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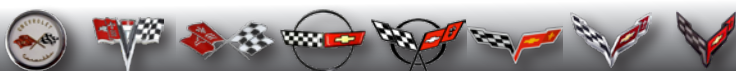
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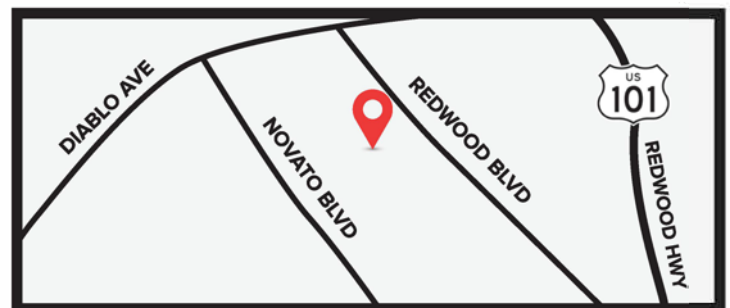
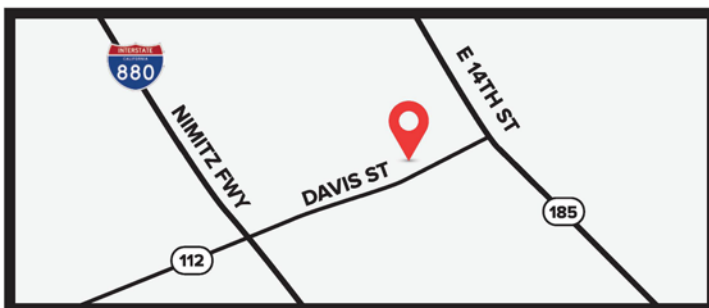
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## AMERICA'S OLDEST CORVETTE CLUB

In July of 1956 in the East Bay, two Corvette owners, Johnny Zeh and Jerry Wright, waved & stopped to talk. Corvettes were few in numbers then & several weeks could pass before encountering another. These drivers discussed starting a Corvette Club.

By July 15, 1956, an informal meeting of Corvette owners decided to establish the Northern California Corvette Association. These early Corvette owners met frequently at each other's homes with their numbers increasing each month.

On March 28, 1957, an initial group of 35 met at Daily Chevrolet in Oakland to establish the by-laws. By then Josh Hogue, San Francisco Examiner's sports car event columnist suggested that this group combine with the one meeting at Les Vogel Chevrolet in San Francisco.

On **May 9, 1957** NCCA was incorporated & 40 members elected Roy Storey President. Roy was a TV & radio sportscaster & Corvette participant in SCCA's regional races. Sandy Greenblat was elected Vice

President, Patty Gellenbeck, Secretary & John Zeh, Treasurer. The charter membership for NCCA was closed at the end of May 1957 listing 47 members.

President Roy Storey suggested a series of autocross events named after Grand Prix races. NCCA presented Northern California's 3<sup>rd</sup> autocross. 150 cars drove the course at the Milpitas Ford Plant. This series set the standard for autocrossing in Northern California. Though Roy Storey was soon transferred to Hollywood by CBS, he helped NCCA to properly start as a competing club.

NCCA is still participating in autocrossing, drag races, track racing & car shows. The club is the oldest member of the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC), joining in 1966. We have evolved into more of a social club over the years with the focus on day & weekend trips. In recent years interest has increased in racing, with members taking trophies in drag racing and autocross and entering more and more open track days at Sonoma, Thunderhill, Weather-Tech Raceway at Laguna Seca and Button-willow race tracks.

NCCA celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007 by inviting past presidents to a dinner dance where we shared memorabilia. Our calendar is filled each January with events for the coming year that include trips to an assortment of locations, car shows, our annual fall banquet, & Christmas party.

The club's signature annual event, **Vette Magic**, has traditionally been a two-day, all Corvette Car Show & Drag Races. It is sponsored and organized by NCCA each summer. In 2015, for the first time, in a major break with tradition, Drag Races for the **40th Vette Magic** were opened to all "Bowtie" (Chevrolet) and then in 2016 for the 41st, to all GM sedans and sports cars. Each year this event draws a large number of Corvette racers and spectators from Northern California & the surrounding states.

NCCA is a valuable member of our community, as we contribute to several charitable organizations each year through our charitable foundation.

## TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

- NCCA MEMBERSHIP IS DUE SEPTEMBER 1ST
- \$110 RENEWAL (ONLINE K), \$135 RENEWAL (PRINTED K)
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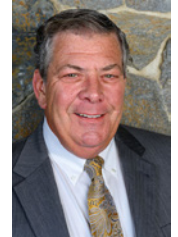
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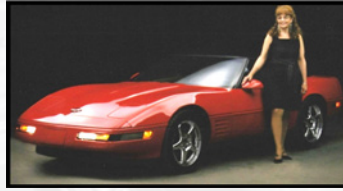


# General Business Meeting Minutes

## Shirley Smith, Secretary

Wednesday, March 2, 2022  
7:00 pm  
Harry's Hof Brau, San Leandro

Call meeting to order at 7:00  
PM



Roll Call of Members - 13 in attendance.

**President: Rob Andersen**  
**WSSC: Rob Andersen**

Welcome members.

A motion was made to approve the minutes in last month's K and all approved.

We have one guest this evening – Returning member Mel Lim with his new C8. Welcome back.

Biggest News was talked about at Social Social. WSSC is looking for Insurance for our Runs and Events.

Thank you to Gene and Denise Peters for hosting the Social Social 2022. Everyone had a great time and it was a good turnout. Approximately 36 people attended.

WSSC news – All club president's have a mandatory attendance required for an emergency zoom meeting tomorrow night. I will get more information tomorrow evening. WSSC is talking to multiple insurance companies and they are all saying no. At this time there is no insurance for WSSC. All events and runs are on hold. Hopefully they will be able to secure a new insurance company soon.

I spoke with Helen Landis last night and so far we have no insurance coverage yet. Everything is on hold.

Legend's on Display Car Show has been moved to May 22nd, 2022 tentatively.

I contacted Terry at Blackhawk Car Museum and asked if there was an option of holding the car show on May 22nd. He said currently that is open and he will hold that date for us. We will get back to him as soon as we have more information from WSSC.

It was suggested by Gene Peters that Rob contact Gregg Brott about asking what insurance company his corvette group has in place and maybe that could be an option to look into.

I talked to Jeff at Dublin Trophy regarding the awards and he needs 3 weeks in advance to get our awards ready. We will have until the middle of April before we have to let him know.

Scott and Edie Devine will be moving to Santa Barbara. We wish them all the best and will miss them! Scott will be stepping down from the Publications Director position and he will not be producing the K after March 2022. Edie will be stepping down from the Sponsorship Director position also.

Mary and I will be taking over the K publication for now until we find someone to take that position over. We spent last Sunday with Scott, and he worked with us on putting the K together. We will need to purchase the software for the club. Scott has set up a template for the next 5 months for us to use and we just plug in the information. We will need members to send pictures so that we can use them in the K. We will need members to take pictures at our events. If you know of anyone or a member in the club who is interested in taking pictures and has camera equipment please let us know.

Scott Devine is selling his 1962 Corvette. It is currently at My Hot Cars in San Ramon.

I received an email from Bruce Bourne that he is sorry to inform us that he is resigning his position as Public Relations and mailing out the K. I sent a message to Herb Clore and he has talked to Bruce and he will take over the K mailing.

Via email - Bruce says that Bonnie and I have enjoyed all of your friendships the past 16 years and we will miss all of you and we will continue our membership.

Per Harvey Grasso – Operation Sam is no longer accepting donations of the toiletries from the hotels.

Scott is finishing up the March K.

Edie will continue talking to TPS for sponsorship and try and get this nailed down before leaving.

Edie spoke with an online apparel company about setting up for our club members to be able to go in and order club shirts, jackets, hats, etc. online. More information to follow.

FYI – I will have an operation on my foot on March 15th. I will be out of commission for a few months. You can always contact me by email or phone.

Mary will handle the April GBM Meeting.

### VP Events / VP Motorsports – Mary Coon

The program for the K publications is through Adobe Design. If she can get a hold of a copy of the paperwork for the club 503C3 she can get a discount of up to 50% for the yearly subscription. Mary will contact George about that.

I am in process with the shows. I talked to Motor Sports Reg and they have sent all the information to set up the events registration. They want to set up a time to zoom with me to go over how it all works. People can register online in advance. Since we will be charging \$40.00 per corvette they will take approximately \$2.00 from that for their fee. More information will follow. We will make sure all information is in the K, on the flyer, our club



website and also with the Blackhawk Museum for their website too.

As soon as I get the link for Motor Sports Reg I will send out the information.

Abel Chevrolet will be putting on a show, race, and cruise to the coast. They will cruise from Thunderhill to the coast and back. It is currently scheduled for Mid September at Thunderhill. More information to follow.

I will be adding to this month's K the NCCA rules on Touring. We will be changing the communication section regarding CB's, we will take this out and put in cell phones instead.

### **George Robinson - Treasurer & Gene Peters – Associate Treasurer**

Report sent by Email –  
Current status as of Feb. 25th, 2022 of our bank accounts: All doing good at this time.

### **Secretary: Shirley Smith**

Michelle Ferretta is looking for a bunch of Corvette News magazines from the early 1970's. She has a list of magazines that she is missing to make a complete set. If you happen to have any of these magazines please let the board know. A list of the missing magazines to complete the set will be published in the K. If we are able to locate the missing publications we will be able to sell the K's for a good amount and all will go to our charitable foundation.

Michele Ferretta and I stopped by Ricky's this evening, they are still closed up. Looks like they are making 2 places of business out of the old large meeting room. There was another new business that was opened at the end of the little shopping area and Michelle talked to the owner of that business but unfortunately she did not have any information on how to contact the owners of Ricky's to see if we can get our club podium back. We will keep trying.

### **Membership: Ken Coon - Mary Coon**

We have one returning member filling out his paperwork this evening.  
We have had a few inquiries via internet on possible new members.

### **Social: E Board Members**

SEE SECRETARY'S SECTION FOR INFORMATION!

Note: Harvey Grasso has set up a Bowling event at Dublin Bowl on March 19th. Please RSVP by March 18th if you are interested in attending. Please contact Harvey Grasso for further information. We will all meet at Dublin Bowl.

Note: Per Email from George– George checked into the San Leandro Rifle and Pistol range. Be on the lookout for one of the

range officers who owns a C4. I gave him my card and invited him to the meeting. His name is Bill Hodges. He is a certified NRA instructor and if he is there it would be good to let him talk about the range and us going to it probably in October or November. They are willing to have us come in for a class on gun safety. More information to follow on this from George at a later date.

Bruce Bourne is selling his Victory Red 2005 C6 corvette. If you are interested in purchasing the corvette, please contact Bruce.

### **Publications: Scott Devine**

I will be finishing up the March K. and hopefully it will be out in the next week to the printers.

### **Sponsorship – Edie Devine**

I approached Ron Fellows and they will not be renewing their ad in the K. But they will try and donate something to our raffle.

I am still working with TPS on sponsorship.

### **Charitable Foundation: Hal & Madeline Briar**

I normally send out solicitations to companies for donations for our raffles. They usually send us a banner that they want us to put up. This year I didn't request anything from those companies.

I have sent out a request to Stoner cleaning supplies for a donation. Last year they donated a bucket full of cleaning supplies. It was a very well liked raffle prize. Hopefully they will be able to donate again this year.

### **Historian: Herb Clore –**

I am speechless tonight!

I will be taking over the mailing of the K from Bruce Bourne.

(Thank you Herb, we appreciate you helping out with this!!)

### **BMAL: Tim Sullivan – Nothing to Report at this time.**

**Public Relations: Bruce Bourne – Via Email –** I will be resigning my position as Public Relations and Mailing out the K. Herb Clore has offered to take over the K mailing.

**Web Master – Dave Meccariello –** Nothing to Report at this time.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 7:48 pm





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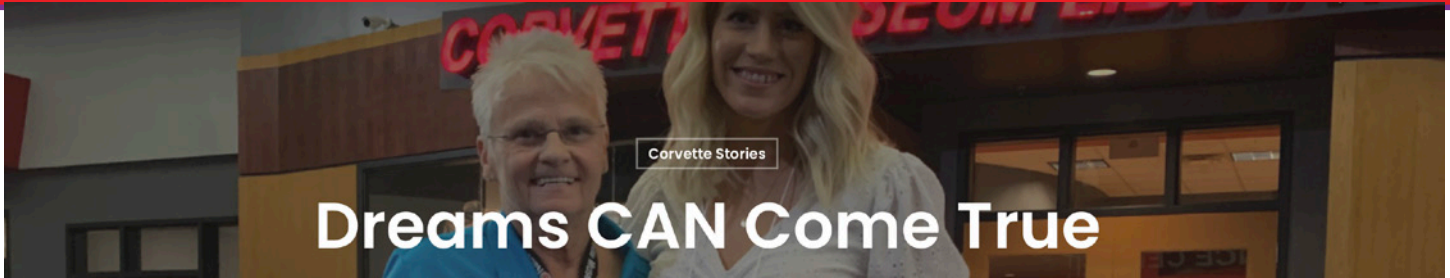
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**In the January/February 2006 Issue of America's Sports Car Magazine, you may remember a story titled, "What a can, can do." This story featured Cheryl Ginn and her daughter, Jessica, who collected aluminum cans to save for a Corvette.**

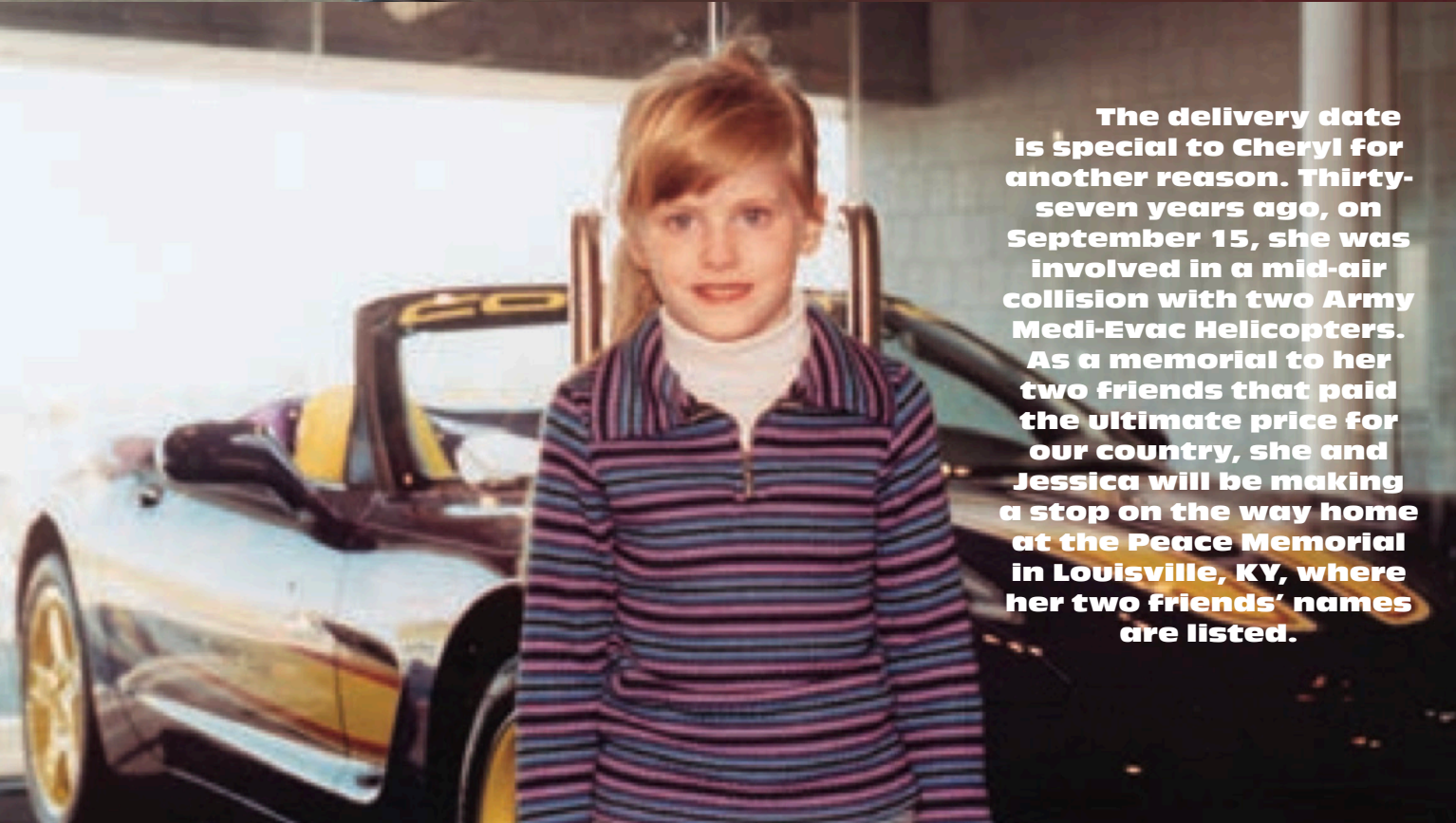
### **Cheryl and Jessica**

**Still owning that 2001 Magnetic Red Corvette Coupe that Jessica drives, Cheryl also has a C6 in her garage. Jessica still recalls the feeling she had when her mother came home from Bachman Chevrolet with her Corvette and is still glad that her mother "taught [her] how to save for [her] dream at such a young age."**





**Fifteen years later, the proud female Corvette owners returned to the National Corvette Museum, where they have been Lifetime members since 2005, to take Museum delivery of a 2021 Arctic White Corvette. Jessica shared that, "getting to see my mom achieving her dream is something that I am so glad to be a part of." Cheryl, a member of the River Cities Corvette Club, had never customized a new Corvette and is very excited to be adding it to her garage and doing R8C Museum Delivery for the first time.**



**The delivery date is special to Cheryl for another reason. Thirty-seven years ago, on September 15, she was involved in a mid-air collision with two Army Medi-Evac Helicopters. As a memorial to her two friends that paid the ultimate price for our country, she and Jessica will be making a stop on the way home at the Peace Memorial in Louisville, KY, where her two friends' names are listed.**



Exhibits

Museum News

## Corvette Powered Exhibit Now Open Until Late April 2022

**What does it mean to be "Corvette Powered"? It's winning your class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans and finishing 9th overall in 1965, cruising over the waves at 60+ mph in the late 1990s and early 2000s, winning the country's most prestigious automotive award concerning custom and hot rod car owners and builders – the Ridler Award, and it ALWAYS means that there is a Corvette engine involved!**

**Visitors to the National Corvette Museum can now step into an exciting exhibit, Corvette Powered, that showcases vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that utilized Corvette engines, and drivelines. At a time when America's automotive industry was lacking, the small-block Chevy V8 engine changed everything. It was quickly discovered that other engines could not compete with Chevrolet's engineering of the Corvette engine. As a result, some manufacturers, rather than developing their engines, approached Chevrolet and purchased Corvette engines or drivelines for their cars.**





**As Ed Cole once said, “when the 1955 Chevrolet engine was in the design stage, we were aware of its potential as the hot-rod-able V8. We wanted a high-performance V8, and we achieved our objective.”**

**The use of Chevy’s small-block was used in European and American sports cars to boats showcasing that the Corvette engine has powered more than just Corvettes over time.**



**As explained by Director of Collections/Curator, Derek E. Moore, “this exhibit shares a piece of Corvette history and explores the stories of unique vehicles and their use of Corvette engines.” Vehicles to see in the exhibit include a 1958 Scarab, 1967 Bizzarrini Strada, 1965 Impala built by Chip Foose, a 1966 Excalibur, 1969 Mangusta, 1977 Avanti II, and more.**

**The new Corvette Powered exhibit explores select stories and the reason they chose Corvette engines to power their vehicles. Stories from Italy to America, Wisconsin to California, and from paved roads to glass-smooth lakes will grace the Exhibit Hall at the Museum until Bash of 2022.**



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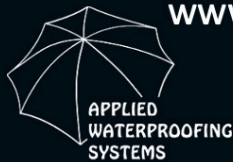


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