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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

April/May 2020



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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:
To Be Determined**

President- Ed O'Brien

April-May Newsletter

Hi DBCC members!

It's out there.....Calling to you, Under the cover, shiny, oil changed, all gassed up. You know, that sweet car we all love to drive and cruise with!

All of our runs have been postponed, Auto X and meetings cancelled (April and May). Dave Peck's "Other One Run" is also postponed. The Abel Car Show is now cancelled until further notice. We're all running solo---Bill Montgomery is doing brake jobs on his cars, I'm pulling sea weeds behind my house and prepping for a bath remodel----oh, what fun.....

Yep! We're all just waiting, waiting, waiting, waiting..... for a return to normal, right?

But.....there have been a few rays of sunshine in spite of this quarantine funk we've been enduring....

We were invited to participate as a club in the recent Discovery Bay Car's 'n Coffee Parade on April 18th. DBCC members showed their stuff! Neva organized the meeting spot and from my reading of her count we had 18 cars participating, but it looked like we had even more cars! Dave and Danica drove both their C6 and C5 Z06. Ralph did a great job leading the parade and the club's participation. He mounted the club banner in the bed of his newly restored El Camino. Our cars had great decorations from flags to Cheryl's C7 fitted with balloon pom poms! The parade was fun, and included even a Ghost Busters decorated SUV. Along the parade route we saw a couple orange C8's and lots of Discovery Bay residents outside, enjoying each other, the cars, and waving flags. We did our part with social distancing, but the onlookers were having so much fun some looked a little, well,close!

A number of club members participated in a Lumpy's parade through Brentwood on the evening of May 2nd. Lots of fun and great hot rods and restorations. The folks along the parade route loved us!! We had a great turnout for Mother's Day parade on May 10th at the Westmont Retirement Center. It was super to see the residents outside enjoying not just our cars but the many family members that came by to say hi!

Looking forward, It looks like we'll have to cancel the June general meeting since it is very doubtful DBYC facilities will be open by June 4th. The DBYC board of directors are working hard to get their club back open sometime during June, but it isn't a trivial task for them. Dave Peck's "Other One Run" of June 6th is also looking to be re-scheduled for a later date. That said, when we get the new date it should be a real good time and I hear the Bloody Mary's should be very good! Likewise Bill Montgomery's Castle Air Show has been pushed out (I think) and my Mystery Run is still, well,a mystery!! But I'm confident We've got some great times ahead once we can get new dates firmed up.

Check the WSCC website! The WSCC Redline is out online so be sure to take a look at it and the dates for some fun upcoming summer events. And, don't forget to Give Abel Chevy a call to get things done to your Vette in prep for the upcoming summer driving season. Rich Willhoff has assured me we get great discounts on both parts and labor!

----So get out your face mask, take the car cover off, get some fresh air and take a spin! We'll all be able to get together pretty soon, And....



³ Stay safe and keep it running on premium (It's real cheap, except for CA taxes right now!)---Ed

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Hi DBCC members. FYI I just purchased a case (4gal) of P&S Paint gloss. I'm keeping 2 gal but have 2 to sell at my cost (20.00/gal), first come, first served. I use it on my Vette, but mainly on my ski boat. It works great to get off delta grunge and water spots. P&S sells this stuff mainly to auto dealers and detailers to keep cars looking sharp on the lot. If you want a gallon call me.

Best, Ed O'brien



Bill and Jenifer Montgomery's Shelter in Place!

What we have been doing,
written April 16, 2020

Jenifer and I have been home and haven't had to go out for anything for nearly 3 weeks now, thanks to Amazon and our daughter's grocery store runs. This time has given us the opportunity to catch up on things that we might not have got around to do for years. The Corvette is just sitting in the garage, with the battery charging. I start it at least once a week, and put it out in the driveway, so that I can get the Chevelle (1969) out. I'm probably going to put new rear brakes on the Vette in the next week or so. Just finished putting on new front brakes on the Chevelle.

We had a virtual Easter egg hunt for the 2 older grandkids.

I hid the eggs in our back yard, and then via Facetime, I had them tell me where to look.

We are all hoping that this will end soon, and we can get back to something more normal, although us older folks will probably have a new normal for some time to come.

Jenifer and I hope that everyone is doing well. We miss seeing everyone, and all the Corvette activities that we enjoy. Stay safe and be well.

Bill and Jenifer Montgomery



Cars-n-Coffee Parade!



4/18/20





Corvette News!

Corvette Racing has withdrawn its new mid-engine C8.Rs from September's 24 Hours of Le Mans. The decision follows a similar one from the Porsche GT Team, Corvette's IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship GT Le Mans rivals, which confirmed its exit from the French endurance racing classic last week. RACER has also learned the ACO, organizers of the Le Mans event, were notified of the team's change of plans weeks ago.



Both withdrawals come in reaction to the impact made by the coronavirus. With numerous furloughs and layoffs affecting the domestic and international auto industry, the calls to cut expensive international marketing campaigns like those involving trips to Le Mans fits the need to reduce expenditures.

"Corvette Racing has a long history of competing at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, so our decision to not participate in this historic race this year was not an easy one," said Mike Ofiara, Assistant Manager – Product and Brand Communications. Chevy Truck & Performance Car, Motorsports.

"Several factors played into our decision, including current conditions and the rescheduled timing. We're proud Corvette Racing has been invited to the 24 Hours of Le Mans over the past 20 years and regret that we won't be participating this year. We hope we have the opportunity to race at Le Mans again."

The pride of General Motors' racing endeavors made its factory debut at Le Mans in 1999 and completed 20 consecutive visits to compete at the 24-hour race, earning eight class victories, with the most recent captured in 2015 with Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner, and Jordan Taylor. Like the Porsche GTLM team, Corvette Racing is expected to focus the remainder of its season on IMSA, which completed Round 1 at the Rolex 24 At Daytona in January before the championship was paused due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

Lumpy's Cruise!



5/2/20





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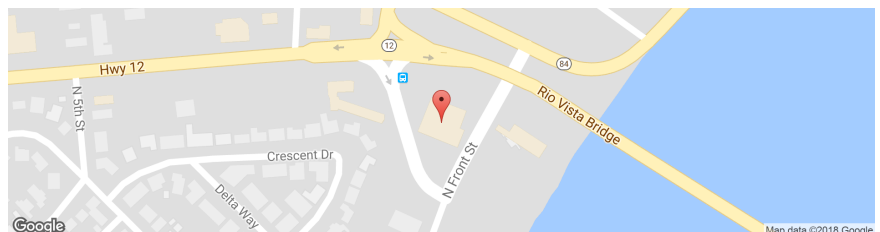


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June Events:

The **June 5th & 6th** Hooked on Corvettes and Friends Track Days at Thunderhill Raceway presented by Hooked on Driving, WSCC, and Abel Chevrolet is still going on as planned. This is subject to change at the last minute, but if you are eager to get your car out of the garage and get some seat time under your belt – sign up on the HOD website for this exciting two-day event. HOD has worked hard to develop an event plan that mitigates the risk associated with this virus. Please see the HOD website <https://www.hookedondriving.com/> for discussion and updates. (This was originally scheduled for April 30 & May 1). Only paid participants and immediate family, plus essential support staff are allowed at this event. No spectators will be admitted.

June 6th & 7th Nord Fjord AutoX presented by NBCA at Thunderhill Raceway has been cancelled. In a note from Dan Divita, he said (paraphrased) – We know the competitors want to get out and drive, like all of us, but we believe that minimizing the risk of a potentially serious social impact is in order. We are working on implementing touchless automated registration and timing processes. Due to the complexities of implementing these changes we simply will not be able to pull it off with trained staff in time for the June event. We hope to implement most of the changes in time for our October 3rd & 4th AutoX Event".

June 20th Vette-O-Rama 50, presented by Diablo Valley Corvettes has been cancelled. In a letter from Gary Mortimore, he said "Since this was to be a celebration of our 50th year for this show, your VOR Committee was ramping it up to make it a special event for everyone. Unfortunately, due to this pandemic, this will not be happening on June 20th. We discussed postponing it to later this year, but a gathering of this size may still not be allowed until a vaccine is developed hopefully early next year. We still want this to be a special event. With that being said, we decided to postpone our 50th Vette-O-Rama until next year. Whenever we do get together, we will do so in a way to keep everyone as safe as possible".

June 28th Coyote Creek Concours d'Elegance was previously cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns.



Westmont Mother's Day Parade!

5/10/20







ALL THINGS CORVETTE

COVID-19 STATEMENT

Per statewide executive order, the Museum is currently closed to the public but will reopen June 8. The Corvette Store and Corvette Cafe are OPEN.

NEW VIDEO CONTENT

With 'sheltering in place' and 'social distancing' being our new normal, the National Corvette Museum has rolled out virtual and digital content to keep you engaged while you're safe at home! Check out the kid-friendly, educational series 'Vettecademy' and Corvette enthusiast-centric 'Fully Vetted' for loads of episodes. Best of all, the content is FREE!

Clarification on the Corvette Delivery Program

We have consulted with our local health department on our delivery program and at this time, we are in compliance with our state regulations and what's still allowed with regard to COVID-19. These cars are bought and paid for and the customers come to pick them up. The interaction is minimal and we are practicing social distancing. Additionally, approximately 30% of the cars are being picked up by transport.

To deter the public from trying to visit the Museum, we have limited access to our Corvette Boulevard and Delivery webcams. We discovered that some visitors were seeing activity on the cameras and would try to visit. The Corvette Boulevard camera is now available in the Museum Members-Only section of the website. All Delivery cameras are available to the delivery customers. Customers will be provided with the password for their delivery week so that friends and family can check out their car.

We know these are stressful and trying times. Our goal is to ensure customers receive the car that they have paid for in a safe and timely manner. The museum remains closed to the public. Our goals at this time continue to be the health and safety of our customers and staff, and to continue providing a pay check to our staff.



Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!

Discovery Bay Impromptu Boat Parade - Zupan's boat on the left and the DeLeon's to the right!



Wes Cernera and his
4-month old puppy



Friday Night Happy Hour with the
Cerneras, Zupans and O'Briens!

Easter at the
Cernera's home!



Sunshine - Connie Miller

I miss all your smiling faces...

I met Betty Silva in Safeway early one "Tuesday Senior Shopping" morning - I was fully masked and gloved. She is recovering from her shoulder surgery like a super star. She has no pain and continues to get home therapy for mobility and strength.

When meeting members during my walks and on my many txt messages, I hear that all are well and heeding the safe distance requirements. Thank you and keep it up.

April Birthdays: 1st Lynda Sessions, 3rd-Cheryl Fleb'ut, 4th Kathy Pimentel,
15th-Terry Laughlin, 19th-Craig Zickenberg, 24th-Dave Gatt, 24th-Rikart Rupnik
May Birthdays: 14th-Tim Denham, 14th-Diane Enbom, 17th-Scott Brown,
29th-Janie Parker, 30th-Bill Casson, 31st-Gary Peters

When you have Sunshine news, please txt me at 408-340-3166



Lynda Sessions 4/1

Cheryl Fleb'ut 4/3

Kathy Pimentel 4/4

Terry Laughlin 4/15

Craig Zickenberg 4/19

Dave Gatt 4/24

Rikart Rupnik 4/24



Tim Denham 5/14

Diane Enbom 5/14

Scott Brown 5/17

Janie Parker 5/29

Bill Casson 5/30

Gary Peters 5/31



Paul de Leon 6/1

Joanne Onstad 6/1

Nancy Watrous 6/2

Lee DeSalles 6/4

Ron Mize 6/4

Elaine Brett 6/5

Bill Montgomery 6/5

Kathy Zickenberg 6/7

June Peters 6/13

Sandy Ramos 6/17

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Dave Peck 6/21

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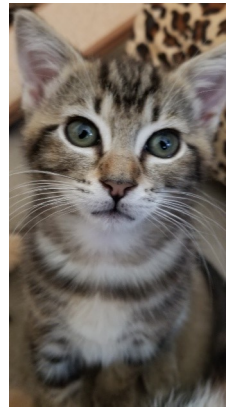
Hi everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping safe during the coronavirus crisis.

I work for the government and I am an essential worker. I am still working full-time but have been able to do all my work from home. I in turn am doing my part and sheltering in place only leaving my home for essential purposes; that is why I haven't participated in the past events such as the Cars & Coffee Parade, Lumpy's Cruise or the Westmont Mother's Day parade.

I was actually surprised when I read that since the Cars & Coffee were not allowed to have a gathering of people in one area that they instead were having an Opening Day Parade and that it was approved by the Sheriff's Department. I was thinking, people will still have to gather together at the start of the parade and when there is a parade, people will gather together to view the parade.

In addition to working fulltime I have also been taking care of orphaned kittens. The feral mom cat was killed and eaten by some wild animal. There were four kittens but unfortunately the smallest one passed away. The three remaining kittens seem to be healthy and are thriving.



I really enjoyed reading the article submitted by Bill and Jenifer Montgomery. Thank you for sharing your shelter in place experience. I especially loved reading about your Easter egg hunt. That was very creative!

I thank all the medical professionals, people cleaning the medical facilities, grocery store employees, farm workers, truck drivers, firefighters, food bank workers, and others who have and continue to serve our needs. I also thank everyone who is doing their part to curtail the spread and devastation of the Coronavirus.

Missing you!
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