



NCV Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER:

President Carm Finocchiaro called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at El Camino Country Club. The meeting opened with Dan Omniewski leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the Minutes of October 2, 2025. CThomas/Omniewski/Carried

3. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS:

Scott McClellan welcomed 37 members to the meeting; currently the roster is 71 members as the club added four new members last month. The good news: dues will remain the same next year, payable in January at \$72 per couple. Make checks payable to North Coast Vettes and mail to Scott McClellan.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Submitted by Dave Tracy also known as the "Digger of Decayed Stumps (DDS): as of November 6, deposits were made from the following revenue: club meeting raffle and dues. There were no expenses. The treasury balance remains positive.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. President Carm honored the November birthdays, including: Carol Elsassers on Nov 19, Jean Perkins on Nov 16, Cynthia Tracy on Nov 22 and Kay Wolfe on Nov 8. Happy Birthday to each.
- b. He also announced the 2026 Board of Directors, as defined at the October meeting when there were no second nominations for any office. He congratulated those nominated and affirmed:

President:	Scott White
Vice President:	Dan Omniewski
Secretary:	Bob Ekstrom
Treasurer:	Dave Tracy
Activities Director:	Royann McClellan
Membership Director:	Scott McClellan
Newsletter Editor:	Yvonne Finocchiaro

c. Yvonne Finocchiaro rose to ask the membership if the Carlsbad Hi-Noon Rotary Club could use the military flags of the club at the CHNR meeting of November 10, 2025 in honor of Veteran's Day and the USMC 250th Birthday. Carm Finocchiaro reviewed how the flags were purchased by club members in honor of their loved ones. The records reflect:

- Army flag was purchased by Lisa Lerandeau and her brother in honor of their father.
- The Marine Corps flag was purchased by Nancy and Cary Thomas in honor of his father.
- The Navy flag was purchased by Yvonne and Carm Finocchiaro in honor of her father.
- The Air Force flag was purchased by Larry Harker.
- The Space Force flag was purchased by an anonymous donor.
- The Coast Guard flag was purchased by Royann and Scott McClellan.
- The club purchased the American flag.

Each flag has a stand. The flags and stands are currently stored at the Finocchiaro home.

The membership agreed by acclamation to the use of the flags for the November 10 Rotary event.

d. Bob Ekstrom revisited the Board terms proposal he discussed at the October 2 meeting, and the description he distributed to the membership via email prior to the meeting. (The written description is attached here by way of reference.) Discussion ensued. **Bob Ekstrom made a motion to advance the proposal to the Board of Directors for final determination. Ekstrom/Omniewski/Not Carried**

Carm Finocchiaro, Dan Omniewski and John Trzcinka thanked Bob Ekstrom for his efforts.

6. 50/50 DRAWING: Dan Omniewski described the club's holiday party last year which cost \$50 per person. Knowing all costs have gone UP this year he remarked that donations to the holiday party have changed the cost this year: cost per person this year is \$32, reduced from last year. As he was readying the drawing tickets, Dan reminded everyone that these are individual drawing winners and each person may do what he/she wants with the winning proceeds. Donations will be put toward the holiday party next year. Patty Eddy won the \$40 drawing.

7. CLUB ACTIVITIES:

President Carm reported that last Thursday's *Breakfast in Vista* had 13 members attend. He also invited all to submit ideas for activities to Royann and Dianne as the new Activities team. Carm put forth a couple of ideas to kick-start the creative thinking:

- a. The Barrett-Jackson auction in Scottsdale, January 21 -24.
- b. Route 66 will celebrate its Centennial year in 2026, what might that look like?

Scott White asked for additional volunteers for Royann McClellan and Dianne Grosenbach as they put together the 2026 activities roster. White described the Lake San Marcos Car Show at The Chateau for 15 cars. The Trunk or Treats in two separate locations on board Camp Pendleton were very much appreciated and are already "on the radar" for next year for the 1st Maintenance Battalion. Dan O said, "It was incredible to see all the families of the Marines; it was a privilege to be there." "If you haven't done it, put it on your calendar." "Keep up the good work, Bob, for all the organizational work to put it in place."

Activities Coming Up:

November 19 is Bowling with the Thomases at the Lucky Strike Bowl in San Marcos. Get there by 3:45 pm to get your shoes, so that bowling may start at 4pm. **RSVP to Nancy Thomas.**

December 6 is the Vista Christmas Parade a very festive opportunity to enjoy. Please **RSVP to Scott White by November 10** as he has to finalize arrangements. Lunch will take place at Prohibition in Vista post-parade.

December 13, El Camino Country Club, 10am to 2pm is the NCV Christmas party. RSVP to Scott White; cost is \$32 per member by check payable to Scott White. Luncheon will include prime rib, mimosa and all the trimmings. Bring a \$25, wrapped, gift for each person participating in the gift exchange.

December 17, Lake San Marcos, 5 – 6pm to join the **pontoon boat to view the LSM lights** from the water. Bring your own drinks and appetizers (finger foods). It is open air and on the water, so dress appropriately. Afterward the group will proceed to Brinkman's. The large pontoon boat holds 20; the small boat can be added for 16. Cost is \$25 per member payable to North Coast Vettes and sent to Royann McClellan (note: call first as the list is filling up fast).

8. NEWSLETTER:

Yvonne Finocchiaro thanked all who helped her put together the November newsletter with all the pictures of the Trunk or Treat.

9. SOCIAL:

Royann McClellan had no report . . . good news.

10.TECH REPORT:

Doug Johnson opened a large box to produce a cracked rim from his 2017 Z06. A weakness in the rims of this model requires a replacement. His rim cost \$350 and it weighs six pounds more than the original. If you drive a 2017 Z06, check your rims.

Rob Hogue tried to purchase a tire sensor online but it didn't work. He suggests buying the tire sensor from your tire vendor.

Carm Finocchiaro discussed their 2019 Audi A3 that needed a new battery. What they don't tell you is that it has to be an Audi battery as any other battery won't allow a variety of car functions to work properly.

11. 50-50:

Mark Trapolino won the second \$40 raffle drawing. Additionally, Dan O had a donated Corvette flag to share—won by Doug Johnson—and another beautiful pen won by Scott White. He sincerely thanked those who donate such wonderful items to share.

12.DISCUSSION:

Bill Hatch rose to tell the story of his 17-year-old self hosting a poker party while his parents were away. All the guys were smoking "those little cigars." When the party moved to the garage to play pool, one industrious player pitched all the cigar butts into the trash . . . boom. And then there was a fire burning a wall of the house . . . explain THAT to your folks.

Cary Thomas rose to tell the tale of Nancy culling some of the "historical treasurers" of their home . . .only Cary found a 1997 North Coast Vettes newsletter. Get this: 37 years ago the NCV dues were \$70 per couple . . .and now they are \$72 a couple . . . not much inflation there, huh? Dave Tracy was the treasurer then too. Cary and Nancy went to a NCV meeting in 1997 only to hear the membership arguing about the board; they didn't go back until they joined North Coast Vettes. Cary gave the old newsletter to Yvonne to see if anything would be fun to include in the current newsletters.

13. President Finocchiaro adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm.

NEXT MEETING IS THE HOLIDAY PARTY:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025, El Camino Country Club, \$32 PER MEMBER

10AM TO 2PM . . . BRING A \$25 WRAPPED GIFT IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Finocchiaro, Secretary