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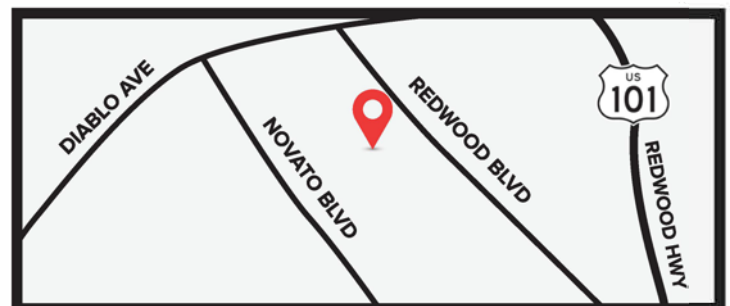
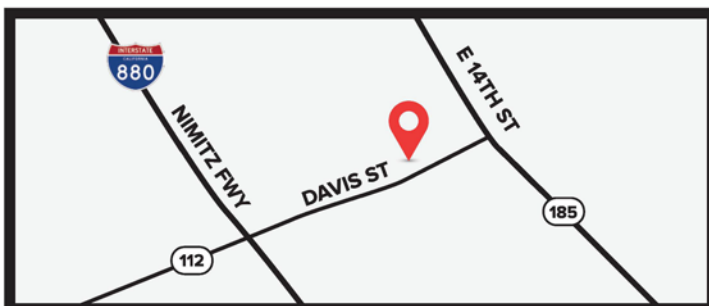
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## AMERICA'S OLDEST CORVETTE CLUB

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 Buttonwillow 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)
- NO LATE FEES IF PAID BY OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>
- \$10 LATE FEE IF PAID BY NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>
- \$20 LATE FEE IF PAID BY DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>
- \$30 LATE FEE, FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP CANCELLATION, IF AFTER DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>
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\*2021 \$10 Increase for WSCC Dues



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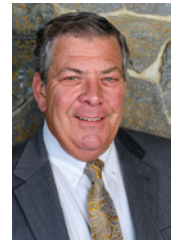
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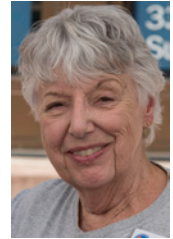


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## General Business Meeting Minutes

### Shirley Smith, Secretary

Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
7:00 pm at Harry's Hof Brau,  
San Leandro  
Call meeting to order  
at 7:00 PM



Roll Call of Members -  
9 in attendance.

**President: Rob Andersen** – No report – Out due to surgery on his foot.

**George Robinson** – Pro-Tiem President for the evening.

Welcome members.

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

We have no guests this evening.

**NCCA's 65th Birthday is May 9, 2022!**

**WSCC: Rob Andersen – Report made by Mary Coon Via Email**

Acceptance vote of Philadelphia policy for WSCC. A final vote was taken by WSCC participating clubs at the April meeting to determine whether to move forward with the policy attained by WSCC. The vote passed, WSCC General Liability Insurance is effective from April 2022 – April 2023. Directors and Officers Insurance effective through October 2022.

Alternative certificates at \$200, will need to be attained from WSCC for any clubs that are holding "Wheels Turning Events" & Car Shows.

I have begun resourcing General Liability & D&O quotes from a couple of insurance companies. Once I have received the quotes, I will present at our June meeting. At which time we can open a discussion with our club of how to proceed with WSCC Membership for the 2023 calendar year. Any specific question's, please let me know.

**VP Events – Mary Coon – Report Via Email**

Legends on Display Car Show Sunday, May 22, 2022.

Certificates of Insurance secured for both Blackhawk Museum. Per WSCC request, they received one as well.

Show Trophies have been ordered from Dublin Trophy. Rob and I are working with Jeff. Once trophies are completed I will pick them up in Dublin.

Motorsports Reg – As of May 3rd we have 25 paid registrants. I will continue to post flyer to NCCA Facebook page on a weekly basis up to show time.

We've been getting Membership inquiries and most have already signed up for the show as mentioned by Ken.

Over the next week, I'll be securing volunteers for 6 am setup. Aram Kardjian has volunteered to help out and he will arrive at 7:00am.

Please let us know if you will be attending and able to help out.

Gene Peters will bring the trailer to the car show.

We will have a cutoff date on the online registration, May 19th. Motor Sports Reg. will give us a list of paid registrants.

Ken Coon has volunteered to lead participant parking the morning of our event. The club has orange safety vests in the trailer that we can use.

Ken will also be looking for assistance from club members.

I will be contacting several area corvette clubs next week regarding their attendance counts to reserve parking spots for their groups.

NCCA member entries will need to be counted ahead of time to reserve parking for our club. (Mary Note: 4 people from the meeting tonight will be bringing their cars. They have not pre-registered.)

Members! We need your help! If you are not showing your corvette (we would love to see you there. Come and hang out with us...it's going to be a fun time for all). If you have teens at home that need community service hours this would be a great opportunity for them.

Denise Peters has volunteered to help out with registering cars.

**VP Events / VP Motorsports – Mary Coon**  
See above for all information.

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

Current status as of end of March - our bank accounts are doing well.

Colorpint (K) Check paid  
Check to Bruce Bourne K Mailing-Postage for last k mailing-paid  
Insurance for Car Show paid  
Club Software Subscription (monthly) paid  
Charitable Foundation doing good.

We have Income deposited from Legends Registration - Motor Sports Reg.

### **Secretary: Shirley Smith**

Michelle and I are working on putting together the raffle prizes. If you have something to donate please let Hal and Madeline know.

We will need to have a cooler, ice and bottled water picked up for the car show. If you want to volunteer for this, please let me know.

### **May 9th, 2022 is NCCA's 65th Birthday!**

Do you happen to have any of these?  
Michelle Ferretta is looking for a bunch of Corvette News magazines:  
"Corvette News" Magazine's Wanted

**Volume 1, No 1**

**Volume 1, No 2**

**Volume 1, No 3**

**Volume 4, No 4**

**Volume 4, No 5**

**Volume 4, No 6 (Supplement "The Corvette Story")**

**Volume 8, No 3**

**Volume 8, No 3 (High Caliper Braking Supplement)**

**Volume 8, No 4**

**1977 Feb/March**

**1977 Oct/Nov**

**1978 Aug/Sep**

**1979 Feb/Mar**

**1981 Oct/Nov or Fall Issue**

**1984 Summer Issue**

**1986 Fall Issue**

**1987 Winter, Spring, Fall**

If anyone has any of these magazines and would like to donate them to the club. Please contact Shirley Smith.

### **Membership: Ken Coon**

A couple of membership inquiries this month as a result of our Car Show flyer posting. Most have registered for our car show already.

### **Social: E Board Members –Open Position**

Nothing to report at this time!

### **Publications: Open Position! – Mary Coon – Via email**

If anyone has any content for our K publication, please let me know.

I secured a monthly single use subscription for the publication

application, beginning with April. George was sent the information as it will be billed to the club Visa monthly at \$29.99/plus tax for the first year. Anyone interested in creating the corvette magic through the K each month, please let us know.

### **Sponsorship – Ken Coon**

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Ken will be reaching out to Mike Mak at TPS, as Mike expressed interest in having a booth at our May Car show.

Rock Auto will be supporting our show by sending a \$25.00 Gift Certificate valid online, fliers and magnets.

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

We will have a general raffle.

We will have a Grand Prize raffle.

We will also have a 50/50 raffle.

We will have 4 Silent auction items too!

We will use different color tickets for each different raffle.

Shirley will bring white envelopes marked for each raffle to help with sorting the money received.

Madeline will pick up small snack bags to use for the tickets.

Madeline and Hal donated 2 See's candy gift cards.

The Teves' donated 2 bottles of wine.

Rob Anderson donated the Grand prize.

Denise Peters has 3 raffle prizes she will be donating.

Thank you for your donations!

### **Historian: Herb Clore –.No report at this time.**

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

### **Public Relations: Open Position**

Herb Clore handling mailing of the K.

Herb Clore – Please remove or contact Kevin McFadden for an updated address for the mailing list for the K. (His K was returned to us in the mail. Attempted / Unable to forward.)  
Thank you!

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

General Discussion: "We talked about bags for 20 minutes." – George has all of them!!

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 7:38 pm





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# MAY 2022

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8 <i>Mother's Day</i>	9	10	11	12	13	14
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22 <b>A Legend on Display Car Show @ Blackhawk Museum</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day</i>	31				

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Please note that event dates & details occasionally change. It's a good idea to check relevant web sites before making final plans.

For additional details see the NCCA website: [www.nccacorvettes.org](http://www.nccacorvettes.org)





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# JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>Membership Meeting</b> 1 <b>Harry's Hofbrau</b> <b>San Leandro</b> <b>7PM</b>	2	<b>3</b> <b>National Donut Day</b>	<b>4</b> <b>2-Day</b> NBCA Auto-X Thunderhill <b>2-Day</b> Goodguys Show Alameda Fairgrounds
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<b>Father's Day</b> 19 <b>Car Show</b> <b>Father's Day</b> <b>Blackhawk</b> <b>Museum</b> <b>8am-2 PM</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
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# BELLA PIAZZA WINERY, PLYMOUTH CA

Saturday, April 23rd

As invited guests of Corvettes of Lodi, a few of our members spent a great day at Bella Piazza Winery in Plymouth California.

34 Corvettes and 65 people attended the luncheon held on the Grand Patio at Bella Piazza Winery.

COL had invited guests attending from various local areas; Discovery Bay Corvettes - 10 Corvettes, NCCA Corvettes - 4 Corvettes, and Rio Vista Corvettes - 2 Corvettes.

It was a beautiful day, the weather cooperated with a perfect 72 degrees and plenty of sunshine. A great opportunity for a little sunshine and outdoor dining.

Thank you to COL for the invitation to their luncheon.





Pictured above; Ron Surma, Aram & Marie Kardjian, Russ & Sandra Teves, Hal & Madeline Briar





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John or Johnny as he liked to be called, was an active club member for many years including holding various positions on our E Board. John always attended our events and was willing to help out whenever he could. John lead our Annual Peanut Run to commemorate our Veterans on Memorial Day. A tradition we hope to continue. John always had great stories to tell about Corvettes and cars in general. John will be dearly missed.





# MEMORIAL DAY

## ***A Time to Remember***

Memorial day  
is a time to remember,  
to honor and show respect  
for all men and women  
who gave up their lives  
for the country they fought to protect.  
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picture all of their faces  
nor recognize each person's name,  
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those brave U.S. soldiers.  
When called by our country, they came.

***For all who gave their yesterdays,  
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on this Memorial Day***



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# A Legend on Display

## All-Corvette Show



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## ***Buckle Up And Race The National Corvette Museum Announces 2022 Corvette Hall Of Fame Members Elect***

April 5, 2022 by Mariah Hughes

All roads lead to Bowling Green, KY as the National Corvette Museum opens Hot Wheels™: Race to At a ceremony earlier today, the Corvette Hall of Fame announced its 2022 members-elect.

The Corvette Hall of Fame was established by the National Corvette Museum in 1998 to confer official recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honor their achievements. Nominees for the Corvette Hall of Fame are selected by an anonymous panel of Corvette experts and then voted upon by a separate group of 100 anonymous Corvette experts. Since its inception in 1998, the Corvette Hall of Fame has inducted only 75 people.

Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing, and Enthusiast. The 2022 members-elect are:



**GM-Chevrolet – Ed Welburn,  
Retired VP, GM Global Design**

Ed began working at GM in 1972 as an associate designer, and would rise through the ranks to become the first Global VP of Design ever, with a team of 2,500 people in design studios around the world. To foster a sense of teamwork and cooperation between studios, Ed invited all design staff worldwide to submit their ideas for the C7 Corvette. He held the bar high, encouraging his team to make a Corvette that could be called “Stingray” once again.

## Enthusiast – Elfi Arkus-Duntov, The First Lady of Corvette



Known as the First Lady of Corvette, Elfriede “Elfi” Wolff married Zora Arkus-Duntov in February of 1939 just before the outbreak of World War II. Throughout his career with Chevrolet as the Chief Engineer of Corvette, she was a constant companion, impressing everyone with her grace, enthusiasm, and knowledge of Corvette. After his retirement in 1975, Zora and Elfi would attend many Corvette shows together, often sitting for hours to sign autographs. After his passing in 1996, she became a source and principal enabler behind the definitive biography of Zora’s life.



## Racing – Gary Pratt & Jim Miller, Founders of Pratt & Miller Engineering

In 1989, race car builder Gary Pratt and successful businessman/visionary Jim Miller, joined forces to form Pratt & Miller Engineering. In 1996, Chevrolet would approach them about building and campaigning a factory-backed racing effort beginning with the C5 Corvette. Since their debut in 1999, Corvette Racing has added up

eight Le Mans wins and 15 Championships, while working with the Corvette production team to advance the street car development through technology transfer. Their efforts have not only advanced the reputation of Corvette but created a worldwide fan base along the way.

Corvette Hall of Fame members-elect have distinguished themselves not only through their accomplishments but also by their high standards of integrity and character that reflect and enhance the reputation of the Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

“This year’s members-elect are simply remarkable,” said Sharon Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. “The Corvette has long engendered a very passionate following, and we are thrilled that these deserving individuals have been recognized for their own extraordinary Corvette stories.”

Those interested in attending the induction ceremony of the Corvette Hall of Fame can purchase tickets in June when registration opens for the museum’s anniversary event. Nominations for the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame members-elect will be open from May 2nd-August 5th, 2022. Learn more at [corvettehalloffame.org](http://corvettehalloffame.org).

# THE IMSA GTLM CHAMPIONSHIP C8.R EDITION



NCCA Member, Ron Surma was lucky to grab one of these SOLD OUT beauties, congratulations. Be sure to wave when you see him moving down the road.





### Sam McEachern - November 8, 2021

Back in early September, we reported that Chevrolet had already sold half of the 1,000-unit production run for the 2022 Corvette Stingray IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition. Now, just two months later, we can confirm that all examples of the limited-edition 2022 Corvette Stingray have officially been spoken for.

Order books for the 2022 Corvette Stingray opened on July 1st, with Chevy receiving 412 orders for the IMSA GTLM Championship Edition by the time production began the week of September 6th. Demand for the motorsports-inspired special edition remained high throughout September and October as the automaker registered the remaining 600 or so orders and was cleared out of the rest of the 1,000-unit production run.

The IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition was introduced on the C8 Corvette Stingray for the 2022 model year and is intended to mark Corvette Racing's impressive championship-winning IMSA season – which was the first season with the new mid-engine Corvette C8.R race car. It was offered via a separate equipment package for the range-topping 3LT trim level only and was priced at \$6,595. This package, which was limited to left-hand-drive markets only, was only available to order in either Accelerate Yellow Metallic or Hypersonic Gray Metallic. Models ordered in Accelerate Yellow receive gray contrasting graphics, while Hypersonic Gray Metallic models have yellow graphics.

In addition to the unique Corvette C8.R-inspired graphics packs, the IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition package also added the following equipment:

- High-wing spoiler finished in Carbon Flash
- Yellow brake calipers
- Black Trident design wheels, with the “Jake” logo on the center caps, and black lug nuts
- Exterior mirrors in Carbon Flash
- Black side rockers
- Black splash guards

All Corvette Stingray IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition models feature the automaker's 6.2L LT2 V8 engine, which produces 495 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque when equipped with the optional Performance Exhaust. The IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition package also requires the buyer to order the Z51 Performance Package with the vehicle, meaning the Performance Exhaust comes equipped on all C8.R Editions.



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