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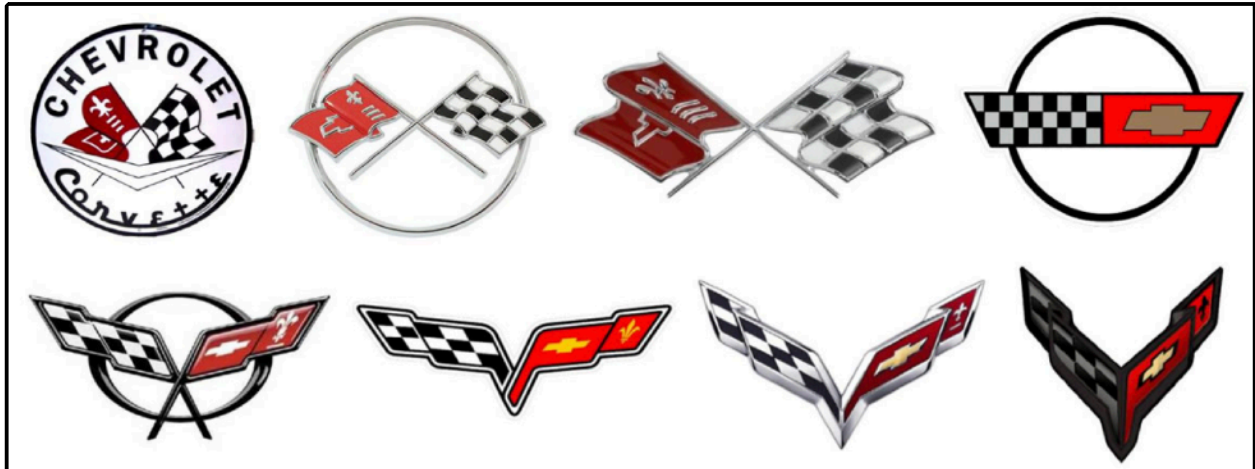


## **Finally, A SLO Vettes Event With Blue Skies and Perfect Weather!**

The last Saturday of April proved to be a winner for SLO Vettes, when Craig & Rhonda Bricker's organized Run to the Maverick Saloon in Santa Ynez was awarded with just that, absolutely perfect weather and a delightful day on Corvette roads that ended with . . . . FOOD, of course! The hills, the meadows, and all of the vineyards along Foxen Canyon Road were a brilliant green due to the recent rains, which added to the joy.

There were eleven cars and 21 members that made the drive down to Maverick's. SLO Vettes was given the outdoor patio where everyone listened to live music, enjoyed some good food and, most importantly, enjoyed some great company. And, a tip o' the hat to Jan Dallons for the photo.

**February SLO Vettes Meeting: Friday, May 10,  
Chevy of San Luis Obispo, 1423 Calle Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, CA  
Meet & Greet, 6:00 PM - Meeting begins at 6:30 PM**



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**President**

*Craig Bricker*



In the April *Keepin' Track* newsletter, Don Allen commented in his column that spring was a good time to check your tires. He mentioned that it was important to look at the manufacturer date codes on the tires and not just the wear of the treads. And then at our April meeting on the 12th, Doug Williamson told us that he had recently bought new tires for his Corvette. He did this not because of excessive mileage on the tires but because of the manufacturer date code being older than he felt comfortable with, especially for his planned trips to Laughlin in April and then to Bowling Green in August. This got me thinking about the tires on my 2016 C-7.

After the meeting I checked my front and rear tires and both the front and rear tires had good tread. However, the rear tires had a date code of 0216 (made in the second week of 2016). These were the original tires when the car was built. The front tires had a date code of 0620 (made in the 6th week of 2020). With a planned trip to Laughlin to attend a Corvette event for the weekend of April 18-21 it was important to get two new rear tires on my C-7 before we made the long drive. On the Monday after our April meeting, two new rear tires were installed at The Tire Store in San Luis Obispo. I probably would not have replaced my rear tires if it were not for the newsletter and our discussion of tires at the meeting. This is a reminder to all members to check your tires.

During the weekend of April 18th through the 21st, Doug and Denise Williamson joined me and Rhonda at the Gamblers Classic Corvette event in Laughlin, Nevada which was sponsored by Corvettes of Bakersfield. There were about 185 Corvettes from 38 different Corvette clubs from all over the western states. It was a fun weekend. However, there was an incident that put a damper on the weekend during our "run" on Friday morning to Lake Havasu City which had 25 cars in our group. Doug and I were in

the middle of the pack with Doug behind me. The driver of the Corvette that was behind Doug was not driving safely and was not paying attention to the slowing of cars and he slammed into the rear of Doug and Denise's car. Doug's car is drivable but with damage. The other car's air bags went off and that car was not able to be driven. Fortunately, there were no major injuries.

I bring this incident up as a reminder for all of us that when we are on our "runs" here along the Central Coast or wherever we go, to watch our speed, follow at a safe distance and pay attention to the slowing of the cars in front of you. We certainly do not want to experience what Doug & Denise experienced.

Stay safe out there. I hope to see everyone at the monthly meeting on Friday, May 10th.

Craig Bricker  
President  
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**Vice-President**

*Bob Furster*



Hello to all you Corvette enthusiasts!. As of March 28th, 2024, our awesome club has 48 memberships with a total of 85 members. I want to give a special shout out to Cheryl Donahue and Ray Gonzalez. They joined our club two months ago and I failed to mention them in my last newsletter. I for one cannot wait to meet them especially because Cheryl is related to Jackie Lyon. Considering Jackie is a sweetheart I'm sure her sister is a sweetheart as well. Again welcome Cheryl and Ray.

Now that the political wheels are turning all around in our country, I thought I would find out what kind of cars our current and past presidents drove. Now considering the Corvettes American heritage, it's most definitely a icon of the good ol' U.S.A. I would assume several of our past or current

presidents would have had corvettes. Well not so much. ☹ We did have a few presidents which went to the dark side (Ford) which included J.F.K owning a 1961 Thunderbird. It's rumored Gerold Ford had a Mustang but that has yet to be verified. Lyndon B. Johnson sort of had a relation with Ford given he liked Lincoln Continental but he also had a Fiat 500. Bush jr was a Ford guy as well but as you might guess he loved his Ford F-150 King Ranch. Ronald Reagan opted for only the finest 4x4 ranch vehicles for his California estate. He owned a 1962 CJ-6 and, while president, a 1983 CJ-8 Scrambler. Amazingly enough, Reagan also owned a Subaru BRAT. Now, Barack Obama was hip right, he could have had a Corvette right.... Again not so much, while president he drove a 2008 Ford Escape Hybrid. So which President had or has a Corvette.... If you guessed our current President Joe Biden you would have guessed correctly. He owns a 1967 Corvette and has stated he has gone 160 MPH in it. Not sure if he is still driving it (insert your own joke here) but at least he does own the American Icon. What about Trump (got to give equal time to our current front runners) as well. Longtime man-of-means Donald Trump has owned a range of exclusive cars, including a 1956 Rolls-Royce Silver Cloud, a 1997 Lamborghini Diablo and a 2003 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren. I don't know about you all but if he is elected I think he should promise to buy the newest and best Corvette Chevy has to offer. Have a great month, hope to see some of you at our events and Be safe out there, enjoy life... drive a Corvette.

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**SLO Vettes April 2024 Meeting**  
 Date: April 12, 2024  
 Location: Chevy SLO

**Call to Order: 6:30pm**  
 Club Attendees: 24 including 2 guests  
 The guests were Dale and Suzanne Comer. They own a 1967 Marina Blue Roadster and are from Paso Robles.

All 4 Board Members were present: President Craig Bricker, VP Bob Furster, Treasurer, Jan Dallons and Secretary, Lisa Klockenteger  
 Absent was: Don & Jeanne Allen. Jeanne had recent knee surgery. And Russ Surber, Newsletter Editor was out this meeting.

**President, Craig Bricker:**  
 Round Table question: What type of food do you allow in your Corvette while on a road trip?  
 Lots of good suggestions and funny answers.

**V.P. Membership: Bob Furster:**  
 Memberships: 48  
 Members: 85

**March Minutes by Secretary, Lisa Klockenteger:**  
 No comments or changes were requested. A Motion to accept the Minutes as written was made by Dave Naumann and seconded by Doug Williamson. The Motion was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer, Jan Dallons:**  
 A review was given for the Profit & Loss Budget for January thru December 2024 and the Profit & Loss for March 8 thru April 12, 2024. A Motion was made to accept the reports as written by Kathy Naumann and seconded by Scott Randle. The Motion was carried unanimously.

**Events Chair: Position still Open:**



See newsletter flyers for upcoming events.  
Look for Harold Davis Lunch Run events

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**NCM Ambassador, Don Allen: sitting in for Don, was Dave Naumann**

Please read Don's articles in this month's newsletter.

**Sunshine, Jeanne Allen: sitting in for Jeanne was Kathy Naumann**

Please see Jeanne's report

**Webmaster, Jon Dallons:**

Jon is finishing up the updated new version of our website. Thank you Jon for your skill and dedication to this most informative platform that makes our Club stand out in such a great way!!

**Merchandise, Jan Dallons:**

Please call Jan for all your Corvette merchandise needs.

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**Old Business: None**

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**New Business: Yes**

Mystery Tour in September is taking Deposits now!! \$300 deposit is necessary to lock your dream Corvette Run into place!

**50/50 Drawing \$80**

Winner was Kathy Naumann for \$40 Yay!!

**Newsletter, Russ Surber:**

Deadline is April 26<sup>th</sup> to get those articles in!

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**Next Monthly Meeting: May 10, 2024**

**Location:** Chevy SLO

**Time:** 6:00pm Meet & Greet

**Meeting Begins:** 6:30pm Sharp

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm**

Submitted by your Secretary

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## Events

*Craig Bricker, Bob Furster, Harold Davis,  
& Don Allen - The Committee*

As we approach the month of May the weather is starting to get warmer and we have some fun events scheduled in the North County in May and June.

1) Friday, May 3rd – Lunch cruise to Creston with other Corvette owners to visit Dan & Carol Verstufyts's home. This is a SLO Vettes event. See attached. **Must contact Harold Davis at 805-441-9576 if you plan to attend.** He needs to reserve the proper number of parking spaces at the waterfront.

2) Tour El Paso De Robles – Saturday, May 18th. See attached flyer. RSVP to Doug Lyon at 909-583-3141 or at [douglyon.dl@gmail.com](mailto:douglyon.dl@gmail.com).

3) Lunch at the Weeds home - Saturday, June 1st. Flyer to be sent out soon.

4) Mission San Antonio – Saturday, June 22nd. Flyer to be sent out soon.

5) Save the date: Saturday, September 14th - Tickets to the Melodrama in Oceano for the afternoon matinee show have been reserved. The play is the **"Werewolf of Arroyo Grande"**. Dinner after the show has been confirmed at Old Juan's Cantina in Oceano. More information on this event will be coming out soon.

The Events Committee, *Pro Tem*



**National Corvette Museum  
Ambassador**

*Don Allen*



## **National Corvette Museum Update**



While gathering material for this month's NCM newsletter article, I ran across these photos. At first glance I thought of Lisa Klockenteger's beautiful 2004 24 Hours of LeMans Commemorative Edition Corvette. Upon further examination, I see that someone else shares Lisa's tastes. This particular car is owned by Sir Paul McCartney of the Beatles. Yes, he bought the car new and drives it when he is in California. Sir Paul in a twenty-year-old car and actually driving it himself? Who-da-thunk? Russ always said the C5 had the most beautiful styling and it looks like Sir Paul agrees.

This article asks if you think the car is a manual trans or an automatic. Watch the video and see for yourself. [\[VIDEO\] Sir Paul McCartney Leaving a Music Studio in his Blue C5 Convertible - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

## **Museum News**



The big news around the Museum during April was the Michelin Bash. GM often uses this event to introduce new models, color changes, and design features that will be offered in the upcoming model year. This year was no different. 2025 Corvettes will include three different color options. The newest is Hysteria Purple which can look anywhere from purple to blue, depending on the available lighting. Competition Yellow is being brought back from retirement when it was available on C4 Corvettes until 1996. Sebring Orange is again being offered as it was only available on the first-year C8s before being switched out for Amplify Orange. Evidently GM listened to Corvette owners who complained about the switch and unretired the more metallic shade.



Some new trim features were on display. The Z06 gets a new 10-spoke wheel option in four different finishes, Pearl Nickel, Gloss Black, Polished, and Bright Polished with Carbon Flash Pockets. The Z51 Stingray gets a new rear spoiler. There doesn't appear to be any change to the interior design as the new models still have the "wall of buttons".





GM brought three new 2024 E-Rays in Riptide Blue, Cacti, and Seawolf Gray Metallic. A fourth car was a cutaway chassis showing how the electric motor and battery pack was added.

I think the most interesting photo I picked up was from a video by YouTuber Gary's Rides ([2024 National Corvette Museum Bash!! NCM Bash!! \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2024_National_Corvette_Museum_Bash!!_NCM_Bash!!)). In the background was this car hidden from view by a black tarp. Gary missed it in his video. He didn't even mention the car and instead recorded a green C8 that was parked nearby. A car parked sideways just outside the museum building on the Bash weekend and covered such that you can't even see the tires should be a red flag. There is no one even standing around it!

The cover is a giveaway that does nothing to hide the shape of the rear spoiler. Coincidentally, that unique shape seems to be identical to that of one of the ZR1 test fleet cars that Rick Conti photographed recently. Hopefully someone steals the tarp at some point over the weekend so we can see what is hiding beneath it.



## New and Upcoming Exhibits



Wire-Frame C5 Corvette Model

The newest addition to the Driven by Design exhibit is a wire-frame model of the C5 Corvette hanging from the ceiling. The wire-frame model was used as a design tool to help visualize the vehicle body lines. Among the ideas that emerged during the engineering phase of the C5 was a "backbone" chassis structure, rather than a traditional frame. The approach utilized two side rails bonded by cross members, with each rail shaped through a sophisticated hydroforming process.

The backbone concept also necessitated a new body design. Inspiration for the exterior came from a blend of design sketches, feedback from enthusiasts, and rigorous aerodynamic testing. Among the influential ideas was John Cafaro's "Black Car" concept, which infused the Vette with sleek lines reminiscent of a jet plane.

The Corvette team would continue to refine the C5 design, ultimately creating the shape of the wire-frame model at the National



Corvette Museum. It now provides visitors with a peek into the creative process that gave life to the innovative C5.

## Raffles

Below are all the currently active raffles. For additional information and rules regarding National Corvette Museum raffles including how to order tickets and to view the number of tickets remaining available in real time, go to <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org>. The cars will be raffled off on time regardless if all the tickets are sold. I wish you the best of luck and hope to see photos of you picking up your prize at the Museum.



**2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 5/16/2024**

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500



**2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 6/13/2024**

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000



**2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 6/27/2024**

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500

## Assembly Plant Update



## When Will the ZR1 Arrive?

The ZR1 (aka ZR-1) model has always been the pinnacle of performance for Corvette regardless of what series from which it rose. It was offered as a C3 in 1970-72, C4 in 1990-95, C6 in 2009-13, and lastly as a C7 in 2019.

Chevy just released a teaser video promising a C8 ZR1 coming later this summer, probably as a 2025 model. The caption reads "No Corvette has ever moved quite like this." Horsepower will need to be above 750 (C7 ZR1) and outperform both the Z06 and the E-Ray. Rumors suggest it will be a twin-turbo version of the Z06 belting out something like 850 hp. Pricing may start around \$150,000 or so. Hopefully we can see the real thing soon. [\[VIDEO\] Chevy Teases the Reveal of the Corvette ZR1 - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)



## **Corvette Dominates First Quarter 2024 Sports Car Sales**

Chevy sold a total of 8,576 Corvettes in January, February, and March. Not only is that 8.5 percent higher than last year's total of 7,904, it's more than all the Toyota Supras, Nissan Zs, Mazda MX-5s, Subaru BRZs, Toyota GR86s, and BMW Z4s added together. [Corvette Dominates First Quarter 2024 Sports Car Sales - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

### **Has the Newness Worn Off?**

New Corvettes are getting more affordable. Dealers are actually dealing on in-stock inventory. Ciocca Corvette of Atlantic City shared an ad offering up to \$6,000 off on five C8s in stock. MacMulkin Corvette of Nashua, NH followed by offering up to \$6,000 off select In-Stock 2024 Corvette Stingrays. Some of these models are loaded with options, not just base-model trim levels.

Actually, these discounts are old news. I just clicked on the links to each of these dealer and found discounts as high as \$9000! Now is the time to buy. Check them out at [New Corvette Inventory at MacMulkin Chevrolet and Ciocca Corvette | New & Used Corvette Dealership Serving New Jersey, New York, & Philadelphia Area](#)

### **Rumors and Tidbits**

#### **Motor Trend Magazine: Corvette Is the Most Iconic Car of the Past 75 Years**

Motor Trend readers just completed a poll and chose the Corvette as being the most iconic car over the last 75 years. That's saying a lot. Corvette prevailed over all the exotic sports cars, over all the hand-built luxury cars, and over all the cars that displayed revolutionary engineering.

Motor Trend said, "Chevy has sold more than 1.8 million Corvettes over the past 71 years.....They've been featured in countless movies, TV shows, songs, and magazine covers, and they've been owned by more

celebrities than we can list up to and including our current president. They've been everything from racing champions to world-beating supercars to the preferred ride of the white-tank-top-and-gold-chain set and of white New Balance and jorts aficionados everywhere. More than anything, though, the Corvette is America's sports car....."

To read a little history of the Corvette's major achievements and the reasons behind the readers' choices, go to: [Your Icon of Icons: The Chevrolet Corvette Is the Most Iconic Car of the Past 75 Years \(motortrend.com\)](#)

### **C7 and/or C8? Decisions, Decisions**

When it came down to the wire to actually start producing the mid-engine C8 for retail sales, the GM brass still wondered if the public was ready for such a radical change in design. Would the past Corvette buyers hate the layout and keep their front-engine cars? Would first-time buyers balk and look for deals on used Corvettes? GM had just come off from a very successful run with the C7 and some were cautious about the C8.

The rumors at the time suggested the Bowling Green Assembly Plant might run two lines and build C7s and C8s for the 2020 model year. Kai Spande, the Plant Manager at the time, was recently interviewed and confirmed the rumor. GM did consider building both but after hearing such a positive reaction by those folks fortunate enough to see the C8 in advance, the decision was made to only build the C8. Spande said he and all the plant workers were relieved with the decision because it made their work so much easier. In the past, Corvette had never built two separate cars at the same time. To see the entire interview, go to: <https://youtu.be/CouXvvyBu5Y>

### **Life After the V8**

Recent Federal Regulation changes along with other political pressures seem to be aimed at forcing car makers into producing cars with either electric motors, smaller internal combustion engines (ICE) or some combination of the two. Mercedes Benz is

now offering their high-performance AMG series cars with a four-cylinder ICE combined with battery system that totals 671 horsepower. Dodge is releasing a Charger with an electric motor only and a Challenger with a twin-turbo six cylinder but they are keeping V8 versions of both as an insurance policy until they see how this plays out.

What about Corvette? Well, here is your chance to be heard. This article includes a poll to decide what version Corvette would you buy if the V8s were to be scratched from the order sheet. Like Mercedes, would you opt for a four-cylinder paired with an electric motor, a six cylinder stand alone or paired with an electric motor, if no V8 then just an electric motor, or lastly, option #4? What is option #4 you ask? I suggest you read the article and vote for what you think is best. [\[POLL\] Which New Corvette Will Earn Your Business When the V8 is Phased Out? - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

### In Closing


To learn more about the Museum, it's mission and purpose, upcoming events, exhibits, membership, and to plan your next visit, please contact me directly or visit the NCM website at [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org). I look forward to chatting with you at our next meeting.

Don Allen, National Corvette Museum Ambassador  
SLO Vettes



Maverick Saloon

**Sunshine Report**  
*Jeanne Allen*





*May Sunshine Report*  
By  
*Jeanne Allen*



Harold Davis	5/14
Tracy Weed	5/22
James Marriott	5/23



No May Anniversaries



## *Recipes*

Saturday mornings at the Surber's is when Russ gets to play in the kitchen testing out new breakfast recipes. Recently he saw a recipe for "Fluffy" French Toast, and he just had to try it. Well, it wasn't just "fluffy." it was "creamy" too, so here's a nice way to start the weekend, especially if you like French Toast!

**Ingredients**

- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 3 eggs
- 1 Tbs white sugar
- 1 Tsp vanilla extract

- 1/2 Tsp ground cinnamon
- 1 pinch salt
- 12 thick slices of bread

### **Directions**

#### **Step 1**

Gather all ingredients.

#### **Step 2**

Measure flour into a large mixing bowl. Slowly whisk in eggs, sugar, vanilla extract, cinnamon, and salt until smooth.

#### **Step 3**

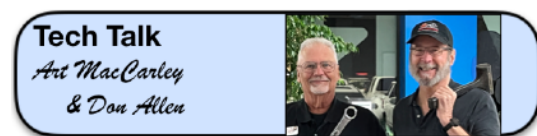
Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium heat. Meanwhile, soak bread in milk mixture until saturated.

#### **Step 4**

Working in batches, cook bread on the preheated griddle or pan until golden brown on both sides.

#### **Step 5**

Serve hot and enjoy!



### **Corvette Tech Talk**

Art MacCarley and Don Allen



#### **2 Episode 4: C6 Shifter Issues?**

We have had a query from one of our members regarding his C6 automatic shifter sometimes sticking in the Park position. Coincidentally, another member mentioned his

C6 shifter sometimes stuck in the Reverse position. Actually, shifter issues seem to be a known weakness in the C6 Corvettes equipped with an automatic transmission.

OMG, the response to this question can take you down several pathways in pursuit of a remedy.

Difficulty moving the shifter to/from any position other than Park in a C6 with an automatic transmission is often a shift cable issue. It may be out of adjustment, bound up, gummed up, or frayed. If the cable is damaged in any way, a complete replacement typically fixes the problem. GM still offers the cable as a new part at [GMPartsCenter.net](http://GMPartsCenter.net) | [GM Parts Center](http://GM Parts Center). Art says another great source for OEM Corvette parts can be found at [Shop GM Genuine Parts & ACDelco Parts for Chevrolet Vehicles](http://Shop GM Genuine Parts & ACDelco Parts for Chevrolet Vehicles). Of course, you can also buy an aftermarket one, either on line or through your local parts supplier.

The installation is not difficult and can be done by your favorite shop or by you if you have access to a lift. The lift makes the job so much easier. You can search for some videos to show you what is involved or you can check out some links later on in this article.

Finding your shifter stuck in the Park position is a whole different beast. Please be patient because often the answers to this problem take many twists and turns before they happen on to whatever is really wrong with your C6.

Art actually wrote a detailed article on this very subject and posted it on the Corvette Forum. He included lots of info and some great photos. [Help!! Stuck In Park!! - CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion](http://CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion)



My 2008 has presented some difficulty in coming out of reverse when I first start it up causing me to stay vigilant for a fix. Now, I always wait a couple of seconds before I push on the brake pedal and another couple seconds before I try shifting it out of park. I always push the shifter forward first, push the release button on the knob, and then try moving the lever from park.

If I get in a hurry and rush the move, I often find the shifter is still locked in park. During the entire process, I am listening for the telltale click from a solenoid located just under the shifter that releases the anti-theft lock in the shifter. That's right. GM is trying to keep thieves from stealing your prize car.

For the system to work correctly, the following steps must occur without fault and in the proper sequence.

1. Is the shifter cable good? Not bound up, not gummed up, and the plastic bushings at the ends are not worn or missing? If the shifter is normally easy and smooth to shift once you get it out of park, the cable should be OK.
2. The battery must have full voltage and amperage. Absent either or both, the system won't work. The battery cables and all ground wires need to be connected. No corrosion. This should be the first place to look.
3. The Body Control Module (BCM) located under the battery must be getting full power and be properly connected at its wiring terminals/pins. No corrosion on the connections.
4. The door locks and release switches need to be functional. The anti-theft system needs to be working correctly. These systems tell the shifter it is OK to release from Park.

5. The brake light switch needs to be functioning and adjusted properly. If the fuse is blown, if the wiring connections are dirty, if the switch is not adjusted correctly, the switch cannot tell the BCM to send a signal to a locking solenoid located within the shift mechanism to unlock the shifter. As a component of the anti-theft system, the locking solenoid won't let the car be put into gear. Also, to protect you from yourself, if the shifter is not in park or neutral, it won't allow you to start the car when it is already in gear.

6. All the wiring connections to the shifter (inside the console under the shift boot) have to be good with no corrosion or crud.

7. The solenoid as well as the small switch inside the shifter assembly must be functional. You could buy a switch at an electronics store but I'm not aware of a place you could buy just the solenoid. The switch is activated by the shifter when it is in park. The purpose of the switch is to tell the BCM that the trans is in park. Sometimes, you have to push the shifter forward to ensure this switch sends the proper signal. If pushing the shifter forward didn't work, try turning off the engine, then pushing the start button to switch the car to accessory mode and then push the lever forward. Turning on accessory mode tells the BCM not to activate the anti-theft system. If this works, move the shifter to neutral and start the engine and head for home! Don't shift it back to park until you reach your destination.

8. If the Active Handling System isn't communicating correctly with the BCM, the lock won't disengage. Again, turning the start button to the accessory mode will disable the



AHS's capability to lock the shifter.

adventuresome.

9. The connecting rod between the solenoid and the locking mechanism needs to be clean. If it is gummed up or bound up, it could be preventing movement to unlock the shifter.

Sound complicated? Maybe but once you know what the designers were thinking, you can figure out why you are having the problem. Do whatever you can to check connections and battery supply before jumping straight to the conclusion that either the shifter park switch or the solenoid have failed. The weak link inside the shift mechanism is first the solenoid and secondly the switch.

If everything checks out and you have isolated the problem to the shifter assembly, now you have some options.

1. In a pinch, try Art's suggestion posted on the Corvette Forum of pushing down on the lever to release the park lock. I'm not sure if that works on all C6s because they appear to be different depending on the year and build date.
2. If the shifter mechanism is the culprit, do you try to fix it, defeat it, or find a replacement? We don't suggest you defeat it by tying back the lock with a wire. That disables the anti-theft system and could allow you or ANYONE (valet, service tech, etc.) who might drive, move, or service your car, to start the car while in gear without their foot on the brake which could easily result in a crash.
3. If you are as smart as Art or daring enough, you could try to replace the switch and/or the solenoid and resolder any loose wires in your shifter. We can provide some info on how to do this if you are

4. If you decide to attack this by using a private garage, you could locate the parts and then get someone to install them. Maybe not all C6 shifters are the same. GM lists separate shifters and cables for 2005, 2006-2008, 2009-2013 models. We can't be sure what the differences are because rebuilders, wrecking yards, and some parts houses say one model fits all. If anything, the 2005 is unique in that shift cables are listed separately for 2005 models or for 2003-2005. The 2005 C6 automatic was a 4-speed and the 2006-2013 was upgraded to 6-speed.

5. You can search on-line. As new, GM no longer makes these but you can still find one gathering dust on some dealer's shelf. They are very scarce but try [GMPartsCenter.net](http://GMPartsCenter.net) | [GM Parts Center](http://GMPartsCenter.com) or <https://parts.chevrolet.com/> to see if one is available. Corvette Central (and probably other aftermarket suppliers) offers a new shifter for about \$500. [2005-2013 C6 Automatic Transmission & Shift Parts | Corvette Central](#) Dino's Corvette Salvage offers to rebuild yours for about \$300. [C6 Automatic Shifter Assembly Rebuilding Service 2005-2013 | Dino's Corvette Salvage](#) eBay has several listings for replacement shifters, including new, used, and rebuilt. You could locate a used one from a wrecking yard but you don't know how long that will last.

If you decide to do your own work, here are some links you might find useful.

To remove the shift knob, center console and radio surround. [Center Console and Radio Bezel Removal - CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion](#), [Remove Automatic Shifter Knob On 08 -](#)

## [CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion](#)

If you want to fix your shifter and need to know some electronic 411, go to: [Sticking shifter on C6 - CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion](#)

If you want to defeat the lock, which we don't support, here is an article on that subject. [Disabled my shift lock...finally. - CorvetteForum - Chevrolet Corvette Forum Discussion](#)

We strongly suggest you do some research so you have a good idea of what to expect. This isn't rocket science but it is much easier the more knowledgeable you are.



## **A New Series to Keep Track of - GT World Challenge America**

Having spent some time last month trying to sort out the several racing series Corvettes are participating in this year (i.e., the WEC and IMSA) I regret to inform you that there is now a third series you'll have to keep track of if you want to be up to speed on how America's Only True Sports Car is doing on the track. At mid-month DXDT Racing, a relatively new organization home-based in Statesville, North Carolina, announced that it has added two Corvette Z06 GT3.R's to



compete in the GT World Challenge America (GTWCA) racing series. The first car, #8, will debut this coming weekend at Sebring

International Raceway driven by two highly experienced drivers, Scott Smithson and Bryan Sellers. It will be joined by the second Z06 GT3.R, #63, two weeks later at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, for the third round of this year's championship series. #61 will be driven by Alec Odell, another driver with a winning history, and Tommy Miller, who joined Corvette Racing in 2011 and has won Le Mans twice as well as claiming several IMSA championships in Corvettes. So, keep you eyes peeled for reports on this series, which runs a total of 7 races this year for the championship.

## **World Endurance Championship**

On the WEC side of the ledger, *Team TF Sports* put both of its Corvettes in the points at the Series's third event in Imola, Italy. The two Z06 GT3R's finished seventh and eighth in the six hour race. *TF Sports* was one of only two teams competing in the LMTGT3 Class to have both of its cars in the top-10, and Chevrolet was one of only two manufacturers to have multiple entries in points paying positions at the end of the race.

The race featured seven full-course yellow periods, including two in the opening 40 minutes, and two safety car periods. Intermittent rain was a problem for all of the cars, and teams had to decide whether to leave their cars out on warm slicks or bring them in for rain tires. *TF Sports* opted for the latter, but then changed back to slicks when lap times on the high-level grip track were about the same for both tires.

*TF Sports* and its two Corvettes will be back on the track on Saturday, May 11, for the Six Hours of Spa Francorchamps in Belgium.

## **IMSA WeatherTech Championship**

While 2024 has been a "regrouping" year as Corvette finds its footing in the new era of sports car racing with no factory cars and two Classes to compete in, GTD and GTDPro. That said, each race has seen Corvette entries improve in both classes, often under difficult conditions, and the

results at the most recent IMSA WTC race in Long Beach were very encouraging.

In the GTDPro field, where Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller live, they scored a well-earned and hard-fought for second place in class. The race was marred by a crash involving two GTP cars, that caused a ten-minute yellow flag period in the 100-minute sprint race format. Antonio Garcia kept the #3 in the lead mix, pitting at the 35-minute mark from 3rd place. Jordon Taylor took over and put in a fantastic out-lap that gained him 3-seconds on the 2nd place Porsche. As the time was running out Taylor, with recent experience in the NASCAR Cup Series, made a daring (and decisive) inside move on the Porsche in Turn Six that, with 40 minutes remaining, put him in 2nd place. For the remaining laps Taylor held off the Porsche, which was glued to his rear bumper and came home 2nd. The second Pratt Miller car was less fortunate and finished out of the points.

The WeatherTech Series moves next to it's "Home" race just up the road at the WeatherTech Raceway at Laguna Seca, May 12-14.

While racing for the lead is always preferred, the teams that field Corvettes have done a sterling job of learning from their mistakes and triumphs in the opening races of the season, and have a reasonable chance to be up front, competing for Class honors by the time Fall rolls around. So, keep the faith and we'll all send good thoughts to the men and women who race the car we love.

Russ Surber, Editor of Keepin' Track & Sometime Contributor



### The Final Word

*Russ Surber*



I'd like to start this with a word about someone I admired and loved, Dan Miroballi. You may recall Dan visited the Club a few months ago, driven here from Thousand Oaks by his son Danny, dressed in his Army Air Corps uniform which he proudly told us he could still put on. Dan died peacefully in his sleep as April came to a close at the age of 98. He owned a bright red C5 coupe that he loved only slightly less than his wife Vivian, who preceded him in death about five years ago. Next on his list of loved ones would have been his children and grandchildren and then, not a distant third, would have been SLO Vettes and all of its members. When Dan moved from Lompoc to Thousand Oaks after Vivian died, for at least a year Dan was at every meeting, driving up from Thousand Oaks just to spend a couple of hours with his Corvette friends. Think about that the next time you think, "Why should I drive all the way to SLO just for a meeting."

Dan was an engineer who spent much of his career working on projects for NASA. The project he was most proud of, his "big" project, was the Moon lander that was sent ahead of the Apollo missions to determine the consistency of the Lunar surface. A fierce argument raged among Lunar experts with one side believing that the surface was covered with a talcum powder like substance, the "dust" if you will of thousands of crashed meteorites. This view believed that if we landed a space craft on the Moon's surface, it would simply sink into the dust and be gone forever, along with it's crew. The other side believed the surface was solid and could support the weight of a large, manned Moon Lander. To settle the matter, NASA had built, and Dan helped engineer, a lander that would report back exactly what the Apollo Missions would encounter when they arrived. The "talcum powder" gang was proved wrong.



Dan and Vivian, and then just Dan, were active members of SLO Vettes and drove up from Lompoc for our monthly meetings and religiously participated in the Clubs events. Dan was especially fond of the annual Mystery Tour and, until Vivian died, was a guaranteed participant in the three day drive. Dan always smiled and always had a good word to say to everyone. He had an infectious enthusiasm and he brighten any room he walked into. The world is a poorer place for his passing, as it is for every member of that Greatest Generation that has now almost disappeared. Rest in Peace, my dear friend.

Along with Jon & Jan Dallons, Denise and I ventured out onto the State's highways and byways (mostly byways) in early April for our first reconnaissance run for September's Mystery Tour. What we found we liked, and think we are sufficiently satisfied with our choice that we can happily announce that ***the Mystery Tour is open for business***. We have an outside limit of 15 cars, so if you are interested in a three-day, two-night adventure, please get a check for \$300 to Jan Dallons at your first opportunity. While it is the Mystery Tour, I think it only fair to give you (pay attention Lyn) a subtle hint about where we might be going. Are you ready? Well, it's in California! That should narrow your possibilities down from 48 to one, which statistically is an enormous reduction. As usual, we've avoided putting you on anything remotely resembling a "freeway," and believe we're found some suitably "Corvette" roads to let you exercise your precious babies on. For your planning purposes, the dates are Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29, so block off your calendars for that period. You can bring your check, made out to "SLO Vettes" to the May meeting, May 10, or put it in the mail to Jan at 1120 Hickory Lane, Paso Robles, CA, 93446. The number of King-sized beds is limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. So, if you long for a King bed, act early!

On the ICE-engined vs EV front, may I just mention that Ford Motor Company recently announced that it was losing something like

\$135,000 on every E-Mustang it sold. I want you to just stop for a minute and ask yourself, especially if you happen to have FMC stock in your portfolio, why would a CEO permit that to happen? The answer, of course, is because the government has barged its way into the private sector and decided what products should be sold and which products should be outlawed.

Russ Surber, Editor  
Keepin' Track



Scenes from Maverick Saloon Run



## SLO Vettes Events Calendar 2024 as Revised

SLO Vettes -- Events -- 2024			
Month	Date	Day of Week	Event
January	21st	Sunday	Events Planning Meeting
February	24th	Saturday	Parkfield Run - Parkfield
March	15th/16th	Postponed to Future Date	Reagan Library & Nethercutt Museum
March	30th	Saturday	<del>Maverick Saloon - Santa Ynez - Cancelled - Weather</del>
April	13th	Saturday	<del>Vintage Cowboy - Pozo - Cancelled - Weather</del>
April	27th	Saturday	Maverick Saloon - Santa Ynez
May	3rd & 4th	Friday/Saturday	Morro Bay Car Show - Day Cruise on Friday
May	18th	Saturday	Tour El Paso de Robles
June	1st	Saturday	BBQ at Tracy & Stacy Weed's Home - Atascadero
June	22nd	Saturday	Mission San Antonio - Jolon
July	4th	Thursday	BBQ at Dallons Home - Templeton
July	25th	Thursday	Solvang - PCPA
August	3rd	Saturday	BBQ at Bill & Grace Nagel's Home - Nipomo
August	16th	Friday	Hot El Camino Nights - Atascadero
September	14th	Saturday	Melodrama - Matinee - Dinner After Show - Oceano
September	27th - 29th	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	Mystery Tour - ????
October	12th	Saturday	Pioneer Day Parade - Paso Robles - Lunch After
November	2nd/9th	Saturday	Toy Drive - CHP - San Luis Obispo
November	16th	Saturday	Ragged Point Run
December	12/7/24	Saturday	Christmas Party - The Inn at Morro Bay

SLO Vettes -- Monthly Business Meetings -- 2024			
Month	Date	Day of Week/Time	Location
February	9th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
March	8th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
April	12th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
May	10th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
June	14th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
July	12th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
August	9th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
September	13th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
October	11th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
November	8th	Friday - 6:30 PM	Chevrolet Dealership - San Luis Obispo
December	--	--	No Meeting

# SLO Vettes Tour De El Paso De Robles

**Saturday May 18th, 2024**



## **Details:**

Join us for a leisurely cruise out of Paso Robles heading towards Adelaida and then onward in the direction of Lake Nacimiento.

We are planning on meeting at OSH at 2005 Theater Dr. At 11:15 am. and leaving at 11:30 am.

After our drive in the country side we'll will be coming back into Paso for lunch at Su Casa Bar and Grill at 2927 Spring Street.

Any RSVP,s can be sent to me at 909-583-3141 or  
[douglyon.dl@gmail.com](mailto:douglyon.dl@gmail.com)



# 28th Annual Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show!

May 2 - 4, 2024



To SLO Vettes:

Just a quick reminder that we have a SLO Vettes event next Friday, May 3rd.

This event has been on the calendar of events since our January meeting. We will be joining other Corvette owners from the area to take a ride out to Creston to visit the home of Dan & Carol Verstufyts who have car memorabilia and NASCAR race cars. After the visit we will head back to Morro Bay and have lunch on the waterfront.

You have a choice of two meeting locations depending on where you are coming from:

1) There will be a group of Corvette owners meeting at the Atascadero Zoo from 8:00 AM to 9:15 AM. This meeting location is being hosted by Mike from Corvette Pacifica, the local Corvette parts supplier. Coffee and donuts will be available. This group will depart from the zoo at 9:15 AM and travel together up to Paso Robles to meet another group at Cider Creek Bakery.

2) Meet at Cider Creek Bakery (205 Oak Hill Road, Paso Robles) between 9:15 AM and 9:45 AM.

All cars will depart together from Cider Creek Bakery at 9:45 AM and travel to Dan & Carol's home located at 5155 Calumet Lane, Creston. After our visit, we will travel to Morro Bay to have lunch at the waterfront. There will be reserved parking for us at the waterfront in Morro Bay.

If you plan to attend this event, please text Harold Davis at 805-441-9576. Harold will need to know if you will be attending so he can reserve the correct number of parking spaces for us. As of today, there are 35 cars signed up. excellent.

Thanks,

Craig Bricker 805-471-2945

The KSBY weather forecast for next Friday is a high of 63 and partially cloudy, with a 30% chance of showers in the afternoon.





# GRAN PRIX OF LONG BEACH PARTY

April 18th > 7pm @ OILSTAINLAB

Meet the AWA team + Games, Prizes, Drinks.  
RSVP to get your ticket.

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