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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

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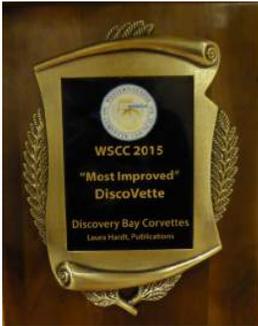
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Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

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:
March 3rd, 2016, 7:30 pm**

President- Lowell Onstad

Well, my second meeting has gone and not too many things that I need to talk about because everything is in the minutes. I would like to compliment Ed O'Brien on his thorough minutes. Very well done! I would also like to remind all members new or old that if you have an idea about a run and are not sure how to run it, there are people that can help. Get with Vicki Hunter and give her your idea and we can get together to organize it. I will not be here for the March meeting as Joanne and I are going to be in Ranch Mirage for the month. Rich Allen (member at large) will be conducting the meeting. If you have anything that you would like to have brought up at the meeting, please contact Rich. That's about all I have at this time but will see all in April. Lowell



Secretary - Ed O'Brien

DBCC General Meeting February 4, 2016

Call to Order –Time 7:35 pm by President Lowell Onstad.

Introduction of Guests:

- Roger Boaz
- Dolores and Howard Marywell
- Anthony Deciccco and Bv Dooley
- Deborah Chapman, who had an '81 when 21, now she and her husband have three (maybe four) Corvettes, a 2013, 2004 and an '86. She'd like a 2016, but waiting to sell one of the others first.

Vice President's Report (Dave Hunter):

Dave announced and welcomed new members Dave and Shari Peck

Secretary's Report - (Ed):

- Motion to Accept Last Month's Minutes: Correction on last month's 50/50 raffle win at \$48.00 Al Sauvadon made motion to accept, Marilyn Allen Seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.
- Ed mentioned the new member sign in checklist. Ed will correct Vicki Hunter's name.
- Club appreciated Ed's January meeting minutes for completeness.

Treasurer's Report – (Brian):

Reported club's checking account balance as of Feb 1.

WSCC Report – (Joe Pimentel):

- Joe reported that there will be no convention this year, maybe get together.
- No Autocross schedule available yet. Check web WSCC web site.
- Laguna Seca event will take place in May, soon to be posted on the WSCC web site.
- Kathy Pimentel presented Laura Hardt with WSCC's Most Improved Newsletter Award, the first WSCC award of this type to DBCC. Lowell led the club in congratulating Laura, who continued to publish the DBCC newsletter all while dealing with the aftermath of a house fire and temporary relocation.

Webmaster Report – (Ralph):

Ralph attended the Board of Director meeting but needed to leave prior to the General Meeting. Lowell announced Ralph was picking up the DBCC Quartermaster, Diana, at the airport.



Publication's Report – (Laura):

- Laura requested members to email to her any corvette related articles.
- Laura reminded the club that this is your newsletter and she really appreciates all the support and submissions she receives.
- Laura requests it would be awesome if new members could email her an article and pictures about themselves and their corvette so the club can get to know them better.
- All members are encouraged to email Laura pictures from events so she can use them for the newsletter.

Quarter Master Report – (Diana): Diana not present tonight

Member at Large (Rich):

- Rich reported that while recently visiting the NCM he found there was no DBCC patch displayed. DBCC created a patch and sent it to the NCM. Rich has confirmed that our club patch is now displayed with all the other clubs from across the nation. Rich thanked Diana for her work in getting the patch created and sent.
- Rich reported that our next inaugural dinner party is anticipated to be held at Black Oak Casino if all details can be worked out. Rich reported the great job DBCC received from Black Oak staff at our last inaugural. Rich will be working with Nelson to get details arranged, so DBCC can look forward to continue with a great event in 2017

Events Report – (Vicki):

- Vicki reported a great time bowling. Lots of fun. Joyce Friesen presented the bowling awards (certificates of Achievement) from bowling outing:
 - * Best Celebration Dance: Gordy Wilson
 - * Most Enthusiastic: Marilyn Allen (...who brought her pom-poms)
 - * Best Form: Shari Peck (...she had a nice slide form)
 - * Slowest ball: Laura Hardt (Laura's second award of the evening)
 - * Most Strikes: Bill Burdick
 - * Best Team Trophy: Team 1. Jack Pera, John Flab'ut, Rich Dooley, Mark Zupan, and Dave Hunter.
- Jack Pera presented flyers and sign-up sheet for a run on Sunday, Feb 21 to Umigo Go Cart racing in Livermore, 11am start time at Umigo. Jack brought a flyer.
 - * Normally \$25/run but DBCC has a Group rate, \$20/run (10 min), 2 runs \$32, including equipment rental (jump suit, helmet, etc.). Event (track) Payment to be made at the door.
 - * After the track event Two options for lunch:
 - * Room at Umigo for bring your own lunch (no room charge), or Emil Villa's back room (good for 35 people), order off menu.
 - * After discussion, it was decided to go to Emil Villa's. (Only concern was that Dave had memories of attending driving school in the same room....)
 - * Please sign up by Feb 15th.
 - * Jack also discussed the time sheet that is printed for each participant's run. This should be safer than racing as a group. Club members can share times in a competitive spirit.
 - * Jack recommended closed shoes (as thongs....(on your feet, that is..) probably won't work so well).
- Jack suggested and confirmed a Summer Party at Jack and Amy's planned for July 17th.
- Jack also suggested a run to the Dunsmuir Railway Park, with cabooses, motel rooms and dining car for restaurant and bar. Jack thinking about setting up for a run. Club encouraged Jack to pursue this idea.
- Vicki reported that Mary Hodel suggested via email to Marilyn a run to Dancing Fox Winery in Lodi. Santa Clara Corvette Club went there. They had a good time, Sat has lunch, Sun has brunch at winery. Fresh breads, pizza, other wineries nearby, like Harmony Winery. Interesting music. Though suggested for a

Valentine run, club members thought a later date would allow for better planning. Mary needs to know interest. Lowell suggested for Mary to set a date, make a flyer, and we can place on web site. Vicki will send Mary an email.

- Neva Burdick reported that Corvette Syndicate Club (the Abels') is sponsoring the Rainbow Run on April 9th. Huge run, through the hills, all day. Neva will assist in putting a DBCC group together, all day. 142 cars last year, would like to get more this year. Ends at Great Casino, Petaluma. Neva will set up as a run, make a flyer and get info to Vicki and Ralph to post on web site.
- Danny Parker suggested a run to Snowshoe Brewery in Arnold, then to Columbia ice cream parlor run. Lots of fun. Danny and Mary Parker will coordinate. Club members and Lowell say sounds good, encouraged Danny to coordinate with Vicki, possibly Spring or Fall.
- Lowell likes runs, encourages all members to jump in and coordinate with Vicki for a date, make a flyer and put in calendar on web site.
- Al Sauvadon reported plans for the Pismo run on June 25th. He is creating a flyer. Trip will include Paso Robles, a BBQ, Hearst Castle, and home via Hwy 1/Monterey. Plans are to leave Fri afternoon and return Sunday. Al is coordinating with SLO Vettes for BBQ.
- Lowell reported the Presidents Mystery Run, probably will be in April, but is still a mystery...
- A member asked if there were any plans for runs in March. Apparently not, so Laura suggested that Mary Hodel's Lodi run is a good idea.

NCM Ambassador – (Dave Gatt): Dave was not present tonight, but Lowell relayed from Dave a possible "ball of an event" for Monday, March 21, in Oakdale to the 30th Annual Testicle Festival, that isguaranteed for all to have a ball. Rotary Club serves testicles (mtn oysters). Yum!!

Public Relations – (Kathy Doty): Kathy could not attend so Lowell spoke on her behalf. She sent Lowell an article she wrote that will be in Discovery Press and Delta Sun newspapers covering Al Sauvadon's new book and recent book signing. Lowell read the article to the group, considered by club members a great article that described Al's new book My American Dream where he recounts his family's heroic assistance to downed Allied pilots in WWII and family's coming to America. Al's book is available for \$10.

Sunshine Report – (Marilyn):

- Marilyn thanked all for the Parade of Lights participation, even those not on the committee or in the parade, including Myra Buckman. All were great. She also thanked our dancing cowboy John Evans, who purchased the leftover parade decorations for \$150. Good news---Rich and Marilyn are going to Cabo with other club members and will be thinking of us from their 80 degree weather! She also thanked Joyce and Nelson for their recent fun event where it was great to see John and Cheryl attending. Marilyn reported John will be having a PET scan, and encouraged all to keep them in our thoughts and prayers for a good result.
- Marilyn wished 9 members happy birthday this month, including Nancy O'Brien, Dianne Hoffman, Dave Harris, Patty Brunentto (Valentine's Day!), John Flab'ut, Dave Hunter Mark Zupan, Rich Allen and Margie DeSalles.
- Marilyn thanked Amy and Cheryl for this month's treats. Vicki has treats next month. Call Marilyn for all news to share!!
- Lowell introduced John Bento who reported that Abel Chevrolet's (our club sponsor) sales rep, Mike Garcia, was recently diagnosed with melanoma and is going through chemo. Mike's in good spirits, but please keep him in your thoughts and prayers as his condition is serious and he has a tough road ahead.
- Nelson asked if club patches were distributed at Christmas brunch run, Marilyn informed the club Diana Cernera distributed them, and contact Diana if you need one.

Meeting End: Having No other Old or New Business to discuss Lowell made motion to adjourn tonight's meeting, Neva Burdick seconded, unanimous club vote approved to adjourn at 8:21pm

Raffle: One of our guests won \$62.00 in the raffle.

The Pera's Go Kart Run!







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Ed and Nancy O'Brien

Ed and Nancy O'Brien have lived in Discovery Bay for the last 12 years, having moved there so Ed could pursue his slalom water skiing passion. Many years ago Ed had a sweet Chevy SS, but subsequently traded performance cars for more mundane transportation to satisfy the practicality of raising a family.

Both Ed and Nancy retired in 2015 and decided to purchase their first Corvette as a retirement present, a 2015 Crystal Red Z51/3LT Coupe. The purchase expanded into a vacation throughout the South that included two weekends in Nashville enjoying the music city's great country music.

They also traveled to Charleston and Savannah via Smoky

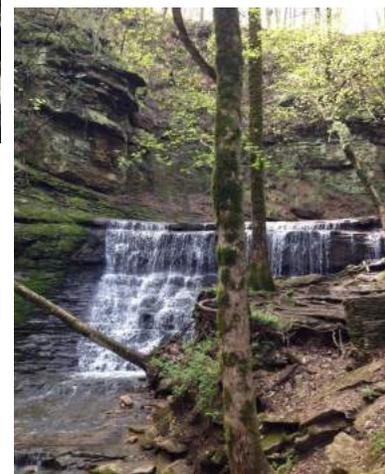
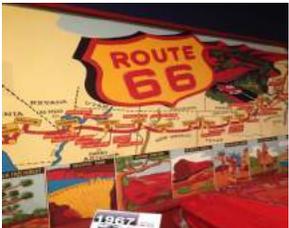
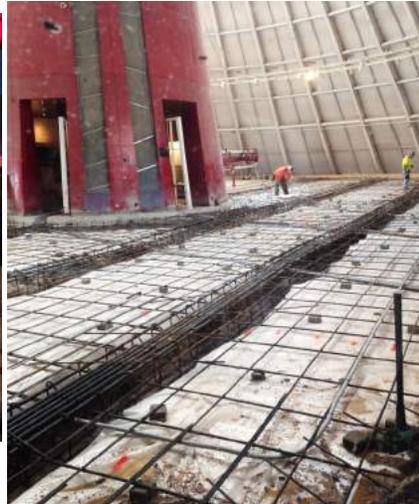
Mtn. National Park and finally took delivery of their 2015 Corvette at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green KY.

Their trip home was truly outstanding. They traveled through some of the U.S.A's most interesting and beautiful scenery such as the Natchez Trace Parkway, forests of Arkansas, Route 66, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, NM, and AZ's Painted Desert and Grand Canyon.

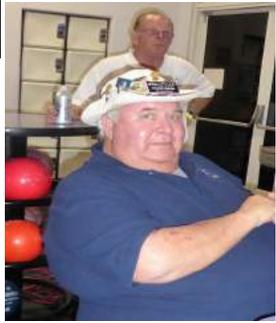
Throughout the 3,500+ mile trip home, the Corvette performed flawlessly delivering superb comfort, outstanding power and driving performance and receiving over 30 mpg.

Ed and Nancy are excited to be members of DBCC enjoying the many club events and welcome comradery of fellow club members who share the excitement Corvette ownership offers.





Joyce Friesen's Bowling Event 1/30/16





Sunshine Report- Marilyn Allen

If anyone has good news to report or a health update please let me know.



February



- Nancy O'Brien 2/5
- Diane Hoffman 2/7
- David Harris 2/13
- Patti Brunetto 2/14
- Dave Hunter 2/16
- John Fleb'ut 2/16
- Mark Zupan 2/20
- Rich Allen 2/22
- Marge DeSalles 2/22

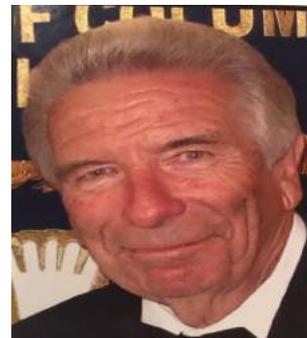
March



- Penny Silva 3/3
- Dick Realph 3/5
- Debbie Gatt 3/6
- Betty Silva 3/10
- Roger Hodel 3/15
- Mary Hodel 3/16
- Joyce Friesen 3/18
- David Vercoe 3/17
- Nelson Friesen 3/29
- Butch Asbe 3/21

"MY AMERICAN DREAM"

Congratulations to DBCC member Al Sauvadon! Al has written and published a story of his youth "MY AMERICAN DREAM". An immigrant from France, Al recounts the migration of his family into the United States with a story of his father, a French Underground, and his heroic efforts to get WWII American soldiers out of Southern France when it was Nazi occupied. A promise from a US Soldier to reunite and bring the French family to the US was fulfilled and the "dream" began.



Al was honored at a book signing on Sunday January 31, 2016 at the home of George and Judi Antoniotti. Over 35 guests were present for a reading and a personalized autographed book.

Al and his wife Paula, live in Discovery Bay will gladly autograph his book for you. The book can be purchased from Al Sauvadon, 805-451-0481 or psauvadon@aol.com

Jack & Amy Pera

The year of 1968 was a very good year for us. It was the year that Amy and I got married, and the beginning of our lifetime of adventures together.

Back in '68 I could only stand back and admire the design of the new 3rd generation Corvette. So, when a good friend of mine decided it was time for him to sell his car in 2008, I became the second owner of his 1968 Silver 427-powered convertible. The car had been sitting in his garage for 15 years, with the transmission out on the floor. We made a deal and the car became ours.

Now the fun started. The car had never been damaged and all the numbers matched, but it had taken its toll. So, I started in on a Frame-Off Restoration, thinking that "it shouldn't take too long". Well, everything is easy if you say it fast enough!

I finally got done with the project in January of 2015, and since then, the car has been driven about 2,700 miles. This year we will use the car in some of the events that make sense for an older car since, in 1968, creature comforts were in a short supply.

We are enjoying the Discovery Bay Corvette Club and feel lucky to be a part of the group!

Jack & Amy Pera





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Publications- Laura Hardt

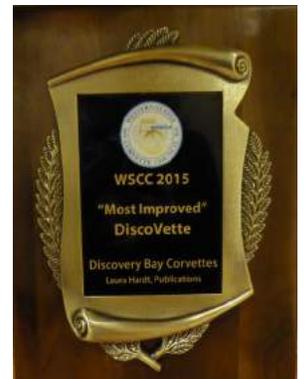


Hi Everyone!

What great events we have had! Both the bowling and go karts were fun. I really didn't know how to do either but I figured why not give it a try. In bowling I went from gutter balls to one strike and was awarded a certificate of Achievement for having the Slowest Ball. Also nice was receiving a medal of participation.

With go karting I knew I was not going to drive fast so I stayed to the right so others could pass and pass they did. It was fun and a great experience.

At our last meeting I was surprised with a beautiful plaque from the WSCC for having the Most Improved Newsletter. It was such a great surprise! Thank you WSCC and thank you to all our members for always being there for me with encouraging words. Love you all!



See at the next meeting.

Laura Hardt

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