



March
2026

MARCH 2026 - 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.

Mar 5: North Coast Vettes monthly meeting, El Camino Country Club
5:30 pm no-host dinner; 6:30 pm meeting.

Mar 11 or 25: NCV Happy Hour . . . details forthcoming. **Rick and Jan Weber**

Mar 15: "Motors for Music," San Marcos High School Car Show, 8am to gather.
Refer **Mark Trapolino**

Mar 19: Clippers Game at Frontwave Arena 3475 Hero Drive, Oceanside.
Refer **Mark Trapolino**.



MARCH AND APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dave Felbab	Mar 22
Larry Harker	Mar 28
Meg Merkt	Mar 6
Gary Pebley	Mar 24
Marie Schilke	Mar 30
Lesly Adams	Apr 26
Rob Hogue	Apr 1
Doug Johnson	Apr 30
Marty Kuper	Apr 24
Norman Pick	Apr 19
David Schilke	Apr 27
Frank Tecca	Apr 2
Scott White	Apr 14



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

The 2026 Super Bowl Party was held at the Scott and Donna White House on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon in February. Donna enticed the gathering with her chili and all the accoutrements for the day's events. Scott produced two "pools" for the game's quarterly scores . . . one pool at \$1 per selection; the other pool at \$2 per selection. The first quarter results showed **Scott White** and **Sharon LaFarge** as the big winners. The second and third quarter winnings went to **Walt Perkins** and **Yvonne Finocchiaro**. The final score was won by **Royann McClellan** and **Yvonne Finocchiaro**. There WAS hooting and hollering attributed thereto.

There were delicacies to enjoy throughout the day, TVs to watch, friends to enjoy and laughter to be had. **Walt and Jean Perkins** were there to support the Seahawks while **Rob Hogue** and **Deb Carson** wanted to see

the Patriots take it. Most of the remainder of the attendees were fairly neutral. The Seahawks won.

Special thanks to **Donna** and **Scott** for opening their lovely home, once again, to the club. Thank you!

Besides the house, the driveway and street looked terrific!



There were munchies, chili and casseroles galore.



Cary, Marylyn and Bill



Lisa, Mary, Marty and Gary



Mark, Scott, Rick, Jan, Linda and Norm



Marylyn and Susan



Marty, Gary, Doug and Susan



Dianne and Dano



Rob and Deb



Bill and Marylyn



Jean, Walt and Doug



Cary, Nan, David, Marie and Carm



Gary and Wendy



Patrick Scoggins, Teri Johnson and Norty Stier

Special thanks to
Scott and Donna White.



CONSUMER REPORTS AUTO ISSUE

March + April 2026 Consumer Report: Chevrolet Corvette

Gas, Overall Score of 91. Road-Test Score of 97. Gas 19 MPG. Reliability 4, Owner Satisfaction 5, Safety Verdict 4 (top is 5).

“The Corvette’s mid-mounted, 495-hp, 6.2-liter V8 is coupled to a rapid-sifting eight-speed, dual-clutch automatic. It took just 3.4 second to sprint from 0 to 60 mph in our tests. Handling agility is superlative, with immediate turn-in response and almost zero body roll. Yet the ride is tolerable with the optional adaptive suspension. Rear and side visibility, as well as cabin access, are severely hampered. The cargo area aft of the engine can hold the removable targa top and a soft-sided bag or two. Other versions include the AWD E-Ray hybrid, 670-hp Z06, 1,064-hp ZR1, and 1,250-hp ZR1X. RSW and RCTW are optional.”

Also from CR: Considering its performance, fuel efficiency, interior quality and cabin space, would you buy the same car again? Chevrolet Corvette owners: 88 percent said YES; only Rivian was higher at 91 percent.

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND WAS BUSY

Two separate opportunities to enjoy North Coast Vettes members over the Valentine's Day weekend included (1) the run on February 14 to Borrego Springs organized by **Gary Pebley** and **Wendy Nash**, with lunch at the Rams Hill Golf Course and a long-stemmed red rose for each lady; and (2) the wine run on February 15 to three wineries in the Escondido area coordinated by **Royann** and **Scott McClellan**.

Borrego Springs, February 14, roses thanks to Gary Pebley



Feb 14: Wendy Nash, Kay Wolfe, Donna White, Susan Johnson, Mary Hantke, Jean Perkins, Meg Merkt and Kathy Morey



Marty Kuper





A beautiful setting to photograph some gorgeous cars



The photographer is rarely IN the pictures, so the photo below shows our run organizers



Gary Pebley and Wendy Nash from Christmas . . . LOL!



Don and Kay Wolfe, John Trzcinka and Kathy Morey, Scott White, Norty Stier, Marty Kuper, Mary Hantke, Walt and Jean Perkins, Susan and Doug Johnson, Meg and Mike Merkt

February 15 Wine Run To Highland Valley, Cordiano's and Speckle Rock Wineries was coordinated by Royann and Scott McClellan



Cary and Nan Thomas, Scott McClellan, John Trzcinka, Kathy Morey, Royann McClellan, Meg and Mike Merkt, Dianne Grosenbach, Dan Omniewski, Donna and Scott White, Mark Trapolino and Lisa Lerandeau



Scott and Donna White



Kathy Morey and John Trzcinka



Mark Trapolino and Lisa Lerandean



Scott and Royann McClellan



Cary and Nancy Thomas



Dan Omniewski and Dianne Grosenbach

From **Royann**: “At the Cordiano Winery we had a glorious view overlooking Lake Hodges in the distance while eating pizza, salads and calamari. Spreckle Rock Vineyard was our last stop of the day. They have an artificial turf parking lot that gave us a bit of a climb, but protected the cars from speed bumps. Even with a view looking north across the valley, a couple of heaters, chocolate eclairs, lovely wine and terrific company, the weather eventually won out. We returned down the windy road meant for Corvettes.”



Meg, Lisa, Mark, Scott and Royann



Mike and Meg Merkt

Okay, a Valentine surprise: A King and Queen of the Run was part of the Feb 15 wine run. Here's how it goes: buy some little sugar valentine candies; separate them via saying; if there are two of one saying, one goes to pile A and one goes to pile B; then distribute the Pile A savings to the women; distribute the Pile B candies to the men. Which ever two candies match are now crowned King and Queen . . . almost right . . . have a child pull the winners . . . and then give him the remainder of the hearts.

DanO and **DonnaW** (do you think alliteration had anything to do with it?) won the "crowns."



. . . AND THEN IT WAS OFF TO PALM SPRINGS . . .

McCormick's Palm Springs Collectors Car Auction Run
February 19 – 21, 2026



From Royann: “Eight cars got their motors running to Palm Springs. After lunch at Billy Reed’s Restaurant, we proceeded to the Palm Springs Air Museum. They showcase aircraft from WWI to the Stealth Bomber. The second floor housed the library and several simulators. **Doug Johnson, John Trzcinka and Juliana Scoggins** tried their hand at landing their planes after finding the runway. They may all need a few more lessons.



“We met the Palm Springs Corvette Club for dinner at La Quinta Brewing and had a great time. They want to meet on our turf soon.

“Friday we went to the Palm Springs Art

Museum to see a Bob Mackie exhibit that was part of the Modernism Week festivities. We had a great time interacting with the more contemporary exhibits.



. . . and a variety of cars Goggomobile, Daimler and Corvette



“The McCormick Auction had everything from a Goggomobil (German mini car) to a int condition '56 Corvette. They bring out the big guns on Saturday, so biding seemed a bit flat.



One artist with her palette . . . now she's ready for anything. (Left: *Susan Johnson*)



Jan and Rick Weber checking out the wax figurines at the museum.



“We headed out to Sunnylands, the Camp David of the West. We watched the movie that showed Presidents Eisenhower through Obama utilizing the groups from summits to parties and golf. We did the mini-maze and toured the groups.

Left: Kathy Morey, Dianne Grosenbach and Susan Johnson

“Dinner was at Big Rock Pub with a classic rock vibe. Another round of Mexican Train back at the Homestead and the party was over. **Juliana Scoggins** joined us for her first caravan. She found time to hike some of the local trails while participating in a pretty full schedule. You go girl! Thank you **Don** and **Kay Wolfe** for suggesting the run. Thank you **Dianne Grosenbach** and **Dan Omniewski** for filling out the agenda with the good stuff and thanks to all the participants.” **Royann McClellan**



John and Kathy, Scott and Royann, Juliana, Doug and Susan, Rick and Jan (and an unknown red sweater poser), Kay and Don, Norm and Linda, Dianne.

From your editor: Special thanks this month to all who helped with the newsletter, including Royann McClellan, Dan Omniewski, Susan Johnson, Gary Pebley, and Wendy Nash—it wouldn't be the same without you.



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