

# ANTELOPE VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB



# Vette Voice

Acton Chamber of Commerce  
Parade Fundraiser Car Show  
May 21, 2011



Fourteen of us from the Antelope Valley Corvette Club all caravanned down to the Thousand Trails Resort in Acton for the Acton Chamber of Commerce Parade Fundraiser Car Show on May 21, 2011. We met up with John and Anita when we got there. The weather was nice and warm and we all got to park our cars in the shade under the trees in the park.

They had a Special Guest Judge there, Mike Walsh, who brought his A Fuel Dragster and fired it up for everyone to hear and get a whiff of nitro. That was one loud puppy!

Once again the AVCC proudly came home with some shiny new trophies for our beautiful Corvettes! Bruce S. got a 2nd place for his C-5, John and Anita got a 1st place for their C-6, John and Lorri took home a 1st place for their C-3 and even our new prospective member Jack E. won a 1st place for his C-4! Way to go AVCC!

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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.

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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 legendary CORVETTE! We are the true meaning of "pride of ownership". Annual membership dues are \$36 per year, per member (\$60 per couple) with a one time initiation fee of \$10 per member.

Also, required to join the Antelope Valley Corvette Club, members must join our national organization of National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

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## A Message from the President...

Hi Gang!

As you read this we are less than 3 weeks away from our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AVCC Car & Bike Show. And the anticipation is growing with every passing week! We're hoping not only that our event is successful, but that it's enjoyable for us as well as for the participants. I speak for the car show committee by saying we're all excited to get on with our event and appreciate all who have signed up to help work the show. I know we'll all do a great job!

Thanks goes out to all who attended the Acton Chamber of Commerce Car Show last week. The weather was great and the park setting was comfortable to spend the day just relaxing in the sun. We proudly displayed our club banner and a few of us took home some more trophies, which is always nice! Local events like these are great for our club's exposure in our communities, and I'm glad that we had a great turnout from our members.

In this newsletter you'll find a little article about when it all happened for me. It's republished from an earlier newsletter from some years back and with a little added color and exaggeration. It basically describes my first personal encounter with a Corvette and how it left an imprint that still runs deep inside me to this day. Reading it again reminded me, as I was a young kid growing up in Venice, listening to the Beach Boys and Jan & Dean sing songs about surfing, Corvettes and hot rods, that the smallest things can leave such great impressions. All these years later, I still love Corvettes and hot rods. Still love the Beach Boys, and Venice still feels like home to me.

And so I wonder about the next time we're all out at a car show or in a long caravan of Corvettes slithering down the highway, how many impressionable young kids are out there dreaming of a day when they will get their own Corvette and be just like one of us? May the legacy continue!

AVCC ROCKS!

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## Upcoming Events - 2011

**Bold** indicates planned club participation.

**Red** indicates Sanctioned Events

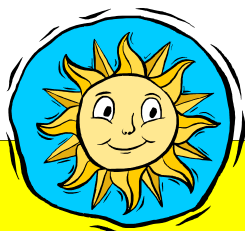
**Blue** indicates West Coast Region Events

June	
June 1	<b>AVCC Business Meeting - Sizzler in Palmdale, 10th West &amp; Palmdale Blvd. Dinner @ 6 p.m., Business mtg. @ 7 p.m.</b>
June 4 - 5	<u>Huntington Beach Concours Car Show</u>
June 4 - 5	6 event High speed timed trials in Pahrump, NV—Corvette Super Sports
June 5	<u>Pomona Swap Meet</u>
June 5	Sanctioned concours hosted by O.C. Vettes—part of the Huntington Beach concours D'Elegance
June 11 - 12	<u>Thunder on the Lot - AV Fair Grounds</u>
June 11	36th Annual People's Choice car show at Ruby's Diner. The Vette Set Sanctioned car show
June 15	<b>AVCC Social - Place to be Determined - 6:30 p.m.</b>
June 18	<b>Antelope Valley Corvette Club's 1st Annual Car &amp; Bike Show in Lancaster, Ca. at the JetHawks Stadium</b>

July	
July 2	<b>11th Annual Drive Your Corvette to Work Day</b>
July 6	<b>AVCC business Meeting - Sizzler in Palmdale, 10th West &amp; Palmdale Blvd. Dinner @ 6 p.m., Business mtg. @ 7 p.m.</b>
July 8-10	Corvettes West 29th Annual Big Bear Bash - Sanctioned event
July 12-16	<u>Black Hills Corvette Classic - South Dakota</u>
July 20	<b>AVCC Social - Place to be Determined - 6:30 p.m.</b>
July 23	<b>Caliente/Kernville Run</b>
July 23	Two low speed autocrosses at Hancock College in Lompoc, Ca - Vapor Trail Vettes

## August

August 3	AVCC Business Meeting - Place to be Determined 7:00pm Dinner starts at 6:00pm
August 4 -7	Vettes on the Rockies—Colorado
August 3-6	Hot August Nights in Long Beach
August 14	People's Choice Car Show in Costa Mesa, Ca. - Corvette Super sports
August 14	Pomona Swap Meet
August 17	AVCC Social—Place to be Determined - 6:30p.m.
August 27	People's Choice Car Show and Poker Rallye in Santa Monica, Ca - Vapor Trail Vettes



## SUNSHINE REPORT

### BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARIES

#### June

18-Ginger W.  
21-Helen G.  
27-Janie K.  
28-Bruce F.  
30-Steve K.

#### July

4- Manette W.  
19-Anita G.  
24-Desmaire S.  
27-Jim M.  
29-Bill W.

#### June

1- Rick & Wendy  
5- Rick & Sheri  
10-Jim & Leona  
30-Steve & Judy

#### July

Antelope Valley Corvette  
Club Meeting Minutes  
May 4th, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER

John P called to order the regular meeting of the Antelope Valley Corvette Club at 7:01 p.m. at the Green House Cafe Restaurant.

II. GUESTS

Welcome to visitor Nick S. Welcome back to Steve and Judy K.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were available through Newsletter e-mail and on the club website's Newsletter link for members to read prior to the meeting. Motion to approve the April minutes was passed.

PRESIDENT'S TIME

Old Business:

Good time at the Laughlin, NV car show. 18 cars from our club went. We brought back lots of trophies. John and Hilary 1st place. Jim and Leona 4<sup>th</sup> place. John and Lorri 1<sup>st</sup> place. John and Anita 4<sup>th</sup> place. Everyone there recognized our club name after trophies were given out.

Ordered some hats from the website to see how the quality was. Hats looked good.

Jackets not so good. They have One logo in two styles available.

It will be \$200 to digitize our corvette mural.

Jim Holland to check on name tags for members.

Club photo will be June 18<sup>th</sup> in the morning prior to car show. Need something high for photographer to get on to take our group shot. Anyone with tall ladder or a motorhome would work.

Need help at the car show. So far we have 5 registrations.

Need to make decision on our Charities. Nelly reports she confirmed with Lorraine at domestic violence that the families our club sponsors are not at the shelter just for during Christmas for gifts.

New Business:

none

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report for April balance of \$4829.47 was approved.

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## VI. ACTIVITIES

John G handed out a list of events. The items in yellow are club events with little change since last month.

Lost the gun shooting date at Oak Tree Gun Range due to place requiring \$100 deposit. Will look to reschedule later in year.

At last 4<sup>th</sup> Sat Rancho Vista Car Show we had 21 cars including 2 cars from outside of club. Rick A. won best Corvette. May 28<sup>th</sup> is their next show. Other local car shows to consider are at Primo's Valley Central and Louis Burgers.

Thunder on the Lot is in June and their charity is AV Children's Charity. It's a two day show and they offer our cars inside a building which is locked at night if you leave your car.

In July is the Big Bear Bash. \$70 a person if register before June 4<sup>th</sup> includes dinner and breakfast. Separate fees for activities and \$24 ea for the Saturday dinner.

John & Hilary volunteered some rooms in their condo at Big Bear.

Tombstone is in October along with the Las Vegas Event.

John P wants to set a trip in September for the Apple Barn and Candy Store in Bakersfield.

May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Acton Chamber Classic Car Show at Thousand Trails. 10am – 2pm.

Oct 1<sup>st</sup> is a fund raiser for the Sheriff Department per Stu.

## VII. NCCC REPORT

No report for this month.

## VIII. SUNSHINE REPORT

Darlene wished everyone Happy May Birthdays and Anniversaries. See newsletter for list. Reports that Wendy is continuing to do well after surgery.

## IX. NEWS EDITOR

Lorri asks for recipes and jokes if you have them. She thanked the person for the Oreo recipe. See May Newsletter at [www.avcorvettes.com](http://www.avcorvettes.com) for events and copy of minutes.

## X. MISCELLANEOUS

Mike B won the 50/50 \$20.50.

Results of votes for the charity: 1st American Cancer Society. 2nd AV Domestic Violence Center. 3rd Dog & Cat Rescue. 4<sup>th</sup> Veterans Home. 5<sup>th</sup> Exotic Cat House  
Next social at Ginannini's Bistro.

## XI. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Bank Balance as of May 31, 2011 is \$5162.75

Acton Chamber of Commerce Parade  
Fundraiser Car Show Continued...



Time to shine up the beauties !!!



Don Garlits' Top A dragster!



Bruce 2nd Place C-5



John & Lorri 1st Place C-3



John & Anita 1st Place C-6



Jack 1st Place C-4



Cool looking Zephyr

## AVCC Recipe of the Month

### Broccoli Salad

Lorri Parker

1 bunch broccoli, chopped fine  
1 small red onion, diced  
1/2 cup raisins  
1 cup chopped pecans  
1 small can mandarin oranges, drained

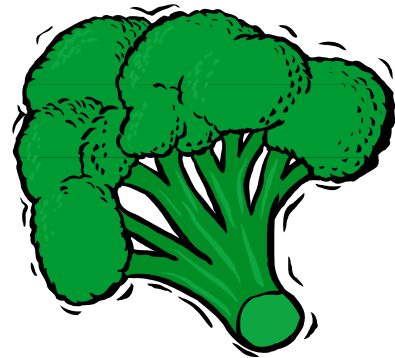
Combine broccoli, onion, raisins, nuts and oranges: chill  
Toss broccoli mix and dressing

#### Dressing

1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 tablespoons vinegar

#### Mix

Optional: 4 pieces bacon cooked & drained, can be used to top salad just before serving



### *Driving School Giveaway*

Founding, Charter, Individual and Family members of the National Corvette Museum, who renew their membership now through Saturday, September 3 at noon will be entered to win complimentary registration to our High Performance Driving School at Autobahn in Joliet, IL on October 3.

Only one entry per renewing membership, and the drawing will take place in the open Membership Meeting during the Museum's Labor Day festivities in the Chevrolet Theatre.

In order to be eligible, you must renew through the online [Corvette Store](#) (not Member Services), by mail or by phone. Use code **DRIVERNWL11**. This code must be entered in the special instructions box on the shipping summary page online.



Winner is responsible for travel arrangements, the prize includes cost of school only. Regardless of expiration date, all eligible members are welcome to renew. Expiration dates will extend from current expiration date.

## “When Did it Happen For You?”

by John Parker

I think most of us who by definition are true lovers of the Corvette, have all experienced that defining moment when we decided that someday we would own one; that moment when we thought, “This is my dream car.”

That moment happened to me at a very early age when my parents and I lived down in Venice Beach. One afternoon my dad’s friend Bobby George stopped by our house after he had just bought a brand new 1966 Corvette coupe. I remember it vividly, and even though I didn’t know it at the time, I know now that it was Mosport Green with the factory knock off wheels and side pipes. The sound of that 427 roaring through the polished side pipes was like nothing I had ever heard before and I jumped at the chance to go for a ride. I climbed in and buckled myself up for the ride that would begin my love affair with America’s favorite sports car. I nestled myself into the rich black leather bucket seats and the interior looked like the cockpit of what I imagined as the Caped Crusader’s “Batmobile!” Once she was fired up, I could feel the pulse of the engine pounding in my chest. Or maybe it was my heart racing with excitement. Either way, I was about to experience something quite special. The fact that my dad’s buddy had a ridiculous grin on his face every time he blipped the gas pedal only left me with fleeting thoughts that I hoped he wouldn’t do anything stupid that would cause me to wet my pants!

As we pulled away and headed towards the boulevard, I could tell that this beast was like a race horse struggling to keep a modest pace, just chomping at the bit to stretch her legs. We got a few blocks down the road when we met up with some guy in a SS 396. Suddenly we launch as the light turns green. Both engines are screaming and tires blazing in a cloud of smoke! I’m reaching for something to hang on to and all I can grab is air! We hit second gear and we must have had at least a car length on the “SS” and we’re pulling away. There’s third and I don’t see the other guy anymore. Okay, there’s fourth gear... We won! It ended so quickly and it’s time to pull back the reins. But then I hear Bobby say, “Let’s see what she’ll do!” Last time I checked the speedometer read 135 mph and climbing. Then finally this wild ride was over.



What a rush that was! It was the most awesome experience I could have imagined. But wait just a second...I have to be honest...This awesome ride never really happened! Oh, Bobby’s ‘66 Corvette coupe was very real just as I described. He bought it brand new in 1966 on the same day my dad bought his new El Camino SS. But at 6 years old, if I could have gotten the chance to go for a ride in that beautiful Sting Ray, I’m sure it could have happened just as I dreamed it would. One thing is for sure, I’ll never forget that sunny day in Venice, California when a friend’s 66 Sting Ray inspired a little boy to hold on to a passion that would take over 35 years to fulfill.

Since then we’ve been fortunate to have owned a number of Corvettes, each with its own character. And the dream ride I imagined as a kid did finally come true. Except this time I was driving!

## Funny Stuff Corner ...



### Husband vs Wife

#### The Silent Treatment

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 A.M. for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00AM " He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 AM . Wake up."

Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests!

#### WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning.

The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first, and then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, " You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

Husband replies, "I can't believe that, show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says ..... "HEBREWS"

God may have created man before woman,  
but there is always a rough draft before the masterpiece.





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