, we will go have lunch
for those who wants to.

I will be calling everyone to remind you.
See you there.
Brian

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan Dallons

05/15/06

SLO Vettes PL Budget Comparison December 18, 2005 through May 15, 2006

	<u>Dec 18, '05 - May 15, '06</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income			
50/50 Raffles	484.00	1,000.00	48.4%
Advertising	216.00	180.00	120.0%
Dues	2,085.00	2,500.00	83.4%
Events	1,120.00	2,500.00	44.8%
Merchandise	1,817.00	1,000.00	181.7%
Misc.	0.00	575.00	0.0%
Total Income	<u>5,722.00</u>	<u>7,755.00</u>	<u>73.8%</u>
Expense			
ACA	552.00	750.00	73.6%
Annual Mtg. food expenses	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Events - expenses	883.78	3,000.00	29.5%
Membership - name badges	48.48	400.00	12.1%
Merchandise (apparel)	2,065.64	1,000.00	206.6%
Misc.- flowers, supplies, etc.	102.51	450.00	22.8%
Newsletter	89.26	750.00	11.9%
P.O. Box fee	0.00	55.00	0.0%
President's expenses	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Xmas Party (\$15 x 50 membership)	0.00	750.00	0.0%
Total Expense	<u>3,741.67</u>	<u>7,755.00</u>	<u>48.2%</u>
Net Income	<u>1,980.33</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some of the U.S. statistics for the year 1905. The average life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years. Only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub. Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. A three-minute call from Denver to New York City cost eleven dollars. There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads in the U.S. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. With a mere 1.4 million people, California was only the 21st most populous state in the union. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower. The average wage in the U.S. was 22 cents per hour. The average U.S. worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2,000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, a veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95% of all births in the U.S. took place at home. Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Ninety percent of all U.S. doctors had no college education. Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press and by the government as "substandard." Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women washed their hair only once a month, and they used borax or egg yolks for a shampoo. Canada passed a

law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason. Five leading causes of death in the U.S. were: 1. Pneumonia & influenza 2. Tuberculosis 3. Diarrhea 4. Heart disease 5. Stroke. The American flag had 45 stars. Arizona, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Hawaii and Alaska hadn't been admitted to the union yet. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30! Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet. There was no Mother's Day or Father's Day. Two out of every ten U.S. adults couldn't read or write. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then a pharmacist said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, regulates the stomach and bowels and is in fact, a perfect guardian of health." (Shocking!) Eighteen percent of households in the U.S. had at least one full-time servant or domestic help. There were about 230 reported murders in the entire U.S. Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years!

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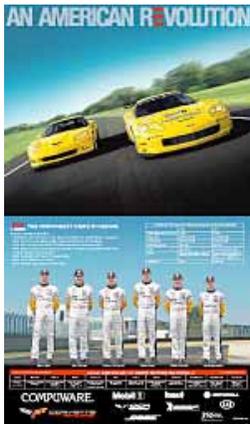
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Corvette Racing's Reign Continues at Mid-Ohio

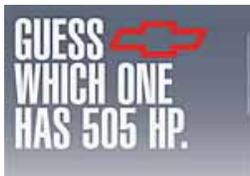
Morning rain gave way to brilliant sunshine today as Corvette Racing continued its reign in the American Le Mans at Mid-Ohio. Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta extended Corvette Racing's winning streak at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course to five straight ALMS victories in the GT1 class. A runner-up finish by Ron Fellows and Johnny O'Connell made it five consecutive 1-2 finishes at Mid-Ohio by Chev'y's factory team.



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American Le Mans at Mid-Ohio GT1 Results

Pos./Drivers/Car/Laps

- 1. Gavin/Beretta, Chevrolet Corvette C6.R, 116**
- 2. O'Connell/Fellows, Chevrolet Corvette C6.R, 116**
3. Enge/Turner, Aston Martin DBR9, 115
4. Lamy/Sarrazin, Aston Martin DBR9, 114

NEXT EVENT

June 17-18, 24 Hours of Le Mans, Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans, Le Mans, France, 8.5-mile road course
TV: SPEED, check local listings

American Le Mans Series

(Standings as of May 21)

Driver Standings - GT1 Class

- | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Oliver Gavin | 66 points |
| 1. Olivier Beretta | 66 points |
| 2. Ron Fellows | 48 points |
| 2. Johnny O'Connell | 48 points |
| 3. Thomas Enge | 45 points |
| 3. Darren Turner | 45 points |
| 4. Pedro Lamy | 42 points |

Manufacturer Standings - GT1 Class

- | | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. Chevrolet | 66 points |
| 2. Aston Martin | 48 points |
| 3. Saleen | 14 points |



Fremont Experience photos by Becky Cyester and Chris McPherson



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