

SEPTEMBER 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.

September is here and it is a great time to enjoy hopefully cooler evenings, coastal drives and the friendships that make our Corvette community special. Thank you to everyone who continues to show up, volunteer, invite guests, and represent the club with pride throughout Orange County and beyond.

We have some great opportunities for getting the Vettes on the road. On September 12, Steve Bronston has put together a fun day at the NHRA Museum in Pomona. We will caravan to the Museum, look at the many fantastic exhibits and then lunch afterwards. Another is a trip to Bishop for the fall colors and the beauty of the Owens Valley and the Sierras October 2 thru the 4th. The last trip currently on the calendar is in the other direction to the coast and Cambria for a fun weekend of sightseeing and scarecrows October 21 thru 24. Cambria is always a fun place to be! Hopefully you will be able to make all the trips.

Please continue to drive safely, represent the OC Vettes club proudly, and look for opportunities to invite fellow Corvette enthusiasts to join us. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events and hearing about your latest Corvette adventures.

Until then, enjoy the ride and see the USA in your Corvette!

Sincerely,

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		
<i>September 1</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>September 12</i>	<i>OC Vettes day trip to NHRA Museum</i>	<i>Steve Bronston</i>
<i>September 15</i>	<i>OCV Social at Craftsman Pizza, Placentia</i>	<i>Mike & Lori Blume</i>
<i>September 18</i>	<i>Homecoming Parades at Western HS and Glover Stadium</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>September 19</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
September 20	Corvette Spectacular, Downtown Los Altos	
Sept 24-26	Prescott Corvette Car Show (see flyer)	
<i>September 22</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>October 2</i>	<i>Homecoming Parade at Glover Stadium</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>October 2-4</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Bishop</i>	<i>Daryl & Val Martin</i>
October 4	Marconi Museum – Heels & Wheels (see flyer)	
<i>October 6</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>October 9</i>	<i>Homecoming Parade at Western HS</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>OCV Fall Festival</i>	<i>Dave Hamel</i>
<i>October 20</i>	<i>OCV Social ????</i>	
<i>October 21-24</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Cambria</i>	<i>McDaniels and Lathams</i>
<i>October 27</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>November ??</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>November 3</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>November 17</i>	<i>OCV Social ????</i>	
<i>December 5</i>	<i>OC Vettes Christmas Party-Orange County Mining Company</i>	<i>Ray & Ellie Cranston</i>
Mar 20-23, 2027	PCC trip to Solvang (see flyer)	

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL
at Craftsman Pizza
September 15, 6:00 PM
Hosted by Mike and Lori Blume

CRAFTSMAN
WOOD FIRED PIZZA

The September social will be hosted by Mike and Lori Blume and held at 6:00 p.m. at Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza, 148 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard, Placentia (behind Mr. D's Diner). In 1933 an original Craftsman, Nikola Rasic, brought his vision and skills to Los Angeles and opened Nick's Café on Sunset boulevard. The next generation of Craftsman opened just down the street in 1958 and Nikola's became known as a Southern California landmark for the next 30 years. Brothers Walt, Pete and Nick worked from behind the counter while Mama cooked up the daily specials and greeted guests and regulars as they walked through the back kitchen door.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
SEPT					
3	Margaret Hoiem	2	Bob & Debb Van der Upwich	Richard & Carol Thompson	24
4	Judy Lundal	15	Pat & Angie O'Keefe	Mark & Rosemary Shearer	14
4	Derek Wong	19	Matt & Pat Beucler	Ferris & Ruth Worden	9
14	Derek Tally	21	Richard & Carol Thompson	Steve Bronston	7
26	Valerie Martin	25	Jim & Judy Lundal	Roger & Sherrie Mann	1
27	Vicky Siragusa	29	Roger & Sherrie Mann		
OCT					
8	Richard Sheff	10	Daryl & Valerie Martin	Dorothy Treece	26
11	Donna Mann	19	Davis & Lisa Tally	Ron & Val Molendyk	21
20	Chelsea Woods			Hank Grampre	12
27	Betsy Slauson			Karen Goettsch	5

CAMBRIA TRIP
Hosted by George & Sarah McDaniel
Martin & Chris Latham
October 21-24



The Elephant Seal is the Trip Mascot

The Cambria trip includes a stay at the Cambria Pines Lodge, a resort on 25 acres of themed gardens, with in-door and outdoor dining, a heated pool, and live entertainment. Cambria has a number of shops and restaurants and is located on the Central Coast of California near many historic and scenic places. Harmony, a glassblowing and artist mecca, is a small town a few miles south, while to the north there are a number of places, such as Moonstone Beach, Ragged Point, Elephant Seal viewing along the coast, and the Hearst Castle. This is an area of ranches, wineries, coastal boardwalks, historic lighthouses, and many activities amidst splendid coastal and vineyard scenery.



After a scenic drive inland past numerous inland wineries on Friday, some in our group wanted to see the Sensorium, a nighttime light show in Paso Robles. There are planned restaurant dining experiences. Come join us for

a trip with good food, good people, and fun times. Contact George and Sarah at geosarah@pacbell.net.

See attached fliers for additional information. If you have any questions, contact George and Sarah. geosarah@pacbell.net; George: 714-529-4531; Sarah 714-330-0913.

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.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

HONEY MUSTARD CHICKEN SALAD



Honey Mustard Dressing

- ½ cup plain Greek yogurt
- 2 T mayonnaise
- 2 T dijon mustard
- 2-3 t honey
- 1 t apple cider vinegar (or lemon juice)
- 1 clove garlic
- ¼ t kosher salt
- 1 garlic clove, grated
- LOTS of ground black pepper

Mix-Ins

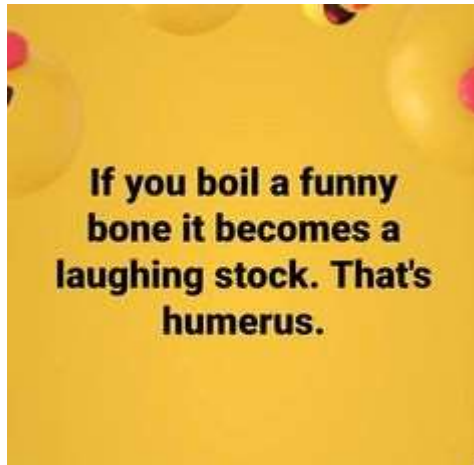
- 2 ½ to 3 cups chopped cooked chicken breast
- 1 medium honeycrisp apple
- ½ cup finely diced celery
- 1/3 cup chopped toasted pecans or cashews
- ¼ cup diced red onion
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Instructions

1. In a large bowl, add the yogurt, mayo, Dijon, 2 teaspoons honey, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt and lots of freshly ground pepper. Mix together the dressing until well combined. Taste and add another teaspoon of honey if you like a sweeter honey mustard.
2. In the same bowl, add in the chicken, apple, celery, pecans, and red onion, and stir until well incorporated and coated with the dressing. Enjoy with pretzel chips, in a sandwich or wrap, on a bed of lettuce, or as is with a spoon.
3. The salad will keep well in an airtight container in the fridge for up to 5 days.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

(from Ron Molendyk)



OC VETTES
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
August 4, 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-seven members attended the meeting.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for August 4, 2026, meeting were moved for approval by Lisa Tally and seconded by Donna Mann. 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 September.
 - ii. Vice President: Janet Cherry. No report.
 - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson. No report.
 - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston. Ray distributed the financial statement.
 - v. Director: Steve Bronston. No report.
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. NCCC Governor: Janet Cherry. There will be a meeting in Sept; and she will have updated information then.
 - ii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Janet Cherry. Planning as already underway for the 2029 National Corvette Caravan. The first newsletter has been published.
 - iii. Membership: Donna Mann. The club welcomed new member, Chelsea Woods.
 - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. Absent.
 - v. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda asked members to send her any pictures or articles by mid-week.
 - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. No report.

- vii. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerk. No report.
- viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
- ix. Elks Club Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. No report.
- x. Homecoming Fundraiser Liaison: Conda Takanabe. Two schools have requested cars for homecomings, one on Oct 2 and one on Oct 9.

V. New Business

- A. Encourage members to bring their Corvettes to our meetings and socials.
- B. Need to be out of meeting room by 7:25.
 - i. Our agreement with the Elks Lodge is that we will vacate the building before their meeting starts at 7:30.
 - ii. Members can talk outside, but we must be out of the room on time.
- C. Ideas and input for future trips that you are interested in.
 - i. We are always looking for new places to travel to and explore.
- D. The Post Office where our PO Box was located has closed.
 - i. The box has been moved to the closest existing Post Office, located in Yorba Linda.
 - ii. Conda Takanabe has been checking the box for mail. The new location is still convenient for her to pick up mail for the club.
 - iii. We will transfer the account to that Post Office and pay the \$194 yearly charge.

VI. Past Events

- A. August 18, August Social, Lone Wolf Brewing Company, Yorba Linda
 - i. Hosted by Barb Hall.
- B. Ladies' Game Day, August 24.
 - i. Hosted by Barb Hall and Ellie Cranston, at Barb Hall's home
 - ii. Sixteen ladies attended, and everyone had a fun time.

VII. Upcoming Events

- A. September 12, Trip to NHRA Museum. Pomona Fairgrounds.
 - i. Hosted by Steve Bronston.
 - ii. OCV will caravan to Pomona, visit the museum, and have lunch after at McKinley Grill.

- iii. Meet at Carls Jr at Lincoln and the 57 Freeway to leave at 8:30 AM.
 - iv. Bring walkie talkie radios for cars since we will caravan to the location.
 - v. Let Steve Bronston know if you still want to attend.
- B. September 15, September Social, 6 PM, Craftsman Wood Fired Pizza, 148 Yorba Linda Blvd, Placentia.
 - i. Hosted by Mike and Lori Blume.
- C. Prescott Vette Set Corvette Car Show, September 24-26
- D. September 28, Ladies' Game Day, 1-4PM.
 - i. Hosted by Barb Hall and Ellie Cranston
 - ii. Held at Barb Hall's home.
 - iii. Please let Barb or Ellie know you are coming so they can plan food.
- E. Bishop Fall Colors Car Show Oct 2-4, 2026, Bishop City Park, 700 N. Main Street.
 - i. Six cars are signed up to attend.
 - ii. There will be an email coming out with instructions on when and where to meet to caravan to the event.
 - iii. Events at the car show include a poker run and a pancake breakfast.
 - iv. Valerie Martin arranged for a block of rooms at the Bishop Vagabond Inn.
 - I. The hotel is half a mile from the park.
 - II. Queen-bed rooms are available for \$129 per night.
 - v. There may be a side trip to the Bristlecone Pine Forest on the way there.
- F. October 21-24, Trip to Cambria Pines Lodge, Cambria
 - i. Hosted by George and Sara McDaniel and Martin and Chris Latham.
 - ii. The McDaniels have blocked rooms at the Lodge at a special rate.
 - I. Rooms should have been booked already
 - iii. The group will meet at the Cedar Creek Inn parking lot off the 57 Freeway at Lambert to caravan up to Cambria.
 - iv. Lunch will be at the Hitching Post Restaurant in Buellton
 - v. There is a sign-up sheet and trip information available from the McDaniels.

- vi. Lots of activities to do in Cambria.
 - I. Visit wineries and wine tasting.
 - II. Scarecrow Festival in October.
 - III. Sensorio Field of Lights Show in Paso Robles.
 - IV. Trip to Ragged Pines with availability to visit Hearst Castle
- G. October 17, Fall Festival, Bob Burggraf's Mancave.
 - i. Food to be provided by Blake's Place BBQ.
- H. December 5, OCV Christmas Party, 11-3, Orange County Mining Company
 - i. Hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston
- I. Laguna Niguel Holiday Parade, December 12?
 - i. Usually, it is held on the second Saturday in December.
- J. March 20-23, 2027, Trip to Solvang
 - i. Hosted by PCC and Palm Springs Corvette Club.
 - ii. See Janet Cherry for more information.
- VIII. Member Forum
 - A. CarCruiseFinder.com now has a complete list of events that you may find of interest.
- IX. Opportunity drawing of \$75 was won by Ron Tally. Additional prizes were won by Derek Tally, Pat O'Keefe, Martin Latham, Dave Hamel, Chelsea Woods, and Michael Dix.
- X. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
 - A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Daryl Martin by August 30.
- XI. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Buena Park Black Bear Diner, 7005 Knott Ave, Buena Park.
 - A. Come for dinner at 5:30 before the meeting starts.
- XII. Badge Fines \$1.00 paid to Ray Cranston.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:24 by Carol Thompson, seconded by Janet Cherry. 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 2026 – 2027 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	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-5753
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

CAMBRIA PINES LODGE OC VETTE TRIP OCTOBER 21 - OCTOBER 24, 2026

2905 Burton Drive, Cambria, CA 93428

IMPORTANT: Make reservations SOON as rooms are rented quickly at this time of year!!

Room info dates:	Wed-Thur .10-21 & 22	Fri.10-23	10-24
2 Queen Bed Superior	\$169.15/night	\$262.65/night	Discount
King Large Suite	\$186.15/night	\$279.65/night	Discount

Contact: **800-966-6490** Ask for: **OC Vette discount**. If you have a problem reserving the rooms, contact Judy Schmidt 805-927-4200 x2231 or judys@moonstonehotels.com.

Rates: Above rates are net, non-commissionable, but are subject to current tax rates which at the time of booking is 12.5%. An extra-person charge is \$20, rollaway beds are not available. Unless otherwise stated, all Saturday night stays carry a **2-night minimum**. (Does not apply in our situation.)

Pets: Pet-friendly rooms are available on a first-come first served basis and must be reserved in advance. Guests must call the front desk to inquire prior to arrival.

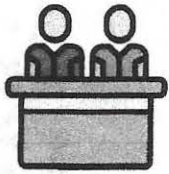
Check-in time: 3 pm **Check-out time:** 11 am. No guarantee of early check-in or late departure.

Individual Pays All: It is our understanding that the INDIVIDUAL will be responsible for the ROOM. TAX, INCIDENTALS & FOOD & BEVERAGE charges for the duration of their stay. Individuals must present a valid credit card and I.D. upon check-in. The hotel requires a pre-authorized security deposit of \$100 for each room upon check-in. If at the time of check-in, a guest from your group does not have a valid credit card for the pre-authorized deposit, the guest will be unable to check-in. Should there be no additional charges, the deposit will be released upon check-out.

Cut off date: Rooms in your block will be held until **08/19/2026**. After this date, rooms will automatically be released to hotel inventory for general sale at the hotel's prevailing rate.

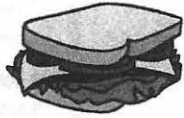
Cancellation policy: There is a strict 48-hour cancellation policy. If a room is not canceled prior to 48 hours ahead of 3 pm arrival, the guaranteeing party's credit card on file will be charged one night's room and tax.

Welcome to **CAMBRIA PINES LODGE**



Front desk is Available 24 hours a day at (805) 927-4200 or by dialing 'O' from your room.

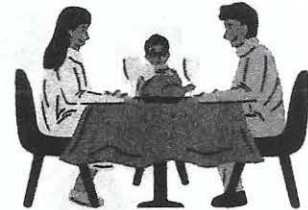
Breakfast Served from 7:30am to 10am daily.



Lunch Served from 12pm to 2pm daily.

Dinner: Served from 5pm to 8:45pm daily.

Room Service Hours: Available from 5:00pm - 8:30pm daily. To view the menu, you can scan the QR code on the back of your door.



Fireside Lounge: Open 2pm to 9pm daily.

(Happy Hour M-Th 2:00-5:00pm free chips and salsa, beer specials)

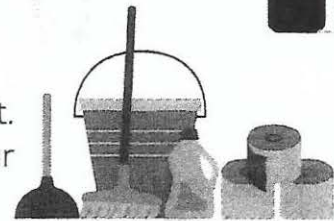


Pool Hours:

Open 8am to 10pm daily...

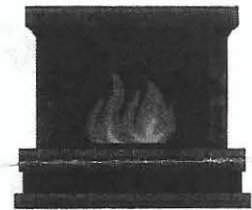


Housekeeping: Our staff will not enter your room during your visit. If you would like stay-over service or need anything else for your stay, please dial 'O' from your room.

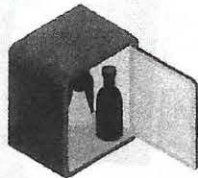


Open network, just click on **Cambria Pines Lodge**
No password needed

Log Burning Fireplaces: Ensure the log is pushed all the way back in the fireplace into the fireplace before lighting. We have extra logs for purchase at the front desk.



Gas Fireplaces: The fireplaces are controlled by the thermostat on the adjacent wall.



Refrigerator: The refrigerator is turned off to conserve energy. To turn it on, open the door and in the back of the refrigerator is a dial. You can adjust the temperature. Dial 'O' if you need assistance.

Check Out is at 11:00 am

Please know to check out, you CAN simply leave your keys in the room and don't need to return to the front desk-to check out. If you would like a receipt, please call the front desk and they will email it to you!
Enjoy your stay at Cambria Pines Lodge



Prescott Vette Sette
20th Anniversary Corvette Car Show
September 24th - 26th



2026 20th Annual All-Corvette Car Show
Registration Now Open!
Prescott, Arizona

MARCONI MUSEUM

Heels & Wheels

CARS AND COFFEE

The Marconi

1302 Industrial Dr, Tustin, CA 92780

SUNDAY | 9 AM - 12 PM

OCT 4TH

\$20 Admission
Per Person

Retail Therapy

Specialty Coffee

Cars & Motorcycles

Register to be a participant or vendor at
marconimuseum.org/heels-and-wheels



Event Details

📅 Sunday, October 4, 2026

📞 714-258-3001

🕒 9:00am - 12:00pm

📍 1302 Industrial Dr.
Tustin, CA 92780

Powered By

Marconi Automotive Museum

Heels & Wheels is a women-driven automotive event created to celebrate women across all aspects of automotive culture while giving back to families impacted by **breast cancer**.

Retail Therapy

Women-Owned Businesses

Specialty Coffee

Rise Espresso Bar

Cars & Motorcycles

Women-Driven Show

REGISTER YOUR RIDE • JOIN THE MARKETPLACE • PARTNER WITH US

\$20

Admission
Per Person



LEARN MORE:



JOIN US FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE ROAD TRIP!

PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES IN SOLVANG!

MAR 20-23 2027



MULTI-DAY CLUB EXCURSION TO
"LITTLE DENMARK, CALIFORNIA"



DRIVE, EXPLORE, DINE, & REPEAT!

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:



SCENIC DRIVES

Corvettes on winding roads



HISTORIC SOLVANG

Exploring shops, boutiques, wineries



GROUP DINNERS & TASTINGS

Food, drinks, happy faces



SOCIAL EVENTS & CAMARADERIE



TRIP DETAILS:

- Multi-Day Experience
- Dedicated Corvette Parking
- Group Rates/Lodging
- Planned Routes

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Fun Routes
- Village Exploration
- Wine Tasting
- Great Company

SPACE IS LIMITED! RSVP REQUIRED!

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

CONTACT: Scott Sturdivant - scottmsturdivant@gmail.com



President's Message

September 2026

WOW did the end of the month sneak up on me! We have the September national meeting coming up in a few days too.

This is a really important meeting too.

FIRST- we will list any item that will be voted on. That includes by law changes; changes to the competition rulebook; officer elections and the vote for the 2028 convention.

SECOND - we will be discussing the regions and what is in the rulebook for them. This is discussion and will not be voted on.

THIRD – We will discuss membership opportunities and how to manage “special offers” in the regions and clubs.

Finally, governors will get to hear from the officers that are up for election. We are all volunteer! That takes time and effort to keep all the “balls in the air”! Other groups look at our organization that has been around since 1959 and cannot believe we do it with our dedicated members.

I am headed to the National Corvette Museum anniversary celebration. I can't wait to get a sneak peek at the Collections bldg. There will be an Ambassador meeting on Friday too. If you are planning on being there, stop and say hello.

Well I need to get on the road. I hear it's going to be hot in Kentucky.

See ya soon!

Deb Murphy
NCCC President

Competition Update

September 2026



Labor Day Weekend only means that the NCCC Competition is coming around to the last turn and headed towards the finish line. There is still enough time to make a charge and get on the National Top 15 Standings and get recognized at next year's NCCC Convention in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

What better way than to receive your National awards than at the Corvette's epicenter! Not only are the Speed and Non-Speed Top 15, Club Top 15 and Worker Top 5 being recognized, but for the first time, we will also be recognizing the Top 3 Youth Members at the National Convention in Bowling Green. We will recognize the Top 3 Youth members in the Speed Category that accumulate over 500 points and the Top 3 Youth members in the Non-Speed Category that accumulate over 250 points. Both Boys and Girls categories.

I have seen a few out and about at Convention and local events. If you have NCCC Youth Members in your Clubs and Regions, put on the events they like and encourage them to participate and give them a chance at making the National Top 3. Motivate the younger members to stay active, they are the ones that will take your place in this Corvette hobby!

Stay tuned for the latest proposed NCCC Rulebook Changes for the 2027 NCCC Rulebook after this National Governor's Meeting!

LET'S GO NCCC!!!!!!!

Rene' Cardenas
V.P. of Competition



MICHELIN TIRE RAFFLE

The Michelin Tire Raffle is for NCCC Members Only. There will be 2 drawings for a \$2,000 Certificate that will be held at the November 14th, 2026, Governor Meeting in St. Louis. Each entry costs \$25.00. Your donation of each entry will stay within NCCC and will support the Scholarship and Hardship Programs.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: _____ AMOUNT OF DONATION: \$ _____

Make check payable to "NCCC Grants & Scholarship" and mail with order form to:

NCCC Director of Sponsorship & Charity
Michele Cantelmo
235 Clove Road
Montague, NJ 07827

Mail orders must be received by 10/30/26

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL RAFFLE

Drawing 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, 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.

☐ September 12, 2026 How Many Entries _____ NCM MotorSports Park

☐ November 14, 2026 How Many Entries _____ Corvette Quilt

Make check payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Mail check and form to:

NCCC Director of Sponsorship & Charity
Michele Cantelmo
235 Clove Road
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Corvettes at Carlisle Celebrates America 250, Corvette Milestones, Team Chevrolet, and More
More Than 4,000 Corvettes Expected for the World's Largest All-Corvette Gathering



For more than 40 years, Corvettes at Carlisle has brought Corvette enthusiasts together from around the world. From August 27-29, 2026, the Carlisle PA Fairgrounds will once again host the world's largest all-Corvette event, welcoming more than 4,000 Corvettes, including over 3,000 displayed on the Fun Field. The weekend features vehicle displays, seminars, special guests, track activities, shopping, and opportunities to connect with fellow enthusiasts. This year, the event also celebrates America's 250th Anniversary with several patriotic displays and historical milestones.

On Friday, August 28, more than 200 red, white, and blue Corvettes will form the popular Corvette American Flag display, one of the event's signature attractions. The event also celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the 1976 Corvette, recognizing the model introduced during America's Bicentennial.

Corvettes at Carlisle will also commemorate the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks by welcoming Wes Wong. A lifelong Corvette enthusiast, Wong served as the FBI's on-scene commander during part of the rescue and recovery efforts at Ground Zero and will share his firsthand account of that historic day.

Additional featured displays include the 25th Anniversary of the NCRS Gallery, showcasing historically significant Corvettes, the NCCC Judged Show field, and Chip's Choice: Family Legacy Corvettes, celebrating cars that have been passed from one generation to the next.

Team Chevrolet also returns with Corvette engineers, designers, and product specialists. Throughout the weekend, they will host vehicle walk-arounds, seminars, autograph sessions, and question-and-answer opportunities, giving attendees direct access to the people behind today's Corvette lineup.

Guests can also participate in the Lingenfelter Performance King of the X Autocross, the Rolling Exhaust Contest, the Aerolarri Wheels People's Choice Best in Show competition, and the new Mr. Corvette Contest, presented by Appalachian Running Company. The weekend concludes Saturday evening with the Downtown Carlisle Corvette Parade, Park, and Party as hundreds of Corvettes cruise through historic downtown Carlisle. Beyond the displays and activities, attendees can browse the automotive flea market for Corvette parts, memorabilia, collectibles, and accessories, shop the vendor midway, or explore the car corral to buy or sell a Corvette. Gates open at 7 AM daily for this great event and kids 12 and under are admitted free. Full details, including links to purchase discounted spectator admission tickets, register for the Fun Field and more are available at CarlisleEvents.com or by calling 717-243-7855.



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The National Corvette Museum is expanding with our new 66,000-square-foot Collections Facility. Tours are set to open in early 2027. This facility was completed on September 3, 2026 will serve as the future home for some of the world's most important historic Corvettes and Corvette preservation efforts.

Honoring the Icons of Corvette

The Collections Facility significantly expands the Museum's capacity for vehicle preservation, artifact conservation, and long-term collection storage, providing a dedicated environment for the care of historically significant Corvettes and materials.

Behind-the-Scenes Access

Beginning in early 2027, the Museum plans to offer guided tours that will give guests a closer look at the collection and the work that happens behind the scenes. Tour dates, availability, and additional details will be announced as plans are finalized.

Room to Grow

The Collections Facility gives the Museum the space and resources to continue growing its collection while maintaining the high standards of care required to preserve Corvette history for decades to come.



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22 Aug 2019: On day 2 of the 2019 National Corvette Caravan, the Southwest Section stops briefly in Valley of Fire State Park about 30 miles northeast of Las Vegas and 12 miles east of I-15. Photo: eNews Staff/Sandy Halverson.

Top Story

Three Years Until the '29 Caravan

Well, ok...we lied. It's actually four days less than three years.

Your hard-working Editor just came in from a couple of hours out in the shop working on the 2019 ZR1 shown above. It was time to flush the brakes. It's 91° outside and 80° inside the work area. There's not even a tiny bit of breeze. The humidity is hovering at a muggy 70%. I was sweating like a pig after getting the car up on jack stands, pulling all the wheels, then pumping up my pressure bleeder. Yep...the dog days of summer.

Section Captain Bill Herold is busy with early planning for the 2029 Southwest Corvette Caravan (SWCC) as well as building the Organizing Team for 2029.

No doubt, folks thinking about the 2029 35th Anniversary National Corvette Caravan are wondering what might change. Well, at this point, three years before the event, Captain Herold had no comment when asked about the route for the '29 trip.

However, some scuttlebutt eNews reporters have heard is that the SWCC may try to run all of the route planned for the first day of the '24 Caravan which would have been a great drive in the Angeles National Forest north of L.A. Those who were on the '24 trip know that our route over the San Gabriel Mountains had to be shortened at the last minute due to Cal Trans construction underway to repair damage to the Angeles Crest Highway from Winter storms in 2023.

Another rumor floating around is that on Day 2, the Caravan may return to Nevada's Valley of Fire State Park northeast of Las Vegas, which was very popular with Caravaners who ran the 2019 event. As to whether or not these changes are actually going to be made, we'll have to wait until the 2029 Caravan Organizing Team makes reveals the route for the 2029 Southwest Corvette Caravan.

Other News

Caravan Organizing Team Named

Section Captain Bill Herold named members of the 2029 Southwest Section Caravan Organizing Team. Doug Campbell and wife, Loretta, return as Caravan Commanders. Tony Megowan was named a Caravan Commander and is the '29 Route Book Project Director. Tony's wife, Paula will be the Team's CFO. The Campbells and the Megowans are veteran Organizing Team members with experience going as far back as the 2014 Caravan. New on the Organizing Team is Garden Grove resident, Commander Brian Stephens. Another rookie member of Caravan leadership is Ventura resident Commander Neil Subic. The eNews staff welcomes both of them to the Team

What is a "Caravan Organizing Team"?

The Southwest Section Organizing Team is the group of volunteers that plans and organizes the event then leads the group of people that, later, will operate the event.



Back in "ancient times", during the planning of the 2003 National Corvette Caravan, there were only two members, Section Captains the late Paul Mariano and Hib Halverson (now an advisor). Mariano and Halverson volunteered after the Corvette Museum's National Chair for the Caravan fired the person originally selected to organize what was then known as the Southern California Section. Mariano and Halverson were appointed in February of

Dog days of summer 2022. Captain Bill Herold and Commander Doug Campbell, while pre-running a possible 24 Caravan route through the Angeles National Forest, survey a distant intersection. eNews staff photo

2003 and had only about four months to pull together a Caravan Section. There were a lot of compromises made in the interest of only having 120 days to get the event up and running, but the Lead Car followed by 185 more Corvettes, left the departure point at the old California Speedway in Fontana on 22 June, 2003, the first day of the trip.

For the 2009 Caravan, the Organizing Team expanded to five members and, for 2029, it will have seven full-time people. As we get close to the event, the Organizing Team will appoint a number of "Caravan Lieutenants" to help with Registration, put on various events, like the Caravan Departure, or a Section banquet, lead "Feeder Caravans" from areas such as San Diego, Inland Empire, Orange County and Bakersfield, and sell Caravan merch.

What's with all the Naval Ranks?

Many years ago, there was an annual Corvette event in Arizona that included tubing down the Salt River in the Phoenix area, and the leader of that event was known as "The Admiral". At this point in time, historical information is a little sketchy, but this "Admiral" may have been later involved at some level with the Caravan in AZ.

In the run-up to the '03 trip, then Captain Halverson decided giving Team members naval ranks was sort of cool and would give Caravaners the feeling that the Organizing Team had a sense of the logistics necessary to run a Caravan of hundreds of cars and that it had a command structure to properly lead all the people it takes to put on the event. In the five caravans going back to the National Corvette Caravan of 2003, the naval ranks became a tradition and, at this time, three years ahead of the 2029 Caravan, it looks as if that tradition may continue.

Suggestion Box

It's the dog days of summer and three years out from the Caravan, but your Southwest Caravan Organizing Team is looking for input. If you have a suggestion, idea or comments about what you'd like to have happen on the Southwest Section of the 2029 National Corvette Caravan, email Captain Bill Herold at the email address listed below.

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