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Event Calendar

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| April 15 | Happy Hour |
| April 18 | Mystery Run |
| May 4 | May Monthly Meeting |
| June 1 | June Monthly Meeting |
| November 6 | Vettes for Veterans Car Show |

2021 NCV Board

President:	<i>Gary Pebley</i>	Member Services:	<i>Scott McClellan</i>
Vice President:	<i>Carm Finocchiaro</i>	Activities:	<i>Open</i>
Secretary:	<i>Scott White</i>	Newsletter:	<i>Glenn Peterson</i>
Treasurer:	<i>Dave Tracy</i>		

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April Birthdays

Rob Hogue	April 1
Frank Tecca	April 2
Lonnie Smith	April 14
Scott White	April 14
Gyna Chen	April 16
Norman Pick	April 19
Marty Kuper	April 24
Lesly Adams	April 26
Doug Johnson	April 30



Vettes for Veterans Car Show

This article was in the local newspaper several weeks ago.....

Corvette enthusiasts raise \$33,000 to help service members

The pandemic canceled the 2020 North Coast Corvette Club's annual November "**Vettes for Veterans**" all Corvette Car Show. But the club decided to pitch in and raise some funds without the car show. In total \$9,000 was raised by the club and those funds were then matched plus added dollars from the Bob and Renee Parsons Foundation and the Easterday Family Foundation. In total over \$33,000 was raised and was distributed to two charities, the Semper Fi/ Americas Fund of Camp Pendleton and the local Cal Diego chapter of Paralyzed Veterans of America. The Corvette Club has set a date of Nov. 6 for their 2021 all Corvette car show. Pictured is a participant in the "**Vettes for Veterans**" all Corvette Car show in 2019, which drew 240 cars. Visit northcoastvettes.org or call (858) 733-1017. The Club is sponsored by Premiere Chevrolet in Carlsbad.



VETTES for VETERANS



Saturday, November 6, 2021

An ALL-CORVETTE CAR SHOW hosted by North Coast Vettes to honor San Diego area veterans. Net proceeds go to Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter, and the Semper Fi America's Fund, San Diego.

WHEN: Saturday, November 6. Sorry, no rain date or refunds for COVID-19.

WHERE: The Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

TIME: REGISTRATION from 7 am to 9 am, CAR SHOW from 10 am to 3 pm.
If you want to park together, you must arrive together.

COST: Advance registration \$35, advance registration ends Saturday, October 23. Day-of-show registration is \$45.

CASH AWARDS: For Best-of-Show and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in all generations.

Goodie Bags to first 100 pre-registered cars. Raffle Prizes. No pop-up tents or canopies.



Club Sponsor



Host



Event Sponsor

Mail Payment/Donation to: North Coast Vettes, c/o John Boyd, 4153 Marcella Street, Oceanside, CA 92056

Name (please print) _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Club _____
E-mail _____ Year of Vette _____ Color _____

★ I'm unable to participate in this year's show, but please accept my donation of \$ _____ to support our veterans.

As a participant in "VETTES for VETERANS", the undersigned agrees to hold harmless North Coast Vettes, Premier Chevrolet of Carlsbad, and the Shoppes at Carlsbad from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims of any kind that may be suffered by/from any entrant to his person or property.

Signature _____ If a veteran check here _____ Date _____

For further information please contact JD Duncan, 858-733-1017, or go to northcoastvettes.org

Member News

By Lynn Becker & Shelton Davis

Thirteen months ago, Shelton and I were looking for a home in Prescott, AZ. After many viewings of homes, there didn't seem to be any homes available to our liking. So the last day with our realtor, he suggested that we look at a new development in the Granite Dells, homes by Mandalay which have won 11 National awards. We went to the sales office, looked at plans, prices, and lots. Really liked the area and the neighborhood. The salesperson mentioned that the corner lot was just made available and at zero premium. As she was telling us that, I saw 3 other couples coming into the sales office. I quickly asked her how do I sign up. She said you just have to make a deposit and we'll go from there. I made the deposit and realized I had just bought a new home. I wasn't going to let those 3 couples take my corner lot!!

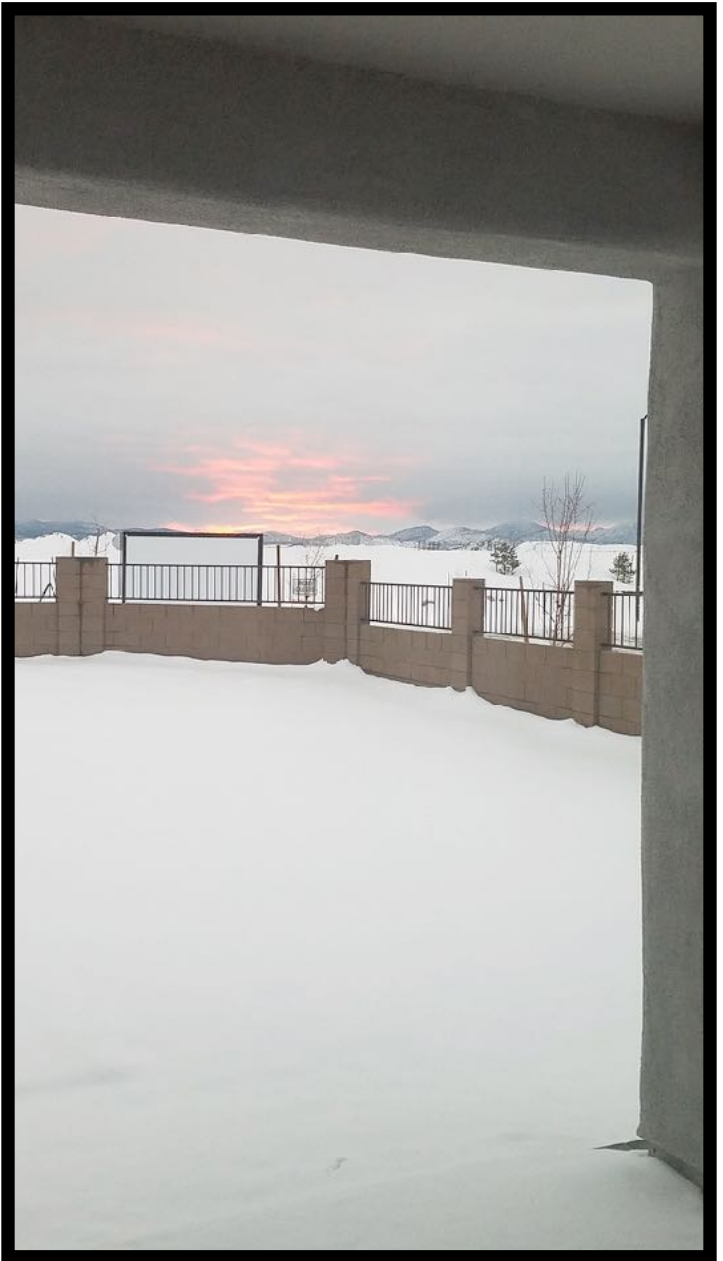
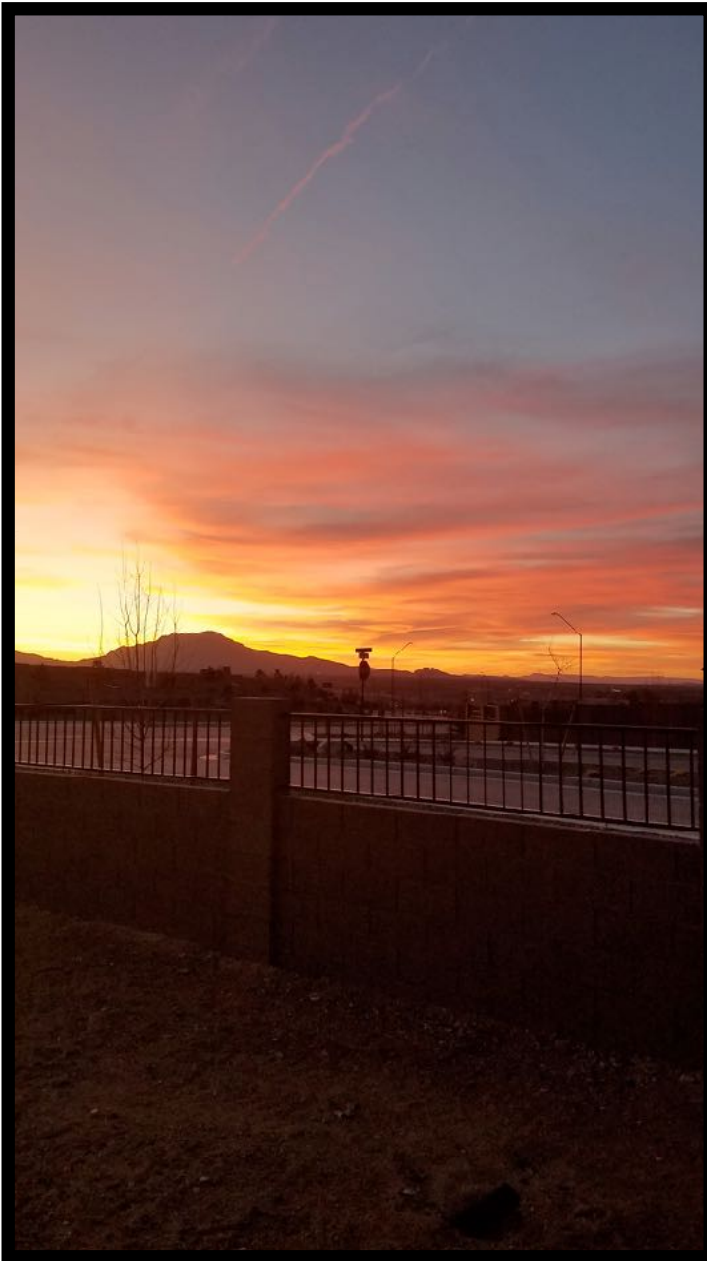
We stayed in Bullhead City, Az where we have a vacation home for 11 months until our home was finished.

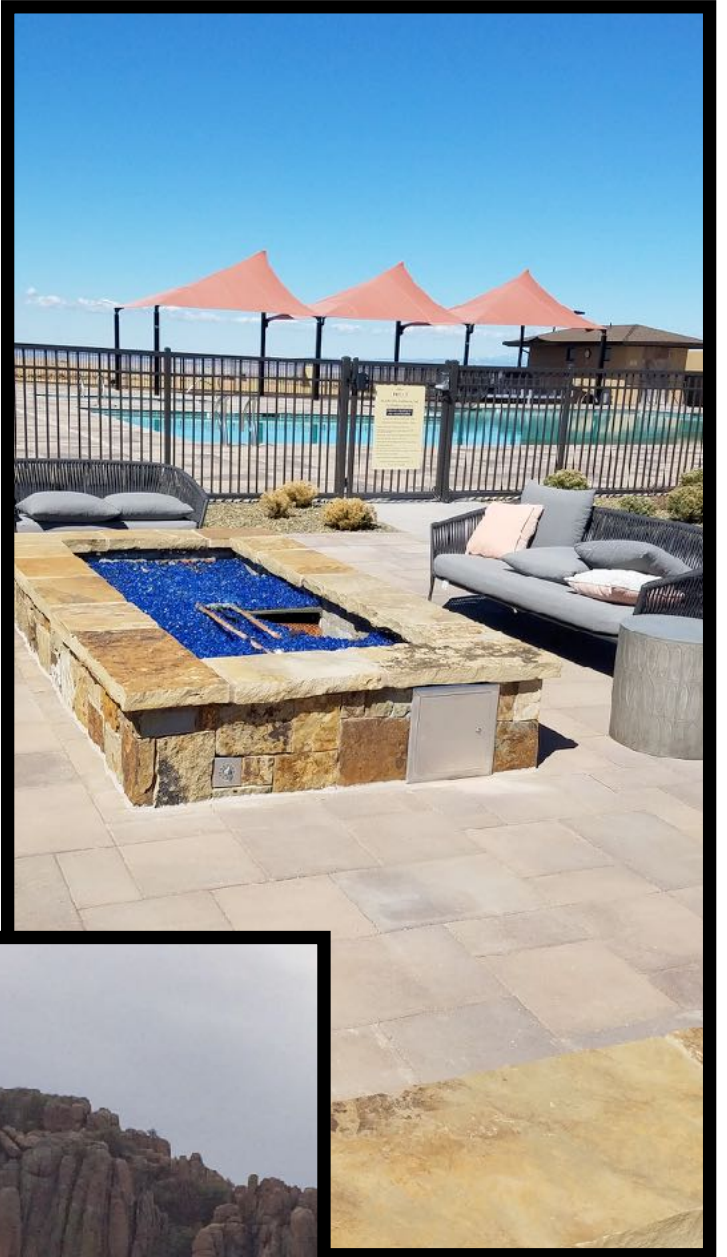
It wasn't until June that they laid the foundation. They told us it would take about 8 months to finish. The builder provided weekly updates and pictures on the preparation of the home until it was finished. We had several meetings in Prescott with the builder, design center and landscapers that required many trips from Bullhead City. It was only a 2 hour and 40 min drive which we didn't mind.

In late December, they told us that the walk-thru would take place January 6th and that Escrow would close January 12th. We made arrangements to meet up for the walk through. It only took 2 hours and everything looked fine to use. Next we were waiting for the final inspection and for Escrow to close. We were informed that January 12th was our closing date. We packed up what little things we needed from Bullhead City and moved into our new house. The movers were scheduled to move all of our things from U-haul on January 15th. Shelton was busy painting every room before they arrived. We were sleeping on a blow-up mattress. Had no curtains. Had no appliances. The thermostat wasn't calibrated, so we were freezing our butts off. Then got notice that movers would be delayed one more day. Not a good day!! Sunday they finally arrived with all our 7 pods that had been in storage since March 2020. It only took 3 ½ hours to unload. Movers were very careful not to scratch or damage any of our furniture. Great job. Now the fun begins. A week later the big storm hit, leaving 17 inches of snow. Yikes!!!! It was cold. The thermostat still wasn't working properly.

After several weeks of moving everything in and placing things in the appropriate rooms, putting up curtains, pictures, we could start to relax and enjoy our new home. We made note of small issues and they all got resolved. Working with Mandalay personnel has been so refreshing. You call on any issue, small or large and they responded very quickly. The next big task will be the backyard. Can't wait for summer here, because the weather will be very pleasant and the house should be complete. We have an awesome Clubhouse that looks over the mountain ranges. The Clubhouse has pickleball courts, an Olympic size pool and a good size gym. We are ready to meet our neighbors and join in on the Block Parties!! Can't wait to start finding hiking trails, kayaking on the many lakes here in Prescott, enjoying the downtown concerts, happy hours and all of the other activities they have during the summer. We have heard that they have a spectacular Christmas event starting Dec 1st. Love this area. But we still will be traveling to California many times a year to visit with the kids, so hopefully we can see you all during those times!!!!







Editor's Note:

Sandy & I visited with Lynn and Shelton when we were in Arizona in mid-March. They have a beautiful home with great views. Downtown Prescott is vibrant with many people roaming local businesses even though the temperature was in the low 30's. Their area is growing with a lot of new homes under construction. We did manage to get a photo of their finished home and they did arrange for it to snow while we were there.





Mystery Run

By Jean Perkins

March 12, 2021

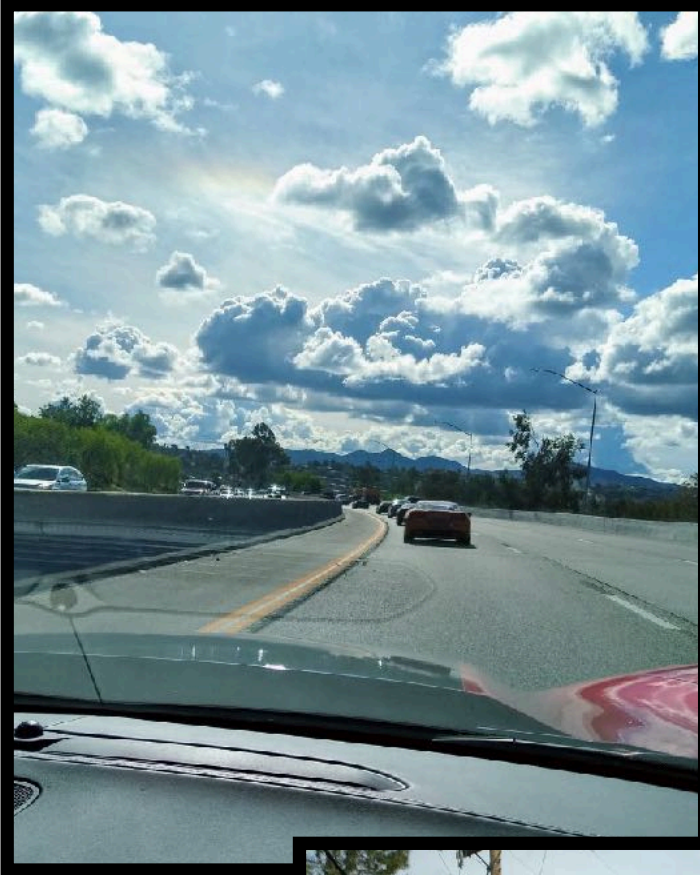
Everyone was prompt and we left on time of course with Gary at the lead and Scott McClellan at caboose. Gary mentioned something about wanting to tour the Flower Fields, adjacent to our meeting place but that the admission price was too costly at \$22 per person. Scott replied that was a costly amount, especially since he said his last time there it was FREE. So, off we went. We jumped on I-5 transitioning to highway 78 towards Escondido. Once there we took some side streets, an interesting diversion from being on the more familiar main thoroughfare. As we approached the Wild Animal Park and drove past San Pasqual, the surrounding terrain was lovely due to the recent rains. There was a blanket of lush green as far as the eye could see over and beyond the distant rolling hills. The clouds were immense and spectacular especially on the open roads where the expansiveness cloud coverage could be seen for many miles. It was beautifully ethereal. I felt a sense of joy at being out and about on this magnificently God planned earth. I became aware of the freshness of the air with the inhalation of each nourishing breath.

We navigated through the twists and turns leading to Ramona where we came to an intersection with a sign that pointed one way to Julian, and the other way to El Cajon. Since there is not much to see that I know of in El Cajon I had a moment of panic worrying that we were possibly headed to Julian. The news that morning reported that there was snow. I was wearing opened toed shoes. Walter and I had a brief discussion that in that case Gary should have warned us to wear warm clothing, but then again that might have been a dead give-away. We came to the conclusion that Wendy and Gary always put a run together that is well thought out to cover any potentialities. Gratefully we made the turn onto the road going in the El Cajon direction. We made a pit stop at a shopping area where - low-and-behold there was a SUV parked in the lot with very deep clumps of snow caked on its rooftop with a guy trying his best to clear it off. Whew, thank goodness we DID NOT go in that direction.

At some point we wound up on CA 52 E going towards Grossmont and La Mesa, we exited and entered an enclave that led us to Mt Helix, another area I had heard of but was not familiar with its actual location. It had a one-way street entering and a one-way street leaving. We meanderingly approached a small parking area at a park and lookout area, but we were unable to pull in due to very limited spaces so we proceeded on. The architectural diversity of the homes was interesting, in particular one home that was a huge circular structure. From the top of Mt Helix the views are 360 degrees, and Gary later mentioned that the view extends from El Cajon on the east all the way west to the ocean. Although I could distinctly see the ocean on the horizon, I thought my mind was playing tricks. I did a double and triple take trying to figure out what I was seeing. Naw, that can't be the ocean from this distance, but is it? Then Gary confirmed the fact. Walter asked Gary how much he thought the houses went for, Gary replied that Mt Helix is San Diego County's version of San Francisco's Nob Hill.

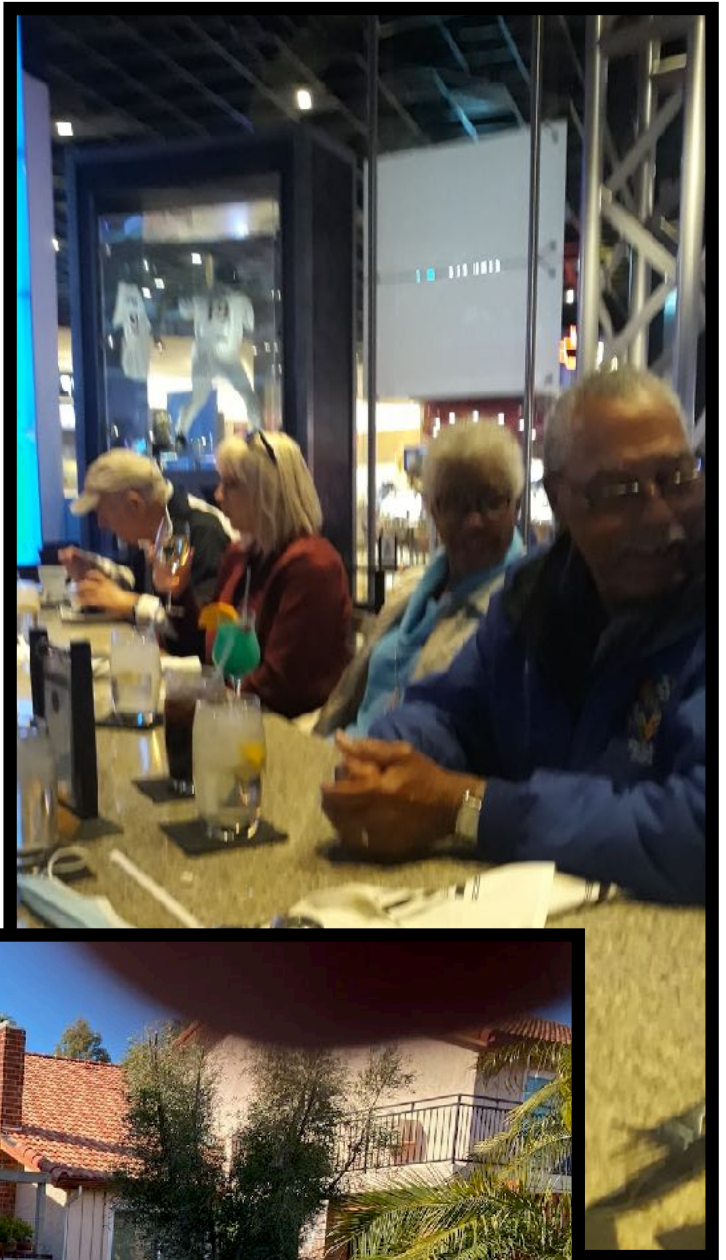
This may be out of sequence but somewhere along the way our caravan adventure took us to the Tierrasanta area to Ed and Anita Fredendall's house to wish them a happy 27th anniversary (how do Wendy and Gary know about this stuff?). Ed has been a member for many years and at one time owned two Corvettes. Although Ed has some health problems, he and Anita both looked great. Ed told me his doctors will not let him drive at this time (heart issues) but he gets pleasure out of keeping his '67 in spotless condition. They were very appreciative to see all of us with the cars. It clearly meant a lot to them.

We continued on and I spotted signs that said we were entering Spring Valley. Then on to Lakeside and then Jamul, both communities I'd never known exactly where they were actually located. It was good to physically experience these places for a better locational perspective. Walter and I knew that it was about time for lunch so we were trying to figure out where we would eat. Walter said maybe we are going to a casino. "Bingo!" We came upon the Jamul Casino and sure enough Gary pulled into the entrance. The casino, newly built, was lovely and impeccably clean. It had a good vibe with its friendly and attentive staff. It was the end of an awesome run exploring different places, and being blessed by the weather gods with clear skies and smooth sailing. Thank you Wendy for such creative adventures.









Miniature Golf





Happy Hour

Bluewater Grill





Brooking Vineyards

By Royann McClellan

In the heart of Vista, Brooking Vineyards sits on 6 acres of organically grown , primarily Tempranillo and Malbec grapes. The heart of the vineyard is Eric Brooking who won the 2014 Winemaker of the Year award at the San Diego County Fair.

Vicki and Earle Ford, Jean and Walter Perkins, Wendy Nash , Gary Pebley, and Royann McClellan enjoyed their March 24 guided tour with great commentary provided by Eric.

We learned that southern California once produced more exported wine than the rest of North and South America combined. Over 200,000 gallons of Angelica wine (which is a fortified port style) were annually exported. Prohibition and other factors destroyed this industry. From early childhood, Eric saw remnants of the industry. This curiosity became the foundation for his vineyards. We learned about the rebirth of the industry locally, grapes that grow best in our climate, the fog factor that helps grapes mature, the tricks of the trade to be aware of, and how a female owl has placed a pile of gopher skulls to keep the critters away.

We packed in our lunches and enjoyed tastes of Tempranillo, Malbec, Muscat Canelli, and two ports.

Reservations are required along with a \$20 per family fee. The vista is beautiful and the pours are plentiful . Thanks Wendy and Gary.







C9 Corvette Will Return To Front-Engine Layout

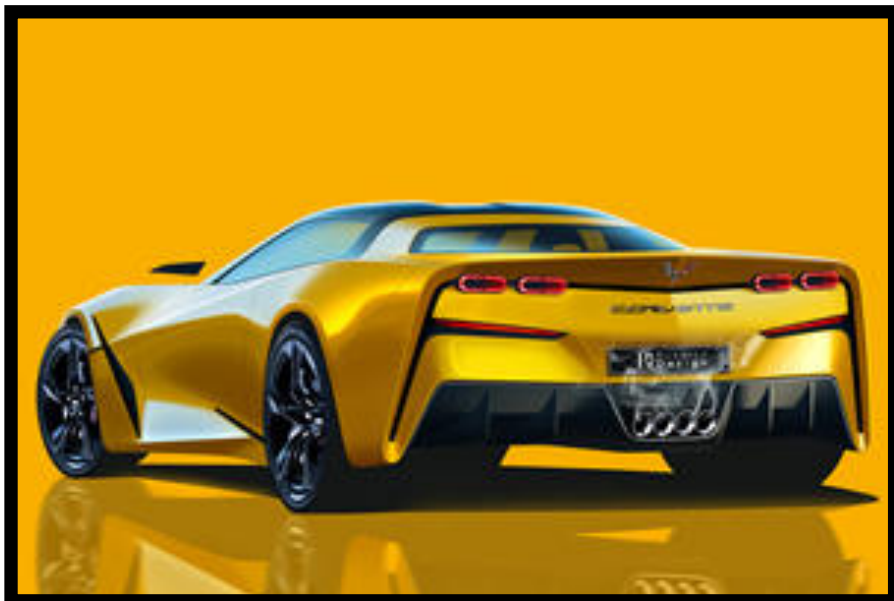
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After decades of being in existence, it took the most recent C8 version of the iconic [Chevrolet Corvette](#) for the original vision of a rear-engined layout to come to pass. While some have praised GM for dramatically improving the drama and exoticism of the Corvette, others have lamented how difficult it is to work on and modify in such a tight space. Coupled with [numerous quality issues](#), the most recent of which includes [cracked wheels](#), there have been questions about whether Chevrolet knows what it's doing. But surely, [the C9](#) will be better, right? Well, yes and no. It'll be better, but only because GM is returning to the layout it knows and putting the engine back in the front.

Before you start saying that the C8 is a great car, just remember that even the supposedly reliable and versatile LT2 engine can [fail after just 57 miles](#). The V8 in the Camaro doesn't have the same issue, and it's also worth remembering that having the engine in the front enabled the Corvette to become a [motorsport legend](#). In addition, with the need to eventually electrify the Corvette, space near the rear of the car becomes an issue, so you're gonna end up with some weight over the front wheels once again in any case. As a bonus, that means more space for turbos, a supercharger, or other upgrades you may want to fit.

Ultimately, the front-engined, V8-powered sports car is a staple of the American automotive landscape. New design boss at GM, Joe Massa-Puzj (we Googled him - he's got Italian and Serbian blood), says that this decision has freed him up in many ways: "The front-engined Corvette is an icon, and putting the motor back where it belongs allows us as designers to play around more. We don't have to integrate vents and ducts along the profile now, and that means a sleeker, faster-looking machine. We're also toying with the idea of bringing back the split rear window, but we can't confirm that it'll make production at this stage."

Interesting times indeed.



March Meeting Minutes

By Scott White
Secretary

Business Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

1. President Gary Pebley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at Ciao Restaurant in Vista.
2. Approval of Minutes for February 2021
 - a. Glenn Peterson made the motion to approve and Lisa Lerandeau seconded....motion passed by vote of members.
 - b. Introduction of Visitors by Scott McClellan
 - c. None
 - d. Membership Report by Scott McClellan
 - e. Scott announced that there were 27 members in attendance.
 - f. Total NCV membership is currently at 70.
 - g. Treasurer's Report by Dave Tracy
 - h. Not for public view
 - i. New Business Gary Pebley
 - j. President Pebley said he was in contact with Ruth Kurisu and she says hello and misses everyone and is doing well.
 - k. Congratulations to the March birthdays; Buddy Watson, Ed Fredendall, Dave Felbad, Larry Harker and Jim Wetzel

50/50 Is back and Walter Perkins was the first winner of \$21.25

- a. Vettes for Veterans Car Show Update
 - b. Buddy Watson reported that the DJ cost was a bit higher along with many of the other costs and these needed to be negotiated and the team is looking at options of going without silent auction and just raffle baskets or a more targeted approach on silent auction items.
- a. Club sponsored Activities
 - b. The Thursday Breakfast Club is meeting regularly and Gary encouraged all that would be comfortable in attending to do so. They will continue to be in Carlsbad at Swami's and there will not be weekly notices unless the breakfast is canceled
 - c. Next Mystery Run will be Friday March 12 at 9am and meeting at Starbucks at Carlsbad Outlet Mall
 - d. Thursday, March 18 will be a drive-in movie in Santee....more info will be sent out
 - e. Wednesday, March 24 will be a get together at Brookings Winery in Vista....details to follow
- a. Newsletter Glenn Peterson
 - b. Nothing to report.

a.Social Director Royann McClellan

b.Good to see everyone and reported that Kathy Huemoeller was having surgery

11.Tech Talk

a.No discussion

50/50 Scott McClellan won \$21.25

12. Discussion

a. Royann McClellan informed the group that she and Scott were planning a 5 day wine trip in August and asked how many would be interested....a number of hands were raised so more details to come

The meeting was adjourned by President Pebley at 6:55 pm.

The next Regular Business Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Scott White, NCV Secretary

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