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June 2025

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#### JUNE 2025 - 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.

Last Friday of the month, Noon, Monserate Winery, Fallbrook; no host luncheon.

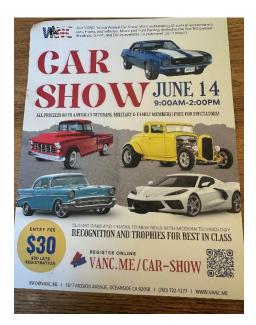
- June 3: NCV Monthly Meeting, El Camino Country Club, Oceanside, 5:30pm No-host dinner; 6:30pm meeting.
- June 11: NCV Happy Hour, 4pm, Brickman's Restaurant and Bar, 1025 La Bonita, Lake San Marcos; rsvp **Dan Omniewski** and **Dianne Grosenbach**
- June 14: Veterans' Association of North County (VANC) Car Show, Oceanside, refer **Carm Finocchiaro**
- June 28: 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Oceanside; rsvp **Scott White** to participate.



John Berumen	June 13
Bob Ekstrom	June 17
Marilyn Hatch	June 5
Lisa Lerandeau	June 21
Randy Mills	June 11
Sandy Peterson	June 10
Joel Thrasher	June 23
Mark Trapolino	June 19
Donna White	June 19
John Elder	July 4
Carm Finocchiaro	July 4
Mary Hantke	July 19
Mike Merkt	July 22
Dianne Grosenbach	July 17
Linda Schechner	July 24



### VETERANS' ASSOCIATION OF NORTH COUNTY – CAR SHOW



Veterans Association of North County (VANC) Car Show on June 14—all those proceeds go to assist veterans. See attachment for full registration details or **Carm Finocchiaro**.

## SPEAKING OF VETERANS . . . .



From **Carm Finocchiaro**: "On Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> I received a call from Terry Baisley from Treasure Valley Corvettes in Boise, Idaho. He told me that his Dad, Ronald Baisley, just turned 94 and when he (Terry) and his wife were down visiting his Dad last month for his birthday his Dad kept saying that he starts each day wishing he could drive his Corvette.

"Ron Baisley is in hospice at Bayshire Carlsbad. Ronald Baisley is a Korean War Veteran and the

license plate on his 2019 Corvette ZR-1, which he ordered for his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, is KORVTRN... he soooo misses going for a ride, and anything to do with Corvettes just puts a huge spark in his smile. Mr. Baisley can't drive anymore so his son Terry has the C7.



"Ron worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) for many years and has always been a car buff, having owned several Corvettes, Porches, Maserati and other highperformance cars. After

talking with Terry, he put me in contact with his brother, Brian, who lives in Carlsbad. I spoke with Brian, and we agreed that I should meet with him and his Dad to discuss a possible Vette Ride. I met with Ron and Brian at the Bayshire facility and it quickly became apparent that Ron just beamed with joy at the prospect of riding in a Vette again.



"Several members of NCV volunteered to go on the ride to make Ron smile. The ride started in the parking lot at The Shoppes at Carlsbad on Thursday, May 29, where we gave Ron, Terry and his wife Sheri, a long parking lot ride in three of the seven Corvette generations that were there.

"After the parking lot rides we had Ron ride in the Williams' C8 as all nine Vettes caravaned down the Coast Highway

through Carlsbad and then back on the freeway for a speedier ride back to The Shoppes.





"Prior to going on the Coast drive, I presented Ron with a beautiful Commemorative Plate donated by **J.D. Duncan** on behalf of North Coast Vettes. The day was a huge success since Ron was still beaming. When his son and I helped Ron get out of the Williams' C-8 after the ride, I asked him what he thought of the ride.

"His response was 'I feel alive again'. 😊 😊



"Thanks to each of you who helped NCV make a veteran in hospice care smile so much and so well: JD Duncan, Bob Ekstrom, Larry Harker, Doug Johnson, Walt Perkins, Glenn and Sandy Peterson, Dave Tracy, and Glenn and Patty Williams. My friend, Jerry Long, was the gent with the long lens taking so many photos."

# GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . MIKE AND PATTY EDDY



In a new feature for the NCV Newsletter, I asked our Happy Hour organizers to complete the "Getting to Know You" form (attached, for each of you, too). This will be a continuing feature of the newsletter as we engage with our membership.

Please send your completed questionnaires to Yvonne via email: <u>leadymf3@roadrunner.com</u> if you'd like to be included in the future.

And so we start . . . **Mike and Patty Eddy**: "Drive? **Mike and Patty Eddy** drive a 2023 Hypersonic Grey C8.

Live? Live in San Elijo Hills, San Marcos and have been in San Diego County for ten years.

Family? Four children and seven grandchildren.

We like to: Mike loves to ride motorcross, surf, golf and he enjoys most sports. Patty loves to cook, camp, dance and entertain. We both love to hang out with our family and grandkids.

Professional backgrounds: Mike owns a painting contractor business; he has been in business for 35 years and Patty runs the accounting and office management tasks.

Anything else? We attend Coastline Church in Carlsbad and we are actively involved with "Ninos de Fe" Orphanage Ministry in Tijuana, Mexico, as well as Casa de Amparo women's and children's ministry in San Marcos. We love to travel, but due to work we have not traveled as much as we would love and hope to some day. We praise and thank God for Mike's cancer treatments being done and for his last test results showing clear of disease and in remission."

# INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORTS ASSOCIATION (IMSA) RACING IN LAGUNA SECA

"**Don and Shirley Kingery** have been huge fans of Corvette racing for many years. When they befriended **Cary and Nan Thomas**, the 'fabulous foursome' have attended many of these races in person. Race venues have included: Long Beach, Monterey (Laguna Seca), Daytona, Sebring, Watkins Glen, Road America and (drum roll) the 24 Hours of Le Mans!

"This year we went to Laguna Seca together for the eighth time since 2016. We caravanned in Nan's and Don's C8 Stingrays for three days of Corvette worship. We visited with the drivers and a few Corvette legends (Tadge Juechter and Doug Feehan), toured the pits, drove Go Karts, and watched qualifying and the race. On Sunday morning (before the race) Don and Shirley drove the track with 75 other Corvettes. On Monday we reversed course and drove the 400+ miles back to Carlsbad with just one stop. Another great race weekend. So NCV was well represented again this year!" Cary Thomas



**Don and Shirley Kingery** with **Nancy and Cary Thomas** attended Laguna Seca for some Corvette racing in early May.





... and on another weekend ... but still at Laguna Seca







From Glenn Williams: "Susan & Doug Johnson with Patty & Glenn Williams racing their Corvettes on the track at Laguna Seca Raceway on Saturday, May 24, 2025 after a muchtoo-long ride of 7.5 hours from home *for the to Monterey* California."

Glenn and Patty Williams with Doug and Susan Johnson

**From Doug Johnson**: "On Friday May 23, **Glenn and Patty Williams** along with **Doug and Susan Johnson** traveled north to Monterey for a track day on Saturday. Doug and Susan's "old" Bay Area Corvette club, Santa Clara Corvettes, along with a club sponsor, *Speedsf*, were hosting the event at Laguna Seca. Both Glenn and Doug signed up for the "point by" run group, which is one step above novice, as neither one of us had ever driven the track. We had three sessions of twenty minutes and the last session was twenty-five minutes. It was also the first time either of us had our current Corvettes on any track. Both of us thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"Santa Clara Corvettes set up a parade lap during the lunch break, so we were able to take Patty and Susan out onto the track. While the speed was limited to 35 mph, both enjoyed us driving the "race" line, as one of the first lessons one get taught is to use the whole track to minimize the radius of the corners. Laguna Seca is 2.2 miles with 11 corners, so quick laps are all about going fast on the straight aways. Glenn had invited two guys from the Temecula Corvette club, so Scott and Herb also attended.

"Saturday night we walked out on the pier at Fisherman's Wharf, one of the barkers noticed my Corvette hat and told me that he would take care of us. It turned out that he is looking for a Corvette to take to Laguna Seca, so he came to talk to us during dinner several times about which Corvette makes the best track car. Glenn agreed to exchange email addresses and said he would help with the research for Bill's new car. Car guys, do look out for each other."

### TECH TALK

**Key Provision** was recommended for key fob replacement (760.290.4759).

Anyone interested in having additional club shirts with logos contact: **T-Shirt Factory, 2380 Camino Vida Roble, Suite F, Carlsbad, 92011; 760.814.2224.** They have the NCV logo on file. Bring in your shirt and they will embroider the logo for a nominal fee.

### JUST FOR FUN—FROM CARY

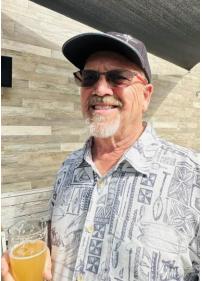
- 1. People talk about "getting outta Dodge" . . . what state is Dodge in?
- 2. In what county can the town of Dodge be found? (Answers below.)

# MAY HAPPY HOUR KARL STRAUSS, CARLSBAD

**Patty and Mike Eddy** organized the May Happy Hour at Karl Strauss Brewery in Carlsbad--a great turnout, there were laughs and stories all around. Thanks for your efforts, Mike and Patty.



Patty & Mike Eddy



Randy Mills



Carm & Yvonne Finocchiaro



Kristen Mills & Dianne Grosenbach



Lisa Lerandeau & Ruth Kurisu



Lisa Lerandeau & Mark Trapolino



Nan & Cary Thomas, John Elder



Nan Thomas & Marty Kuper



Doug & Susan Johnson



Patty Eddy & Marie Schilke



Harriett Cook, Scott & Royann McClellan



Scott & Donna White



Marie and Dave Schilke



John Trzcinka & Kathy Morey



Dianne Grosenbach and Dan Owniewski

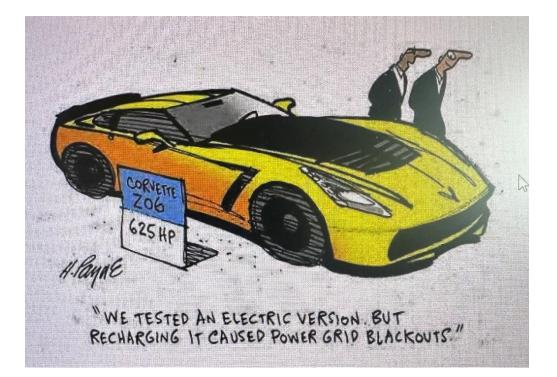


Susan Johnson with Linda and Norm Pick





# JUST FOR A LAUGH . . . OR TWO



Answers to **Cary**'s quiz: 1 = Kansas; 2 = Dodge is the county seat of Ford County, Kansas. Who knew that Dodge could be found in Ford?

Special thanks to all who helped with photos and articles for this newsletter: Cary Thomas, Glenn Wiliams, Doug and Susan Johnson and Carm Finocchiaro.



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