



August
2025



AUGUST 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.

Aug 7 **No Meeting in August.**

Aug 20 2 pm – Meet at rest stop at Hwy 76/I-15. **Poker Run** (\$20 buy-in; 1 or 2 per car) **Mystery Happy Hour** w/poker results at 4 pm.
Rsvp **Gary Pebley by Aug 15.**

Aug 29 **Monserate luncheon** and onward to **Cruisin' Grand** in Escondido.
Refer Glenn and Patty Williams.

Sep 4 Monthly meeting (**FIRST THURSDAY** meeting), El Camino Country Club, Oceanside, 5:30pm no-host dinner; 6:30pm meeting.

Sep 17 Happy Hour at the Scott/Donna White Home . . . end of summer party. **Potluck and BBQ.** Save the Date. Refer **Scott White**

Sep 22-27 NCV Run to Tombstone and other Arizona environs; refer **Carm Finocchiaro**

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Warren Elsasser	Aug 26
Deb Carson	Aug 26
Glenn Peterson	Aug 3
Don Wolfe	Aug 18
Patty Eddy	Sep 22
Vicki Ford	Sep 9
Don Kingery	Sep 9
Wendy Nash	Sep 11
Walt Perkins	Sep 29
Cary Thomas	Sep 22
Nancy Thomas	Sep 21
Jan Weber	Sep 25



Three Wings for C8 Corvette Zora???

GM is set to launch a new top-spec variant of the C8 Corvette dubbed the Corvette Zora, the new ultra-high-performance vehicle will be dressed to the nines when it comes to go-fast potential, including some rather dramatic aero pieces. Notably, prototype units of the new Zora reveal what appears to be three potential rear aero setups.

A spoiler is designed to disrupt (or "spoil") the airflow over the vehicle to reduce drag and prevent lift, whereas a wing acts similar to an upside-down airplane wing, generating downforce to push the car down onto the road. While spoilers can also generate downforce, they typically can't generate the same level of downforce as a wing.

As a reminder, the C8 Corvette Zora is expected to equip the same twin-turbo 5.5L V8 LT7 gasoline engine as the C8 ZR1, as well as a performance-boosting hybrid system, with the former sending power to the rear wheels, and the latter sending power to the front wheels. Output will eclipse the 1,064 horsepower produced by the C8 ZR1.

High Wing Constraints

Chevrolet finally sent out new guidance for those initial ZR1 orders that were submitted back in February, with new High Wing Constraints coming on Wednesday and orders moving forward next week. Continue reading GM Set to Move ZR1 Orders Forward with New High Wing Constraints Coming on Wednesday at Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle.

Mike Smith, Palm Springs
Corvette Club Newsletter

Main Street America Car Show on July 13, 2025 . . .
Marty Kuper came in second for "Best of Show." Other Corvette owners participating included: **JD Duncan, Carm Finocchiaro, Doug Johnson, Walt Perkins, Mark Trapolino, and Don Wolfe.**

HAPPY HOUR AT BJ'S CARLSBAD

Organizing the Happy Hour at BJ's in Carlsbad: **Don and Kay Wolfe** and **Mike and Meg Merkt** . . . thank you so much for your efforts . . . it was a great occasion to be together.



Don and Kay Wolfe



Meg and Mike Merkt



Nan and Cary Thomas



Royann and Scott McClellan



Sandy and Glenn Peterson



Jean and Walt Perkins



John Trzcinka and Kathy Morey



Doug and Susan Johnson



Norm and Linda Pick



Marie and Dave Schilke



Randy and Kristen Mills



Marty Kuper, Carm Finocchiaro



Larry Harker and John Elder

GM'S NEW HYBRID POWER TRAIN

GM has recently obtained a patent for a new hybrid propulsion system, giving hints at what we might see from future GM hybrid models. It was filed through the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with patent number 12,311,767 B1. The patent is dated May 27th, 2025, but it was first filed in October of 2024. The inventor is Alan G. Holmes of Clarkston, Michigan, implying an intention to use this new hybrid system for the North American market.

There are many hybrid powertrains already on the market, so what makes this one special? "The present disclosure relates to a hybrid propulsion

system for a vehicle that provides full electric all-wheel drive operation and avoids losses associated with [the] use of a large electric motor for a hybrid transaxle,” reads the introduction of the patent filing. This hybrid system aims to improve regenerative braking efficiency and power distribution while optimizing battery charging and discharging strategies to maximize fuel economy. “Hybrid propulsion systems incorporating traditional internal combustion engines in unison with electric motors are becoming more prevalent in automotive vehicles,” the filing continues. “The demands of hybrid-electric vehicles require [the] use of electric motors that can provide torque and power needed to power the vehicle in various operating conditions.”

This powertrain is specifically an HEV setup with all-wheel drive, and the patent filing shows a list of operating modes. There are modes for vehicle standby, full acceleration, highway cruising, passing, and regenerative braking, but the one that caught our eye is labeled “Obstacle Climb (High Torque).” This implies a use intended for off-roading, similar to the Terrain mode already found in some GM trucks and SUVs.

For your reading pleasure: Here’s a nice article in Hagerty’s magazine on Corvette ZR1 and Z06. <https://tinyurl.com/6ads64ec>

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
. . . ARE YOU HEADED TO THE
BEACH TO TRY THIS?***



Special thanks to all who helped with photos and articles for this newsletter:
Kay Wolfe, Susan Johnson and Cary Thomas.

P. S. – I received no “Getting to Know You” responses this month. YF

P.P.S.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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