

FEBRUARY 2026



The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all. It is my hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits.

First, thank you to everyone who attended our February meeting. Your enthusiasm and participation continue to make our events memorable and meaningful. A special thank you to all of you who work behind the scenes to keep our calendar full and exciting.

As I write this, we are just a few days away from our next road trip of 2026. Dave Hamel has put together an overnigher in Temecula which should be a lot of fun as there are so many adventures waiting to be had in the Temecula Valley. There are wineries with tasting rooms, casinos for those wishing to make a wager, zoos with petting animals and chocolate, museums, Old Town with its quaint shops and bars and more all set in a beautiful area with its Mediterranean climate. So, get your car ready for the road, check the tire pressure, get the oil changed and get that fresh detail done as the travel season is upon us. This should be a fun get away; Valerie and I are looking forward to joining in on the fun and getting the 'Vette out on the highway.

As we roll further into 2026, I'm reminded of what makes this club so special—our shared passion for America's sports car and the friendships that come with it. Whether you're driving a classic C1 or the latest C8, it's the people behind the wheel that truly power this club.

We have a good lineup of socials at some exciting restaurants to visit and enjoy each other's company while dining and enjoying new dishes so mark your calendars and get your appetite ready.

Most importantly, thank you for your continued support, camaraderie, and commitment to our club's mission. Our strength is in our membership, and I'm proud to serve as your president.

Let's make 2026 a year full of great drives, strong friendships, and plenty of horsepower.

Hope to see you on the road in your beautiful Corvette.

Daryl Martin, President

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
OCV Events in Blue and Italic
For more info contact Daryl Martin
at 562-522-5753

DATE	EVENT	HOST
2026		
<i>February 3</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	
<i>February 17</i>	<i>OCV Social- Zubie's Dry Dock, Huntington Beach</i>	<i>Richard and Carol Thompson</i>
<i>February 24</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>February 25</i>	<i>OCV Overnight Trip to Temecula</i>	<i>Dave Hamel</i>
<i>February 28</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
Feb 28-March 1	Colorado River Corvette Club Low Speed Autocross (see flyer)	
<i>March 3</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	March 17
<i>March 17</i>	<i>OCV Social-Panda Inn, La Palma</i>	<i>Bob & Masako Burggraf</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ TBD</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
April 16-18	Corvettes of Bakersfield Gambler's Classic (see flyer)	
<i>April 21</i>	<i>OCV Social-The Crab Pot, Long Beach</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>April 29-May 4</i>	<i>OCV Route 66 Centennial Fun Run</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>September 19</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>November ??</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>



FEBRUARY SOCIAL at ZUBIE'S DRY DOCK



The April Social will be hosted by Richard and Carol Thompson at 6:00 p.m. at Zubie's Dry Dock, 9059 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA.

For over 40 years, Zubie's has been a Huntington Beach tradition – a place where locals and visitors come together for fresh seafood, cold drinks, and the kind of good times that never go out of style. Founded with a love for the coast and a passion for great food, Zubie's has grown into more than just a restaurant. It's a gathering spot for families, friends, and anyone looking to enjoy a true beach-town vibe. From hearty plates to laid-back laughs, our story has always been about community, flavor and keeping the spirit of Zubie's alive.



JANUARY SOCIAL

Newport Rib Company









RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Valentines Chex Mix



Ingredients

- 4-6 cups Rice Chex cereal
- 1 8- oz bag Strawberry Candy Melts OR
- 1 bag of white chocolate baking chips {12 oz} AND
- 1 box of Strawberry Creme Jell-O Pudding** {pudding NOT gelatin!}
- Valentines M&M's and/or Sprinkles

Instructions

1. Measure out Chex cereal into a large bowl. Note: if you're using the Strawberry Candy Melts, you'll use 4 cups of cereal. If you're using the white chocolate chips + pudding mix, you'll use 6 cups of cereal.
2. Pour chocolate into a small glass dish. Add 1/2 tsp shortening, if desired, to help the chocolate coat the cereal easier. Microwave for 1 minute 20 seconds. Let sit in the microwave for 3 minutes. Remove and gently stir. If chocolate loses its shape and looks smooth, it's done. If not, return to the microwave in 15 second increments, letting it sit for 2-3 minutes each time, until melted and smooth.
3. If you used White Chocolate Chips + Pudding Mix: Add 4 TBSP of the strawberry creme pudding into the white chocolate and stir gently until smooth. Add 2 drops of red food coloring, if desired.
4. Pour the chocolate mixture over the Chex cereal and stir gently to coat.
5. Transfer cereal mixture to a large piece of wax paper. Sprinkle with M&M's and Valentines sprinkles, if desired. Let cool to set. Break pieces and store in an airtight container to save. Candy can be made up to 3-4 days ahead, if desired. It saves well!

JOKES OF THE MONTH

(Thanks to Janet Cherry and Steve Bronston)



Archaeologists have discovered a field of artefacts from an ancient civilisation. They believe them to be some sort of fertility totems used in mating rituals during the 1950's



**ELVIS COSTELLO AND ABBA
ARE TOURING TOGETHER
THIS SUMMER BUT THEY
HAVEN'T FIGURED OUT WHO
THE HEADLINER WILL BE.
SO, WATCH FOR ABBA AND
COSTELLO TO FIND OUT
WHO'S ON FIRST.**

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OC 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 staff is waiting to help you with your order.



INTERESTING VALENTINE'S DAY FACTS

Valentine's Day became celebrated as a day of romance around the 14th century. Although Pope Gelasius declared Feb. 14 as Valentine's Day toward the end of the fifth century, it wasn't until around the 14th century that it became associated with romance.

According to Hallmark, approximately 145 million Valentine's Day cards are exchanged annually, making it the second-largest card-sending holiday of the year.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
FEB					
2	Sue Walker	5	Martin & Chris Latham	Ray & Ellie Cranston	45
4	Hank Grampre	13	Mickey & Sue Lookman	Betsy Slauson	30
5	George McDaniel	14	Ray & Ellie Cranston	Lynda Fox	27
8	Ferris Worden			Donna Mann	15
12	Mike Blume				
16	Ray Cranston			Dave & Chris Hamel	7
22	Fred Fossek			Ivan & Ruth Nichols	7
26	Sherrie Mann			Mike & Lori Blume	6
28	Rosemary Shearer			Pat & Angie O'Keefe	2
MAR					
4	Ellie Cranston			Bill & Teri Kupper	26
15	Dave Talley			Bob & Cecil Blattenburg	17
22	Bob Blattenburg			Kevin Donnelly	4
25	Richard Thompson			George & Sarah McDaniel	3
				Daryl & Valerie Martin	3

2026 ROUTE 66

By Janet Cherry



We are planning a different caravan route for the Rt 66 Fun Run 2026 focusing on the Centennial (100 year). Below is a rough outline. As of today, we have a total of 15 cars and 30 members signed up. The Fun Run is limited to 900 cars.

The dates are:

Wednesday April 29th – Sunday May 3rd

Wednesday April 29th - drive to Laughlin

Thursday April 30th - drive to Williams, AZ

Friday May 1st - drive to Seligman (pick up bags drive to Kingman)

Saturday 2nd - fun run Seligman to Kingman

Sunday 3rd – drive Oatman to Topock (on your own to go home) or opted to stay in Topock for the after party and drive home Monday

If you are interested, please email me as soon as possible for a list of the hotels and how to register for the Fun Run.

Thank you.

Janet wuwublu@gmail.com

NCCC MEMBERSHIP CARDS

NCCC Membership Cards have been mailed out. Below is a copy of the outside of the membership card mailer. This way you know what to look for.

Open, inside bottom will be your membership card. Please let me know if you have not received your card by March 31st. Thank you. Janet



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OC VETTES
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
February 3, 2026
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Daryl Martin. Vice President Janet Cherry, Treasurer Ray Cranston, Secretary Carol Thompson, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. Thirty-eight members attended the meeting.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for January 6, 2026, were moved for approval by Vicky Siragusa and seconded by Larry Ward. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports -
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Daryl Martin. No report.
 - ii. Vice President: Janet Cherry. No report.
 - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson. No report.
 - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston –Ray distributed the financial report.
 - v. Director: Steve Bronston. No report.
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. NCCC Governor: Janet Cherry. No report.
 - ii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. No report.
 - iii. Membership: Donna Mann. No report.
 - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. No report. Janet Cherry reported that long-time OCV member Ellie Jeppesen passed away yesterday. She will follow up with memorial service information when it is known.
 - v. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda reported that she will find out her upcoming court schedule soon and will know if it will impact her ability to publish the newsletter. She asked members to send any pictures or articles.
 - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. Steve has been updating the website and will continue to add more. Newsletters still need to be added.

- vii. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerk. No report. Pat O'Keefe asked about ordering apparel and was instructed to check the info in the newsletter. Several members commented on Daryl Martin's shirt asking for information on exactly which style shirt he was wearing. Daryl modeled the shirt for the group and said he would provide information on the style so others could order the same one.
- viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
- ix. Elks Club Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. Tony said the Elk's Lodge changed the menu for tonight at the last minute because the meat they ordered was not delivered. He also took down several meal requests from members.
- x. Homecoming Fundraiser Liaison: Conda Takanabe. No report.

V. New Business

A. Possible Poker Run This Summer

- i. Daryl brought up the possibility of having a Poker Run this year.
 - I. It would use an existing route with maps already created.
 - II. We would like to hold the luncheon afterwards at the Elks Lodge like we did last time.
 - I. Hot dogs and hamburgers on the menu.
 - III. We need to check the date with NCCC and the Elks Lodge.
 - I. We need to get an NCCC number so participants can get points.
 - IV. We will still have cash prizes for first, second and third places, and raffle prizes.
 - V. For the raffle, we'll concentrate on having 15 or so really nice gift baskets instead of dozens of prizes as we have done in the past.
 - I. The club would pay for prizes instead of members purchasing them.
 - II. Participants could place their raffle tickets in the jar for the prize they want to win.
 - III. We can give out baskets one at a time to make a presentation of it.

- VI. There is still a lot to handle with paperwork and registration, parking and running the event.
- VII. Daryl asked for a show of hands for members who would like to do it.
 - I. The majority of members showed definite interest.
 - II. The Board will make a list of what needs to be done.
 - III. Tasks will be assigned at the next business meeting.

VI. Past Events

- A. January 20, January Social at the Newport Rib Company.
 - i. It was hosted by Donna Mann.
 - ii. Thirty-two members attended.
 - iii. The food was delicious and the portions were very generous as usual.
 - iv. The restaurant had a welcome message to the club on their big screen TV.

VII. Upcoming Events

- A. February 17, February Social, 6PM, at Zubie's Dry Dock, 9059 Adams Ave, Huntington Beach.
 - i. Hosted by Richard and Carol Thompson.
- B. February 25, Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula.
 - i. Hosted by Dave and Chris Hamel.
 - ii. Dave went over itinerary for the trip and passed out information including a map.
 - I. The group will leave from Carl's Jr off the 91 Freeway at Weir Canyon at 10 AM.
 - II. Lunch will be at noon at the Swing Inn Café on Front Street in Old Temecula.
 - III. The check-in time is at 4 PM.
 - IV. Dinner will be at the Longhorn Steakhouse at 29363 Rancho California Rd. We will leave for the restaurant at 5:30 PM.
 - iii. Dave encouraged the group to try to stay together on the highway and caravan to Temecula.
 - iv. Dave pre-booked 12 rooms, but only 10 have been reserved. He will be charged for 11 rooms based on the contract he signed with the hotel. He encouraged the members who have not booked their rooms to do so before Friday to fulfill the contract and receive the discounted rate.

- v. Chris Latham said that the San Diego Zoo Safari Park is free to seniors for the month of February so it would make a great place to visit on Feb 26.
 - C. March 17, March Social, 6 PM, at Panda Inn, 2 Centerpointe Drive, La Palma.
 - i. Hosted by Bob and Masako Burggraf.
 - ii. Bob said to make sure that we only sit 8 to a table or the restaurant will not give us separate checks.
 - D. April 29-May 3, 2026, Route 66 Fun Run
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - ii. There will be a planning and prep meeting at Fullerton Airport at the end of March.
- VIII. Member Forum
- A. A film student came to a meeting a few months ago asking for assistance in making a video about Corvettes. Anita Tse volunteered her Corvette. The video was supposed to be shown tonight, but the videographer was too late. We will try to schedule it for next month.
 - B. Conda Takanabe reported that the Allen Tire in Yorba Linda is now under new management and the helpful salesman is gone. Many OCV members have shopped there in the past.
- IX. Opportunity drawing of \$63 was won by Mike Blume. Additional prizes were won by Pat O'Keefe Steve Bronston, and George McDaniel.
- X. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
- A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Daryl Martin by February 24.
- XI. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Buena Park Black Bear Diner, 7005 Knott Ave, Buena Park.
- XII. Badge Fines \$1.00 paid to Ray Cranston.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:23 by Rosemary Shearer, seconded by Ray Cranston. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Thompson, Secretary

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The Orange Pits is the monthly Newsletter for the OC Vettes Club of Orange County, CA. This newsletter is intended to inform our membership about club news and events. Articles to be submitted for publication in the newsletter should be submitted on the night of the monthly General Business Meeting or sent via email to Newsletter Editor CondaTakanabe at: btakanabe@msn.com. All written correspondence to the club should be mailed to:

OC Vettes
P.O. Box 27183
Anaheim, CA 92809

O C Vettes (OCV) is a Corvette club based in Orange County, California. OCV is a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). OCV is an active supporter of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

O C Vettes is a club of individuals who appreciate driving Chevrolet Corvettes and enjoy socializing with fellow Corvette owners. Currently, OCV has over 100 members who enjoy a varied calendar of events. Car shows, day trips, overnight trips, extended trips or other events are usually scheduled each month. Membership is open to anyone interested in Corvettes. More information is available on our Web site at www.ocvettes.com.

O C Vettes 2025 – 2026 Club Officers

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Daryl Martin	(562) 522-5753
Vice President	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-1053
Secretary	Carol Thompson	(714) 749-1486
Treasurer	Ray Cranston	(562) 665-1709
Director	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675

VOLUNTEER OFFICES

NCCC Governor	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-1053
Membership Chair	Donna Mann	(714) 323-3555
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Tony Siragusa	(714) 308-0096
Apparel Coordinator	Gary Oedekerker	(949) 293-1386
Website	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675
Newsletter/Historian	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070
Member News	Sue Lookman	(714) 767-3451
50-50 Coordinator	Masako Burggraf	(714) 936-8528
Homecoming Chair	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070

NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER

SANCTION #: RR-454-001/002/003/004/005/006/007
CLUB: Colorado River Corvette Club
DATE: 28 FEB / 01 MAR 2026 (4 Saturday / 3 Sunday)

SANCTION #: WC-202-001/002/003/004/005/006/007
CLUB: Las Vegas Corvettes Association
DATE: 28 FEB / 01 MAR 2026 (3 Saturday / 4 Sunday)

REGISTRATION OPENS: 8:00 am MST
CLOSES: 9:00 am MST
DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 9:15 am MST
FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 9:30 am MST

TYPE OF EVENT: Low Speed Autocross
14 Event Weekend (7 Saturday / 7 Sunday)
REGION: Road Runner Region
ENTRY FEES:



NCCC Members	Non-NCCC
Early Registration (Until 14 FEB 2026)	
\$180 for all 14 events	\$210 for all 14 events
\$105 per day (7 events)	\$120 per day (7 events)
Late -or- Day of Registration (Through 01 MAR 2026)	
\$210 for all 14 events	\$240 for all 14 events
\$120 per day (7 events)	\$135 per day (7 events)

LOCATION: Rotary Park / Bullhead City, AZ
2315 Balboa Dr, Bullhead City, AZ 86442

SPEED EVENTS: ☐ HIGH SPEED* ☒ LOW SPEED
EXHAUST: ☐ OPEN ☒ CLOSED

REGISTRATION FORM, LOCATION MAP, AND HOTEL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF FLYER.

FOURTEEN EVENT LOW SPEED WEEKEND

28 FEB / 01 MAR 2026 (Saturday & Sunday) Rain or Shine
Rotary Park in Bullhead City, AZ ~ Closed Exhaust

**** LIMITED to 40 Entrants!! Save Your Space NOW and Pre-Register!! ****

In lieu of awards, a free lunch will be provided each day for all racers that have registered and paid. Restrooms are available at Rotary Park.

**** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR WORKERS and available for others at a nominal fee. ****

Helmet Required – SNELL certified SA, SAH, M, or EA only – Less than 10-yr's old and in good condition.

*** Limited Rental Helmets available (first come, first served) at \$20/Day ***

Non-NCCC Members are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

CRCC CHAIR:

NAME: Rich Shatkosky
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CRCC GOVERNOR:

NAME: Lou Winget
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EMAIL: corvte4lou@aol.com

LVCA CHAIR:

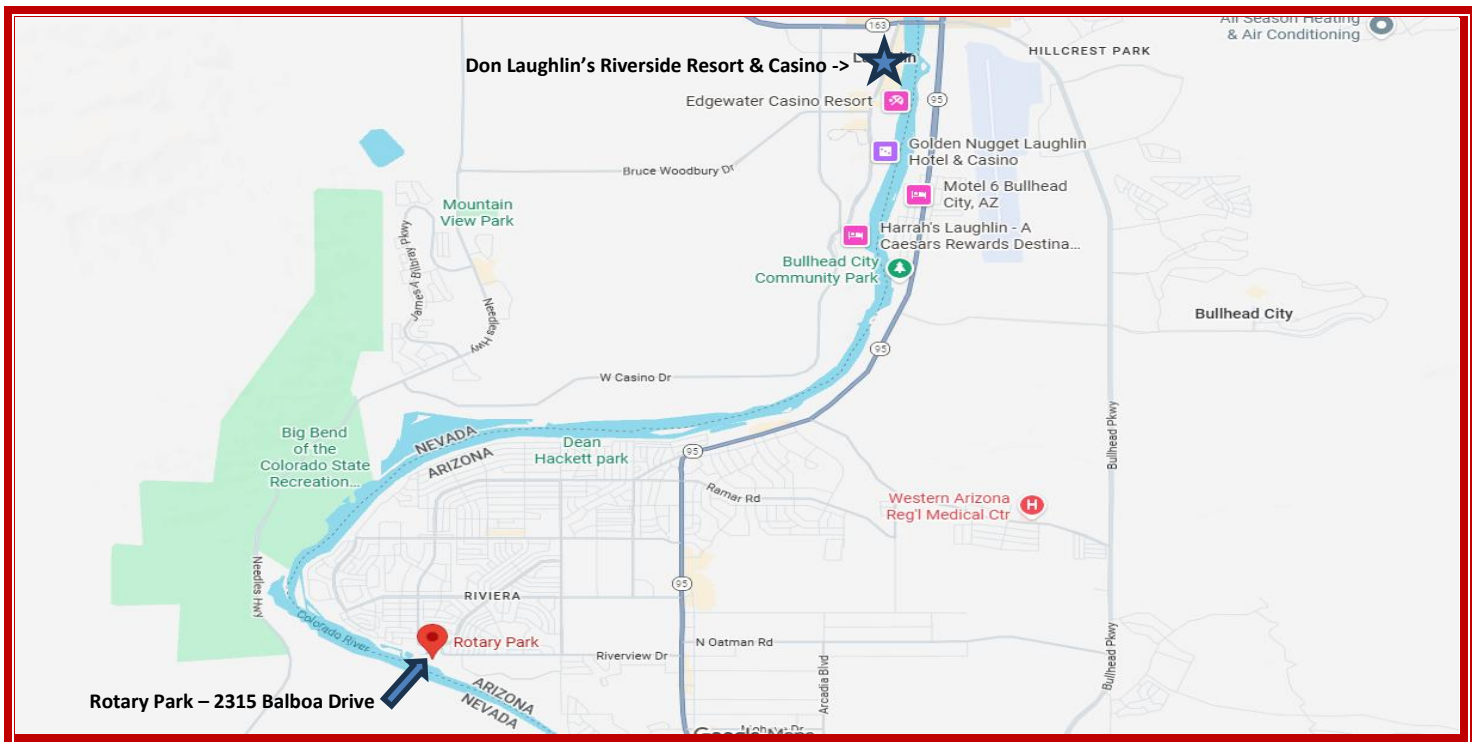
NAME: Jeff Murphy
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LVCA GOVERNOR:

NAME: Mark Caruselle
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Non-NCCC member participants, workers and spectators are not covered by NCCC insurance.



We have secured a group rate at *Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort & Casino*, ~12 minutes from Rotary Park. 888.733.5824, Group Code: C/NCCC. Several other lodging choices are available in the area.

Please use one (1) Entry Form per person, and please write clearly!

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Car Make/Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____ NCCC #: _____ NCCC Club: _____ Speed Event Class (If unknown, list modifications from stock): _____	Make check payable to: CRCC – or – Colorado River Corvette Club Mail check and registration to: Rich Shatkosky - RCD Colorado River Corvette Club 3761 Fortune Drive Lake Havasu City, AZ 86404   You will receive a confirmation email when your entry is received.
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NCCC Members – Early Registration (Until 14 FEB 2026)		NCCC Members – Late Registration (After 14 FEB 2026)		Amount Enclosed
\$180 (14 Events)	\$105 (7 Events) ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday	\$210 (14 Events)	\$120 (7 Events) ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday	\$
Non-NCCC – Early Registration (Until 14 FEB 2026)		Non-NCCC – Late Registration (After 14 FEB 2026)		Amount Enclosed
\$210 (14 Events)	\$120 (7 Events) ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday	\$240 (14 Events)	\$135 (7 Events) ☐ Saturday ☐ Sunday	\$

SAVE THE DATES

**Gambler's Classic returns to
the Riverside Resort and
Casino**

April 16 – 18, 2026



[Download Save the Date flyer](#)

Mark your calendars and rev up your anticipation, because Gambler's Classic 2026 is on the horizon. The Corvettes of Bakersfield's Gambler's Classic 2026 is



President's Message

February 2026

I hope you are all safe and warm. We complain when the temperature gets below 40 degrees but know we have not faced below zero and feet of snow some have endured.

Now is time to look at the event schedule and plan for the nicer weather!

2026 Convention in Syracuse NY, June 20 – 27 **registration is OPEN** (at 10 am EST)! Look at the information on events and tours on the website before you go to the registration form. When you open the registration form, a new record is created so try to finish once you open the form. If you don't finish, the next time you go in you start all over again, nothing carries over.

The Convention "Early Bird" Special Raffle has arrived just in time for the 2026 NCCC Convention registration in Syracuse, NY. The Raffle entry opens on February 1, 2026, and closes February 14, 2026, at 11:59PM EST!! One lucky person will receive a refund of the \$175 Registration Fee!! Check the website for more details.

The first meeting of 2026 is Feb. 20 and 21. All members are welcome to attend the national meetings in St. Louis. Just check the website for information on the Friday night meetings as well as the Saturday afternoon governors' meeting. Lots of information about regions and clubs. If you would like to serve on one of the committees, please get in touch with the chair to let them know. There are lots of opportunities to get involved.

Information: To make your reservation in our room block for the national meetings, you need to go to our website under meetings where 2026 Sheraton Reservation bullet is. You cannot use the Sheraton regular reservation site on the website to get into our block. ALSO – you need to have your reservation in **at least 3 weeks prior** to the meeting date. There is also a tab if you need assistance from the Sgt at Arms.

That all for now.

Deb Murphy
President



Competition Update

February 2026

The 2026 NCCC National Competition Season just got underway in early February. Excited to see who our 2026 National Speed (Racers) and Non-Speed (Road Warriors) Top 15 Competitors and Top 15 Clubs will be at the end of the year.

Start checking those Regional and National event calendars and plan your weekends according to your individual strategies. Whether you are a “Racer” looking for Low Speed Autocross event weekends or a “Road Warrior” looking for Funkhanas, Rallies and Car Shows, the National Database Calendar is filling up fast with plenty of options to choose from.

If you are contemplating a shot at the #1 spot, get out there early and establish yourself as one of the early front runners. If you are not after the main traditional NCCC Championship, then try one of the new limited series Competition Programs. These new Competition Programs will allow many new easier to attain National Championships that require a fraction of the events required to qualify for a Shootout at Convention in one of many categories spread over the three new programs.

Check out the Supplemental Competition Program Rules in our Rulebook, located in the Competition tab on our NCCC website. FCOA Competition Program is for our FCOA kids ages 9-16. If interested in competing in this program, please pre-register for the program with the FCOA Director, Melissa Felts, before you enter any qualifying events. If you are interested in the Young Guns Competition Program, for our Youth members aged 16-26, or the ZORA Competition Program, ages 16 and up, please send me an email to pre-register before entering any qualifying event. Please contact me at rene500z06@comcast.net to pre-register so that we can track your NCCC number to verify required qualifying events.

The ZORA program has two sponsors already and we are looking for more sponsors. Masterworks out of Madison Heights, Michigan, an early Corvette restoration outfit, is sponsoring the Top 3 finishing Awards of the ZORA C1 Category. Aaron Quine’s Stupid Fast Tires from Wadsworth, Ohio is sponsoring the top 3 finishing awards for the ZORA C5 Category. If you own a business and would love to sponsor one of the categories, please contact me.

If you or your Club would like to sponsor any category of any of the Competition Programs, please contact me for further information on how to become a sponsor. NCCC does not cover the new program awards, the new programs are self-funded from entrant fees and sponsorships. Whatever you can do to help keep the younger generations involved in our Competition Programs will be greatly appreciated. Please let me know.

Convention Registration just opened and if you are planning on going after one of the new Competition Program Category Championships, please pre-register for Convention early as the Speed events have an entrant limit.

The Competition Database Webinars via Zoom Meetings on how to request and approve an Event Sanction in January went better than I expected. Thanks to the Regions and NCCC members that participated. This month of February will be for how to prepare, upload and approve an Event Flyer. How to prepare, upload and approve Event Results will be in March. Event Hosts, Governors, REs and RCDs will be invited Region by Region. Check with your RCD or RE for an invitation. LET’S GO NCCC!!!!!!!

Rene’ Cardenas
V.P. of Competition



St. Jude Charity Raffle 2026

NCCC Members Only

There are 4 separate raffles with 1 drawing that will be held at each Governor Meetings in St. Louis. You can enter all separate raffles. Each entry costs \$25.00. Listed below are the cut off dates to receive your entry by mail.

The drawing date is Saturday, February 21, 2026. The cut off to enter the 2/21/26 drawing is 2/5/26. The prize is a certificate from Wheel Craft worth \$1,100.00.

The drawing date is Saturday May 2, 2026. The cut off to enter the 5/2/26 drawing is 4/18/26. The prize is from Summit Racing Equipment worth \$1,000.00.

The drawing date is Saturday, September 12, 2026. The cut off to enter the 9/12/26 drawing is 8/25/26. The prize is from NCM MotorSports Park (a full day on the Skid Pad)

The drawing date is Saturday, November 14, 2026. The cut off to enter the 11/14/26 drawing is 10/25/26. The prize is a Corvette Quilt.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

DONATION AMOUNT: _____

Please check off which drawing you are entering and list how many entries you would like. Cost is \$25 per entry.

☐ February 21, 2026	How Many Entries _____	Wheel Craft
☐ May 2, 2026	How Many Entries _____	Summit Racing
☐ September 12, 2026	How Many Entries _____	NCM MotorSports Park
☐ November 14, 2026	How Many Entries _____	Corvette Quilt

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