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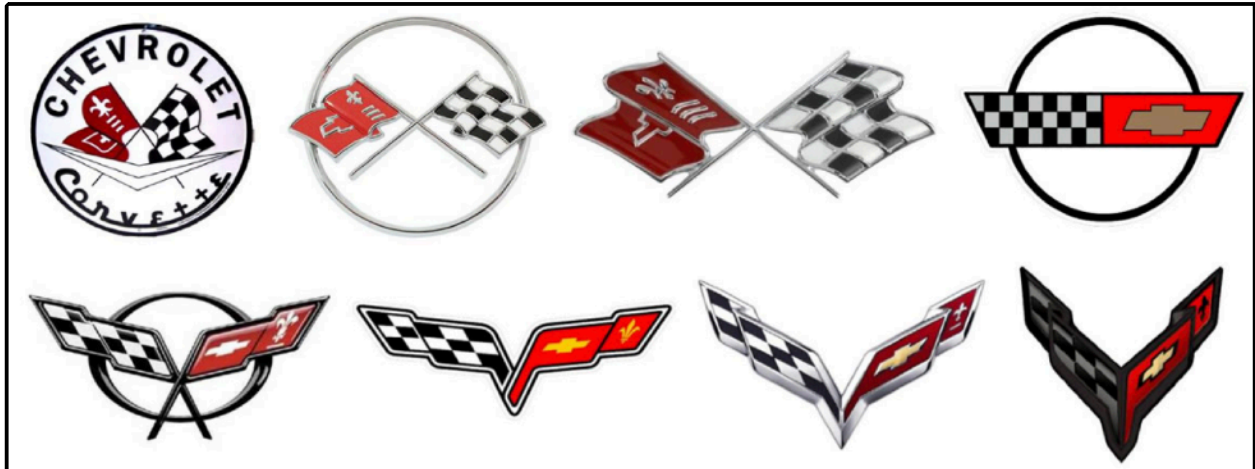
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## **The Tour de Paso Robles Gang at the End of a Perfect Day**

Fourteen Corvettes gathered at Paso Robles's OSH parking lot late Saturday morning for a run that would take them through some of the North County's most beautiful byways before ending with a terrific lunch at Su Casa, back in Paso. Doug and Jackie Lyons put the day together and clearly worked hard to make it a great experience. The roads were the kind most Corvette drivers dream of; well maintained, twisty, and with gorgeous scenery to look at when the roads straightened out. Even better, it was a lovely Spring day, "top-down" weather for those of us lucky enough to own a roadster. Su Casa's food was delicious and the service excellent and friendly. In fact, our waitress came out to the parking lot to take this picture.

**Next SLO Vettes Meeting: Friday, June 14  
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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Rhonda and I have owned our 2016 Corvette since December of 2020. Just like all of you when you buy a new car, we had to contact an insurance company to have our vehicle covered. At the time, we decided to stay with our current insurance company - "Jake from SF" - because we had a "bundled" policy with home and multi cars. After joining SLO Vettes, I was informed that the Corvette National Car Museum offered vehicle insurance for Corvettes. I contacted NCM at that time and received a quote from them and there was no financial advantage to making the switch to NCM three years ago, so we remained with "Jake from SF".

Over the last three years, our six month premium on the Corvette continued to increase where once again I needed to check out NCM Insurance. In a few weeks I had contacted NCM and I learned that as of January 1st, 2024, NCM was no longer insuring vehicles in the state of California. However, NCM provided a quote for us through Hagerty Insurance. Even though our quote was with Hagerty Insurance, my contact was still with the folks at NCM. After a couple of phone calls and texting pictures of my car to NCM, Rhonda and I made the decision to make the change from "Jake from SF" to Hagerty which will save us a few hundred dollars a year. The process was fast and easy. The only thing that was different is that I had to provide a dollar amount of what my Corvette is worth in case the car is not repairable after an accident. This seemed a little weird to me.

I bring up this insurance topic because one of you may be in the same situation that we were in with premiums continuing to increase. Sometimes getting a reminder is all anyone needs. The quoting process took about five minutes. It may be worth five minutes of your time. See link to get a quote. <https://www.ncminsurance.com/get-a-quote/>.

Stay safe out there. I hope to see everyone at the monthly meeting on Friday, June 14th.

Craig Bricker  
President  
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Hello to all you Corvette enthusiasts! As of May 28th, 2024 our awesome club has 48 memberships with a total of 85 members. Although we went down one membership due to the passing of Dan Miroballi we did have two members officially join. I want to give a heartfelt welcome to Dale and Suzanne Comer; they have a beautiful '67 convertible and attended our May event put on by Doug and Jackie Lyon.

A few days ago I was flipping through Facebook, almost numb to all the crazy stuff there and then boom, I get a Corvette post that caught my attention. It was a picture of a custom C1 corvette at least that is what I think it is. Now, I know some of you are purest out there and customizing a C1 might be considered blasphemy. I certainly can appreciate a pure restoration and we have a few in the club. Here is where I give a shout out to Harold Davis and Jon and Jan Dallons, their C1's are a thing of beauty and I absolutely love that they are driven.

When it comes to customization of a Corvette I do think some go a bit far such as this one.



Or this one, as a C4 owner this one breaks my heart.



However, this one which caught my eye is absolutely stunning! I wonder if this were a production model how many would buy it?



Have a great month, hope to see some of you at our events and Be safe out there, enjoy life... drive a Corvette.  
Bob Furster VP/Membership

**Secretary**  
*Lisa Klockenteger*



**SLO Vettes May 2024 Meeting**

Date: May 10, 2024  
Location: Chevy SLO

**Call to Order: 6:30**

All Board Members Present  
Absent: Don Allen, NCM Ambassador and Jeanne Allen, Sunshine

**President, Craig Bricker:**

Craig spoke about the recent car show in Morro Bay. It was a great show as always! There was a representative car of every Corvette Era, C1 thru C8. Quite a great showing!

This meetings round table question: Do you drive your car with a pet? If yes. What kind of pet?

A lively discussion ensued!

**V.P. Membership, Bob Furster:**

Newest members, Dale and Suzanne Comer joined and are here tonight. Welcome!

Memberships – 48

Members – 85

Number of Corvettes – 54

**April Minutes by Secretary Lisa Klockenteger:**

No comments or changes were requested. A Motion to accept the Minutes as written was made by Russ Surber and seconded by Dave Naumann. The Motion was carried unanimously.

**Treasurer, Jan Dallons:**

The Report from April 12 through May 10, 2024 was reviewed. A Motion was then made to accept the Report as written by Denise Surber and seconded by Kathy Naumann. The Motion was carried unanimously.

**Events Chair OPEN:**

Still looking for one or two people to come forward and take over events for the club. In the meantime we are taking ideas and having those with Event ideas run the event they suggest. There are several people that will help make the event run smoothly. Those people that have stepped forward to lend a hand are Craig Bricker, Bob Furster, Harold Davis, and Don Allen. They can help you coordinate and advertise in the newsletter. But we cannot continue to do this for long. We really need a couple of people to take a stand and come forward to help us with consistent monthly Fun Runs and Activities.

It can be a lot of fun to do. So if you think you might have the time to do it, please let us know. We all will support you in every way we can.

Please see the upcoming events in the newsletter.

Mystery Tour-- Contact Jan Dallons  
Deposit needed: \$300  
Total cars that can go: 15  
Total cars committed as of this writing: 7

So there is room for YOU!! If you have never done it before, this is a trip you won't soon forget. Lots of fun with some surprises and great memories to be made.

- **Sunshine, Jeanne Allen:** Not present tonight. Kathy Naumann spoke in her place. Please see Jeanne's report.

- **NCM Ambassador, Don Allen: Not present tonight. Dave Naumann spoke for Don.** Please review Don Allen's report in this month's newsletter.

- **Newsletter, Russ Surber:** Please turn in articles and reports to Russ by May 28<sup>th</sup>.

- **Webmaster, Jon Dallons:** Jon is building a new website for our club from the ground up. Please check out the website.

- **Merchandize, Jan Dallons:** Jan is putting in an order for Jackets soon. If you want a SLO Vettes Corvette Jacket or any other item please contact Jan.

- New Business: none  
Old Business: none

- **50/50 Drawing \$75** Winner: Kathy Naumann.....yay Again! \$37.50 to the winner.

- **Next Monthly Meeting: June 14, 2024**  
Location: Chevy SLO  
Time: Meet & Greet 6:00pm  
Meeting Begins: 6:30 pm Sharp!

## Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm

Submitted by your Secretary,  
Lisa Klockenteger  
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### Events

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

During the last six weeks with the weather being kind to us, we were able to enjoy a run down to Santa Ynez at the end of April; enjoy at Friday afternoon cruise out to Creston followed by lunch in Morro Bay at the beginning of May; and just two weeks ago we had a very nice drive through some back roads in Paso Robles followed by lunch at a Mexican restaurant in Paso Robles. Now that we are entering summer, there are several events that are scheduled through the end of September.

Below are the events that we have coming up this summer:

- 1) Run to Ragged Point – Saturday, June 8th – (this is a Harold Davis event. An email will be sent out with more information)
- 2) Mission San Antonio – Saturday, June 22nd – See attached flyer.
- 3) BBQ at Dallons Home – Thursday, July 4th – See attached flyer.
- 4) Solvang PCPA Overnight – Thursday, July 25th. - Sold Out
- 5) BBQ at Bill & Grace Nagel's Home – Saturday, August 1st – Flyer to be sent out soon.
- 6) Hot El Camino Nights – Atascadero – Friday, August 16th – Flyer to be sent out soon.
- 7) 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. Only 34 tickets will be available for this event. Flyer to be sent out soon.

8) Mystery Tour – Friday, Saturday and Sunday – September, 27th, 28th and 29th – Event is limited to only 15 cars. Contact Jan Dallons at 805-712-111 to reserve your spot for the event. A \$300.00 deposit is required.

The Events Committee, Pro Tem  
(Editor's Note: The Club still needs one or two people help our President with event planning. If you enjoy Club events and like participating, it's time to step forward and lend a hand. Call President Craig now.)



### ***National Corvette Museum Update***



Greetings everyone. June is the month to celebrate all things Corvette, especially the Corvette's birthday on June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was that day in 1953 that the first of what was to eventually be 300 Corvettes came off the production line in the back of a customer delivery garage in Flint Michigan.

Mike Yager, the owner of Mid America Motorworks, an aftermarket parts and accessories supplier for the Corvette enthusiast, came up with the idea of celebrating by Driving Your Corvette to Work back in 2001 and many people have been doing such ever since.

The idea behind Drive Your Corvette to Work is to get as many Corvettes on the road on the Friday closest to the official birthday of June 30. It s a great opportunity to have fun with other Corvette owners at work, and it's also a way to show off your car and share your passion for Corvette with those who don't own one.

Mike said, "Unleash the power, style, and unparalleled performance of your Corvette as you hit the road. Embrace the camaraderie of fellow Corvette aficionados who share your passion for this legendary American sports car. From the distinctive rumble of the engine to the sleek curves that define its iconic silhouette, the Corvette embodies the spirit of freedom, adventure, and the open road."

We really need to keep up that spirit, especially the part about "the distinctive rumble of the engine" because that will be lost if GM continues to head down the electric road. While many of us are retired, we can still fire up our Corvettes and drive them that day to celebrate everything Corvette.

### **Museum News**

#### **NCM 2024 Hall of Fame Nominees**

The Corvette Hall of Fame announced its 2024 class of members-elect, who will be formally inducted during the Anniversary

Celebration on August 31, 2024. For nearly three decades, the Corvette Hall of Fame has recognized personalities who have distinguished themselves through their accomplishments alongside their high standards of integrity and character, reflecting the reputation of Corvette and the National Corvette Museum. Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: Racing, GM/Chevrolet, and Enthusiast.



**Racing** – Oliver Gavin & Jan Magnussen, Corvette Racing Drivers.

Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen became two of Corvette Racing's brightest stars during a decorated run together in the 2000's and 2010's. They won Le Mans every year from 2004 to 2006, as well as Sebring once and /road Atlanta twice. Together, Gavin and Magnussen have won eight championships driving for Corvette Racing, with 51 wins by Gavin and 34 by Magnussen.

**Chevrolet** – Tadge Juechter, Corvette Chief Engineer

In 2006, Tadge Juechter became the fifth chief engineer of the Corvette. He has worked on five generations of Corvettes. He led the development of the C7 and made a special point to redesign the interior of the Corvette. The mid-engine C8 is the first Corvette Juechter got to create from the ground up. During the NCM Michelin Bash, Juechter announced his upcoming retirement after 47 years with GM.

**Enthusiast** – Richard Prince, Automobile Photographer

Richard Prince is a leading automobile photographer whose connections span the globe. While running a Corvette restoration business in 1992, Prince began writing a column for 'Vette Magazine. He was selected to be the official photographer for Corvette Racing. Prince's photography has appeared in over 400 publications. In 1999, Prince published his first book, a C3 restoration and technical guide. More recent works include Corvette 70 Years: The One and Only and Corvette Stingray: The Mid-Engine Evolution.

Just a personal note – I learned something while reading about Richard Prince's accomplishments. I really enjoy a Q&A column in every issue of Corvette Magazine entitled "Tech Nerd" and it is the first text I read when I get my new copy. It is a great source of information on how to fix almost any issue perplexing a Corvette owner. The true identity of the Tech Nerd has always been a mystery until now when I see that Prince writes that column.

### **NCM Becomes a Blue Star Museum Celebrating Military Families**

The National Corvette Museum announced it will join museums nationwide in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently serving U.S. military personnel and their families this summer. Becoming a Blue Star Museum expands the Museum's already strong support of both active and past service members to events such as Vets and Vettes and free admission during the month of May (Military Appreciation Month).

The 2024 Blue Star program will begin on Armed Forces Day, Saturday, May 18, 2024, and end on Labor Day, Monday, September 2, 2024. Learn more and find the list of participating museums at [arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums](https://arts.gov/BlueStarMuseums).

The free admission program is available for those currently serving in the United States Military—Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force, members of the Reserves, National Guard,

U.S. Public Health Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps, and up to five family members. Qualified members must show a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), DD Form 1173-1 ID card or the Next Generation Uniformed Services (Real) ID card for entrance into a participating Blue Star Museum. For more, go to [National Corvette Museum is a 2024 Blue Star Museum - National Corvette Museum](#).

### **National Corvette Museum Finishes Second in USA Today's Best Car Museums to Visit**

Last month I asked you to vote for the Museum in the "Best Attraction for Car Lovers" USA TODAY 10 Best Readers' Choice Awards contest. The contest asked folks to pick out the attractions they'd most like to visit. The Museum finished second in the Car Museum category. The winner was The Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, Georgia that features rotating exhibits to showcase a variety of automobiles past and present. To give you an idea of the strength of the competition, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan finished ninth and the Peterson Automotive Museum in Los Angeles finished fifth.

### **2024 Michelin NCM Bash Recap**

Well, the Bash event is in the rear-view mirror as Harold Davis would say and it was a great success. The Museum enjoyed a big turnout and attendees were treated to lots of information and a whole bunch of Corvette comradery. If you would like to see a short video that included the activities along with parking lots full of beautiful Corvettes, go to: [National Corvette Museum Bash 2024 \(youtube.com\)](#).

An hour-long presentation was provided by the Corvette Team that included Tadge Juechter, Chief

Executive Engineer for Corvette; Harlan Charles, Corvette Product Marketing

Manager; and Josh Holder, Corvette Chief Engineer. If you would like to see the Corvette Team Update, go to: [2024 Michelin NCM Bash - Corvette Team Update \(youtube.com\)](#)

### **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 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 6/13/2024  
Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000

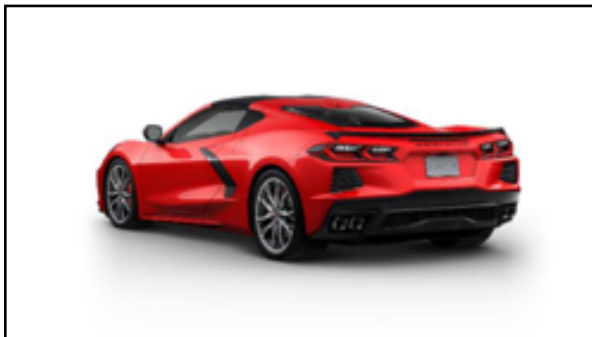


2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or  
\$85,000 6/27/2024  
Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500





2024 Black Corvette Coupe 7/18/2024  
Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500



2024 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/31/2024  
Price: **\$20.00** Tickets: Unlimited

### Assembly Plant Update

#### ***Important Dates for 2024 and 2025 Model Runs***

The last date for ordering a 2024 Corvette was May 28th and the last day of 2024 production is scheduled for July 12th. It appears that there are just two order cycles left for the model year as well. There will be a May Cycle 2 and June Cycle 1, and then the June Cycle 2 ordering is for the 2025s.

The 2025 model year is scheduled to start on Monday, July 15th. Dealers can begin to add preliminary orders to the order system (status 1100) on July 9th. The 2025 Corvette Order Guide is expected to drop on Monday, June 10th.

Chevrolet is canceling these seven exterior colors. Amplify Orange, Accelerate Yellow, Silver Flare Hypersonic Gray, Carbon Flash Metallic, Ceramic Matrix Gray, and Cacti. The wall of buttons in the center console will remain for now. For a video with more, go to: [\[VIDEO\] Here are the Important Dates for 2025 Corvette Production and the End of the 2024s - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

### Rumors and Tidbits

#### ***Corvette Paced the Indy 500 Again***

I really enjoyed watching the 2024 Corvette E-Ray coupe pace car driven by Major League Baseball legend, Ken Griffey, Jr. as he led the entire field of racers to the start of Indianapolis 500. It is interesting to note and probably no coincidence that the E-Ray was selected as IndyCar racing is switching to hybrid power in their cars later this summer. This marked the 35th time a Chevy has served as the pace car since 1948 and the 21st time for a Corvette since 1978.

#### ***Corvette to Become the Only Gas-Powered Car in Chevrolet's Line***

Can you imagine that? The only other car with a gas engine, the Chevy Malibu, will be discontinued this upcoming November. After that, Chevy will only make trucks, SUVs, and vans with gas engines. The Malibu plant will be converted to making the all-electric Bolt. If you want a gas-powered car, you need to look at a Buick or Cadillac. This news will probably make foreign car makers happy. With the Malibu Now Canceled, the Corvette Will be the Only Remaining Car in Chevrolet's Lineup - [Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#).

#### ***Michelin to Use Rice in Their Tire Recipe silica.***

Here's an interesting tidbit. Silica, normally derived from sand, is an important ingredient when it comes to making tires. Tire engineers tweak the silica content of tires to

increase rolling resistance and in turn, efficiency. Silica content can also affect a tire's resistance to hits and chips, among other properties. Michelin, in its efforts to make more sustainable products, has been searching for alternative supplies of silica.

Tons of rice are grown every year - 670 million metric tons to be more exact. Nearly a quarter of that figure, by weight, is the rice husk, or the hard "shell" covering the part we eat - and it usually goes to waste. Why does Michelin care about rice husks? If you combust them, they turn into rice husk ash, which contains silica. To read more about Michelin's sustainable tire efforts, go to: [Sustainable Rice Tires Are Real and They Can't Hurt You](#) ).

To learn more about the Museum, its 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



Who doesn't like chocolate? Since brought back to Europe from the New World, it has been at the top of the "My favorite dessert" list in one form or another. This month we are offering up a recipe we got when visiting old friends who live in Holloway's Beach, just north of Cairns, Australia. We think you will like it if you try it!

### **Cinnamon Chocolate Mousse**

From the Cairns, Australia, *Weekend Post Weekender*, February 7, 2004

### **What you Need**

3 egg yolks  
1/4 cup sugar  
8 oz. semi-sweet chocolate  
1 cup (8 ounces) + 2 Tbs whipping cream  
6 egg whites  
1tsp ground cinnamon  
12 small ramekins\*

### **What to Do**

Beat the egg yolks and sugar together until frothy.

Melt the chocolate and 2 Tbs of the whipping cream in the microwave or in a double boiler over low heat on top of the stove. (Don't panic! This mixture will probably be very thick, with a dough-like consistency).

While beating the egg yolk and sugar mixture, add small amounts of the chocolate to gradually warm the egg yolks until you have used about 1/4 of the melted chocolate. Combine the remaining chocolate with the warmed egg yolk mixture, beat to combine thoroughly, and set aside.




Whip the remaining whipping cream (1 cup) in a separate bowl. In another bowl, whip the egg whites until stiff. Add whipped cream to the chocolate mixture. Beat to combine. Fold in egg whites.

Pour resulting mixture into small ramekins or custard dishes. Refrigerate for at least four hours. Dust with cinnamon. Garnish with a leaf or sprig of mint, if desired.

\*Note: the recipe fills 12 small ramekins to the top rim, each holding between 1/3 cup and 1/2 cup of the mixture, or 6-8 larger individual ramekins or dishes. (It's very rich, so I generally use the smaller ramekins or, when using large dishes, I don't fill them completely. Also, **please don't run out and buy ramekins** if you don't have them already. The mousse can be chilled in a large bowl and spooned out in individual servings garnished with a dusting of cinnamon around the plate.

**Sunshine Report**  
*Jeanne Allen*



*June Sunshine Report*  
*By*  
*Jeanne Allen*

Grace Nagel	6/14
Denise Surber	6/18
Stacey Weed	6/18
Craig Kaplan	6/28
Jose Alvarez	6/29
Chevy Corvette	6/30
Lee & Coreen Carrillo	6/13
Russ & Denise Surber	6/18
Floyd & Lyn Owens	6/24

**Tech Talk**  
*Art MacCarley*  
*& Don Allen*



**Corvette Tech Talk**

Art MacCarley and Don Allen  
 Season 2 Episode 5:

**Give your C5, C6, or C7 engine a bath.**



Keeping your Corvette clean and shiny shouldn't be limited to just the outside and the interior. Having a sparkling engine compartment demonstrates you really take good care of your car. Dust and grime can conceal leaks and corrosion and your engine might run a little hotter and your belts could wear out a little faster. If your engine looks like it has never been cleaned, a service tech

making a repair could think you are not particular about quality.



While your beauty probably doesn't look quite as bad as the neglected LS engine in this photo, any accumulation of grime or oil residue is a magnet for dust and dirt. It is easy to clean up and make it appear new without too much effort and no need for expensive equipment. You just need to follow a few suggestions to avoid any issues following the cleaning.

Starting with the 1997 C5 and all newer Corvette engines, GM used one ignition coil per cylinder so you can clean the engine without worrying about water damage. All earlier Corvettes had distributors which could be troublesome during engine cleaning if any moisture got into the coil or distributor cap.

You don't need a pressure washer or a steam cleaner – just a garden hose will remove most all the krud if you first spray the engine and surrounding area with a good engine cleaner. You can find several good ones either on Amazon or your favorite auto parts store. It might take a couple of applications to get everything and you may need to agitate the stubborn stuff to break it loose.

Do your best to only direct a strong spray from your hose at the engine block or cylinder heads. A fan spray is more appropriate for other surfaces. Compressed air or a yard blower will help remove water from tight spaces to help prevent corrosion. A high-pressure washer or steam cleaner will cause condensation and can force water into places it shouldn't be, making it difficult to remove.

The engine must be at ambient temperature with no heat buildup to achieve the best results. Either park your Corvette overnight, where the engine cleaning will occur or move it early and let it completely cool. All electrical components and connectors are weatherproof, so direct water will not cause corrosion or damage. Electronic components can condense moisture internally when cold water hits the surface if the engine is even slightly warm.

We suggest you cover the cowl, fenders, and anything else close by or rinse them off ASAP. You don't want any overspray on the paint.



For a deep clean, you will want to remove plastic engine covers before applying cleaner. You might also remove the air filter intake duct and cover the throttle body opening with duct tape. Heck, while you are at it you might as well check the air filter element or service a high-performance washable element. Otherwise, cover the air intake opening to prevent water intrusion. If

you do remove the air intake, you may be surprised by the debris built up on the radiator and A/C condenser. You can flush out radiator debris with the garden hose. Don't forget to clean all of the covers as well. Corrosion may begin if water is under the engine covers.

If the underside of the hood is dirty, you might want to clean it first by using some car wash soap and water. Avoid soaking the under-hood liner panel. Apply cleaner to the engine and entire compartment. Spray the engine with cleaner, including the inner fenders and radiator area. Apply cleaner as many times as necessary; however, the cleaner won't be as effective if the engine is wet. Keep all areas moist with cleaner until you are ready to rinse, approximately ten minutes. There aren't any coated components that will discolor, so citric acid cleaners should work without causing damage.

Silicone helps repel water and does an excellent job of cleaning plug wires. Once cleaning is complete, apply spray silicone lubricant on a clean cloth and then wipe on the plug wires and spray the hood hinges. You can apply some high-temperature grease on the hood latches so they operate smoothly.

Remember, you'll want to keep things cool to avoid plastic part damage. Keep a water hose handy to rinse the exterior if any cleaning product gets on the paint. Washing in the direct sunlight can discolor plastic covers if the cleaner dries on the pieces.

Once everything is rinsed, use compressed air to blow off the water. To make every surface look like new, buy a spray bottle of engine cleaning finishing spray. This is final step that the car agencies perform on those used cars that have engines that look new with shiny hoses, plastic parts, and painted surfaces. Griot's is just one of the companies that makes such a spray. It's called Engine Bay Dressing and you can find it and several others on Amazon and your local auto parts store. Again, just be careful you don't get any overspray on the paint or rinse it off ASAP.

Once the finishing spray is dry, we suggest you fire up the car and bring it up to temperature to ensure any remaining moisture evaporates. Now you are ready to open your hood to display your handywork the next time you go to a show and shine.



Many thanks to Corvette Central for help on this article. Corvette Central produces 6 generation specific parts catalogs and an accessory catalog which features gifts and accessories for every year Corvette. The six catalogs total over 700 full color pages listing over 55,000 parts.

[Corvette Parts & Accessory Supplier](#)  
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### Stories of Corvette Racing

*Russ Surber*



As you may have noticed, I've been rather reserved in my predictions for Corvette racing this year. It's a new car competing in series with new regulations and often for teams that are not only new to the car but also new to team ownership. That's a combination of things that you might call "a perfect storm," if you had a tendency towards the dramatic.

Well, children, things are brightening up. May was a good month for Corvette racing teams. First, up the road in Monterey at the iconic Laguna Seca track, the third round of the WeatherTech Sports Car Championship was run on May 12 with the Pratt Miller Corvette Racing team competing in the GTD Pro class with two cars (#'s 3 & 4), and AWA team in the GTD class running one car (#13).

The weekend started off well for Pratt Miller with Nicky Catsburg putting the #4 Z06 GT3.R on the pole with the #3 not far behind, neatly taking the whole front row! When the flag dropped for the race itself Catsburg put his car in the lead and Antonio Garcia's #4 was right behind in second place. The two Corvettes consistently ran within one second of each other and by the time the first pit stops were scheduled the #4 and #3 had stretched out a three second lead over the



third place car. Catsburg pitted and turned the driving chores over to Tommy Milner, but a small glitch in the stop dropped Milner back to second place.

The #3 car, running sixth as the pit stop cycle began, got caught up by a full-course yellow flag, but the pit stop went well and with Alexander Sims now behind the wheel it re-entered the race in seventh place, but stuck amongst the slower GTD cars.

The final set of pit stops went well, with the #3 Corvette picking up two positions when it re-entered the race. The #4 car inherited the lead with the last round of stops and re-entered the race in second before being passed by the eventual class winner. The



race ended with the #4 car on the podium in third place and the #3 car in fifth.

In the GTD class the AWA #13 had raced its way into the top ten but then finished eleventh in class after having received a drive-through penalty due to a pitman infraction. Nonetheless, #13 won the Bob Akin Award, which goes to the highest-finishing GTD entry with a Bronze driver. (In IMSA, competition licenses have levels denoting expertise and experience, Bronze, Silver, and Gold, and #13's drivers, Orey Fidani and Matthew Bell, both hold Bronze licenses.



The following weekend at Austin, Texas's Circuit of the Americas, DXTX Racing had two Z06 GT3.R Corvettes entered, #8 driven by Bryan Sellers and Scott Smithson, and #63 driven by Tommy Miller (who also drives for Pratt Miller) and Alec Udall. Two races were run on the weekend, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. In both cases the #63 car was the first car across the finish line,

giving the Corvette GT3.R its first wins in the new era of GT racing. The #63 was simply the fastest car in its class on both days never was seriously challenged. The #8 car had some of the bad luck that has seemed to plague Corvettes on racing circuits this season, when it punctured a tire on the first lap of Sunday's race and eventually came in eleventh.

So in the course of seven days we saw two wins and a third place, which is a strong signal that the Corvette teams have been successful in ironing out the wrinkles any new race car will have. And a real "Tip o' the Hat" to Tommy Milner for playing a key roll in each of the three wins.

Stay tuned, June will see more racing in the States and, at mid-month, the Le Mans 24-Hours. TF Sport will bring two GT3.R's to Le Mans and try to match the success of DXTX and Pratt Miller in an event in which Corvette has traditionally played a prominent role. Things are getting exciting for us Corvette lovers, so keep your fingers crossed and think good thoughts as June nears.

In June Corvettes will be racing in Detroit and Watkins Glen in the WeatherTech Sports Car Championship and at Le Mans in the World Endurance Championship Series. There are no GT World Challenge America events in June.

The Detroit Grand Prix is slated for Friday, May 31 and Saturday, June 1.

The 6-Hours at Watkins Glen will take place June 27-30.

Le Mans begins on Wednesday, June 12 with qualifying and practice, while the 24-Hours kicks off on Saturday, June 15 and ends the following day, twenty-four hours later.

The next GT World Challenge America race is scheduled at Virginia International Raceway for July 19-21.

Russ Surber, Editor & Sometimes Columnist

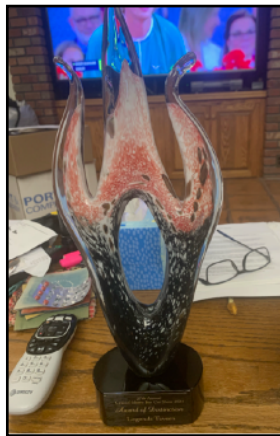
## The Final Word

Russ Surber



May has been a good month for SLO Vettes, starting with all of the activities surrounding the Morro Bay Car Show organized by our very own Harold Davis.

So a big shout out to Harold for all of his hard work and on behalf of the Club and Corvettes everywhere! A second shout out should go to our former President and (it seems) lifetime Webmaster Jon Dallons and his equally dedicated (it seems) lifetime Treasurer for winning the Car Show's "Award of Distinction" for their immaculate '57 Corvette. The photo shows the very striking trophy they won.



Then, two weeks later, the Club assembled again for the "Tour Paso de Robles" organized by Doug and Jackie Lyon. It was a lovely drive over distinctly "Corvette roads" in what we locals call "The Adelaide," and then back to Paso Robles for a wonderful lunch at Su Casa Bar & Grill. The weather was near perfect, top down for the Gray Lady and her crew, and the scenery made lovely by all of the rain the North County has received this year.

As you know, I am a skeptic about the efficacy of substituting EV's for the much maligned internal combustion engine (ICE). It seems however, that our dear Governor and his Legislature not only remain enthusiastic about EV's, but are willing to create a regulatory structure that will effectively drive ICE-powered vehicles off the road and out of our garages. The latest

assault, and I chose that word deliberately, is two-fold. First, the Gov and his legislative friends are excited by the prospect of taxing our mileage in addition to the hefty tax the state already imposes on our gasoline. I'm told that the average driver in California pays about \$2,000 a year in gasoline taxes. Now add to that sum an as yet unannounced per mile fee you would be required to pay annually, probably as a part of the annual registration fee, and you are beginning to talk about some real money. I understand one other version of this fee would require that on your state income tax form you provided the odometer reading for your vehicles.

But, because of excessive if misguided enthusiasm, a positive disdain for fact and the real world, and a large measure of hubris, those taxes weren't enough. So, the second prong of the assault would be to add an additional \$2/gallon tax on gasoline! For Corvette owners and our much loved premium quality fuel, we'll probably have to fill out a home owners loan application forms before we can put the nozzle in the tank and pump the gas.

As a follow-up to the above rant, Chevrolet has announced that this will be the last year it produces the Impala, and that next year will be the last year it will produce the Camaro. That's leaves you know what as the last ICE-powered passenger vehicle in the Chevy line-up. Rest in Peace, lithe Impala and rumbling Camera, rest in peace.



This customized 1987 Corvette 4x4 offered for sale on Facebook Marketplace for \$10K is sitting on Chevy Blazer frame with 44-inch tall tires. Continue reading Corvette for Sale: 1987 Corvette 4x4 on Facebook Marketplace at Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle.

Finally, there are some things that are just inherently wrong, perhaps even evil. The AMC Gremlin comes to mind, for instance or, closer to home, the Pontiac Aztec. For a non-domestic choice I'd suggest the Hugo, any model, or the DS Series Peugeot. Earlier on, VP Bob showed us two Corvettes that had not been well treated, but who would fall into the same category, wrong, maybe evil. Well, any of those pail into insignificance when you mate a C4 coupe to a Chevy Bronco with 48-inch tires. The high pitched whine you hear in the background is Arkus Duntov spinning in his grave. Oh, Arkus, the shame! The shame!

Have a terrific month, Denise and I hope to see you for the San Antonio Run, and to see you sooner on the 14th at the June Club Meeting. And, of course, remember the wave!

Russ Surber, Editor, *Keepin' Track*



**Corvettes at Le Mans 2023: Class Winners**





# SLO Vettes

## Mission San Antonio Run



Saturday June 22nd, 2024



### Details:

Join us for a nice summer run out to Mission San Antonio de Padua

We are planning on meeting at the Moose Lodge on the corner of 28th and Spring in Paso Robles. Meet time will be 10:15 and departing at 10:30, meeting up with others at Heritage Ranch and then headed out to the mission. Lisa has arranged a personal tour for the club of the mission for a cost of \$4.00 per person.

After our drive and tour of the mission in the country side we will head to the Bee Rock for burgers or tri-tip; both if you're really hungry.

Please RSVP Lisa Klockenteger via email:

Lisaklockenteger@gmail.com or

text 805 400-9676.





Jon and Jan Dallons has invited all members of SLO Vettes to their home on Thursday, July 4th to celebrate our 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

There will be BBQ, salads and other appetizers along with great views of the ocean and surrounding hills.

Water and lemonade will be provided.

\$15.00 per person

Please RSVP to Jan by July 1st with the number of attendees  
(805) 712-1111

You are welcome to show up anytime after 4:00 PM

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(Home is located 3.7 miles up Santa Rosa Creek Road from Highway 46. Look for balloons)

Road can be rough.

***It's best not to drive your Corvette***

**SLO Vettes -- Events -- 2024**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day of Week</b>	<b>Event</b>
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 - Pezo - 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**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day of Week/Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
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

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