

APRIL 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.

Greetings to all. It is my hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits. As we welcome April and the arrival of spring, I'm excited to see our club gearing up for another season of adventures, camaraderie, and unforgettable drives. The Route 66 Fun Run is right around the corner and being the 100th anniversary of Route 66, this should be a very fun event and a memorable experience. Val and I are looking forward to the trip with those of you that are going and it should be a seriously good time! I wish all the club members could go on this one.

Our next social will be at the Crab Pot in Long Beach on April 21, 2026 with delicious seafood and beverages and hosted by Janet Cherry. It was a very nice event last year and this year should be just as delicious. Long Beach is my hometown, and the Crab Pot is one of our favorites. The sunsets there are spectacular and the food is outstanding with something for everyone. Bring your appetite!

As a heads up, Dave Hamel is planning another car show at the Capriana soon; more details will be shared later.

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

Daryl Martin
President, OC Vettes

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

DATE	EVENT	HOST
2026		
April 2	PASSOVER	
April 5	EASTER	
<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	
<i>April 21</i>	<i>OCV Social-The Crab Pot, Long Beach</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
April 23-25	Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash	
<i>April 28</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>April 29-May 4</i>	<i>OCV Route 66 Centennial Fun Run</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>May 5</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>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>May 10</i>	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
<i>May 20</i>	<i>OCV Social-Rose Canyon Cantina</i>	<i>Daryl & Val Martin</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
May 30	Ladies Tea at Story Bar & Drink, Anaheim Hills	Conda Takanabe
<i>June 2</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$31 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>(Tentative) Car show/breakfast at Capriana</i>	<i>Dave Hamel</i>
June 28	National Corvette Day at Marconi Museum (see flyer)	
<i>September 19</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
September 20	Corvette Spectacular, Downtown Los Altos	September 20
<i>November ??</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>



APRIL SOCIAL
at
THE CRAB POT
6:00 PM
215 N. Marina Drive
Long Beach



The Crab Pot attracts loyal customers not only for its spectacular waterfront view but also for its delicious seafood menu. The staff will advise you to roll up your sleeves and put on your bib, because it can get messy while you enjoy the delicious sea feast. The atmosphere is fun and relaxed, everybody's there to have a good time and good seafood.

MARCH SOCIAL at PANDA INN

(Sorry, I forgot to take pictures)

LADIES TEA AT STORY BAR AND KITCHEN Anaheim Hills

Conda is putting together an afternoon tea at Story Bar and Kitchen in Anaheim Hills. The date is Saturday, May 30 at 12 or 1:00 PM. Story has a theme for their tea experience. It is currently The Mad Hatter and is \$40 per person. The theme may change to The Great Gatsby in May and the cost may increase to \$45. She will collect the money ahead of the event because there will be only one check. She is awaiting a call from the manager to finalize the cost and theme and will let you know. She would like to start taking reservations now. If you have not already signed up, please let her know if you would like to attend. 714-595-1070 or btakanabe@msn.com.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Apricot Glazed Cornish Hens with Wild Rice

(Courtesy of Carol Thompson)



Ingredients:

Cornish hens – ½ to 1 hen per person
Uncle Ben's Long Grain & Wild Rice mix (1 box to every 2-3 hens)
Orange juice
Carrots, ½ cup, finely grated
Apricot preserves

Instructions:

Heat oven to 350°.

Mix rice and seasoning from package, substituting ½-¾ cup of water per package with ½-¾ cup of orange juice. Add approximately ½ cup finely grated carrot per package of rice to rice mix. Cook wild rice on the stove top for slightly less time than the package directions instruct.

Cut Cornish hens in half down the breast so each serving contains a leg and a wing. Spray large casserole pan(s) with non-stick spray. Put rice in the bottom of pan(s). Lay Cornish game hens, skin side up, on top of rice, fitting hens in casserole. Do not cover. Roast Cornish game hens for 45 minutes. Spread apricot preserves generously over game hens and return to oven for additional 15-20 minutes until hens are golden brown with apricot glaze.

Boneless, skinless chicken breasts can be substituted for Cornish hens.

JOKES OF THE MONTH



*"All I got was a chocolate bunny and some
some chocolate eggs."*

A senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership.

Taking off down the road, he floored it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little gray hair he had left. Amazing, he thought as he flew down I-94, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a state trooper behind him, lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, What am I doing? I'm too old for this, and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch, and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The old gentleman paused. Then he said, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a state trooper. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, sir," replied the trooper.

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 SPRING FACTS

Spring happens because of the Earth's tilt and orbit. The vernal equinox happens because Earth's axis is tilted 23.4° relative to its orbit.

According to a Facebook study, couples are most likely to break up in the spring and two weeks before Christmas. The lowest breakup time was Christmas Day and from August through October.

Spring fever is real. Increased sunlight affects serotonin, melatonin, and dopamine levels.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
APRIL					
3	Doris Dix	9	Michael & Doris Dix	Conda Takanabe	24
4	Debb Van der Upwich	17	Fred & Sue Fossek	Larry & Nancy Ward	24
7	Pat Beucler			Bob & Masago Burggraf	10
16	Sue Fossek				
17	Teri Kupper				
21	Janet Cherry				
23	Chris Hamel				
MAY					
23	Karen Goettsch	3	Tony & Vicky Siragusa	Tronya Nelson	7
		17	George & Sarah McDaniel		
		25	Mark & Rosemary Shearer		

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

OC VETTES
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
April 7, 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-one members attended the meeting.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for March 3, 2026, meeting were moved for approval by Mark Shearer and seconded by Bob Blattenberg. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports -
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Daryl Martin. Daryl mentioned the birthdays and anniversaries that will be celebrated in April.
 - 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. Tony reported that the Corvette Museum has built an additional building to display Corvettes.
 - iii. Membership: Donna Mann. No report.
 - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. Absent. It was reported that Mickey Lookman had dental surgery, Larry Ward had surgery to remove some lymph nodes, and Debb Van Der Upwich fell and hurt her knee.
 - v. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda asked members to send her any pictures or articles.

- vi. Website: Steve Bronston. No report.
- vii. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerker. Absent.
- viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
- ix. Elks Club Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. Tony reported that the Elks Lodge is raising the rate for our meetings. Tony again asked for meal requests and comments regarding the food at the meeting.
- x. Homecoming Fundraiser Liaison: Conda Takanabe. No report.

V. New Business

A. Social Media.

- i. Steve Bronston has updated the OCV website. Daryl suggested that members check out the changes.
(<https://www.ocvettes.com>)
- ii. Bob Van Der Upwich has been working on the Facebook page and has been updating it for the club. Bob asks that members upload pictures of recent events to the site.
(www.facebook.com/ocvettesclub)

B. Club equipment

- i. OCV owns several pieces of equipment used in the past for the Poker Run and other events.
 - I. The club has a microphone, amplifier, playing cards, forms, signs, and a club banner.
 - II. The equipment was located and has been collected. Thanks to everyone who found and returned various pieces of equipment.
 - III. The equipment is currently being stored at Janet Cherry's house so items won't be lost due to changes in membership and officers.

C. Poker Run

- i. The Board is looking for a good weekend for the OCV poker run.
 - I. We need to find a restaurant that can manage the luncheon part of the event on a Saturday afternoon. They need to have adequate restaurant space and parking. We would like to hold the Poker Run in the next few months.
 - II. Maps will need to be updated to add the starting location and the restaurant location.

- D. Return visit to Capriani Assisted Living Center
 - i. Dave Hamel received a request for us to have another breakfast and car show at Capriani in Brea. The first visit was very well received.
 - ii. Dave also said they would like to hold similar events with other clubs if we can get them contact info.
- E. Elks Lodge dining changes
 - i. The Elks Lodge has requested a price increase for our monthly business meeting meal.
 - ii. They state that they are currently not receiving enough income to offset the cost of preparing and serving food for OCV.
 - iii. Current meal price is based on \$22.00 per person. The Elks Lodge adds tax and tip to arrive at our price of \$30.00 per person.
 - iv. The Elks Lodge has proposed an additional \$40 charge per month that was to start with the April 2026 meeting.
 - v. Tony said that payment structure would not work since each member pays for their own food. Also, OCV needs more sufficient notice of an increase since it would need to be presented to the Board. He suggested that the individual price per member could be raised to \$31 instead.
 - vi. The Elks Lodge agreed to waive the charge for April but said it will begin in May regardless. They agreed to the \$31 payment per member instead.
 - vii. Discussion ensued on how to potentially cut costs. Although the buffet costs more than the luncheon menu we used to use, OCV can't change back to that in order to hold down cost increases. The kitchen staff is unable to handle menu orders for both the Elks meeting and the OCV meeting. The buffet food can be cooked ahead of time to minimize the number of meals due at one time.
 - viii. The buffet costs more because they have to cook more food overall for the buffet.
- F. OCV Christmas Party
 - i. The Christmas Party is booked for December 5, 2026, at the Orange County Mining Company. The event will take place from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

- G. Model A Club Pancake Breakfast
 - i. The Model A Club Pancake Breakfast will be held this Sunday April 12 from 7:30 to 11 AM at Hart Park, 701 Glassell St in Orange.
 - ii. Cost is \$10 per person for Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs Juice, Hot Cocoa & Coffee.
 - iii. Event includes a large car show and great raffle items.
 - iv. Long time member Frank Reese was a big supporter of this event.
- VI. Past Events
 - A. March 17, March Social at Panda Inn in La Palma.
 - i. Hosted by Bob and Masako Burggraf.
 - ii. We had the three large tables full with nearly 30 OCV attendees.
 - iii. The food was great as always and the service was excellent.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - A. April 21, April Social at 6 PM, at The Crab Pot, 215 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach.
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - B. April 29-May 3, 2026, Route 66 Fun Run
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - ii. There was a prep meeting held at the Black Bear Diner for all the attendees from both clubs.
 - iii. Instructions for meeting time and trip schedule were covered.
 - C. May 20, WEDNESDAY, May Social, 6 PM, at Rose Canyon Cantina, 20722 Rose Canyon Rd, Trabuco Canyon.
 - i. Hosted by Daryl and Valerie Martin.
 - ii. The restaurant asks that we do not arrive until 6PM.
- VIII. Member Forum
 - A. Bob Burggraf is looking for a standard transmission C6. Contact Bob if you know of one available.
 - B. Patrick O'Keefe reported that he will be attending the Gambler's Classic Car Show at the Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin on April 16-18. The show is sold out with over 200 Corvettes planning to attend.
- IX. Opportunity drawing of \$45 was won by Vicky Siragusa. Additional prizes were won by Dave Hamel and Martin Latham.

- X. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, May 5, 2026, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
 - A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Daryl Martin by April 28.
- XI. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 28, 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 7:08 by Bob Blattenberg, seconded by Mark Shearer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Thompson, Secretary

* * * * *



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



Event Registration

On-site registration will be available during the event. All activities are open to **event registrants only**. Registrants will receive a credential, lanyard, event pin, and dash plaque.

On-site Registration:

\$55 – Lifetime Members

\$60 – Members

\$70 – Non-Members

Includes hardcard credential and lanyard.

No cancellations or refunds after April 6.

NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 28, 2026



NATIONAL CORVETTE DAY CELEBRATION AT MARCONI MUSEUM SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026 9AM-11AM

Join hundreds of Corvette enthusiasts for the annual ALL CORVETTES car show at Marconi Museum in honor of National Corvette Day!

Registration opens on May 1st online only at MarconiMuseum.org and closes on June 14th or when full.

Your \$20 Admission includes Museum entry, donuts, coffee & an entry in the Grand Prize drawing! Raffle Basket tickets will be available for purchase at the museum with all proceeds supporting the Marconi Children's Foundation.

As a premier club participant, your club captain will share your staging details on June 18th. Spaces in the main parking lot are limited with overflow club cars parking together near Welcome Row just outside of the main gate.

SEE SEPARATE FLYER FOR COMMEMORATIVE T-SHIRT INFO/ORDERS OR VISIT MO4SHIRTS.COM