

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!

Mailing address: PO Box 1158, Discovery Bay, CA 94505-1158

**Next Meeting:
February 2nd, 2017 7:30**

Secretary - Ed O'Brien



DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES / ORDER OF BUSINESS

DATE: 1-5-2017

- **Call to Order** – Time 7:37pm by President Lowell Onstad
- **President's Report (Lowell):** Welcomed everyone and happy new year.
Guests: There were none
- **Vice President's Report (Jack Pera):**
 - We lost a few members, but we'll gain some soon. Jack will call those that haven't paid up and follow up.
 - New run ideas are coming forward and be sure to send new proposals
 - Bring by new prospective members.
- **Secretary's Report (Ed O'Brien)**
- No correction to the November minutes. Diana moved, Jack seconded to accept. Minutes accepted by unanimous vote
- **Treasurer's Report (Brian):**
 - Current membership is 57, Yacht Club participation is 34 out of the 57.
 - Bank Account is in good shape.
- **WSSC Report (Tim Denham):**
 - Annual WSSC BoD meeting 14 Jan followed by dinner.
 - Dinner at Racho Cordova Marriott. DBCC members encouraged as Kathy Pimentel will receive an award. RSVP by tomorrow.
- **Webmaster Report (Ralph) :**
 - Website Updated
 - New Password has been issued. See him if you didn't get it by email.
 - Ralph discussed Webmaster functions, new roster to be posted tomorrow.
- **Publication's Report (Laura):** Looking for Christmas pictures from the event at Capps. Please email to her. Everyone complimented Laura on the newsletter.
- **Quarter Master Report (Diana):** Diana has shirts to show and the catalogue, and those that are available for immediate purchase. Call Diana if interested in a shirt.
- **Board Member at Large Report (Rich):** The Bi-Annual Inaugural is this year and is on schedule! Looking at a number of venues currently. Rich should have more info in the following months, and the event will be upcoming this November.
- **Events Report (Shari Peck):**
 - Marilyn and Diana reported Shari is under the weather, but doing better.
 - Diana announced runs:

- Denise Zupan is putting on a Jan run. Bingo and BJs. Thurs, Jan 26th. \$0.25/card. Cash prize every game. Raffle prizes. You can bring your own wine. Then go to BJs afterwards, needs RSVP by Jan 23rd. Ed will send an email blast announcing the run.
 - Cheryl planning bowling outing being developed for Feb.
 - Members are encouraged to develop run plans for March-April-May, etc.
 - Ralph thanked everyone for the toys we brought to the December brunch. There were lots of toys for the kids. We should be getting a thank you letter.
- The back of Ralph's Tahoe was filled up!
- **Public Relations Report (Danica Harris):** Lowell welcomed Danica to her new position!
- **Sunshine Report (Marilyn):**
 - Brian got a red 2012 Grand Sport, complete with supercharger!
 - Christmas Brunch was great. Many Thanks to Shari!!
 - Lowell shared Jack Parker is in Rancho Mirage. He has been laid up there, on antibiotics and is in good spirits, waiting to come home in the next couple weeks.
 - Shari is home, doing well and in therapy.
 - Debbie Gatt tore a ligament, but is doing well.
 - John had his final immune treatment and is doing well!
 - Marilyn is doing well.
 - Joe Pimentel has had gall bladder issue and waiting surgery. Marilyn will send card.
 - January Birthdays: Dolores Maxwell, Trudy deLeon, Lani Maloney, Carol Wilson, Ron Parker, Gina Bischofberger, Paul Bischofberger
 - Thanks to Nancy for treats, next meeting Connie Miller. Marilyn asked for additional signups for treats (to have 2 persons per meeting)
- **NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** Dave was not present
- **Old Business:** none
- **New Business:** none
- **Raffle:** Special \$65. Denise Zupan won the raffle.
- **Close :** Meeting adjourned 8:02pm

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Happy New Year and welcome to 2017. Hopefully this will be a very good year for all our Corvetter's. We had our first meeting of the year and I might add the shortest. Our events coordinator Shari Peck is recovering nicely and to not Burdon her while she is recovering; she has asked Denise Zupan to give her a helping hand. Thanks Denise for helping!



Want to congratulate Brian Enbom on his new corvette! Be careful, that's a lot of horsepower.

If any of you have an idea for a run, please let Shari or Denise know. They can help you with all the guidelines on putting on a run. If you don't want to do the run but have a great idea, let them set something up. Our membership has dwindled a little bit so if you have any potential members please bring them to a meeting and maybe we can convince them we are a good event to be involved with.

See all of you at the next meeting.

Lowell

The Zupan's Bingo and BJ's



Bingo!



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BJ's







DBCC Bowling and Poker Night
Saturday February 18th

\$18 per person includes: 3 Games and Shoes; unlimited Sodas, Popcorn and Pizza

Prizes for the Best Poker Hand!!



Bowling Teams Picked Randomly
Checks due by Wednesday, February 15th

Checks payable to DBCC –
Mail to: Denise Zupan, 2085 Largo Court,
Discovery Bay, 94505
Questions??? Call Denise at 510-326-2992

Meet at Harvest Park Bowl
5000 Balfour Rd, Brentwood at 4pm

Joe Biden eyeing New Corvette!

The US will have a new president and vice president and Obama and Biden will have a lot of newfound free time. What to do? For Joe Biden at least, it's time to buy a new car, specifically a Corvette. As we already know, Biden is a huge car guy and owner of a 1967 Corvette that he bought new back in the day. But now he wants a new Vette and he's having a hard time deciding, according to Road and Track. The solution? Ask the Corvette's chief engineer, Tadge Juechter, for buying advice.



Joe Biden paid a special visit to the Motor City on January 10th, where the 2017 North American International Auto Show was in full swing.

He was referred to as a “true American” while he made his way around the show floor, checking out all three major US automakers along the way. He chatted with executives and even hopped in a number of vehicles. But there was one car that really caught his eye.

Biden zeroed in on the new Corvette and enlisted the services of Corvette's chief engineer, Tadge Juechter.

“I have his card now,” Juechter told the crowd as Biden finished his rounds. “He's trying to figure out what to buy when he's out of office.” Biden famously owns a 1967 Corvette but has only driven it three times in the last 7 years, due to the rules of the Secret Service which prevent both the President and the VP from operating a motor vehicle.

Juechter added, “He's gonna get a Stingray—he's imprinted on Stingray.”

Even with the Secret Service's attempts to move Biden along, keeping journalist, photographers and attendees at a safe distance, he kept returning to the Vettes.

He pulled me out of the crowd three times as he was walking around”, Juechter said. He wants to try the ZO6. “He's a little worried it might be over the top for him, but he's definitely interested in trying. “



National Corvette Museum Hosts First Comic Con!

No, the National Corvette Museum wasn't under attack from zombies, superheroes, and Star Wars characters.

These dressed-up characters were just there to enjoy the fun at the first-ever Vette City Con, held in the NCM conference center "for the nerdier side of Bowling Green," according to event organizers.



The two-day event offered vendors a chance to sell items ranging from comic books and posters to Lego mini figures and board games. Several famous guests also were present, including Deep Roy, who played the Oompa Loompas in 2005's "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," Professional Wrestling Hall of Famer Greg "the Hammer" Valentine and John Dugan, who played Grandpa Sawyer in "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Vette City Con co-owners Chad Sheppard and Michael Etherton wanted to offer an affordable convention in Bowling Green. "We wanted to do a con that had all the stuff you love about cons but without the price," Sheppard said. "You can get in here for the price of a parking ticket at another con." Admission was \$20 at the door per day or \$30 for a weekend pass.

The Bowling Green Daily News talked to several people at the Convention and the consensus seemed to be that the Con met its goals. "The Closeness of it was definitely a major plus," said Kaitlyn Head, a Glasgow resident who dressed as Rey from "The Force Awakens" and was happy about not having to drive to big cities like Louisville or Nashville.

The lower price helped too as Head pointed out that she paid \$75 for a weekend pass to the Wizard World Louisville Comic Con. Head also said she enjoyed the "smaller and more intimate" setting of the NCM convention, as did Brian Muir, a guest at the convention best known as the Sculptor of Darth Vader's helmet. "You have a bit more time to talk to people, chat with fans," Muir said.

Sheppard doesn't think the convention will make a profit for its first few years but hopes eventually it will become a larger event perhaps 1,000 people attending.



Corvette Museum and Motorsports Park Achieve Increased Attendance for 2016

It was a busy year for the 'Home of Corvette' as both the National Corvette Museum and NCM Motorsports Park experienced increased attendance. The Museum welcomed 228,363 visitors in 2016, a 3.5% increase over 2015's numbers while the NCM Motorsports Park also saw an increase over 2015's visitation, welcoming over 57,000 visitors. The facility opened in September of 2014.



The numbers for 2016 mark the Museum's second highest in history, the top attendance being achieved in 2014 with the now famous Corvette swallowing sinkhole taking most of the credit for the spike.

"We are still feeling the effects of that unfortunate event, to where perhaps in many ways it was actually more of a positive for the Museum," said Wendell Strode, Executive Director. "Last year, on the second anniversary of the sinkhole, we opened a new interactive exhibit called 'Corvette Cave-In'. The display tells the story of what happened, why it happened, how the Museum recovered, as well as educational elements on caves and our karst landscape. The interactive and hands-on elements have been quite popular with our visitors. And, of course, we still have all eight 'sinkhole Corvettes' on display, six of them exactly how they were when they were pulled from the hole," added Strode.

Other highlights for 2016 include the addition of a Maintenance and Preservation area in the Museum where guests can observe on-going work being performed on museum-owned vehicles. Occasionally the door is raised and visitors get the opportunity to watch and interact with the staff performing vehicle maintenance.

"We are excited to now have a dedicated space, and talented mechanic on staff to help with the on-going upkeep of not only the Museum cars, but also the cars we use on the track at the Motorsports Park," said Strode. "In 2016 we had nine Corvettes donated to the Museum, bringing our total to 79 Museum-owned Corvettes. We are working to roll out a program to offer rides in some of these classics starting this year."

Across the interstate at the NCM Motorsports Park, the Holley Control Tower and Winding Road Race Shop opened in July, offering nearly 15,000 square feet of functional space. Meeting rooms and classrooms are available for private rentals, a second floor viewing deck offers a birds-eye view of track activity, and the new retail space provides everything from t-shirts to track gear.

"This summer, not only did all of our rental clients report increased participation in their high-performance driving schools and other recreational motorsports events, but we were also able to get involved with promoting the motorsports hobby to local high school and vo-tech students through the Bowling Green Area Chamber," said Mitch Wright, General Manager. "The new 'On-Track' program saw two schools, the Warren County Advanced Technical Center (high school) and the Southern Kentucky Community and Technical College, each rebuild a car from the ground up and turn it into a track-worthy competitor. It was energizing to see what these kids could do, as well as the friendly competition between the two cars at the Holley LS Fest. We were happy to play a small role in spreading the love of motorsports," added Wright.

Currently, the Museum is celebrating 30 years of Callaway Corvettes with a special display in the Exhibit Hall. Event season at the Museum officially kicks off April 27-29, 2017 with the Michelin NCM Bash – marketing the debut of the 2018 Corvette, seminars, road tours, car shows and more. Track season officially goes into high gear in March. Learn more about upcoming events, exhibits and plan your next visit at corvettemuseum.org and motorsportspark.org.



Dolores Maxwell 1/4 Trudy de Leon 1/5 Carol Wilson 1/21 Lani Maloney 1/21
Ron Parker 1/24 Gina Bischofberger 1/27 Paul Bischofberger 1/31



Nancy O'Brien 2/5 Diane Hoffman 2/7 Kim Bellinghausen 2/9 Cyndie Puckett 2/11
David Harris 2/13 Patti Brunetto 2/14 John Fleb'ut 2/16 Mark Zupan 2/20
Marge DeSalles 2/22

Publications- Laura Hardt

Hi Everyone!

We are off to a great 2017! Mark and Denise Zupan did an outstanding job coordinating Bingo and BJ's! It was a lot of fun playing Bingo and many of our members won money and raffle gifts. Even my husband was a Bingo winner!

Our next event is Bowling and Porker Night to be held on February 18th. Look at the Flyer in the Newsletter for further information. It is sure to be an outstanding event. Don't miss the fun!

If you would like to share any pictures of any event please email them to me at Corvettenewsletter@hotmail.com and I will publish them in the Newsletter.

See you soon!

Laura Hardt





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