



January
2026

JANUARY 2026 - EVENT CALENDAR

EVERY Thursday morning at 9am, North Coast Vettes members gather at the Coyote Café, 1510 North Santa Fe, Vista (corner of Bobier and Santa Fe); no rsvp required.

- Jan 8: North Coast Vettes monthly meeting, El Camino Country Club
5:30 pm no-host dinner; 6:30 pm meeting.
- Jan 14: Happy Hour at Jalisco Cantina, 2961 State Street, Carlsbad, 4pm.
- Jan 21 – 25: Barrett-Jackson Auction Run to Scottsdale. Auction, MIM, Penske Museum, PopStroke golf. Refer Royann McClellan for further details.
- Feb 5: North Coast Vettes monthly meeting, El Camino Country Club
5:30 pm no-host dinner; 6:30 pm meeting.
- Feb 8: North Coast Vettes Super Bowl Party, at the home of Scott and Donna White.
- Feb __: North Coast Vettes Happy Hour, Lesly Adams, location TBD.
- Feb 19 – 21: McCormick Auction in Palm Springs; car parade, auction, ariel tramway. Refer Royann McClellan for further details.

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Maria Duncan
Bill Hatch
Gloria Tecca
Patty Williams

Jan 8
Jan 18
Jan 26
Jan 7

Connie Cook
Yvonne Finocchiaro
Shirley Kingery
Rich LaFarge
Steve Schechner

Feb 19
Feb 14
Feb 13
Feb 14
Feb 27



CHRISTMAS PARADE IN VISTA



Wendy Nash, Gary Pebley



Wendy Nash, Donna White and Susan Johnson



Doug Johnson, Walt Perkins, Bob Eksrom, Gary Pebley and Scott White



Scott and Donna White



Bob Ekstrom and Friend



Doug and Susan Johnson



Walt Perkins

C8 E-RAY VS PORSCHE E...

The C8 Corvette E-Ray is a major leap forward for America's Sports Car, boasting both hybrid power and all-wheel-drive grip, both of which were unheard of among production variants of the Vette prior to the E Ray's launch for the 2024 model year. Naturally, the E-Ray has plenty of performance on tap, but how that performance stacks up in the real world against its European rivals is still up for debate. Now, we're finding some answers thanks to the following racing comparison video. Once again coming to us from the folks at Edmunds, the latest U-Drags video pits the 2025 Corvette E-Ray against the 2025 Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS Hybrid. For readers who may be unaware, the U-Drags format combines a traditional quarter mile drag race with heavy braking, a 180-degree turnaround, and a sprint back to the starting line, creating a dramatic test of acceleration, traction, and handling, all in a single run. Looking over the specs, it should be a relatively close matchup. The Corvette E-Ray makes

655 horsepower and 595 pound-feet of torque, running on a set of Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires. Highlights include the ZER package with MagneRide suspension. Meanwhile, the Porsche 911 Carrera 4 GTS Hybrid produces 532 horsepower and 449 pound-feet of torque, and runs on Goodyear Eagle F1 SuperSport R tires. Motivation in the Porsche is provided by a turbocharged flat-six engine with two electric motors, plus all-wheel drive. After the first race, drivers and lanes are swapped to keep the results consistent. Placed side by side, these two tech-heavy performance machines should put on quite the show. Of course, it should also be mentioned that the Vette is significantly cheaper, starting at \$108,600, versus \$164,900 for the Porsche. But how will that price difference play out in a race? The first race was close but the Porsche E took the Corvette E-Ray by a 3/4 car length! Then they switched cars and did it again and again the Porsche won by a 1/2 a car length.

NEW GM CHIEF PRODUCT OFFICER

General Motors has placed its technological future in the hands of a Silicon Valley veteran who now views the century-old automaker as a blank slate for innovation. In just six months, Executive Vice President and Chief Product Officer Sterling Anderson has consolidated unprecedented authority over GM's vehicles, software, and autonomous strategy. Anderson, who left the self-driving company Aurora Innovation that he co-founded to join GM in June, now oversees the end-to end product lifecycle. This makes him the most influential product executive at the company in over fifteen years, second only to President Mark Reuss. His appointment signals a fundamental refocus on software-defined vehicles and a more integrated, safety-first path to autonomy. His strategy has rapidly reshaped GM's leadership map. . . . This consolidation embodies Anderson's core philosophy. "My priority is to accelerate the pace of innovation," he stated. "One of the ways we do that is with this disaggregation of, or this abstraction of, software from hardware." He argues that software and product must be considered one and the same. His vision is for a "personal autonomous vehicle," with CEO Mary Barra reconfirming plans to achieve autonomous highway driving by 2028. "I view [GM] as a canvas," Anderson said. "This is an extraordinary opportunity for innovation, and I'd be remiss not to see what I can do for it.

NCV CHRISTMAS PARTY

The El Camino Country Club was once again the location for the fabulous North Coast Vettes Christmas Party, thanks to **Scott and Donna White**. **Jan Weber** and **Donna White** introduced new games to the gang and laughter was everywhere. Can YOU draw a snowman on a paper plate that sits on top of YOUR head?



Scott and Donna White



Doug and Susan Johnson



Sharon and Rich LaFarge



Nancy and Cary Thomas



Lesly Adams



Dianne Grosenbach and Dan Omniewski



Don and Shirley Kingery



Linda and Norman Pick



Rick and Jan Weber



Mary Hantke and Marty Kuper



Bill and Marilyn Hatch



Kathy Morey and John Trzcinka



Royann and Scott McClellan



Don and Kay Wolfe



"Norty" Stier



Gary Pebley and Wendy Nash



Mark Trapolino and Lisa Lerandeau



David and Marie Schilke



Walter and Jean Perkins



Larry Harker



Carm and Yvonne Finocchiaro

LAKE SAN MARCOS BOAT TOUR AND DINNER

Dressed for cold weather, 36 NCV members gathered for the pontoon boat tour of Lake San Marcos on December 17. Organized by **Dianne Grosenbach and Dan Omniewski**, with extra nibbles by **Royann McClellan**, the boats were decorated and comfortable. The tour was around the lake to enjoy the lakeside homes decorated for the holidays with lights and displays visible only from the water. A very festive environment for NCV members to get into the holiday spirit . . . followed by dinner at a **VERY** decorated Brinkman's Restaurant, also in Lake San Marcos. Thanks to Dianne and Dan for a most-enjoyable evening.





Dan and Dianne



Scott M, Jan and Rick



Mike M, Patty and Mike Eddy



Carm



Gary and Wendy



Mary and Marty



Lisa and Mark



Shirley and Don



Royann with her nibbles



Meg and Mike Merkt



Larry Harker and Ruth Kurisu



Dave and Marie Schilke and Meg Merkt



... and then it was on to dinner at Brinkman's . . .



Don and Kay Wolfe



John Trzcinka and Kathy Morey



Patty and Mike Eddy



Yvonne and Carm Finocchiaro



Marty Kuper and Mary Hantke



Doug and Susan Johnson





Ruth Kurisu, Royann and Scott McClellan



Mark Trapolino and Lisa Lerandeau



Janice Diener



Bill and Marilyn Hatch

RON FELLOWS SETS LAP RECORD WITH C8 ZR1...

Ron Fellows has set a new production-car lap record at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (CTMP), posting a blistering 1:18.22 behind the wheel of the twin turbocharged C8 Corvette ZR1. Video of the hot lap was posted online, showing the veteran racer wringing out every tenth around CTMP's challenging elevation changes and technical corners. Fellows is one of North America's most accomplished sports-car drivers and has deep ties to the Corvette brand through his decades-long involvement with Corvette Racing. Among his career highlights are victories at Sebring, Daytona, and Le Mans, making him an ideal candidate to demonstrate the capabilities of the new C8 Corvette ZR1. As for the track, Canadian Tire Motorsport Park isn't short on challenges. Its 2.46-mile, 10-turn Grand Prix layout features sweeping high-speed corners, major elevation changes, and long-duration full-throttle sections that test a car's aerodynamics, power delivery, and chassis stability. Not that the ZR1 isn't up to a challenge. At the heart of the beast is the twin turbocharged 5.5L V8 LT7, a boosted evolution of the Z06's 5.5L flat-plane crank LT6. Output is rated at 1,064 horsepower and 828, all of which is routed *rearwards* through an eight-speed dual-clutch transmission. Chevrolet has also equipped the ZR1 with an extensive aerodynamic package for high downforce that should provide plenty of stability through CTMP's long, high-G corners. Complementing all that is a set of carbon ceramic brakes, track-focused Michelin tires, upgraded suspension hardware, and other go-fast goodies.

FROM THE NCV NEWSLETTER OF AUGUST 1998

"We like to think that the (NCV) members are 'family.' While we enjoy many varied events such as caravans to interesting destinations; participation in parades, car shows, inter-club poker runs, and different events; brunches, parties, making new friends, car racing, etc. we always keep in mind that we join the club to enjoy it." (Newsletter found by **Cary Thomas** . . . and shared with this editor.)

Special thanks to all who helped with photos and articles for this newsletter.



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