



NCV Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Scott White called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at El Camino Country Club. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Bill Hatch, who turned 94.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: The motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2026 was made by Carm Finocchiaro

Motion Second: provided by John Trzcinka

Motion: Carried by unanimous voting by the membership present.

3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS: There were no additional visitors present.

4. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The club currently has sixty-three (63) active members, and thirty-eight (38) were present at the meeting. Scott McClellan has created a new membership roster based on the yearly membership renewals and will be distributing the roster in the next week or two. The list will include active and honorary members.

5. TREASURER REPORT:

Submitted by Dave Tracy. As of February 5th, deposits were made from the following revenue: club meeting raffle donations and dues. Expenses included: Christmas Party and the website fee. The treasury balance remains positive.

6. NEW BUSINESS: Birthdays: President Scott White announced February birthdays, including Shirley Kingery (Feb 13), Rich LaFarge (Feb 14), Yvonne Finocchiaro (Feb 14), and Connie Cook (Feb 19). All present received a round of applause.

Please pay your 2026 Club dues

President Scott White announced progress on the following 2026 Club Initiatives:

- a. Scott met with the new General Manager of Premier Chevrolet, Mr. Ty Oberling, to discuss several matters. The first order of business was to work with the new GM to attempt to develop a win-win situation between the club and Premier. To that end, Scott re-negotiated the 15% service discount to all club members when they got their Corvette serviced at Premier. Club members only need to tell the Service rep that they are a member of North Coast Vettes to get the discount.
- b. The second initiative was the presentation of our NCV flyer to Ty that would be given to new Corvette buyers at Premier. Ty who loved it and immediately went into the showroom to add the flyer to the new Corvette ownership packages. Scott left thirty copies with Ty.
- c. To provide Premier with a win, Scott and Ty discussed the Premier dealership mark-up on new Corvettes and the fact that 5 club members have purchased new Corvettes in the past year- none of which came from Premier. Ty informed Scott that since Premier only sells about 10 Corvettes per year, the markup must be higher than they would like.

7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

- a. EVERY Thursday morning at 9AM, NCV members gather for breakfast at the Coyote Café, 1510 North Santa Fe, Vista (corner of Bobier and Santa Fe); no RSVP required.
- b. Review of **January** Events: Royann provided the recap of the major January events. A very well written detailed summary of each of the activities was provided in the newsletter.
 - a. Jan 14: Happy Hour at Jalisco Cantina, 2961 State St., Carlsbad, @ 4:00pm.
 - b. Jan 21 – 25 Barrett-Jackson Auction run to Scottsdale, AZ.
 - i. Jan 22 - Barrett-Jackson Auction
 - ii. Jan 23 - Musical Instrument Museum (MIM),
 - iii. Jan 24 - Penske Museum, tour at private auction house, PopStroke golf.
- c. Planned **February** Events: (unless otherwise noted, contact Royann for further details on all activities)

- a. Feb 8: NCV Annual Super Bowl Party at the White House (Scott and Donna), 3541 Corte Dulce, Carlsbad. The event starts at 2:45pm.
- b. Feb 15: Après Valentines Day Wine Run. Everyone will meet at 10:30 at JB's parking lot in the North County Mall (I-15 and Via Rancho Parkway). The plan is to visit three wineries and have lunch at Cordiano's (Lesly Adams)
- c. Feb 19 – 21: McCormick Collector Car Auction in Palm Springs. (Royann)
 - i. Feb 19 – Meet at 9AM for a 9:15 departure. Palm Springs Air Museum and dinner with the Palm Springs Corvette Club at the LaQuinta Brewery.
 - ii. Feb 20 – Viewing McCormick's classic car offerings, and dinner at Big Rock Pub and Grill that has live music and memorabilia.
(RSVP to Royann)
- d. Planning **March** Events:
 - a. Mar 15: Motors4Music Car Show Fundraiser. Check-in 7am, Show 9-1pm, San Marcos High School. Register online or by mail. Cost \$35.00. Event supports San Marcos High School Music Program. (Lead: Mark Trapollino)
 - b. Mar 19: San Diego Clippers vs. Valley Suns Basketball game. Note: The SD Clippers are the NBA farm team for the LA Clippers. The event is at the Frontwave Stadium, 3475 Hero Dr., Oceanside. Mark Trapollino is leading this event and needs a head count of those who are interested. Special parking will be provided. Mark noted that the venue is also hosting an Education Night at the same time and they would like it if some club members stood by their cars to answer any questions. Twelve cars have already signed up. Contact Mark Trapollino for further details.
- e. Planning **April** Events:
 - a. 16 – 18 Apr: The Gambler's Classic road trip to Laughlin, NV. has already sold out.
- f. Long Range Event radar: **October:** Bob Ekstrom has already been contacted by Camp Pendleton requesting the club support the 1st Marine Divisions Halloween Trunk or Treat event on 15 Oct from 5 – 7pm.
- g. Finally, Mark Trapollino has graciously volunteered to be the club's Car Show lead. Thanks Mark.

8. NEWSLETTER:

Yvonne Finocchiaro thanked all who provided photos and inputs for the January newsletter. The photos from the Scottsdale trip were unavailable at the time the newsletter was published, but Yvonne promised to send them out as soon as she got them. She has already sent them out as separate emails.

9. SOCIAL: We received updated news regarding Sandy Peterson's battle with cancer. The club sends their best wishes to Sandy and Glenn.

10. TECH TALK:

- a. Scott W. informed the club on his efforts to purchase a new E-Ray. He was informed, and he confirmed, that GM will not be building anymore 2026 E-Rays past the end of May 2026, which is only about six months into the model year. He also announced that GM may not be making E-Rays in 2027, and maybe beyond. He has heard that the E-Ray production may shift to ZR-1x's instead. Stay tuned.
- b. Don Kingery mentioned that the recommended oil change for a C8 is at least every 12 months per the factory warrantee.
- c. Nordy Stiers noted that if you have a C8 convertible, you should also keep tabs on the hydraulic fluid for the top. That needs to be replaced every 4-5 years. You can purchase the Delco brand fluid or use the hydraulic fluid from MB (via Amazon) for half the price.
- d. Carm Finocchiaro spoke about his C4 a/c issues regarding the R-12 refrigerant and its availability. He was quoted with a price tag of \$2700.00 to convert the system from R-12 to R-104, to replace many of the a/c system components including the compressor. When Carm checked his system under pressure, he found that he had no leaks, and he did find some R-12 fluid (~\$200.00 for 30 oz). Dave Tracy mentioned that he had two R-12 tanks if you need any, Dave being a Dentist means he can source the R-12 commercially.

11. DISCUSSION: Nothing to report.

12. ADJOURN:

President Scott White thanked all members present, asked for any more inputs, and asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

Motion Second:

Motion: Carried by unanimous voting by the membership present.

NEXT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING:

March 5, 2025, El Camino Country Club, 3202 Vista Way, Vista.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ekstrom

Secretary