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Vette Voice



**Antelope Valley
CORVETTE CLUB**

ANTELOPE VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB *VETTE VOICE*

PO Box 2588, Lancaster, CA 93539

2014 Club Officers

President - Larry G

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Treasurer - Nelly S

Secretary - Sheri H

NCCC Governor - Howard S

The Antelope Valley Corvette Club originated in 1969 and will celebrate its 45th birthday in 2014. Our club has meetings on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. We meet at The Sizzler, 853 W Palmdale Blvd, Palmdale.

If you would like to eat dinner first, please come at 6:00. Any potential new members are welcome to attend a meeting. All new members must own a Corvette.

The club participates in several events throughout the year including:

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- **Attending club parties**
- **Participating at local homecoming events by escorting princesses around the fields in club members Corvettes**
- **Entering local parades**
- **Entering and/or attending car shows**
- **Participating in fun runs**
- **Autocross**
- **Participating in other car club events**
- **Contribute to local charities**
- **Attend club socials every month**
- **Hold club picnics (movie runs, etc.)**

There are many different types of Corvettes in the club, from old to new, original to custom. There are also several anniversary editions and a couple of pace cars.

The *Vette Voice* is the official publication of the Antelope Valley Corvette Club. It is published Monthly just prior to the next business meeting. and is distributed to all club members in good standing, to potential members interested in joining the club and to other clubs in the area.

Articles that pertain to Corvettes, A.V.C.C members, or the Antelope Valley are always welcomed.

Contact Mike Bottone at (661) 802-1147 or via E-Mail at favian1@verizon.net or visit our website at: www.avcorvettes.com For more information,

The Antelope Valley Corvette Club is a non-profit organization formed by those who are proud of America's greatest and longest lived sports car, the CORVETTE! We are the true meaning of "pride of ownership". Annual membership dues are \$36 per year, per member (\$60 per couple). Also required to join the Antelope Valley Corvette Club, members must join our national organization of National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

EXECUTIVE THOUGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Laguna Seca



For those of you who haven't had the privilege of seeing or driving on the Laguna Seca race track, I'd like to share a little of my experience with it:



It all starts with the driver's meeting; don't do this, don't do that, none of this and especially, none of that, and blah, blah, blah...

Next, we all line up and wait.

After what seems like hours... (About 20 minutes) we're all escorted onto the track. Lucky me, I'm behind a nice new C7.





Once over, there's a sharp right, then left, then right again, (and lots of funny noises coming from the passenger seat).

Then brake lights... time to line up for the straight away. When it's your turn, you punch it to see how fast you can go before you brake again for the hair-pin of turn 1-2.



Next you're on the throttle again through 3 and 4 fighting the urge not to let off as the G-forces squeeze you.



Then it's back to turn 5, where we entered the track, to do it all over again only faster...

In about a blink of your eyes, they're shooting you off the track, and it's all over... until next year.



Let's see how many members we can get to go next year.

Larry G.

CALL TO ORDER:

Larry called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Sizzler Steakhouse in Palmdale.
Herman Brown and Jay A. Tremblay were guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

April minutes were e-mailed to the members. Motion to approve was passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nelly S. presented the report for April:

Balance as of 3/31/2014 - \$2425.99

Deposits - \$390.60

Outflow - \$135.98

Balance as of 4/30/2014 - \$2680.61

Motion to approve the reports was passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Larry discussed Laguna Seca which he and Erica attended this past weekend.

Larry thanked Leona and Jim for a great mystery run. Nine cars participated.

Larry thanked Bruce for a great run to the Nethercutt. Ten cars participated.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nothing to report.

NCCC:

5/10/14 – NCCC Governor's Meeting

5/18/14 – Plastic Fantastic in San Diego. Follow the link on the website for information.

5/21/14 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner Social @ Applebee's.

6/1/14 – People's Choice Car Show – Huntington Beach

6/8/14 – Temecula Car Show

6/14/14 – Sand Drags – Santa Maria Airport Speedway

6/20-6/22/14 – Inland Empire Vettes – 7 Events

6/21-6/22/14 – Autocross – Auto Club Raceway in Fontana

6/27-6/29/14 – Big Bear Bash

ACTIVITIES:

Leona announced Norma and Danny won the grand prize and Nelly second place from the Mystery Run.

5/10/14- Lieutenant Dan's Band starts at 7:00 p.m. – Jethawk's Stadium. Proceeds for wounded AV soldier.

5/17/14 – 4th Annual American Legion Car Show. Pete Knight's Veterans Home is the benefactor.

6/7/14 - Racing at Willow Springs. \$10 to race all day; \$5 for spectators.

6/7-6/8/14 – Thunder on the Lot – AV Fairgrounds. Larry will check on parking inside. Anyone interested should e-mail him.

Vets for Veterans Car Show in September.

Every Friday Night is a Cruise In at L & 40th West.

Rosamond Rod Runners hosts "Coffee N Cars" every Sunday from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. – Tom's in Rosamond. (They will not be meeting this Sunday, Mother's Day).

Event needed for end of May.

Herman B. asked if his club or individuals from club could join our events. Nelly stated they would need to sign a waiver.

Discussion on Corvette Caravan.

SUNSHINE REPORT:

Donna announced birthdays and anniversaries for May. They are available in the newsletter.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Kemo is still recuperating at AV Health Care.

Steve P. won the 50/50 raffle worth \$30.00

Reminder to leave a tip for our servers.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

NCCC Governor's Report

by Howard *Vette Voice* Page 7 May 2014

I'll be out of town for the next governors meeting on May 10th.

These are the notes from Cliff Harris from the NCCC National Meeting. Cliff is our regional membership director.

As usual, in the order that I wrote it down.

Friday, April 25th --- Vision Committee meeting

Dennis Patrick has recovered from his medical issues so we did have a meeting. We are missing several members because Joe Vasta resigned because he is busy planning the 2015 Convention. Jeannie Ruston resigned because she is now the Sgt. At Arms and very busy doing that job.

The committee has sort of grazed off into the weeds and gotten lost. John Morrow pointed out that we really have no power to do anything. We can recommend only. If the recommendations are ignored then we have accomplished nothing. We spent a LOT of time over the last year or so looking at Convention and then found out that the Convention Committee can basically do anything they want. Many people have complained that Convention is too long (it's normally 7 days). This year the Convention Committee decided to make it 5 days, so that's what it will be. Dennis pointed out that next year's Convention could be 3 days if the Committee decided to make it that long. There are no rules that say Convention HAS to include a rallye, for example. It's up to the Convention Committee to plan and schedule it. There are Convention Guidelines, but they are only suggestions and not requirements.

The Vision Committee's greatest success was the change in Blue Bars Magazine. 5 years ago it was very competition oriented and has now shifted to a much more socially oriented magazine. Many people forget that it was the Vision Committee that initiated this change.

President Hal Bellamy visited (Dennis invited him). Dennis said we need direction and asked Hal for suggestions. The two of them will contact each other and work something out. I suggested that we prioritize our investigations by their economic impact on NCCC. The major expenses are travel to the governors meetings (we get compensated for travel expenses). That expense is fixed so we can't do anything about it. The second major expense is insurance and we also don't have any control over that. The third one is Blue Bars Magazine. We could reduce publishing and mailing expenses if the magazine were wholly or partially electronically published, which I have been recommending for several years. Sylvia told us in the past that Blue Bars Magazine will never be electronically published while she is Blue Bars editor, but she has said she will not be editor next year. That leaves the option open. Hal said that he felt that Blue Bars should NOT be electronically published because it is the only physical connection NCCC has with its members.

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Members have something from NCCC that they can hold in their hands. That made a lot of sense to me because I subscribe to several magazines that have an electronic option and I always take a paper copy. I know some people prefer an electronic copy and that enables some options (like live Internet links) that can't be done with paper.

Hal said NCCC currently has \$650,000 in the bank so we have no financial problems to worry about. He said it was \$400,000 several years ago so the trend is upward. He said we can afford to continue to send out paper copies of Blue Bars Magazine.

Dennis said the original Vision Committee was planned to have two REs, two RMDs and two RCDs. We will try to recruit some more members with that ratio.

Friday, April 25th ----- Membership Committee meeting

Brian (Bryan?) from Legacy Insurance came to our meeting (and the others). He said we should look at the insurance FAQs on the NCCC web site because they answer almost all questions and they have been updated recently. Joe Scafaro from the Michigan Region asked about an autocross that they put on with several other car clubs. Most of the cars are not Corvettes and the drivers are not NCCC members. He asked if the non-NCCC drivers were covered by the insurance because it is an NCCC event. Brian said it's very straightforward. NCCC members are covered. Non-NCCC members are not. This also applies at the club level, where some spouses (for example) are not NCCC members. Joe asked if we could do something like SCCA does and have a \$5 per day pass membership that's only good for one day so they could be covered. We pretty much agreed that this would be too complex and if these people want to have NCCC insurance coverage then they have to join NCCC. Now that the Enthusiast member type (people who do not own a Corvette, this member type was specifically created for this situation) is available anybody can join NCCC for \$35 and be covered for the whole year at NCCC events. It only takes Internet access for a governor to sign up a new member on the spot. Brian said that if a non-NCCC driver damaged a fence at an NCCC event then Legacy would pay for the fence. They would then sue the driver to recover their costs.

Deb Murphy, the 2014 Convention Director, said we have over 500 people signed up for the Convention in Savannah. That's past the critical mass number required to break even and the Convention should come out with a profit. The Convention hotel is completely full but there are rooms available across the street and at other nearby hotels.

Patsy Shearer from the Florida region went on a rant (again) about the license number space in the membership database. She said she had a new governor who called her in a panic (really?) because he thought he HAD to fill in all the blanks and didn't have the information to put there. She said she wanted all the competition related stuff removed because it was unnecessary, not membership related, confusing and probably an invasion of privacy too. Walt has already said that he will not remove that stuff because it is used by some regions. Somebody suggested that a governor template be created so that each governor could check off which items he wanted to appear on his screen. Steve will ask Walt if this could be done. Sounds too complex to me, but we'll see.

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Treasurer Jean Morrison told us that we came out \$40,000 ahead for 2013 but the printing and postage for the last issue of Blue Bars Magazine has not yet been paid. That will be about \$20,000, so we are OK and finished the year with a profit.

The rest of the stuff we talked about was not new or interesting.

Saturday, April 26th ----- Duntov Award Committee meeting

I am also on the Duntov Award Committee. This is an award that is given to the club that best meets all the requirements (spelled out on the main NCCC web site). The requirements are VERY difficult to meet (they were designed that way) and when I first saw them I didn't think any club could do it. One is 90% renewal rate and another is that 15% of the members must attend Convention. Windy City Corvettes submitted an application for the award. They managed to meet all the requirements but the very last one. That was to submit thank you letters and newspaper clippings for charitable donations. They have won this award in the past and the rules are quite clear that 100% of the requirements must be met so we don't know how they missed this. We decided that they failed to meet the requirements and they will not get the award.

Saturday, April 26th ----- National governors meeting

As Hal asked, the appointed officers did not give verbal reports. They were available as printed reports. One exception was made for Debbie Lindsey because she said she had important information that she got after she wrote the report.

Debbie Lindsey, Director of Sponsorship, told us that GM is now allowing the use of the crossed flags logo, the stingray logo and wording and the word Corvette, but you must contact them and ask permission before you can use them. She said that C7 is not a valid name for the car and it is to be referred to as the 2014 Stingray. I guess that means that we can say C7 if we want to without their permission. She said the word Stingray and the word Corvette must use the approved font. Contact Debbie if you want to use any of these so that she can hook you up with the GM licensing group (I didn't get the official name). The only way to get around this is to buy a licensed product and then add your own information. This applies to a club shirt, for example. You buy a licensed shirt and then add your club's logo. You ARE allowed to use an image of a C7 that is owned by a club member, but it must be labeled as such. You cannot use any of GM's images.

There was only one bid put in for the NCCC national meetings and that bid came from the Sheraton Westport (where we are currently meeting). There will be a vote on this by all the governors. The Vote button will be enabled on your main menu in the membership database, starting on May 1st and running until May 31st. A vote is required by NCCCs Bylaws, even though only 1 vote would be required for the hotel to win.

There has been no bid submitted for a 2016 Convention (usually the bid would be submitted at the February meetings). If your club would like to put on a Convention then contact Business Manager (and Convention Coordinator) Jack Wilson. Somebody said that not having a Convention could set a bad precedent that could continue, so they are kind of anxious about this.

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Brian from Legacy told us the insurance FAQs are constantly updated, so the latest information is always there. I have purposely left off Brian's last name because he does not want to be contacted directly. The correct procedure is to go through Business Manager Jack Wilson so he knows what is happening. Jack will contact Brian if he needs to. Jack said he will update the FAQs on or around the first of the month and put a date on them.

He said you don't need to constantly check throughout the month to see if you have the latest information. Brian told us the FAQs are informational and are not legally binding. He said the insurance policy is the legal document and they will NOT allow you to see it. They don't want jailhouse lawyers picking it apart and wasting their time with questions. Also it was stated that in the past one club took a copy of the policy to other insurance agencies to see if they could beat the premium cost. They want to avoid this in the future.

Brian asked that clubs submit requests for an insurance certificate several weeks in advance because they need time to research their exposure. He said some clubs have submitted requests only a few days before an event and they can't respond to the request that quickly. It was suggested that you ask for an insurance certificate at the same time that you request a sanction.

Brian reiterated that non-NCCC members are NOT covered by the insurance. If they want coverage there are membership options that cover everybody. He said an event flyer should point this out if non-NCCC members are invited. Somebody brought up a situation where there is an exception. That would be an autocross which was an NCCC event and non-NCCC members were used as corner workers (which is fairly common). If a car spun out and hit a corner worker he WOULD be covered because it was an NCCC event with umbrella coverage. The driver would NOT be covered and the corner worker could sue the driver and he would NOT be represented by NCCC's insurance lawyers.

Brian also assured us that the insurance coverage is \$5 million PER EVENT. It is NOT aggregate as Jack Wilson erroneously stated earlier in the year. There was fear that a big hit at the beginning of the year would leave us without coverage for the rest of the year. He said an event could be a single event like a car show or it could be a weekend with several events. In the latter case the whole weekend would be considered to be one event.

2014 Convention Director Deb Murphy told us they have 531 total registrations. She talked about the various events scheduled. One that has gotten a lot of interest is the riverboat dinner cruise. She said they can handle over 400 people and it's already full.

Hal said the annual meeting will not be at Convention since it's only two weeks before the national meetings in September. He said they will have a quick annual meeting and then have the national meeting afterwards.

There was a motion made to give free NCCC membership while active duty military members are deployed. This motion was tabled (required by the Bylaws) because there is a financial impact. The Finance Committee will look at it and make a recommendation in September.

Walt Jenkins made a motion to change the verbiage defining member types and the corresponding dues. This doesn't change anything, it's just a clarification and condensation of infra

This doesn't change anything, it's just a clarification and condensation information that is spread out in the Standing Rules and puts it in a table. Walt said the change would make it easier for him to maintain the membership database. This motion was voted on and passed.

A motion was made to make an option available for Blue Bars Magazine to be delivered electronically. The idea of the motion was to put this option in place for the future.

It does not have to be implemented immediately. This motion was tabled to give the REs time to take it back to the regional level.

Another motion was made but I did not write it down. It was not presented well and was very vague. It was withdrawn after some discussion.

That's all for this time.

See ya,

Cliff

National Corvette Museum News

So far, it looks like only Jim & Leona, Jim & Janie and Nelly and I are going on the 2014 Corvette Museum Anniversary Caravan to the museum in Aug/Sept. Is anyone else thinking of going? Please let me know. If you're even just thinking of going, you should make reservations now, as you can always cancel them later. Rooms in Bowling Green are getting hard to find. For more information on the caravan go to <http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>. We're going as part of the Southern California group.

The cars that went into the sinkhole will be on display during our time at the museum.

The NCM has some 2014 Corvette raffles coming up. On May 22nd they're raffling a Limerock Green Premiere Edition Convertible and on August 30th they're raffling a Torch Red Coupe. To buy raffle tickets go to <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=30>

Howard

May 7

May 2014
AVCC Business Meeting - Sizzler
in Palmdale - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
starts at 6:00.

May 17

4th Annual American Legion Car
Show

May 15

Car, Truck, & Bike Show @ Coaches
in Rosamond 6:00—9:00pm. BBQ
Food and Drinks

May 21

AVCC Social 6:00 PM at Applebee's in
Palmdale

June 2014

June 4

AVCC Business Meeting - Sizzler
in Palmdale - 7:00 p.m. Dinner
starts at 6:00.

June 7

Racing at Willow Spring, \$10 to race all
day, \$5 for spectators.

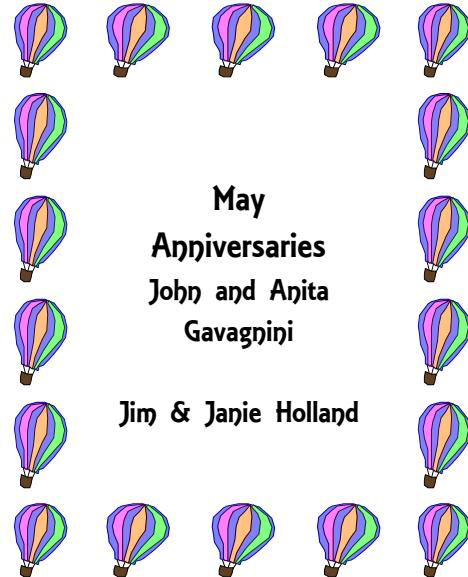
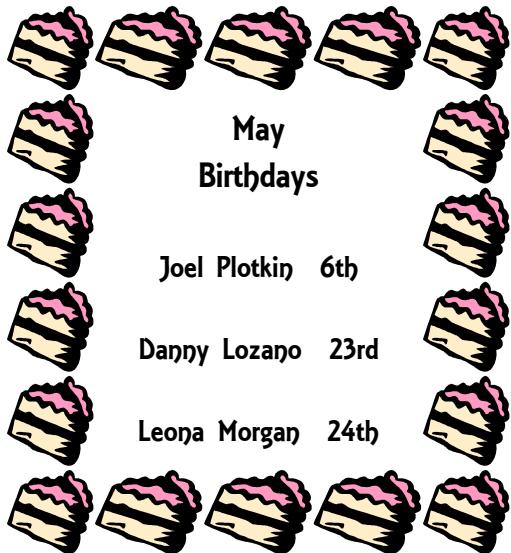
June 7-8

Thunder On The Lot AV Fair-
grounds, Contact Larry G.

June 18

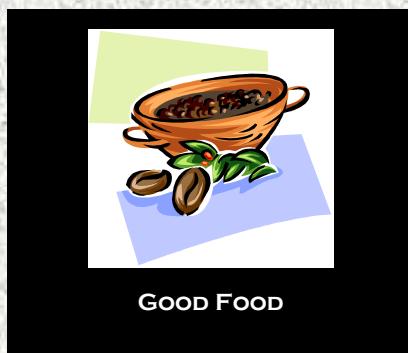
AVCC Social 6:00 PM TBD

Sunshine Report



A very warm welcome our recent guests, Herman Brown and Jay A. Tremblay.

Our social at Applebee's in Palmdale. The food was really great, and the Two for \$20.00 is a great deal.



Nethercutt Run of Saturday May 3rd. 10 cars and 18 People.
Lunch at the Habit on the Patio.



Mystery Run to the Oil Museum to Taft Calif.

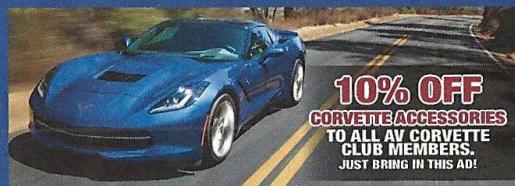




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