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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: May 2nd, 2024

~ Bring Your Fastrak Unit ~



Discovery Bay Corvette Club President Shari's Mystery Run Lunch at ????

When: Saturday June 8, 2024

Time: Meet at Chase Bank at 9:45am,

Departing at 10am SHARP

~ BRING YOUR WALKIE TALKIES! ~



We get there when we get there!

~ Lunch will be buffet style \$35 per person ~

Please RSVP by sending Dave Peck a check payable to DBCC @
2284 Winchester Loop, Discovery Bay, CA 94505 by **Tuesday May 28th**,
call/text Dave at 925-784-8734 if you have any questions.

Secretary - Bill Montgomery

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

Call to Order: Time: 7:34pm by Shari Peck at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Bilge Room 32 Members present. 1 Guest present.- Steve Blaz

President's Report (Shari Peck): *Shari started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. *The Presidents' Mystery Run is still a mystery and will be held either June 8th or 9th. .

Vice President's Report (Tim Denham) *There was a new guest that submitted his application to join at this meeting. His name is Steve Blaz. (Editor note: If I heard this right, Steve said he has a 2021 C8 with Z51 package and it is yellow.). *Replacement badges cost \$17 each now. *There was a reminder that there are post cards that can be handed out to potential members (recruiting cards). *A reminder that there is a \$1 fine for forgetting your badge, and \$2 if you are a BOD member.

***Treasurer's Report (Lisa Williams)** *Lisa reported the amount of money in the account. (See BOD minutes for amount). *Lisa reported the income at \$0 and expenses at \$1,210 for the last month.

Secretary's Report (Bill Montgomery): *There was a call for approval of the last meeting minutes from the March 7th meeting (see March Newsletter). Motion to approve made by Kirk Walker and seconded by Cheryl Fleb'ut. Everyone was in favor. No one opposed. Motion approved and carried. Minutes passed as published. * Bylaws were sent to the membership for approval on February 29th and voting ended March 31st. The results were 34 Yes, 0 No, out of 91 voting members. The ByLaws are hereby approved by the membership and will be posted to the DBCC Website. The BOD voted to accept the election results and to post the Bylaws in a prior BOD meeting this evening. *Please sign the sign-in sheet.

Events Report (Karen Murphy): Run plans for 2024: **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 has a "Corvette Corral" sign to use at the event. Also the deSterke's will be leading a run to the Sacramento Car Museum and Rio Café on April 21st. Finally, on April 27th, there is the Stama Winery event in Lodi. Dave Peck is leading.

May: May 31-June 2nd; the "Classic at Pismo Beach". Lee will lead. **June:** Presidents Mystery Run, June 9th.

July: 35th DBCC Anniversary event: Date is July 14th, time TBD. Location to be at Jack and Amy's house in Livermore. Ralph and Diana are leading. (see old business section below)

August: August 29th to 31st, 2024 – NCM 30th Anniversary Celebration and Caravan, Bowling Green, Kentucky. Caravan from Northern California (Pacific Central Caravan) is Aug. 21st to Aug. 28th. Details at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/>. On Aug. 15-17: Mecum Auction Monterey (anyone want to drive across the block?). **Other:** Sonoma trip – Walker's to led. Also considering the Railroad Park Resort overnight in Dunsmuir. 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, and Mokelumne Hill lunch run. Also mentioned is a run to Canepa's in Scott's Valley and Nicholini Winery in Napa.

Public Relations Report (Lisa Walker): * Lisa has been working to contact The Press to ensure that our ad gets in the Calander section the week prior to our meeting. As for the Grapevine, an email has been sent out and we

should be updated for May.

Quarter Master Report (Nancy O'Brien): *Hats have been ordered and are available for \$20 each. *Coffee Mugs with our logo are also available and are \$10 each. *Decals and T-shirts are also available. *See Nancy for any items that you want to order. *Nancy is also working with Ralph and Diana to get a T-shirt made for the 35th Anniversary event.

Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera): *Ralph warned about email scams and that you need to be sure to check your email before opening especially if you get something from a BOD member.

Publication's Report (Laura Hardt): Be sure to send Laura your photos of Club events, especially for this upcoming St. Patrick's Day. Laura's email is: corvettenewsletter@hotmail.com.

WSCC Report (OPEN): *WSCC — See list of events on their website. (there are 3 events coming this year). *The WSCC will not be sponsoring track laps at the NCM 30th Anniversary event in Bowling Green on the NCM Motorsports track. They may do some sponsoring the week before the 30th Anniversary event. Tim is tracking this. *There is an upcoming WSCC event to Murphy's. An announcement to be sent to our membership.

Sunshine Report (Diana Cernera): *Snacks for the April meeting were: Patti and Roland. Snacks for the next meeting will be ?. *April and May birthdays were announced. *Rich gave an update about Marilyn.

NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt): *Dave was not present, but Tim read a report from Dave. There is an announcement from GM that On-Star data will no longer be shared with insurance companies.

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

Old Business: *Bill mentioned that the 2024 NCM Caravan Registration is still open but commitments need to be made soon. 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@wscppubs.net). Registration is not closed but you need to commit to going soon. If you are not doing the Caravan portion of the NCM Anniversary Event, you still have time to sign up with the NCM to attend the 3-day event in Bowling Green. Be sure to let Bill and Diana know you are going to the NCM but not doing the Caravan event because we are making Club T-shirts for all that attend from DBCC. It was also just announced that the factory tours will open for the week of the NCM 30th Anniversary event. Registration for tours begins on May 15th. This was great news. Don also has sent out an email to those going about getting your car ready for the trip. His email was dated 3/16/24.*The DBCC 35th Anniversary Event date and location has been decided and it will be on July 14th 2024 and will be at Jack and Amy's house in Livermore. The event time is TBD. Ralph and Diana are taking the lead on this event. Invitations are in process and should be sent out soon. This will be a Club subsidized event with a cost per person to be ~\$25.00. Catering of a BBQ dinner will be by Emile Villas in Livermore. It was mentioned that the Club is looking for a bartender for this event.

New Business: *Bill to send out email requesting that members total up the amount spent at ABLE Chevrolet this past year and return to Bill.

Close: 50/50 Raffle: Won by Bill M (\$85 pot) split 50/50, so Bill got \$42.50. The other half goes to the Club account to help fund social events. *Motion to close by Mary H., 2nd by Cheryl F. The motion was approved and carried.

Meeting adjourned by Shari Peck at 8:33 pm.





President's Message



Hello DBCC Members,

Dave and I found a great place for my President's Mystery Run. We have locked in Saturday, June 9th, so please save the date!!

We had a fabulous time on our last run to the California Automobile Museum in Sacramento. The weather was perfect and even though it was my second time visiting, I enjoyed it just as much. A great part of the experience is being able to ride in a vintage car of your choice, driven by the docents. When we arrived, Dave decided he wanted to ride in a vintage Jeep circa 1961. I thought it was a bit strange, because it was pink with a pink and white striped top with tassels, with an appropriately personalized license plate, "BARBIE V". He hasn't even watched the movie! The other funny part in this little jaunt was that Rick Williams, who is well over 6 feet tall insisted on sitting in the back seat. I on the other hand, being 5'2" could have easily sat there with plenty of headroom to spare.

Drake's the Barn had great pizza and once we got the ordering down (I had an issue with their app on my phone, but it very well could have been operator error). We did have a bit of a problem on the way to the museum, when our leader, Roeland DeSterke had a tire sensor alert that he needed to address. He told everyone to continue without them, and Dave and I let them know we would take the next exit to make sure they were not alone. Since we really have not formally written how a run should be lead, I asked Dave if he would put together some helpful guidelines. Thank you Dave, well stated (as usual)!



RULES OF THE ROAD.

I have been asked to put together some guidelines for our newer members who might want to try and lead a Corvette Club run. Over the years I have led a number of these runs; I know it can be a bit intimidating looking in your rearview and seeing all that gleaming and paint and horsepower following YOU. However, I have learned a few things, some by trial and error (ask Lowell about our romp through Walnut Grove) So here are some points to keep in mind if you lead a run.

GETTING STARTED.

Know your route. If I am going somewhere new, I usually like to try a dry run. Make sure there are no problems or potential hang ups on the way. It gives you a chance to get your Vette out and have confidence you know where you

are going. Never trust GPS. Additionally, some leaders print off directions or at least the destination address, this is at the leaders discretion. I like to make sure everyone (copilot is best,) has my cell phone number. Radios only work so well.

Driver's meeting. Before departure, have a meeting with all the drivers. Give them any special directions, make sure everyone has a radio that is tuned to channel 7.0. Discuss any special parking situations or details about arrival. Suggest that the group uses both lanes for left turns if available, it helps keep the group together. Ask for questions.

THE DRIVE.

This is the fun part, SO, have fun. Relax. If the group is large, say more than 15 cars, I like to make sure I have an experienced person who knows the route bring up the rear. They can let you know if everyone has made it through signal lights, if the group has been split up or if there are problems within the group.

As well as a rear guard, for large groups I like to have someone in the middle of the pack to pass along radio information front to back and vice versa.

Radio range isn't good and sometimes it is hard to hear everyone in the group.

While under way, you can inform the group (via radio) of upcoming turns or things up ahead.

SPEED.

This one is important. We all love our Vettes, and from time to time we have all exceeded the legal posted speed limit. But with a large group, especially on the freeway, it can be hard for the cars in the rear to keep up. What with merging, lane changes, and morons who like to merge into the group, it's easy for the rear of the group to have to go very fast to keep up or catch up with the group in the front moving away at 70 MPH. Be aware and keep tabs on the progress of the cars in the rear.

PROBLEMS.

Unfortunately, even as reliable as Corvettes are, the unexpected can come up. Tire problems, warning lights or plain mechanical Gremlins, they do happen.

If someone has a problem, do your best to keep the group together. You might not be able to stop and assist them. You may have passed an exit they need to use.

If this is the case, make SURE that someone is staying with them. One or two cars, this is the ideal situation for the rear car, someone who is experienced and good in a pinch. Try to make phone contact with the driver in trouble. Get a better assessment of the situation, the problem, what they may need and most importantly, who is with them. We NEVER leave anyone behind.

ARRIVAL.

Make sure everyone is accounted for. Check in at the restaurant or venue. Help collect money or distribute tickets. Then, enjoy your day. You've earned it. And, most importantly, as the lead car, look for oncoming Corvettes.... "Save the Wave!!!"

If anyone would like to lead a run, coordinate with Karen Murphy, she can help with logistics and pre trip planning. If anyone needs help with the actual run, I will be more than happy to help or answer any questions. I encourage

everyone to try this. You really feel that you are a part of the group and are helping the group do something new. It's a lot of fun.

C-Ya Down the road!!!

Dave Peck

We recently were made aware the Discovery Bay Yacht Club has been bound by their By-laws to charge outside clubs for use of the Bilge room.

The DBYC board voted to offer the DBCC use of its bilge room at the discounted price of \$75/mo. (down from the normal \$100) with a yearly renewal at no increase. A few of us looked into other options, none of them are as desirable or affordable as the YC bilge room.

The discounted price is offered in consideration of its long-standing relationship and of the 60% YC membership in DBCC. After careful consideration, the majority of the Board has agreed to the terms of the rental agreement. In turn, we do not have to participate in any special charity events or subject our members have to donate their time to facilitate such events.

Don't forget our next General Meeting is Thursday, May 2nd @ 7:30pm in the Bilge Room. Please try to attend.

Cheers! Shari



Shari Peck

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New Vintage Shop Opening At CorvetteStore.Com

The National Corvette Museum's Corvette Store is throwing it back to every Corvette era with the opening of its new Vintage Shop. Launched on Monday, April 8, the first "drop" featured 100 vintage and retro items ranging from apparel, diecasts, books, and more.

This special collection of vintage items was provided to the Corvette Store by generous donors and will thrill Corvette lovers of all ages. The Corvette lifestyle – including some of the retro looks of the 1970's and 1980's – has been a part of Corvette since 1953, and the new Vintage Shop gives any Corvette fan the chance to add some retro looks to their collection.

Unique vintage finds available for purchase on Monday, April 8, 2024, include rare jackets and t-shirts along with accessories. Rare items like a lighted and colored Corvette Dollars, a 1965 Corvette Stingray metal flake model kit, and a VHS tape rewinder modeled after a 1963 split window are just a sampling of the items available.

For more information, donation guidelines, and to explore the Vintage Store, please visit corvettestore.com.

Cars & Coffee!

4/20/24



The first Corvette Corral had over 25 cars in it and at least 8 non-members parked with us. There was lots of conversation around what the club does and how much fun we have. Tim gave out several "I like your corvette" cards and Karen Murphy won a \$25 Callahan coffee and cones gift card.

Events- Karen Murphy

Hello Corvette Fans!

April was a busy month with our general meeting, the first Cars N Coffee and a fun run to Old Sacramento. At Cars N Coffee there were 28 corvettes in attendance. Most of them were not members (yet). Tim was busy running around putting "I love your Corvette" cards on them. The Corvette Corral sign was welcoming. I spoke to several owners who were curious about our meetings and where we went on runs. Not many were interested in participating in a show or holding them.

In Old Sacramento we visited the California Automobile Museum. The last time we went was 2022. A few of us followed a docent and got some behind the scenes information on the cars. In fact there was a car on display by a Discovery Bay Resident! A few of the group went for rides in old cars. I believe our president went around old town in a pink jeep. Lunch at Drakes Barn was fun. It was a challenge for those of us who hate technology. First, we had to pay for parking via an app or find a machine. Then, to order food we had to scan a QR, order and magically food and drinks appeared. The weather could not have been better.

Looking ahead we have 12 cars signed up for our late May overnight run to the Pismo Classic Car show. Lee Brant and Mike Grillo have promised some fun activities once we get to Pismo.

If you are interested in leading something before May 31, let me know and we can make it happen. Last month I told the club about a few more car shows or you can always visit a winery or even go bowling! Pick a date and I can book it for you. Mothers Day is May 12th and I think you know when Cinco de Mayo is! I have contacted Canepa in Scotts Valley for availability on May 11th. Anyone interested in leading if I can make that happen? I also asked them for alternative dates including a week day.



Looking forward to our May meeting.

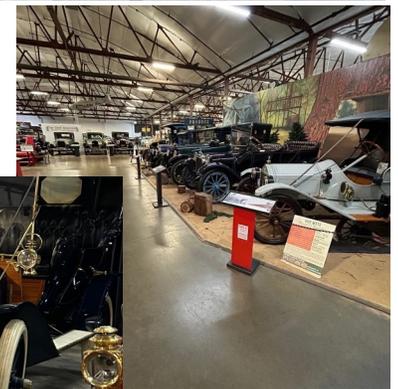
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California Car Museum Run!



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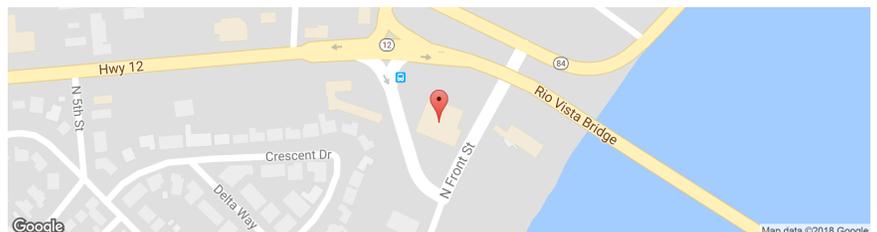


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From The Sunshine Gal - April 2024



April showers bring May flowers!

And, let's face it, we are all happier with the warm sun shiny days!

First off, I would like to relay a message from Jack and Amy Pera. They are both so looking forward to hosting our 35th DBCC Anniversary party at their home on July 14th.

April has been a month of members having fun!

Sean and Karen Murphy spent a week in San Jose de Los Cabos.

Lowell and Joanne Onstad spent time visiting old friends in LaQuinta, Casa Grande and then in Lake Havasu.

Don and Sandy Ramos are currently on a cruise in Mexico.

Bill and Jenifer Montgomery are in Paso Robles on an annual trip with friends. They will also be celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary in Kauai on May 5th.

Kathy Pimentel had a wonderful celebration with family and friends for a milestone birthday.

Marilyn Allen has transferred from Kaiser, Antioch to St.Mary's Wound Healing center in SF. If you would like to wish her well, please send off a text message. I am sure she would love to hear from you. However, do not take it personal if she doesn't respond. But, she will definitely read them.

May treats are being provided by Cheryl Fle'but, and probably me. (Covering for Marilyn.)

See you at the meeting on May 2nd.

Diana Cerna

"Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day."

Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!

Bill & Jenifer Montgomery
Wine Tasting in Paso Robles!



Joe & Kathy Pimentel Celebrating
Kathy's birthday!



Don & Sandy Ramos
Cruising in Mexico!



Lowell and Joanne Onstad vacationing in LaQuinta, Casa Grande, and Lake Havasu and having fun with old friends from Discovery Bay!



Cheryl Fle'but &
Charlie Wheeler

Cheryl, Laura and friend

Laura Hardt having fun in Santa Cruz!



Discovery Bay
Yacht Club
Dinner Cruise
to Sugar
Barge!



Greetings from Sean and Karen
Murphy from San Jose del Cabo!



Jerry Hardt, Roger & Mary Hodel



Laura & Jerry



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Cheryl Fleb'ut 4/3 Kathy Pimentel 4/4 Karen de Sterke 4/7
Diane Mathews 4/11 David Nadelman 4/13 Terry Laughlin 4/15
Craig Zickenberg 4/19 Dave Gatt 4/24 Lisa Williams 4/25
Kim Sloat 4/26



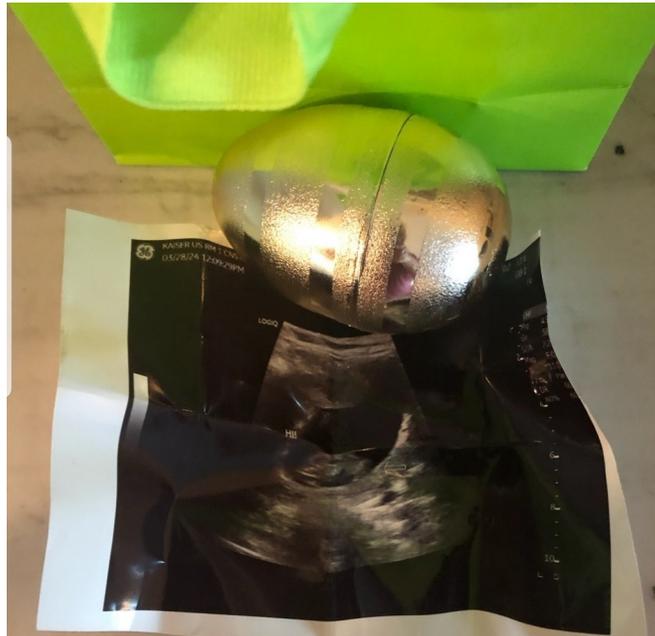
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Rick Craig 5/20



Joanne Onstad 6/1 Nancy Watrous 6/2 Ron Mize 6/4
Elaine Brett 6/5 Bill Montgomery 6/5 Kathy Zickenberg 6/7
Karen Murphy 6/13 Sandy Ramos 6/17 Gary Warren 6/20

Rick & Lisa Williams' Easter Surprise! Their daughter Renee is expecting her 1st child!

The Best Golden Egg Ever!



Hi Everyone!

Publications- Laura Hardt

Thank you for sending me pictures. I really appreciate it and love the pictures you provide.

A Big Congratulations to Rick and Lisa Williams. What an awesome surprise they had opening up the golden Easter Egg! Grandbabies are such a blessing!

The weather is getting better so let's get ready to have a lot of fun!

15 Hope to see you soon!





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