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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: Meeting 7:30 PM

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

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Next Meeting: February 1st, 2024

President's Message – Shari Peck

Hello DBCC Members,

How about those Niners! Dave and I were at the edge of our seats and were about to give up completely when they decided to play football in the second half. The Niners are heading to the Super Bowl! They punched their ticket in dramatic fashion on Sunday, overcoming a 24-7 halftime deficit to post a 34-31 win over the Detroit Lions in the NFC Championship Game.

I can't believe that the month of January has quickly flown by. As usual, January is pretty wet and lousy, but we were able to take a run in the Corvette last Saturday and went to Helwig Winery in Plymouth to pick up a shipment and two cases of wine we completely forgot about! The views from the winery are breathtaking and the restaurant rarely disappoints.

Back to the Corvette Club.... We had a record breaking attendance at our January meeting, with two guests very interested in joining the club. Our next run is Sunday, the 4th at the Clayton Bowl, unfortunately it is supposed to rain, but we should have a great time regardless.

We now have a venue for our 35 Anniversary Party in July! Amy and Jack Pera have graciously offered to host the party at their home in Livermore. Thank you Jack and Amy!

Don't forget our next General Meeting is Thursday, February, 1st @ 7:30pm in the Bilge Room. Please try to attend.

Thank you! Shari



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Secretary - Bill Montgomery

DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES/ORDER OF BUSINESS DATE: 1-4-2024

Call to Order: Time: 7:35pm by Shari Peck at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Bilge Room. 33 Members present. 2 Guests present. .

President's Report (Shari Peck): *Shari started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. *Downstairs Honor Bar to remain closed until further notice. *Shari mentioned that there are several memberships that have not yet been renewed. Encouraged members to sign up tonight. *Shari announced that Diana Cernera has taken on the Sunshine position, and that Dave Gatt remains as the NCM Representative. Also, looking for a volunteer to take the BOD position of WSCC Representative.

Vice President's Report (Tim Denham)

*Tim handed out membership badges, including stars for Lowell and Joanne Onstad (30 years) and Jerry and Laura Hardt (25 years). *Visitors were: Laurie Nadelman (potential member) (has a 2016 White Stingray) and Mike Grillo (new member). *Anniversary milestones should be published in the January newsletter, and any certificates should be presented at the February meeting.



Treasurer's Report (Lisa Williams) *Lisa reported the amount of money in the account. (See BOD minutes for amount) *Lisa reported the income and expenses for the last month.

Secretary's Report (Bill Montgomery): *There was a call for approval of last meeting minutes from the November 4th meeting (see November Newsletter). Motion to approve made by Bob A. and seconded by Mary H. Everyone was in favor. Anyone opposed? No. Motion approved and carried. Minutes passed as published. *2024 NCM Caravan registration should remain open until the end of April, unless it sells out before then. For more information, go to <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/ca-northern/> and register with the NCM Caravan and then notify Don Herzer, Pacific Central Captain (corvdon@wsccpubs.net) *Bill stated (with details of the changes listed) that the Standing Rules and Bylaws were under review by the BOD. Approval of these changes by the BOD will occur in January. Membership will need to vote on the Bylaws changes in February. *Thanks for the great turnout at Merrill Gardens. *Please sign the sign-in sheet.

Events Report (Karen Murphy): Events and Run ideas for 2024:

January: January 28th; Clayton Valley Bowling, with on-site food and drinks. Kirk Walker to be lead.

February: February 18th, Sacramento Car Museum. Docent Rides on 3rd Saturdays. The Murphy's will lead.

March: March date: TBD. Canepa Car Collection – Scotts Valley. Need leader.

April: April 20th: First Cars and Coffee of the season at the Marina parking lot. 8am to 10am. Ed, Dave and Ralph are coordinating. Ralph to make a "Corvette Corral" sign to use at the event.

May: May 31-June 2nd; the "Classic at Pismo Beach". Lee is helping look for a hotel (editor note: the

Edgewater Hotel has room, but you need to let Karen know by the 12th of January) Need a run leader.

June: June date TBD – Shriners Childrens Hospital in Sacramento.

July: July date TBD – 35th DBCC Anniversary event. Location to be determined but will be relatively close to Discovery Bay.

August: August 29th to 31st, 2024 – NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration and Caravan. – Bowling Green, Kentucky. Caravan from Northern California (Pacific Central Caravan) is August 21st to August 28th. Details at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/> . Aug. 15-17: Mecum Auction Monterey (want to drive across the block?)

Other: Gimmick run being considered this year. Railroad Hill – Lunch run being considered. Campos or Hannah Nicole “car show” is a possibility. Kennedy Gold Mine – Jackson is a possibility. Angels Camp Museum is a possible run. Railtown 1897 in Jamestown is a possible run. (need a leader).

Public Relations Report (Lisa Walker): *The Brentwood Press has our correct advertisement with Tim Denham as the point of contact. Same with the Grapevine. *Shari suggested that an article be written and submitted to the “Press” about our Christmas donations at Caps.

Quarter Master Report (Nancy O’Brien): *Nancy is getting new window stickers made. There are 2 different sizes. Nancy to get some white, and perhaps red colored stickers. Pricing is \$5-\$10 each. *Nancy has extra duffel bags. *Ralph mentioned that he knows someone that can make billet style license plate frames. There was quite a bit of interest in doing this.

Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera):*New website passwords for 2024 have not been created yet. Maybe change in February.

Publication’s Report (Laura Hardt): *Be sure to send Laura your photos of Club events, and also of your New Years Eve parties, personal outings and vacations. Laura’s email is: corvettenewsletter@hotmail.com.

WSCC Report (OPEN): *WSCC — See list of events on their website. *There will be a January WSCC virtual meeting that Tim will attend. *There are no dues needed for 2024 if you are already a WSCC member.

Sunshine Report (Diana Cernera): *Snacks for January meeting were: Diana Cernera and Cheryl Fleb’ut. Snacks for February meeting TBD. *January and February birthdays were announced. *Mary mentioned that she had heart surgery.

NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt): *Dave didn’t have a report other than to say that he went to the Ron Fellow Corvette training track in Pahrump, Nevada for several days and got to push their C8’s to the limit. He highly recommended doing that training.

Board Member at Large Report (Dave Peck): *(no report)

Old Business: *The 35th DBCC Anniversary is coming up next summer. A Committee is being formed, led by Karen M., and Cheryl F. has volunteered to help. Bill is helping with finding a location. Date to be determined, but sometime in July. Looking for 3 other volunteers. If any member wants to volunteer their house/yard for this event, please let Karen know.

New Business: *It was mentioned that the Marina Bar and Grill will give a 10% discount on food (not drinks) to DBCC members when you go on Thursday nights with your badge. This is according to the owners.

Close: *50/50 Raffle: Won by Roy Brett (\$115 pot) split 50/50, so Roy got \$63.00.

The other half goes to the Club account to help fund social events.

*Motion to close by Mary Hodel., 2nd by Cheryl Fleb'ut.

The motion was approved and carried.

***Meeting adjourned by Shari Peck at 8:33pm**



Vice President - Timothy L. Denham

Hello DBCC Members:

I did not write an article for the previous newsletter, so I want to wish all members a Happy New Year!!! This will be a great year for our club as we have a lot of activities that we can participate in this year. We have the Museum Caravan (August), a trip to Pismo Beach for a car show (May-overnight), bowling, car museums, car shows, wineries, and many other great places to see and enjoy as well as good food for lunch or dinner (and with good friends).

What makes all of these activities fun is for everyone to participate. If you have ideas for a great run please let us know and we will place it on our calendar of events. We would like you to help organize some of these runs (we will give you the help you need) to make it successful.

We have some new prospective members that we will vote on at the next meeting. In this newsletter we have our "Membership Milestones". It's fun to see how long some of our members have been in the club. This year is our club's 35th Anniversary and the plans to have a great event are already underway. We will discuss the Anniversary event and other events/runs at the next meeting.

I hope everyone had a "good" month in January and looking forward to February. We have bowling on the 4th and possibly the Sacramento Car Museum run. Also do not forget Valentine's Day (14th)!

See you at the February meeting!

Timothy L. Denham

Vice President

Discovery Bay Corvette Club (DBCC)

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Our Membership Milestones – As of January 1, 2024

31-35 years

Anderson, Bob & Sue
Realph, Bernie
Onstad, Lowell & Joanne
Silva, Betty

26-30 years

Parker, Loretta
Pimentel, Joe & Kathy
Ramos, Don & Sandy

20-25 years

Brunetto, Rich & Patti
Hardt, Jerry & Laura
Harris, David & Danica

15-19 years

Cernera, Ralph & Diana
de Leon, Trudy
Laughlin, Terry & Connie Miller
Plonczak, Arnold
Zickenberg, Craig & Kathy

10-14 years

Allen, Rich & Marilyn
Brandt, Lee
Enbom, Brian & Diane
Gatt, Dave & Debbie
Mize, Ron & Sandy
Hodel, Roger & Mary
Sauvadon, Paula

5-9 years

Bischofberger, Paul & Gina
Brett, Roy & Elaine
Cernera, Wesley
Denham, Tim & Karen
Fleb'ut, Cheryl
Montgomery, Bill & Jenifer
O'Brien, Ed & Nancy
Parker, Jack & Carlene
Peck, Dave & Shari
Pera, Jack & Amy
Stark, Rhonda
Watrous, Everett & Nancy

1-4 years

Austin, Lance
Constantin-Pau, Mahai & Andrea
Cellilo, Jerry & Judy Young
Craig, Rick & Kathleen
Daley, Craig & Jackie
de Sterke, Roeland & Karen
Mathews, Matt & Diane
Murphy, Sean & Karen
Sampson, Justine & Lewis
Sloat, Kim & Heather Oddy
Walker, Kirk & Lisa
Williams, Rick & Lisa
Zechmeister, Jerry & Kathleen

New Members

Grillo, Mike & Christine
Warren, Gary (pending)
Nadelman, Lorie & David (pending)

History of Discovery Bay Corvettes Written Many Years Ago by Dick Realph!

With the start of the new Millennium “DISCOVERY BAY CORVETTES” has 62 member families, over 120 members, and about that many Corvettes in its’ garages. WOW!! I guess its about time for another club picture, but that’s not what this article is about.

I was asked a few meetings ago to write an article on the history and beginning of the club (something like asking an old Hippie to recall the 60s so here goes.

First a little dull background. Back about 1979, when Bernie and I were dating, GENERAL MOTORS transferred her to Sparks Nevada and we were forced to carry on a long distance romance (awwww). On one of the trips back to the Bay Area her and JaNel couldn’t help but notice all the Corvettes headed into Reno for the Memorial Weekend. Returning to Reno she found out about RENO CORVETTES V&T tour. A weekend get together of around 500 Corvettes for showing, dining, dancing, touring, and a parade. We began attending.

Bernie and I moved to Discovery Bay in 1985 and met the owner of “DOCKS & DECKS”, who also owned a Corvette (which wasn’t white), Bob Anderson. Bob kept saying there were a lot of Corvettes in Discovery Bay and that we should form a club. I kept saying “Yup, we should ”

In 1988 Tony and Betty Silva joined Bernie and myself at V&T and a RENO CORVETTE officer asked at the awards banquette ‘ Where the hell is Discovery Bay?’. I guess the prior 7 years we hadn’t made much of an impact. In 1989 eight couples went to V&T as DISCOVERY BAY CORVETTES and took CLUB PAR, an award Discovery Bay has taken every year since. A week after returning these eight couples met at the home of Ron and Bev Lemos to become legitimate. RON and BEV LEMOS, BOB & SUE ANDERSON, RON & BONNY ALLEN, MIKE EVANS & SHAWN SILVA, BOB & ALICE KEPLER, TIM & JEANETTE SHEAHAN, TONY & BETTY SILVA, and DICK and BERNIE REALPH became DISCOVERY BAY CORVETTES.

In the beginning we mostly went to “party” events and hung out, its amazing to see how the club has evolved. The first meetings were held mostly in homes and then various commercial buildings that we kept outgrowing. We met at the Pizza Parlor (too noisy), the Deli (outgrew in a couple months), the old church at the entrance (now an empty lot), upstairs at SPURS restaurant (now a pile of ash).

In about 1990 a member, MIKE BLATZ, began seriously going to Car Shows and thought we should put one on. What started with about a 10 car “Show and Shine” at the original ART & WINE FESTIVAL has evolved into the “DISCOVERY BAY CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW” drawing 112 Corvettes and producing over \$20,000.00 in donations to various charities in the last 4 years.

The “Gimmick Rallye” evolved from the “IDES of MARCH” weekend put on by SANTA CRUZ CORVETTES, a fun weekend with a Show, Toga party, raffles, and the Sunday Rallye through the Santa Cruz mountains. Discovery Bay made an almost immediate impact with either GARY MORELAND or EDDY EGLASIAS “awarded” a 50# bag of dog food for their rallye ability. The first Rallye Discovery Bay put on we managed to even get some of our local members lost. We netted about \$ 30.00 but the club had a good time, and that is what this club is about.

It’s near impossible to remember all the people that have made a difference over the years but a few come to mind, MIKE BLATZ for the Car Shows, BOB & DARLENE PORTER for their time and effort on the first “real” Car Show, HOWARD & DIANE MATHEWS for consecutive FIRST PLACE in the “Lighted Boat Parade”, DICK TOMLINSON & GEORGE GRISSWALD for the “ Tahoe Tour”, JIM & LINDA PIERCE for “Discoverette” and most recently JIM & JAN GLESSNER for “discovering” the Laughlin run.

Well, I guess its time to quit rambling and get this to print. If you have a humorous or fond remembrance of a past function or activity please submit it to OPAL ROSENDAHL for inclusion in the DISCOVETTE. THANK YOU for making this club what it is.



DISCOVERY BAY CORVETTES
Clayton Valley Bowl
5300 Clayton Rd, Concord

Are you ready for some Bowling? It has been two years since we have faced the competition.

Join us **February 4th** for fun, games and PRIZES!

Cost: \$15pp for 2 hrs of bowling and shoes (bring Cash or check made out to DBCC)

Food and beverages: Available on site

Event time: 12:30 to 3 MEET AT CHASE BANK AT 11:30 AM

**Please RSVP before Jan. 27th to Kirk Walker
(4donaldwalker@comcast.net)**

Bring your radios!



Christmas Luncheon!

Generous Gift Donations by Members!

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Events - Karen Murphy

"Events Update"

Our bowling event previously scheduled for the NFC Football playoffs (Jan. 28) has been moved to Feb. 4th. Kirk Walker is leading this. I think he is working on some fun games for fabulous prizes.

The Hodels are working on a "Wine Run" in March. Details coming soon.

Lee Brant and Mike Grillo are leading an overnight run to Pismo Beach to attend the Classic at Pismo Beach Car show May 31 to June 2. The hotel is sold out. If you still want to attend, please contact Lee or Mike for alternative hotel ideas.

Amy and Jack Pera have offered their home for our 35th anniversary party. We have settled on July 13th. Now, we need a theme and a few more folks on the organizing committee. Please reach out to Karen Murphy if you can help. Some ideas are: Pot luck, catered, Mystery run or another fun way to get to Livermore. Themes like: Fun, Fun, Fun (beach boys) and Corvettes forever.

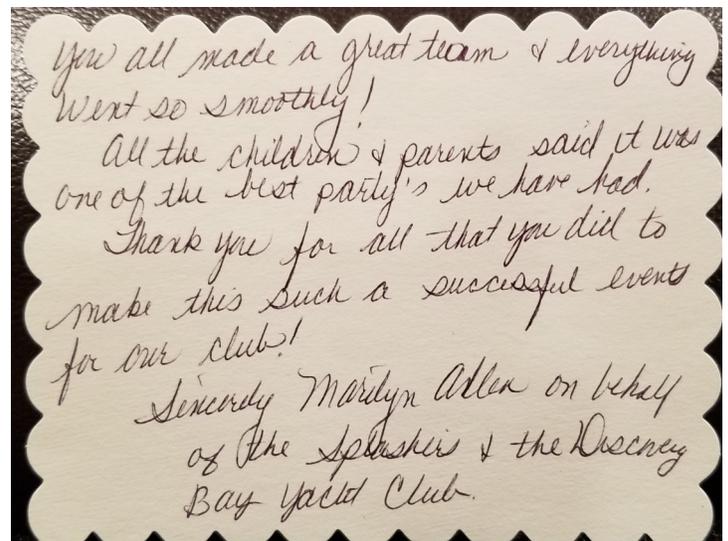
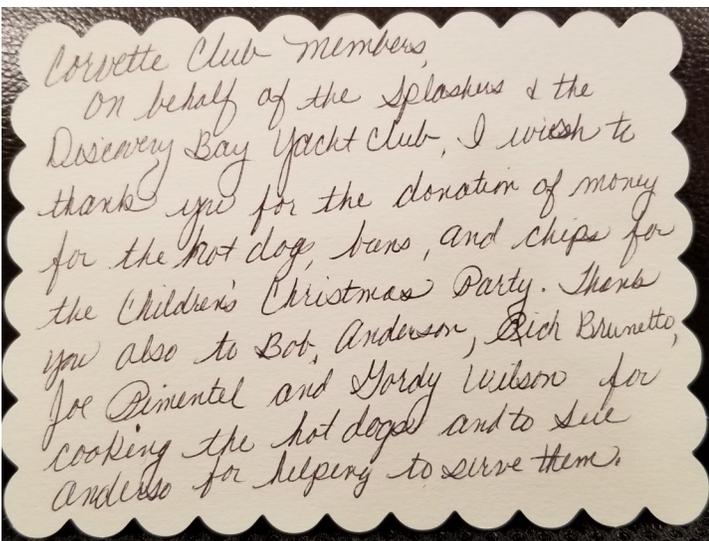
Bill Montgomery is leading our Caravan to the NCM in August. This is promising to be an amazing event.

Please contact Karen Murphy if you want to lead any runs. She will help make it happen.

The winner of our January 50/50 was Roy Brett. We have decided he has won too many times!

Keep those cars clean!
Karen Murphy/Events
(408) 666-9310 Mobile

Thank You to the Corvette Club!





From The Sunshine Gal - Jan. 2024

I'd like to introduce myself to those of you who do not yet know me. I am Diana Cerner and I will be your new Sunshine person. I would like to wish you all nothing but health, happiness and endless blessings in the year ahead. Here's to lots of fun adventures with our Corvette's in 2024!

Please take note of my info (below) and feel free to notify me whenever you'd like to share some exciting news, milestone birthday's, birth of a Grandchild, or other events of you or members of our club you'd like to share. And, in turn, please share if you know of a member who is ill or has been hospitalized or just needs a little positive encouragement. (I will always reach out to them before mentioning anything at a meeting or mentioning in the Newsletter.) However, I will send appropriate cards from the club.

Sending our love and prayers to the Gatt Family.

Mary Hodel informed us she had a heart procedure and is now doing very well. So happy to hear that!

Jerry Hardt is finally home after a week stay in the hospital. Glad to report he is feeling better each day.

I have started the volunteer list for 2024 Monthly Meeting Treats. We need two volunteers per month. These months are still open: April (2 needed), June (1), August (2), Sept (2), Oct (1), and Nov (2). Please let me know what month you will help out the club and volunteer to make/buy treats. You will also need to coordinate with your counterpart for that month to bring plates, napkins, and forks as needed. You may either text me or sign up at the February meeting. Thank you in advance for your help!

(February meeting is on 2/1/24 and Sandy Ramos and Lisa Walker have signed up).

Contact me at 408-859-3594 (my cell) via text message or call, or email me at DiCerner@att.net

Diana Cerner

"Wherever you go, no matter what the weather, always bring your own sunshine."
- Anthony J.D'Angelo

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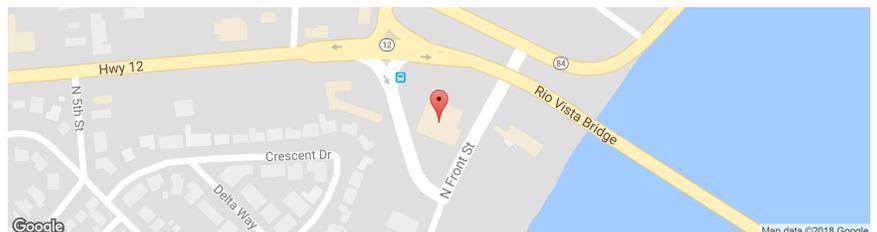


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Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!



Diana was surprised with a belated birthday present from her daughter Rhonda- Tickets to See Paul Anka! Paul Anka's opening song was Diana!



Discovery Bay Yacht Club's
New Year's Eve Mystic Venetian Masquerade!



Happy
New
Year!





JANUARY

Susan Lucas 1/3 Trudy de Leon 1/5 Ken Lucas 1/8
 Rhonda Stark 1/8 Gina Bischofberger 1/27
 Jenifer Montgomery 1/29 Jerry Zechmeister 1/30 Paul Bischofberger 1/31
 Connie Miller 1/31

FEBRUARY

Nancy O'Brien 2/5 Laurie Nadelman 2/9 David Harris 2/13
 Patti Brunetto 2/14 Rich Allen 2/22

MARCH

Kathleen Zechmeister 3/4 Debbie Gatt 3/6 Heather Oddy 3/6
 Roy Brett 3/7 Betty Silva 3/10 Kirk Walker 3/11
 Mike Grillo 3/13 Roger Hodel 3/15 Mary Hodel 3/16
 Mihai Constantin-Pau 3/16 Rick Williams 3/23
 Sean Murphy 3/29 Everett Watrous 3/30

Publications- Laura Hardt



Hi Everyone!

I hope everyone has been having a fantastic 2024! There are many upcoming fun runs we will be having this year so don't miss out!

Along with having fun with the Discovery Bay Corvette Club, I am also having a lot of fun with the Discovery Bay Yacht Club. They have live bands Friday nights and I love to dance so you can usually see me dancing at the Yacht Club on Friday nights. The food at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club is great and reasonably priced. So Friday nights you can have dinner then stay for the music or just go for the music. Tuesdays are Taco Tuesdays and the food is delicious. They have soft tacos, burritos and other items. Sunday breakfast is also great.

Everyone at the Yacht Club has been friendly and very welcoming. I encourage you to join. If you would like to try it out, let me know and I can take you as my guest.

I'm looking forward to the many great Runs we will be having this year!

See you soon!

Laura Hardt



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