

DiscoVette

Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

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Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

Location: Discovery Bay Yacht Club

Board Meeting 6:30 PM

General Meeting 7:30 PM

All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!

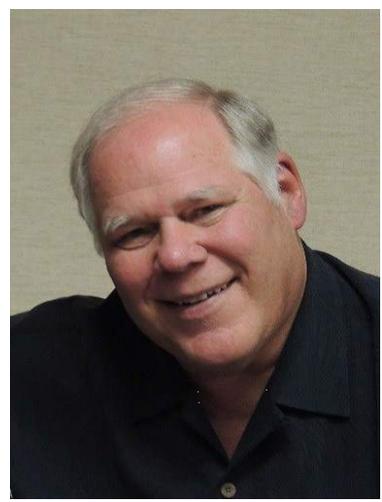
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**Next Meeting:
Thursday
June 4, 2015**

President Rich Allen

May Report



Welcome back Mark and Denise Zupan. It sounds like they had a great couple months traveling around the country. It will be good to have our Vice President back and I am sure he will be very busy with the upcoming runs, convention, inaugural, car shows, membership, etc. Looks like vacation is over and now it's back to club duties.

I also want to thank Jerry and Laura Hardt for taking the lead on our run to Levi Stadium. What a great tour and everything about the new stadium is definitely first class. Thanks also go to Lee Brant for setting up the run to Blackhawk. Great food, wonderful car show, and the auto museum was fantastic. Our sponsor (Abel Chevrolet) had their "All GM car show" on the 16th. We had ten of our cars there. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this event. Other runs on the horizon include Dave Vercoe's run to "the Unwind" and Lowell & Joanne's run to the Ryde Hotel. We also have the convention coming up in July. I have set a tentative date for the President's Mystery Run (Oct. 4th). Check your calendars and save the date. We have something special planned. More on this later. The events calendar has been updated on the Web Site with all upcoming runs. Please check this for more information.

Becky Bloomfield representing the "Downtown Brentwood Coalition" attended our meeting and would like to have our club's support at their local event "Hot Brentwood Days" this year scheduled for the first Saturday in August (August 1st). They will have a car show, BBQ, wine & beer, and live music. They will also reserve special parking for our cars. There is no entry fee for our cars but there is a registration required. This event always draws a large crowd and is an excellent way to show off our club. Mark will be working with Al to coordinate this. Al is also trying to solicit support from some other clubs. More on this at the next meeting.

We have another new member sign up at the last meeting Ed O'Brien and his wife will be voted in at the next meeting.

Finally, I want to say good bye to Bob and Sue Anderson who have moved to Sparks, NV. Bob and Sue were two of the founding members of the club and they along with Dick & Bernie Realph, and Tony & Betty Silva (also founding members) were honored at last month's meeting. All six were made "Honorary Lifetime Members" of the club and were presented with special recognition clocks as founding members. We will miss Bob and Sue, but they will always be part of the club.

As always, we are your board and encourage your comments and questions. If you have any questions or issues, please let me or any board member know and we will get back to you. We value your input and suggestions. Through these inputs we will continue to improve our club.

Have fun and drive safely. Enjoy the summer and I will see you around the curve...

Rich Allen
President

Secretary Steve Gilpin



Minutes May 7, 2015 General Membership Meeting

President, Rich Allen called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

The minutes and financials were, moved, seconded and approved.

New Members: Jack and Amy Pera, John and Cheryl Flebut, and Denise Werkheiser

Guests: Becky Bloomfield from the Downtown Brentwood Coalition. Hot Brentwood date is Saturday, August 1st, 3 PM to 7 PM. There is room for 75 cars in their show and it is free. Guests also included Curt Maloney and Ed O'Brien

President – Rich Allen, Thanks to Jerry and Laura Hardt for a great run to Levi Stadium. Also thanks to Lee Brant for his run to the Blackhawk Museum

Vice President – Mark Zupan, Absent

Treasurer – Brian Enbom, We have money

Secretary – Steve Gilpin, Thank you Marilyn for taking notes and publishing them during my absence

Events – Al Sauvadon, see report in the newsletter

Quartermaster – Diane Cerner, absent, Ralph displayed new shirts for her

Webmaster – Ralph Cerner, see report in the newsletter.

Member at Large – Nelson Friesen, see report in the newsletter

NCM Representative – Dave Gatt, see report in the newsletter

Publications – Laura Hardt, see report in the newsletter

WSSC Representative – Convention is July 6-12. Need to register and sign up for events online.

Public Relations – Marilyn Allen, see report in the newsletter.

Sunshine – Mary Hodel - sees report in the newsletter

Old Business:

The Abel Chevrolet car show is May 16 and we all need to be making plans to attend. Able is a large donor to Discovery Bay Corvette.

Convention Hospitality Suite needs help. The theme is "America's Sports Car" Committee is asking that we wear red club shirts.

New Business:

The Realphs, Andersens, and Silvas are leaving the area and were voted to be Life Time Members. They were presented with a certificate and an engraved clock.

Meeting closed at 8:40



Vice President- Mark Zupan

It's good to be home after our 2 month cross country RV adventure (down to FL Keys)

Stats: Total miles traveled: 9661

MPG: 13.5

Fuel Cost: \$1,642.00

Total # of naps Lucy took: Way too many to count

Total # of arguments with Denise: 0

Amount of fun we had: 100%

It was interesting to see all the different states and I got the chance to visit a few different motor sports venues. I can still say that Disco Bay still wins for the most number of Corvettes in a city.

I have to get caught up on my membership duties, as it seems we picked up a few new membership applications. I look forward to meeting our new members and doing some Corvette activities. I missed a couple of great runs I wish I could have attended. The Santa Clara 49er stadium tour looked great and I love going to the Blackhawk Museum. I did go to the Abel Car Show and the place was packed full of mostly corvettes. I think our Club had 10 cars there and the weather was hot, I even got a little sun burn. Guess I should have listened to Denise and worn a hat while the top was off.

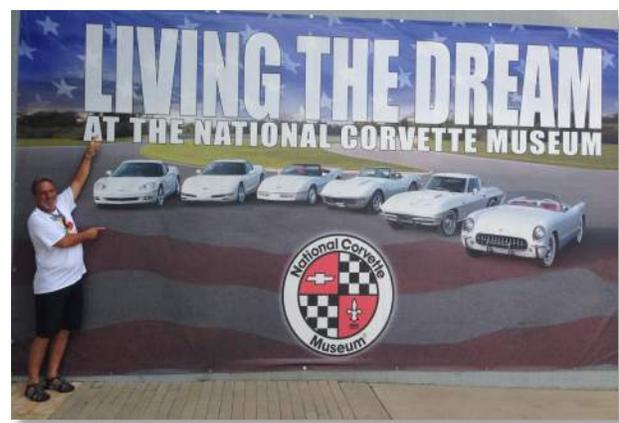
Convention is right around the corner, I hope our new members can join in on the fun. It's a great way to have fun with Corvette people from all over the western US.

Farewell to Bob & Sue Anderson. I wish them all the best in their move to Reno. I suspect we will still see them at Corvette functions in the Reno area.

Well time to get some business done. Keep driving your Corvettes and remember the wave!

Still livin my Dream

Mark Zupan



Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant Announces Upgrades!

General Motors Company will spend \$439 million in upgrades for its Corvette plant located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The \$439 million project includes substantial technology upgrades, and will take about two years to complete. Most of the funds will go into a new 450,000 square-foot paint shop that will be roughly half the size of the current Bowling Green assembly plant. Construction of the new paint shop is planned to begin this summer and take approximately two years to complete.

Some of the advancements the new shop will offer include a new dry scrubber system that helps eliminate sludge water and waste, brighter LED lighting for inspection areas, robots with electrostatic applicators for smoother finishes and more efficient paint application, and longer, high-efficiency baking ovens that also improve paint finish and help lower energy use.

Corvette production began in 1981 in Bowling Green following assembly in Flint, MI and St. Louis, MO. It is the world's longest-running, continuously produced passenger car with more than 1.6 million being produced over the past 62 years.

Lee Brant's Run to the Blackhawk Museum! 4/26/15





Abel Chevrolet– All GM Car Show 5/16/15





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At our last meeting held on May 7, 2015, we said goodbye to Bob and Sue Anderson. We also honored them and the other founding members of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club- Dick & Bernie Realph, and Tony & Betty Silva. The Founding members were presented with special recognition clocks and were made "Honorary Lifetime Members" of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club.



EVENTS - AL Sauvadon



Hello Corvette Enthusiasts

The Abel Chevrolet All GM car show: More than 300 GM vehicles were on display at the car show. Discovery Bay Corvette Club was well represented. We thank everyone who attended. I spoke with organizers of the show and they expressed their appreciation for our attendance and participation.

Unwind at The UNWIND May 30th: Unfortunately, this event is going to be rescheduled for a later date TBA. Due to various issues and the need for additional members to participate in order to meet the minimum requirement. Therefore, Dave Vercoe and I agreed to reschedule the event. Dave will continue to work with "UNWIND" and will let us know the outcome. He will return the checks to the members who signed up.

Sacramento river – "Ryde Hotel" Sunday June 14, 2015: You don't want to miss this fun run that includes a great Champagne Sunday Brunch Buffet for only \$37 per person. Check the flyer for the menu and additional information. Our thanks to Joanne and Lowell Onstad for organizing and leading this event.

Convention in Reno, July 6th – 10th: We need your help; we are seeking volunteers to assist our committee in planning for the hospitality room at the convention. Marilyn and Rich Allen, will be hosting our third planning meeting at their home, on June 3rd at 7:30 pm Remember even if you are not planning to attend the Convention, you can participate in our meetings, we need your ideas, and support. Five other Clubs are entered in the hospitality room competition. We plan to win 1st place.

Hot Brentwood Days Saturday August 1st: The Downtown Brentwood Coalition has invited DBCC to participate in this unique "car show". It will be an opportunity to display our beautiful cars in downtown Brentwood, recruit new members, and enjoy good food and family fun. Check the upcoming flyer. Lets try to have a big showing, they will reserve parking for our club.

See you at our next Club meeting, June 4th

Al Sauvadon
Events,
805-451-0481



Ryde Hotel

Sacramento River

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Meet: at Chase Bank—Time TBA
Discovery Bay Shopping Center



Great Champagne Sunday Brunch Buffet—\$37 per person

Brunch Includes:

Breakfast Selections

Roasted Potatoes, Bacon & Sausage
Eggs Benedict
French Toast
Buttermilk Biscuits with Country Gravy
Fresh Fruit & Cheeses
Fresh Seafood Selection
Caesar Salad & Pasta Salad
Grilled Vegetables

Champagne, Coffee & Tea

Entrée's

Prime Rib
Chef's Choice Seafood Filet
Vegetable Lasagna

Desserts

Tempting Sweet Selections

Make checks payable to DBCC and mail to Joanne Onstad, 5605 Marlin Drive,
Discovery Bay, CA 94505. Questions? Call 925-516-8468

Deadline for reservations and check is: Friday, June 5th!

Print Name(s): _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Interesting Corvette Facts

A Corvette Has Therapeutic Qualities

Driving a Corvette is therapeutic. Riding in one is therapeutic. It's therapeutic in the same way that riding a horse can help melt away daily stress and strain. It has something to do with sitting in, or sitting on, something powerful. You feel power under you that you have at least some control over. That makes you feel more powerful. The fact that it's a sharp looking vehicle doesn't hurt either.

A Corvette is a Romantic Automobile

The Corvette is built for two. There are no kids or other relatives in the back seat, because there is no back seat. It's just two people taking a road trip, whether it's to the other side of town, or to the other side of the country.

Speed

The Stingray can go from zero to 60 mph in 3.8 seconds, making it the quickest Corvette ever made.

Horsepower

The base model sports a redone 460-horsepower, 6.2-liter V-8 engine that has 25 more horsepower than the base engine last generation.

Frame

The Stingray's aluminum space frame is 100 pounds lighter than its predecessor.

Saves Gas

The Stingray engine has a cylinder shut-off system that lets it run on four cylinders at highway speeds.

First Corvette

The first Corvette was built at the Chevrolet factory in Flint, MI on June 30, 1953, and was invented by GM designer Harley Earl.

Corvette Debut

In 1953, the Corvette was debuted at the Motorama display at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in New York City.

Where have Corvettes been assembled?

Corvettes have been assembled in three different cities. Flint, Michigan, St. Louis, Missouri, and Bowling Green, Kentucky.

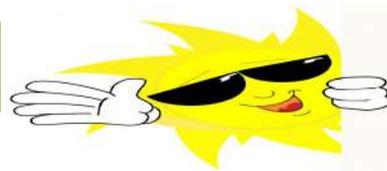
Want the rarest Corvette?

In 1953 the first two Corvettes, VIN Numbers 1 and 2 were said to have been destroyed, but no records prove that fact and there are no witnesses to the destruction. Who knows? They still might be out there somewhere.

Turquoise soft tops

1959 was the only year that turquoise soft tops were available.

Sunshine - Mary Hodel



Happy June Corvetters!

Only weeks away from our convention. How fun!

News on the medical front is that Bernie Realph had a heart attack and after a stent was put in she is on a heart healthy lifestyle. Help her get better soon. Also with Betty Silva's diverticulitis she is doing better. Let's all say a prayer for Elaine Stark to feel better.

Mary Hodel

May Happy Birthday!!!



Diane Enbom 5/14 Janie Parker 5/29

June

Paul DeLeon 6/1 Joanne Onstad 6/1 Linda Humbert 6/2 Lee DeSalles 6/4 Ron Mize 6/4

Dale Franklin 6/6 Kathy Zickenberg 6/7 Sandy Ramos 6/17 Denise Zupan 6/19 Myra Buckman 6/27

Publications Laura Hardt

This month has been very special. We honored all our founding members and sadly said goodbye to Bob and Sue Anderson. We will miss you! Thank you for everything!

Jerry and I also participated in the Abel Car Show and since it was an all GM Car Show, I also took my 2012 45th Anniversary Camaro, (which I also love). We are a true Chevy family! We even have a 2013 Chevy Silverado and also Jerry's first Corvette, the white C5 Corvette!

The WSCC convention will soon be here! Jerry and I plan to attend. I hope many of you will too. Let's proudly represent Discovery Bay Corvettes!

I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Although it takes a lot of time and effort to create it, I do enjoy creating it.

Please send me any articles or pictures you would like included in the newsletter.

Thank you and see you at our next meeting.

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