

SLO VETTES

The Corvette Club of San Luis Obispo County



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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE *Rick Gilbert*



Hi all,

Well, here it is July, the weather is hot, probably some of you are planning vacations, some will just stay home and maybe go to the fair, so whatever you plan, try to stay cool.

With that said, that leaves us with only 3 more months until we pick new club officers, so start thinking about which position you would like. They will all be open.

We have the Templeton Parade coming up on the 4th. There are several club members planning on attending.

The club has always had a good turn out for it, but, we won't be there. We have other commitments and can not make it.

The mystery tour was mentioned at the last meeting, so start making your plans now to attend.

Maybe we can get Jan and Denise to tell us more about it. Lol

There isn't much more to talk about so this will be short.

The next meeting will be on July 8th at Margie's in SLO.

See you there.
Respectfully your President,

Rick Gilbert
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NEXT MEETING

July 8th 6:30PM

Margie's Diner

San Luis Obispo

Vice President
Russ Surber



MISCELLANEOUS RAMBLINGS

Greetings from sunny Sedona! Actually, we're just down the road in Oak Creek finishing off a delightful week or so of celebrating our anniversary. I'm happy to report that the weather in Central Arizona is about what it's been on the Central Coast in the closing days of June, unseasonably hot and unrelenting. Unlike at least Paso Robles, the temperatures don't drop dramatically in the evening, so while we can get by without air conditioning in Paso it would be a pretty brutal life to do so here.

The Club's July meeting will take place July 8 at Margie's Diner in SLO. We understand that it can be difficult to make a 6:30 p.m. meeting on a Friday, but the Club will only prosper if its members participate in its activities, and the Club's monthly meeting is an important part of the process. So, make it a point to be there, enjoy the camaraderie, and help us make SLO Vettes the best club it can be (with apologies to Army Recruiting)!

I'm delighted to say that we have added two new memberships to our

roster, Mike & Joanne Nemecek of Arroyo Grande and Ken and Diane Wilkenson from Lockwood. That gives us a total of 37 members as we head into the second half of the year, so keep your eyes out for Corvette owners who haven't yet discovered the joys of belonging to one of the premier clubs in the Nation!

And, speaking of July, which I wasn't but had mentioned June, the month's big event is the Templeton Parade scheduled for . . . July the 4th!!!! You can have a great time in Templeton as you celebrate the 240th Birthday of our great country, so don't hesitate to become a part of the celebration. Meet on North Main Street across from the Donut Shop between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. You'll have time to "dress" your car with flags, bunting, and all of the other things you can think of that tell the world America is still spry and lively even after 240 sometimes trying years!

While sitting here in beautiful Arizona I should mention that the Prescott Vette Sette Club is hosting the 10th Annual Vette Sette Corvette Show on September 23-24. The Show takes place in the Historic Prescott Courthouse Plaza, which is one of the great town squares of the west and a

perfect spot for a Corvette show. Participation is limited to 275 cars and the registration fee is \$45. It would be a great getaway and a good time is guaranteed for all! If you are interested in heading to Prescott later this year for some Corvette fun, see me and I'll give you a registration form and the information you'll need to sign up.

Finally, wasn't it great to see both Dan & Vivian Mirabolle and Rex & Georgia Ott at June's meeting. Both have been having a tough time and it speaks well of their determination and spirit to see them participate in Club activities. So a big round of applause to both families, you are an inspiration to us all. And for Rex, a big Hu-Rah and Semper Fi!

Russ Surber
 VP/Membership
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It's Here - The SLO
 Vettes Window Decal
 Talk to Russ

SUNSHINE / HISTORIAN
Debbie Gilbert



July Birthdays

- July 8 Glenna Petrush
- July 10 Michael Lier
- July 14 Becky Cyester
- July 25 Vivian Mirobaldi

July Anniversaries

- July 14 Carlos & Sherry Vivas
- July 14 Marty & Valerie Cochran
- July 16 Karl & Sharon Williams
- July 16 Michael & Karen Lier
- July 25 Ron & Linda Lazzaroni
- June 24 Floyd and Lynn Owens
- June 29 Ronald and Susan Miller

Debbie debbiegilbert55@yahoo.com

Secretary Jeanne Allen



SLO Vettes Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2016

Margie's Diner, San Luis Obispo

San Luis Obispo SLO Vettes President, Rick Gilbert called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Twenty-nine attendees were present. All the Club's elected officers were present.

Membership: Vice President/ Membership Chair, Russ Surber reported that the Club had 35 paid memberships. During the meeting, Ken and Diane Wilkenson from Lockwood and Mike and Joanne Nemeck with homes in Arizona and the central coast joined bringing the total to 37 paid memberships.

Minutes: Secretary, Jeanne Allen read the minutes from the April meeting. Jan Dallons moved to accept the minutes as read and Rex Ott seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Jan Dallons reported on the club's income and expenses for the time period April 9th through June 10th and also year-to-date totals. Jan reported the club is solvent. Russ Surber made the motion to accept the report. Rex Ott seconded the motion and the motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Events: Events Chair, Maggie Hood reported that 15 cars participated in the Vintage Cowboy Winery run and

everyone had a great time. The owners of the winery invited us to return next year to tour the ranch and vineyard. No events are planned for June.

She announced the upcoming events including the Templeton 4th of July parade. Attendees are to meet at Main Street and Gibson at 8:30 a.m. She also said Hot El Camino Cruise Nite is scheduled for August 19th. John Beaman said he had a BBQ trailer and offered to cook. As Cruise Nite gets closer, a sign-up sheet will be passed around so members can volunteer to bring side dishes. Cost for burgers will be \$5.00. John Beaman said he would get some cruise applications for those wanting to participate in the event. He thinks the cost is around \$23.00.

Jan Dallons disclosed some information about this year's Mystery Trip. The event is scheduled for September 30 through October 2nd and the cost is \$450.00. Jan is accepting deposits of \$200.00 from those daring enough to attend. The Mystery Trip is a weekend trip, Friday through Sun, always in the Fall with one price and everything is planned. Last year's trip was to Longbarn and included a tour of the State Park in the town of Columbia. As last year, she promised no freeway driving.

Russ Surber reported on the Monterey Peninsula event. The event is limited to 100 cars and it occurs on alternating years opposite the Tahoe event. The Dallons and the Surbers attended. The next time the event is scheduled Russ will get out the sign-up information to members at the earliest possible time.

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Cruise 'n' the Nite Away

HOT AL GAMING
CRUISE NITE

An Evening of Fun & Games

Presented by

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Friday, August 19th

6:30 - 8:30 PM



NEW!
DANCING IN THE STREETS!

Saturday, August 20th 5-9 pm

Presented by

Daylight

*AMERICAN
COUNTRY
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For more info go to: VisitAtascadero.com/events

National Corvette Museum: Museum Liaison, Don Allen reported on numerous activities at the museum including raffles and upcoming events. Of particular interest is the National Corvette Caravan. For further information, please see his article in this newsletter. Don announced that he was selling tickets for a September 3rd raffle for a 2016 Black Convertible. Tickets are \$10 each.

John Beaman brought some personal photos of the cars damaged in the sinkhole that he took during a recent visit to the museum. Also, Becky Cyester shared a story about the 1,000,000th Corvette, which was one of the cars damaged in the sinkhole. She said that when the car was dismantled, it was discovered that all the assembly line workers had signed the car in hidden areas.

Newsletter/Website: Newsletter Editor/Webmaster, Jon Dallons reported the website is up to date including revised bylaws. He still needs to post the latest newsletter.

Merchandise: Merchandise Chair, Valerie Cochran was absent. Rick Gilbert said Valerie can order merchandise and suggested members contact Valerie for orders.

Sunshine: Sunshine Chair, Debbie Gilbert announced the May and June birthdays and anniversaries.

Old Business: President Gilbert said window stickers are available. Please see Russ Surber if you have not gotten yours. The first sticker for each

membership is free and additional stickers are \$8.00.

Rex brought several multi functional emergency tools for interested members to purchase at \$9.99 each. If you wanted one but missed out, contact Rex. The tool includes a flashlight, razor blade to cut the seatbelt, and a blunt end to break out the windows. Rex also said he has a C5 clear top for sale at \$100.00. He also has a set of wheels and tires taken off his Grand Sport for sale.

President Gilbert reminded members that he has club business cards available.

New Business: Brian Cyester announced that a car show was being held in Mariposa on October 14-16. The event includes 1/8th mile drag racing. See Brian for flyers.

50/50 Drawing: Jan Dallons sold \$77.00 worth of 50/50 tickets and Ron Berkel held the winning ticket worth \$38.50.

President Gilbert adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Allen
Secretary ret2quilt@yahoo.com

Now Taking Deposits for the
September Mystery Run.
Contact Jan Dallons
(805) 712-1111

National Corvette Museum
Don Allen



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On display at the National Corvette Museum Exhibit Hall is The Indycar Exhibit, presented by Intercity Lines. Visitors will see priceless cars from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, including Smokey Yunick's sidecar, Mark Donohoe's 1972 winning car and Duntov's SS. Among a wealth of these treasures, you will see a little-known award bestowed to the winning driver by an enthusiast known by many in racing circles as-the 'quilt lady' of the Indy 500. Jeanetta Holder of Alvaton, KY has been presenting the Indy 500 winners with her hand-made quilts since 1976. She is even given access to the Winner's Circle to provide her gift in person. On display is the quilt she just completed for Alex Rossi, winner of the 100th Indy 500. Ms. Holder's work is not only in the hands of the winning drivers, but she also has many celebrity customers including General Norman Schwarzkopf, John Ritter and Lee Greenwood.

The 12-car display is located in the Museum's Exhibit Hall and runs June 10 - October 14, 2016 and is included with the regular admission.

Included in the display:

- 1991 Michael Andretti Car, featuring an Ilmor Engine. Andretti took 2nd place in 1991 at the Indy and won the championship in this car.
- Only remaining car out of three Kurtis Kraft 2000 cars built by

Frank Curtis and raced in 1949. Features an Offenhauser engine.

- Bardahl car built by Kurtis Kraft, finished 3rd in 1955.
- MidContinent Security car, driven by Don Branson, Tony Bettenhausen and Parnelli Jones in 1959, 1960 and 1962.
- Bowes Seal Fast Sponsored car, built by Quinn Epperly. Driven by AJ Foyt and Johnny Boyd in 1959, 1960 and 1962.
- Bryant Heating and Cooling Sponsored car driven by Bobby Marshman in 1961, 1962 and 1963. Started in 3rd place, finished in 5th place in 1962.
- Duntov's Corvette SS
- Mark Donohoe's 1972 winning car
- Smokey Yunick's Sidecar
- Jim Rathmann's car driven in 1963, built by Lindsey Hopkins.
- 1981 Tom Kalusner's car
- 1986 Indy 500 Corvette Pace Car

If you are considering a trip to the Museum, The Kentucky Department of Travel and Tourism has launched the *99 Days of Summer*, an webpage featuring an interactive calendar with links to travel suggestions including pictures, events and further information to help plan your Kentucky summer travel. The links highlight everything from festivals to water activities to museums. The link to the National Corvette Museum is featured; just click on July 14 in the calendar. For more information, visit www.kentuckytourism.com/99days.

As previously reported, the Michelin NCM Bash was held April 28-30. They had a big turnout with lots of vendors, seminars, demonstrations, and track time at the Motorsports Park.

One highlight of the event was the new 2017 Grand Sport. The 2017 Grand Sport's lightweight architecture, downforce-producing aerodynamics package, enhanced cooling package, electronic limited-slip differential and Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires combine to offer a Chevrolet-estimated 1.05g in cornering capability - and up to 1.2g with the available Z07 package and an estimated 0-60-mph performance of 3.6 seconds and quarter-mile capability of 11.8 seconds at 118 mph. The quicker times are achieved with the available Z07 performance package and available paddle-shift eight-speed automatic transmission. A seven-speed manual with Active Rev Match is standard. The Grand Sport also features unique exterior elements, including specific front fender inserts and Z06-style grille, as well as wider fenders and rear quarter panels to accommodate a wider track.

Starting prices are \$66,445 for coupe models and \$70,445 for convertibles, including the destination charge, but not tax, title and other dealer fees. Options are available at extra cost.

For all you prospective buyers or if you are just a "numbers" person, a 59 minute YouTube video is available that summarizes all the 2016 models and option packages that had been built and provides a look at the new offerings, especially the Grand Sport. I found the information very interesting. For example, most of the 2016 Corvettes were automatics with a black interior and were painted white, black, or red. The video may be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h14wB4sSU-8>

Upcoming events at the Museum include:

June 18-19, 2016, LeMans 24 Hour Viewing Party
http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/lemans-24-hour-viewing-party/?instance_id=533

September 1-3, 2016, 22nd Anniversary Celebration
http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/anniversary-celebration/?instance_id=357

September 29-October 1, 2016, R8C (Museum Delivery Option)/Xperience Reunion
http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/r8c-xperience-reunion/?instance_id=476

November 3-5, 2016, Vets 'n Vettes
http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/vets-n-vettes-2016/?instance_id=364

April 27-29, 2017 NCM Bash
http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/michelin-ncm-bash/?instance_id=563

National Corvette Caravan

Here is an event our club might consider attending, even if only a few of us could make the trek. The National Corvette Caravan is often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event. The Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. **Hosted only once every five years**, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2019 (August 28-31) and will mark the Museum's 25th Anniversary. Leading the charge will be Jeffrey Duda of Hainesport, NJ, a Lifetime Member of the Museum and previous co-captain of the New Jersey 2014 and 2009 Caravans.

Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. An event such as this requires years of planning and coordinating. All help is appreciated! If you would like to volunteer to be a Caravan Captain, please

email Jeff at nationalchairman2019@verizon.net.

The museum now has four drawings planned to give away Corvettes to lucky winners. These cars are loaded with options and include the R8C Museum Delivery option which includes a VIP tour of the Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant (upgraded from the public tours), one-year individual membership to the Museum, hands-on training/instruction by a NCM delivery team member, program decal and a wall plaque.

2016 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Saturday, June 23, 2016 at 2pm CT

Tickets \$200 Limited to 1000 tickets

- 6.2 Liter V8 460 HP Engine, 8-Speed Paddle-Shift Automatic Transmission, Z51 Suspension w Magnetic Ride Control
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Red Calipers, Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe
- 2LT Equipment Group with Jet Black Leather interior including head-up display, heated and vented seats, Bose 10-speaker audio system, universal home remote, driver presets for 8-way power seat.
- Chevrolet MyLink Radio with Navigation system, Performance Data and Video Recorder
- Curb Cameras

2016 Arctic White Stingray Corvette Convertible

Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 2 pm CT

Tickets: \$100, limited to 1500 tickets

- 6.2 Liter V8 460 HP Engine, 7-speed Manual Transmission with Active Rev Matching
- Magnetic Selective Ride Control and Performance Traction Management
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- 5-Split-Spoke Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Red Painted Calipers
- 3LT Equipment Group with Red Leather Interior including heated and ventilated seats, Bose 10-Speaker Audio System, Head-Up Display, Universal Home Remote
- Black Convertible Top (powered), Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe
- Chevrolet MyLink Audio System w/ Navigation, Performance Data and Video Recorder

2016 Shark Gray Z06 Corvette Coupe Raffle

Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 2 pm CT

Tickets: \$300, limited to 1000 tickets

- 6.2L Supercharged V-8 650 HP Engine with 8-speed Paddle-Shift Automatic Transmission
- Performance Ride and Handling Suspension with Magnetic Selective Ride Control
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust with 4" Polished Stainless-Steel Tips
- 3LZ Preferred Equipment Package including Dark Gray Leather

interior, 8-way heated and vented driver and passenger seats, universal home remote, advanced theft deterrent system, and memory package

- Full Painted Carbon Fiber and Transparent Roof Package
- Spectra Gray Painted Machined Groove Aluminum Wheels w/ Red Calipers
- Carbon Flash-Painted Ground Effects Package and Outside Mirrors
- Carbon Flash Badge Package, Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe
- Chevrolet MyLink Radio with Navigation
- Performance Data & Video Recorder, Curb-View Front Cameras

2016 Black Corvette Convertible Raffle
Saturday, September 3, 2016 at 3 pm CT
Tickets: \$10, unlimited number of tickets

- 6.2 Liter V8 460 HP Engine, 8-Speed Paddle Shift Automatic Transmission
- Magnetic Selective Ride Control, Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- Powered Black Top, Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Red Calipers
- 2LT Equipment Group with Jet Black Leather Interior including Head-Up Display, Heated and Ventilated Seats, Bose 10-Speaker Audio System, Universal Home Remote
- Chevrolet MyLink Radio with Navigation System
- Performance Data and Video Recorder, Curb View Front Cameras

To participate: by phone, at (800) 53Vette (538-3883), on-line <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle/>. You may also purchase tickets from me for Black Convertible. Don't wait until the last minute as orders will be cut off well before the drawing time.

For those in attendance at the June General Meeting, I passed out brochures listing the programs and offerings at the Museum. If you were unable to attend and would like one, I will have them with me at future meetings.

John Beaman visited the museum and took several photos of the sinkhole cars. John gave me copies of the photos and if you would like to view them, please see me at the next meeting. (Thanks John!)

For further information about any NCM activity, please contact me directly or visit the NCM website at www.corvettemuseum.org.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Allen, National Corvette Museum
Ambassador

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I apologize for publishing the SLO Vettes Newsletter late this month. I am completely overwhelmed right now with family matters.

Jon Dallons
Newsletter Editor

