



July
2026



JULY 2026 - EVENT CALENDAR

EVERY Thursday morning at 9am, North Coast Vettes members gather at the Coyote Café, 1450 North Santa Fe, Vista (corner of Bobier and Santa Fe); no rsvp required.

- July 2: Monthly meeting THURSDAY, El Camino Country Club, 5:30 pm no-host dinner; 6:30pm Meeting.
- July 7: Exotic Car Collection of Glenn Chapin (organized by **Randy Mills**) in a hangar at Montgomery Field and then to lunch at Casa Machado. **RSVP to Royann McClellan asap: 760.201.5591.**
- July 12: New Village Arts play “Hairspray” purchase with the NCV group rate; meet at 1:30pm at NVA. After play, dinner at 4:30pm at Gregorio’s Italian, 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, 2nd Floor. If you would like to join at dinner, please get back to **Scott White** by July 7.
- Aug 12: **GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS EVENT** – 3pm – The Shoppes. Plan to attend the birthday party of Bill and Marylyn Hatch’s 1957 Corvette – arrive at 2:30 please--with your car and your name badges/shirts. Refer **Cary** or **Nancy Thomas**.

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JULY AND AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

John Elder	July 4
Carm Finocchiaro	July 4
Dianne Grosenbach	July 17
Mary Hantke	July 19
Mike Merkt	July 22
Susan Johnson	Aug 5
Don Wolfe	Aug 18
Deb Carson	Aug 26
Warren Elsasser	Aug 26



MAIN STREET AMERICA 2026

Eleven cars and their caretakers from North Coast Vettes participated in the 29th annual Main Street America People’s Choice Charity Car Show, held at Embarcadero Park North, San Diego. There were awards for cars in a variety of categories plus raffle prizes.



Juliana Scoggins participated in her first car show and it was HER DAY. She was awarded second place in the C5 Category and also won a nice raffle prize. Congratulations Juliana!

Also participating with their beautiful Corvettes: **Carm Finocchiaro, Larry Harker, Doug and Susan Johnson, Marty Kuper and Mary Hantke, Scott and Royann McClellan, Gary Pebley, Walt Perkins, Mark Trapolino and Lisa Lerandean, John Trzcinka and Don Wolfe.** Lisa’s brother, Joe Biglione, placed first for his 1957 Ford Continental.





Check out the railroad crossing arm . . . it almost crushed **Walt Perkins**.
Larry Harker photo

GM DONE WITH THE C8?!

The mid-engine C8 Corvette is nearing the end of the line, with the brand confirming that the recently revealed Grand Sport will be the last major variant of the C8. According to Corvette Chief Engineer Josh Holder, the lineup is effectively complete. Speaking on The Gas podcast, Holder confirmed that while Chevrolet will continue refining the car, no additional core models are planned. “We’re never completely done—we’re always tweaking and improving,” he said. “But as far as the model lineup goes, the Grand Sport is going to round out the eighth generation of Corvette.” Historically, Grand Sport models have arrived late in a Corvette’s lifecycle, serving as a bridge between lower-spec base models and higher-performance variants. The C7 Grand Sport debuted in 2017, just a couple of years ahead of the C8’s debut, while the C6 version arrived in 2010, four years before the next-generation car arrived. AutoGuide’s Take: While the C8 may be reaching its final chapter, Chevrolet obviously isn’t done with the Corvette. Holder hinted that development of the next generation is already underway, though specifics remain under wraps. “We’re always working on the next Corvette,” he said. Sources familiar with the matter indicate the next-generation C9 Corvette will debut before the end of the decade. Chevy is expected to show the next-gen Corvette in late 2028 or 2029, with plans for the car to start arriving at dealers as a 2030 model.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . . SCOTT AND DONNA WHITE



We drive: 2027 Corvette Grand Sport Convertible, Blade Silver

We live: In Carlsbad for 17 years.

We have lived in Huntington Beach, Cypress, Prague, Czech Republic, Cerritos, Torrance, Redondo Beach and Lexington Ky.

Our family: Consists of two grown sons: son Brandon who married Dani and their son Zachary and daughter Allyssa; and son Darin and wife Robin, with son Derek and daughter Kristen.

Besides our Corvette we like to: Scott plays golf with a group called the Hackers.

Donna enjoys practicing Qigong and enjoys time with the four grandchildren. She also enjoys book clubs, plays Mahjong with girlfriends, walks the beach and neighborhood.

Both enjoy traveling out of the US and had numerous trips in their motor homes.

Professional backgrounds include:

Scott is an Aeronautical Engineer with an MBA. He worked with Rockwell International/Boeing building the B-1B Air Force bomber and was President of a joint venture company between Boeing and a Czech company named Aero Vodochody. Additionally, he was VP of Business Development for Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids Iowa.

Donna graduated with a degree from Cal Poly in Home Economics. Later she attended Long Beach State and received her teaching credential and taught Home Economics in middle school for seven years. When we returned from Prague, she went back to school for her AA degree in Interior Design and worked briefly for Ethan Allen prior to retirement.

THOUSANDS OF UNSOLD C8'S

Chevrolet dealers across the U.S. are sitting on thousands of unsold C8 Corvettes, and that could be good news for potential buyers. With supply shortages, dealer markups, and production halts largely in the rearview mirror— except for the upcoming ZR1—discounts and incentives are lowering the mid-engine sports car's price by thousands.

According to Chevy's latest dealership inventory tracking—hat tip to Corvette Blogger—more than 5,700 C8 Corvettes were available on dealer lots last week (June) within a 2,000-mile radius of Detroit. Some dealers are offering incentives to help move cars, with discounts available to qualifying buyers. At least one deal requires Costco membership, but even with restrictions, the discounts are amazing.

When the C8 Corvette debuted, its starting price of just under \$60,000 was often overshadowed by dealer markups that pushed it well past six figures. Now, some of those same cars are available for well under \$70,000 with the Z51 package, while \$75,000 can capture an even wider selection of colors and configurations. On the higher end of the spectrum, there are more than 1,000 C8 Z06s available at or slightly below MSRP, the deepest discount seen on a Z06 right now is about \$7,000. There are even some 600 C8 Corvette E-Rays kicking around, with some cars being offered with \$10,000 on the hood. The majority of the cars available are 2025 model years—these aren't cars that have been sitting for months in case you're wondering. There are just shy of 900 2024 C8s sitting on dealer lots, but you're not really saving much by opting for a '24 instead of a freshly built 2025 car. Reference: Mike Smith

TRZCINKA AND MOREY HAPPY HOUR, JUNE 11, 2026



John Trzcinka and Kathy Morey welcomed North Coast Vettes to their home on June 11, 2026. Upon arrival, each Corvette driver was waved into the exact spot on the driveway to allow 19 Corvettes to be showcased for photos and drone video. . . thanks to Doug Johnson and Mike Merkt.

What a beautiful photo opp . . . to say nothing of Cardiff Crack and delicious side dishes and desserts. Thank you John and Kathy . . . it was a gorgeous day!





Juliana



Marie



Kathy and Donna



Norty and Teri



Mike and Meg



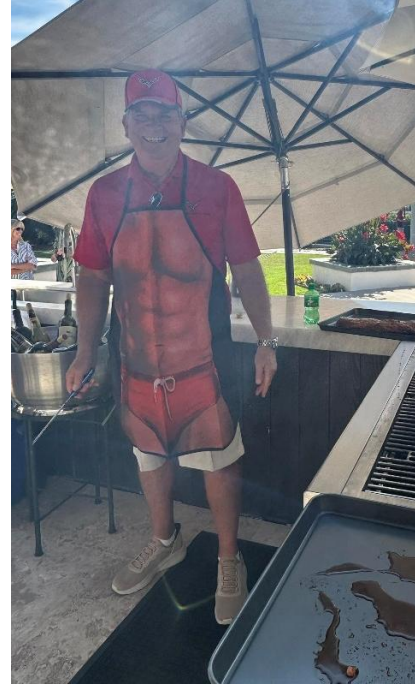
Tammy, Joe and Friend



Yvonne and Carm



Scott and Donna



What an apron . . .



Royann and Scott



Norm, Walt, Jean, Carma and Mark



Linda and Norm



Dave and Marie



Susan and Doug



Walt and Jean



Rick and Jan



Shirley and Patty



Carm and Don Kingery



Don Wolfe



Scott and Norty



Lots of goodies to enjoy



John enjoying all the cars



... and the cars ...

From your editor: Special thanks this month to all who helped with the newsletter, including: **Royann McClellan, Mark Trapolino, Larry Harker, Kay Wolfe, Susan and Doug Johnson, Carm Finocchiaro and Cary Thomas.**



The #33 Corvette finished P1 at the 24 Hours of LeMans last weekend, despite qualifying only 17th in the field of 25 LMGT3 cars, the TF Sport team finished in first place!

Here is the story: <https://www.fiawec.com/en/news/corvette-claims-hard-fought-le-mans-victory-in-lmgt3/13635>

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