

April 2023



The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Where does the time go? I cannot believe it is nearing the end of April already. I hope all had a lovely Easter and Passover earlier this month. It appears the monsoon season is over, thank goodness, and it is warming up. Feels like spring! We had a great trip to the Historic Cucamonga Service Station and Route 66 Museum. See a summary from Sue Lookman below. I hear that the Ojai trip was also a big success. Some pictures of the event are also included below. The Route 66 trip is just around the corner, and OC Vettes will have a good showing of cars and members. It is always a good time thanks to Ron and Michael Molendyk. More fun things are in store. Our March general meeting was standing room only, and a great sight to see. Thank you to all of you for being active members!

Conda

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	
April		April			Years
3	Doris Dix	9	Michael & Doris Dix	Conda Takanabe	21
4	Deb Vander Upwich	17	Fred & Sue Fossek	Larry & Nancy Ward	21
7	Pat Beucler			Bob & Masako Burggraf	7
16	Sue Fossek				
17	Terri Kupper				
21	Janet Cherry				
23	Chris Hamel				
27	Leo Mann				

Day Trip to The Historic Cucamonga Service Station and Route 66 Museum



On March 18, 12 cars travelled to Rancho Cucamonga to see the Historic Cucamonga Service Station and Route 66 Museum. The museum is small but packed full of historic information and souvenirs to purchase. Bernie DeMarkey took pictures of each of the cars in front of the historic gas pumps.

After viewing the museum, we went to Legends 50's diner for lunch. A good time was had by all.

OJAI OVERNIGHT TRIP

The Ojai trip was a rounding success. Many thanks to Dave and Chris Hamel for putting this trip together. There were 27 members that attended and kept up the OCV tradition of drive to eat. The weather did not cooperate the first night, but that did not damper the spirits of those attending, wearing the new fashion trend, black trash bags for raincoats! See some pictures below of the event.







O C Vettes Club Apparel

OCV clothing and hats can be ordered from Land's End. To start, view products online at: https://business.landsend.com/store/oc_vettes/. Decide on the merchandise you want to purchase. The official OCV color is royal blue, and the typical club shirt is a button front polo shirt. As you place your order, you will be able to add the club logo to your purchase. Select the logo color that works best with your shirt. If you need assistance in ordering just call 1-800- 587-1541 between Monday and Friday from 7AM to 7 PM CT. Their friendly staff is waiting to help you with your order.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCV Events in Blue and Italic. For more info contact Conda Takanabe at (714) 595-1070

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<i>April 25</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
April 30	Model A Club Pancake Breakfast, Hart Park, Orange.	Frank Reese
<i>May 2</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>May 3-7</i>	<i>Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run</i>	<i>Ron and Michael Molendyk</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco/Mens Poker</i>	<i>Lynda Fox/Bob Burggraf</i>
<i>May 16</i>	<i>OCV May Social, Rose Canyon Cantina, 20722 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon</i>	<i>Henry and Sue Walker</i>
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Tram Hartzog</i>	
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Elsinore High School Car Show, Elsinore High School</i>	<i>Bill and Terri Kupper</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Ted Feduska</i>	
<i>May 23</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
May 29	Memorial Day	
<i>June 6</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>Oct 25-28</i>	<i>Cambria Trip</i>	<i>Manns, Cranstons, Wards</i>
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>OCV Christmas Party, Alta Vista Country Club</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>

ANNUAL LAS VEGAS/ROUTE 66 FUN RUN – MAY 3-7, '23

Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk

Our Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run trip is almost here. Have you signed up yet? See sign-up sheet at our next Club meeting or let us know if you are interested.

Itinerary - We will leave Fullerton on Wednesday, May 3 and return on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Day 1 Wed

Leave Fullerton, stop at Peggy Sue's 50's Diner for breakfast/lunch on the way to Vegas, that evening attend murder-mystery dinner show as a group.

Day 2 Thu

The day is yours to relax and explore Vegas.

Day 3 Fri

Leave Vegas and head to lunch in Boulder City, then on to Kingman AZ, pick up Fun Run registration packet, happy hour at hotel and dinner at Dambar Steakhouse as a group.

Day 4 Sat

Drive to Seligman AZ for the start of the Route 66 Fun Run, drive the longest intact stretch of Route 66 back to Kingman along with 600+ other vehicles of all types, activities along Route 66, car show and vendors in downtown Kingman, club pool party at hotel, dinner on your own, social hour in the evening at hotel.

Day 5 Sun

Leave Kingman and head to Oatman Ghost Town for sightseeing and shopping, on to the Fun Run finish line for a picture of your car, then on to Needles for lunch as a group. After lunch we head back home to the OC.

Room Rates: Call the hotel and make your reservations as soon as possible. Tell them you are with OC Vettes group.

Tuscany Suites, Las Vegas- 1 night

\$79.00 + tax per night, waived resort fee and no charge for parking. 702.893.8933.

Best Western Wayfarers' Inn, Kingman- 2 nights

\$139.00 + tax per night (regularly \$169.00), no resort or parking fee, free breakfast included. 928.753.6271.

This trip is always fun, and you get many chances to drive your Corvette out on the open roads. We hope you all will join us. Let us know if you have any questions.

Last day to sign-up will be at our February 7, 2023, general meeting.



Cambria Getaway

October 25-28, 2023

Hi Club Members!

The Manns, Cranstons, and Wards have planned an OCVETTES trip to Cambria Pines Lodge in beautiful Cambria, California. We will leave the morning of Wednesday, October 25th to drive to where the "pines meet the sea". We will enjoy three nights at the Lodge, returning home on Saturday, October 28th. On our way up the coast, we plan to stop in Buellton for lunch at the Hitching Post. (We will also be making "comfort stops" along the way.)

October is the month Cambria puts on their "Scarecrow Festival" and contest. The local businesses, etc. compete to create the most creative "Scarecrows" and display them all over the quaint little town. We have planned a "cruise" thru town as well as along Moonstone Beach and up Highway 46 to enjoy the views. We might stop at a winery or two we find along our way.

The Cambria Pines Lodge is a destination to be enjoyed as well. Nestled atop a hill, there are wonderous gardens, a spa, pool, lounge, and a restaurant/dining room. Each room has its own fireplace. A hot buffet breakfast, (included), is served every morning in the dining room.

Fifteen (15) rooms are blocked for our Club members (more will be available if needed). There are several types of rooms available at our discounted rate. Rates range from \$169.15 to \$237.15 plus 12% tax. Since this is a popular time at the Lodge, reservations should be made by September 10th. Make your reservation by calling Cambria Pines Lodge, (805) 927-4200. PLEASE USE THE OCVETTES CODE #9626556.

Any questions please call Donna Mann (714) 323-3555, or Nancy Ward (714) 300-3794. Please let one of us know when you've made your reservations. Thanks.

OC VETTES
Minutes of General Meeting
April 4, 2023
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by President Conda Takanabe
- II. Flag salute was led by Conda
- III. Approval of March meeting minutes made by Jerry Wheeler, 2nd by Bernie DeMarkey
- IV. Committee Reports
 - a. Membership - Donna Mann introduced Paul Shaefer as a guest
 - b. NCCC Governor - no report
 - c. National Corvette Museum - Jerry announced Janet Cherry as newly appointed O.C. Lieutenant for 2024 Caravan, Aug. 22-Aug 30th, 2024. Registration is \$100.00
 - d. Apparel - no report
 - e. Website - no report
 - f. Newsletter - no report
 - g. Member News - Jane Wheeler reported. Tram Hartzog memorial is May 20. Limited guests. RSVP to Conda. Ted Feduska memorial is May 21. Ted's family is asking members to share any pictures of Ted at Club events. Contact Barbara Hall with pictures. If attending either memorial, it is requested to drive your Corvettes.

- V. Old Business
 - a. Monthly social hosts are needed for April, June and July, 2023
 - b. Christmas party will be at Alta Vista Country Club, December 3rd. Member price \$85.00 per person, guest \$140.00 per person
 - c. Chicken plate has come home to roost!

- VI. New Business
 - a. After visiting the Route 66 museum in Rancho Cucamonga, the Board voted to purchase a memorial Brick with Club logo to be placed on museum site.
- VII. Past Events
 - a. Route 66 Museum. 11 Cars drove to Rancho Cucamonga to visit the small but interesting museum packed with memorabilia. After the visit, the drive continued to Legends for lunch. Weather was beautiful, fun day. Thank you Mickey and Sue Lookman!
 - b. March social at Zubies Dry Dock hosted by Janet and Tronya. 31 members braved the rain and enjoyed delicious seafood choices, We all wore our "green" and were rewarded with yummy cupcakes, provided and served by Janet and Tronya.

- VIII.
 - a. Bunco April 11 hosted by Alice Willard/Poker at Bob's Mancave
 - b. Ojai Overnight trip April 12-13. Dave Hamel announced that members have opted to stay 2 nights. Caravan will meet in Coco's parking lot, 1250 E. Imperial Hwy. at 11:30AM with departure at 12 noon. Those who plan to have lunch at Coco's before departure time at noon should plan to be there much sooner than 11:30AM
 - c. Model A Pancake Breakfast has been rescheduled to April 30th at Hart Park
 - d. Las Vegas/Fun Run May 3-7. Ron said he has 30 people signed up for the trip. Caravan will meet morning of May 3rd at 7AM in the parking lot of Denny's at 2920 Nutwood Ave. Fullerton. Reservations for the show "Marriage Can Be Murder" have been made for Wednesday night. A shuttle van will take us from Tuscany Suites to the Casino for the show. Thursday in Vegas is open to do whatever.
 - e. Tram's Memorial, May 20th, Ted's Memorial, May 21st. See above
 - f. Ellsinore High School Car Show and School Fund Raiser, May 20th. (Conflicts with Trams's Memorial.)
 - g. Cambria Trip October 25-28 hosted by Manns, Cranstons, Wards. 18 of 20 rooms already booked. If still interested see Donna Mann or Nancy Ward

- IX. Larry and Nancy shared electrical problems with their new battery installation by AAA.

- X. Next Board Meeting April 25, 2023 at Keno's, Anaheim Hills

- XI. Next General Meeting May 2nd, 2023 at Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- XI. If you would like to add an agenda item to next month's meeting please contact Conda at btakanabe@msn.com or 714-595-1070 by April 30th

- XII. Opportunity drawing won by George McDaniel

- XIII. Motion to adjourn made by Mickey Lookman, seconded by Jerry Wheeler

2024 Corvette E-Ray Banned From National Council Of Corvette Clubs' Track Events Over Safety Concerns

Some tracks are banning EVs and hybrid vehicles due to fire risks

by Brad Anderson April 21, 2023 at 13:05



Updated regulations from the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) mean that the newly-registered Chevy Corvette E-Ray model will be unable to participate in track events.

Changes made for 2022-2023 have banned the use of electric and hybrid vehicles from participating in events hosted by the NCCC. As if that wasn't punishment enough for new Corvette E-Ray owners, the NCCC says all-electric and hybrid vehicles with lithium-type battery packs must be parked at least 30 feet away from structures and other vehicles at events.

While the NCCC hasn't revealed why it is implementing these changes, it is likely due to concerns about fires and comes shortly after Summit Point Motorsports Park implemented a similar EV/hybrid ban. In that case, the track cited safety concerns as the reason for the rule.



"Summit Point Motorsports Park's decision to take a "tactical pause" in halting the use of electric and hybrid electric vehicles in all motorsports disciplines at our location is purely based on ensuring we establish an EMS response policy and procedure based on technical knowledge provided by the electric and hybrid electric vehicle industry community to better support the motorsports community," director of Motorsports Operations at the track, Edwin Pardue told Grassroots Motorsports.

While EVs and hybrid vehicles aren't necessarily at a higher risk of catching fire than traditional combustion-powered vehicles, extinguishing an EV/hybrid that has caught fire does require a different approach. Furthermore, vehicles with battery packs present a great risk of electric shock to emergency responders in the event of an incident.

The statement from Summit Point Motorsports Park suggests that it will scrap the ban once it has established EMS procedures to follow in the event of a crash or fire of an EV/hybrid. It's possible that the National Council of Corvette Clubs will also follow suit.



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Sponsors offer Discounts to Caravaners

eNews sponsors Ghost Shield Film and Club Glove USA are offering Southwest Corvette Caravaners discounts on purchases of their products and services.

Ghost Shield Film, located just off the 101 Freeway in Thousand Oaks, is the Southwest Corvette Caravan's official paint protection film (PPF) and ceramic coating provider. Ghost Shield offers XPEL brand protection film ("clear bra") installations, full vehicle vinyl wraps, window tinting, exterior ceramic coating, and wheel powder coating.



Ghost Shield's team of car care professionals can make a Southwest Caravaner's Corvette look like a show winner with Xpel PPF, ceramic coating, even a full car wrap, and...they'll do it for 20% off! Image Ghost Shield Film

"Of Ghost Shield's services," Section Captain Bill Herold told the eNews, "a must for every Southwest Caravaner is a clear bra on the front of your car. More than five years ago, Ghost Shield put Xpel PPF on the front of my '14 Premier Edition convertible and it has worked well preventing small, impact-driven paint chips caused by road debris. The first thing I do to the '23 ZO6 I have on order

will be to install a Ghost Shield clear bra on its front end. At this time, I'm happy to announce that your Southwest Caravan Organizing Team worked with Garret Pegler at Ghost Shield to offer Southwest Caravaners a 20% discount on any work his team does to their Corvettes."

Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, also recommends Xpel PPF, "In my 20+ years of Corvette Caravaning, Xpel PPF was on the Lead Cars I've driven in the last four Caravans. The '19 ZR1 I'll drive in 2024 has an Xpel clear bra on its front end," the XO told us. "In southern California, Xpel dealer Ghost Shield is your best choice for PPF and ceramic coating, but don't take my word for it. Read the testimonials on its website. They have customers driving from as far as Bakersfield to bring their cars to Ghost Shield in Thousand Oaks for film, ceramic coating, or wraps".

For more information, visit [Ghost Shield's home page](#) or call Ghost Shield at 805-402-8298.

Club Glove USA has been an eNews sponsor for both the 2019 and 2024 Caravans. Club Glove is a manufacturer of premium, American-made luggage. In the mid-'90s, Club Glove introduced tough, durable luggage for golfers who travel by air and check their clubs as baggage. A whopping 80% of touring pro golfers use CG's famed "Last Bag," aptly named because it's the last golf bag luggage they'll ever buy.

About 20 years ago, Club Glove designed the Last Bag's craftsmanship and durability into its line of Rollerized Luggage. In 2011 CG introduced the ultimate in travel luggage that will survive the most uncaringly ruthless baggage handlers, "TRS Ballistic".



For '20-'23 C8 Corvettes, Club Glove has specially-sized luggage to fit both the "frunk" and trunk.

In 2018 Club Glove licensed Corvette logos from C1 to C8 for embroidery on both its Rolling and TRS Ballistic luggage. Since then, it's sold thousands of pieces of luggage with various GM logos embroidered on them. Additionally, Captain Herold, Section XO Halverson and Commanders Tony and Paula Megowan all Caravan with Club Glove Roller or TRS Ballistic luggage in their Corvettes.

In early 2023 Club Glove USA was purchased by golf equipment and clothing manufacturer Acushnet Holdings Corp. which, among other products, makes Titleist Golf Balls. Unfortunately, Acushnet is not in the automotive market, so Club Glove's GM licenses will expire on June 30.

For the next two months, Club Glove USA will give any Caravaner buying Club Glove luggage with Corvette logo embroidery a 20% discount. For more information or to order, see the [Club Glove USA website](#) or call CG at 714-843-9288

Other News

Registration Open Now

In eNews7 we advised Southwest Corvette Caravaners to register early. They've been doing just that. Southwest Section CFO, Commander Paula Megowan, told the eNews just before deadline that 27 cars are registered for the Southwest Section of the National Corvette Caravan. Captain Herold told us he was amazed and pleased that many have registered 1 ½ years before the event.

As announced in eNews6, the SW Caravan costs \$100. Going to fee-based registration was a difficult decision for the Caravan Organizing Team because the previous SW Caravans did not charge a fee. Both the 2014 and 2019 Southwest Caravans lost money. Since the National Corvette Museum does not provide financial backstopping for any of the Caravan Sections, Section Captains take all the financial risk. The Section Captains for 2014 and 2019 both paid significant financial shortfalls after the two events concluded.

One of Captain Bill Herold's first policy decisions for the 2024 Caravan was the Section was going to charge per car. At an Organizing Team Meeting in mid-January, the fee was set at \$100.00.

Registration is accomplished the "old-fashioned" way. SW Caravaners will complete a Registration Form and mail that and a check for \$100 to Commander Paula Megowan, the Section's CFO.

At the end of this issue of eNews is a fillable .pdf into which you can enter data using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Then will print the last page of this eNews then mail the finished form with your check to Paula Megowan who will email you back a confirmation.

Remember, the \$100 Southwest Registration Fee is in addition to the Corvette Museum's fee for the National Caravan. While NCM has not announced the fee, Section XO, Commander Hib Halverson, told the eNews that he anticipates it will be between \$35 and \$50.

Where to Get Caravan Information

We have a [page on the National Caravan website](#). We, also, have this Southwest Caravan eNews, a tradition going back to 2003. If you are not an eNews subscriber and want to start getting it, send email to SWeNews@netmotive.net and simply type "subscribe" in the subject field, then type your name in the body of the email. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/919416625640194>. Finally, email or call any member of Caravan Leadership with questions.

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Help us Out-Be a Caravan Patron

The National Corvette Museum, which sanctions the National Corvette Caravan, does not fund Caravan Sections. It is up to each Section Captain and his or her team to raise the money necessary to put on their events. The Southwest Section relies on sponsorship, Route Book advertising, and registration fees to fund most of its activities. Generous Caravaners also have a tradition of chipping in to help the Organizing Team put on the event.

Want to show your support for the Southwest Section of the Caravan in a special way? Become a "Southwest Caravan Patron". Each person donating \$100 or more to the Southwest Caravan Organizing becomes a "Patron" and will be listed on a page in the front of the Southwest Caravan Route Book Donations from Southwest Caravan Patrons. At this point obtaining major sponsorships, selling advertising, and significant income from Registrations is about six months in the future, so the Organizing Team is relying on money lent to it by its members to fund its work, so until then...we need all the help we can get.

Those interested in the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team's Patron Program should contact Section XO Halverson at the email address or phone number listed in the "Information" section above.

The Southwest Caravan Organizing Team thanks our Patrons:

Janet Cherry	Roy and Carolyn Burgener
Bill and Viola Herold	Craig and Laura Kerezman
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Doug and Loretta Campbell	
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www.ocmafordclub.com for info

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Juice, Hot Cocoa & Hot Coffee

Large Raffle Selection

RESCHEDULED
April 30, 2023
Park closed due to flooding

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Hart Park, 201 S. Glassell St, Orange

For more info contact:

Frank Reese
714-348-2507



HART PARK ORANGE, CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST



In Our Hearts Forever

CHARLES T.
FEDUSKA

July 17, 1948

February 23, 2023

A Memorial Service for Charles will be held

Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm

In the Waverley Chapel

Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary

1702 Fairhaven Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705

*Following the service, a Reception will
Take place in The Gallery at Fairhaven Memorial Park.*
