



October
2025



SEPTEMBER 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.

- Thurs, Oct 2: Monthly meeting of North Coast Vettes at the El Camino Country Club. 5:30 pm no host dinner; 6:30 pm meeting. (If Trunk or Treat: bring driver's license, registration, insurance; refer Bob Ekstrom.)
- Wed, Oct 8: 15 members going to Le Chateau in Lake San Marcos to show Corvettes, 10:45am to 2pm - gathering time and location tbd.
- Wed, Oct 22: Happy Hour, organized by Don and Shirley Kingery. 4pm Location tbd.
- Wed, Oct 15: Trunk or Treat aboard Camp Pendleton. 4 – 6pm. Gather at Aliso Creek Rest Area. Refer Bob Ekstrom.
- Oct 22: Trunk or Treat aboard Camp Pendleton. 5 – 7pm. Gather at Aliso Creek Rest Area. Only 5 – 7 cars available. Refer Bob Ekstrom.

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Eddy	Oct 24
Nancy Felhab	Oct 15
Scott McClellan	Oct 28
Dan Omniewski	Oct 3
Dave Tracy	Oct 30
Carol Elsasser	Nov 19
Jean Perkins	Nov 16
Cynthia Tracy	Nov 22
Kay Wolfe	Nov 8



GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . DON AND KAY WOLFE



“Don and Kay Wolfe, members of NCV since 1985, currently enjoy a 2016 Torch Red Stingray convertible. This is Don’s 7th Vette. He started with a 1954, then a 1966, 1970, 1980, 1987 and 2002. We often wish we had hung onto that ’66.

“They have lived in the same house in Carlsbad for 48 years, raising two children there. Their daughter Kelley lives with her family in Bozeman, Montana, and son Todd is nearby in LaCosta.

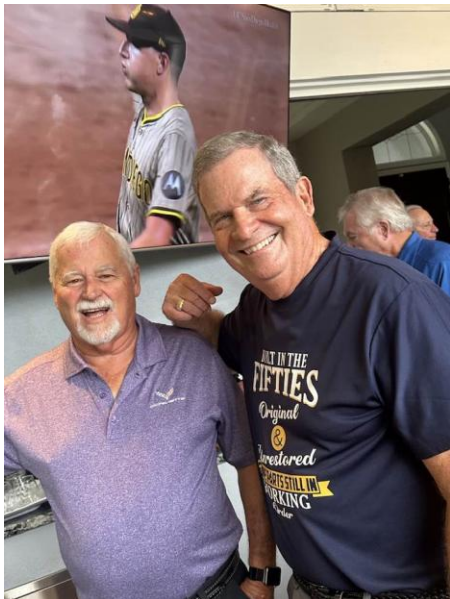
“For Don, his free time is mostly spent either golfing or doing woodturning. Kay loves to plan trips for them to take and also likes quilting, reading and gardening. For many years they had a motorhome and took trips all around the U.S. and Canada. A wonderful trip to Alaska took four months and 10,000 miles.

“In his working life, Don was a ceramic tile contractor. He also served in the Navy and Naval Reserve, retiring as a Navy Commander. Kay worked as an editor and advertising copywriter.

“As mentioned, this is our 40th year in North Coast Vettes. Don has served as president, activities chairman and treasurer. Kay has served as secretary and newsletter editor. They have both enjoyed the club over the years: great people and fun events. Thank you, North Coast Vettes!”

HAPPY HOUR FOR SEPTEMBER AT THE HOME OF SCOTT AND DONNA WHITE

The sky was cloudy and threatening, but the tenor of the Happy Hour at the home of Scott and Donna White was uplifting and cheerful. Scott bbq'd some Cardiff Crack for sliders, and everyone else brought a potluck dish . . . and we all ate what showed up . . . it was so delicious . . . a special THANK YOU to Scott and Donna for opening their lovely home to NCV, again. The sky sprinkled on us a little, but only enough to move the food table three times under the awning, but no one seemed to care one iota about the weather . . . the chatter was constant.



Scott McClellan and Scott White



Donna White and Kay Wolfe



Larry Harker



Scott and Royann McClellan



Susan Johnson and Mike Merkt



Jean Perkins, Rich LaFarge and Cary Thomas



Dave Tracy, Lisa Lerandeau and Patty Williams



Jan Weber, Shirley and Don Kingery



Patty Williams, Doug Johnson and Glenn Williams



It was musical chairs all day . . . talking, laughing, moving about . . . enjoying the festivities!



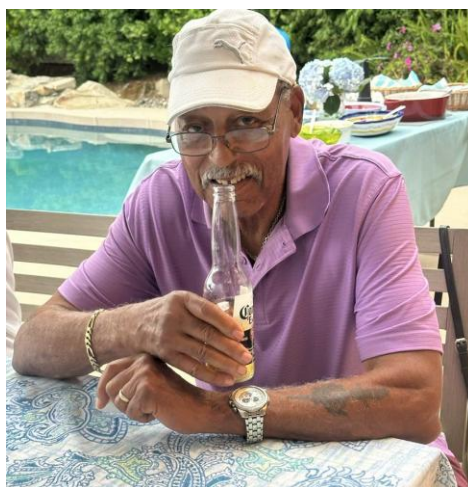
Marie Shilke, Kathy Morey, John Trzcinka



Rick Weber and Carm Finocchiaro



Dianne Grosenbach



Walt Perkins



Jan Weber and Nancy Thomas



Mark Trapolino, Lisa Lerandeau, Royann McClellan John Trzcinka, Dave Schilke



Dan Omniewski John Trzcinka and those trying to watch the Padres/Metts game too.



Walt and Jean Perkins

Yvonne's serving Jan Weber's cute and delicious cupcakes



Carm and Yvonne Finocchiaro



"Norty" Stier and Larry Harker



Mark Trapolino



Sandy and Glenn Peterson, Doug Johnson and Scott White



***Dave Tracy, Patty and Glenn Williams,
Lisa Lerandean***



Royann McClellan and Shirley Kingery

You Don't Have to Change Oil Every 3,000Mi...

Passed down from one generation to the next, the idea that the single best strategy for protecting the health of a vehicle's engine – regardless of its design, how it is driven, or what year might appear on the calendar – is to religiously swap out its oil every 3,000 miles is the one automotive maintenance myth that simply won't die.

This is despite the fact that if you were to crack open the owner's manual on almost any recent car or truck, you'd be hard pressed to find a recommendation to change engine oil earlier than 5,000 miles. In fact, intervals of as much as 7,500, 10,000, or even 15,000 miles are not unheard of, right from the manufacturer's mouth.

And yet, no matter how many pages are devoted to explaining the actual service intervals for a given vehicle, repair shops, dealerships, and quick lube joints are flooded with customers coming in well before the odometer has turned past the advertised number because it's 'cheap insurance.' As it turns out, that's the single biggest misconception about the impact of early oil changes – and one that needs to get flipped in order to stop the damage being done.

Why do we have to change oil at all? Oil is a lubricant that contains additives designed to protect your engine from the heat of daily operation, keep oil passages clean by way of detergents, and prevent any nasty metal-on-metal friction inside your motor. Over time, high engine temperatures cause the additives to wear out, reducing their effectiveness at cleaning, lubricating, and resisting breakdown from heat. On the bright side, while the marketing might of the quick-change shop – or indeed, any garage, and in some cases, even dealerships – may be vast, there are a few indications that people are starting to come around to the idea that the 3,000-mile interval is a thing of the past. (Mike Smith)

Stop Delivery of Z06 & ZR1!!!

2023-2026 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

w/LT6 engine 2025-2026

Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 w/LT7 engine STOP DELIVERY ORDERED!!! Effective immediately, stop the delivery of certain 2023 – 2026 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles equipped with a left-side radiator/fan combination in new or used vehicle inventory. General Motors has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about a Safety recall that involves these vehicles. GM recall number N252514930 refers to a stop delivery order for certain 2023-2026 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 and 2025-2026 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 vehicles equipped with a left-side radiator/ fan combination.

GM “UK” Futuristic Design!!!

General Motors recently unveiled a futuristic Corvette concept car, developed by their UK design studio, as part of a broader global project to reimagine the iconic sports car. This concept is one of several that GM plans to reveal throughout 2025 from different design studios. The UK concept, named Apex Vision, features a sleek, low-slung design with a focus on aerodynamics and electric vehicle technology, drawing inspiration from aviation and the classic 1963 Stingray. Here's a more detailed look:

- **Global Design Project:** GM is involving multiple design studios in this initiative, with the UK studio's concept being the first to be revealed.
- **Futuristic Design with Heritage:** The Apex Vision concept combines a modern, futuristic aesthetic with subtle nods to Corvette's past, like the split window design of the 1963 Stingray.
- **Electric Focus:** The concept is envisioned as an all-electric vehicle, with the lower portion of the car dedicated to housing battery technology and aerodynamic elements.
- **Structural Spine:** A central spine called the Apex Vision runs the length of the car, inspired by the 1963 Stingray's split window and providing a panoramic view for the driver.

Advanced Aerodynamics: The concept features active aerodynamic elements, such as dorsal fins and a deployable spoiler, that can adjust for optimal downforce and drag reduction. • No Direct Production Intent: GM has emphasized that these concepts are primarily for design exploration and do not have any immediate production plans. At what point does Corvette move beyond the average guy/gal driving one... on the street....

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . GLENN AND PATTY WILLIAMS



Drive:

Glenn – 2024 C8 Convertible, riptide blue w/red

Patty – 2001 C5 Convertible, red with black top

Live: Fallbrook for 4 years; Vista for 8 years

Family: Patty's son Chris (in NY) is 33 years old.
3 Shih Tzus, 1 tortoise, 1 bearded dragon

Like to: See live concerts; watch black and white movies

Professions: Glenn was an architect in NY, a municipal project mgr
Patty worked in the medical field

Other: Married for 15 years; LOVE California

TOMBSTONE RUN - September 22 to September 27 created by Carm Finocchiaro. See addendum for story and photos.

TECH TALK

Auto Detailing/Scratches: Adonis Detail, 2332 LaMirada Drive #400, Vista 92081; 619.535.9351; adonisdetail.com or Tim@adonisdetail.com reference North Coast Vettes as he contributed to past car show “goodie” bags.

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 A LAUGH . . . OR TWO



"I'm restoring a Corvette, but I'm not mechanically inclined. I heard I'll need some tools, so I probably need a wrench and a screwdriver."

Special thanks to all who helped with photos and articles for this newsletter:
Nancy Thomas, Kay Wolfe, Patty Williams, Mike Smith and Scott White.

P.S. – If you “like” the North Coast Vettes Facebook page you will be able to upload any of our posted pictures to your own computer. YF

To Remember: Consider yourself or others for nomination to the North Coast Vettes Board of Directors in October.



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