



September
2026



SEPTEMBER 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.

- Sep 3: North Coast Vettes monthly meeting at El Camino Country Club, Oceanside. No-Host dinner is at 5:30pm, with the meeting starting at 6:30pm.
- Sep 9: NCV Happy Hour, 4 pm, Amalfi at Lake San Marcos, 1556 Camino del Arroyo, LSM. Refer **Dianne Grosenbach**, 949.412.0565
- Sep 12: Vettes Out West (V.O.W.) 1st Annual Car Show, \$35 advance registration; \$45 day-of registration. VOW has been very supportive of NCV, let's turn out for them too. Refer **Mark Trapolino**, 760.213.2119.
- Sep 20 – 26: NCV Run to Napa. Review your booklets prior to departure for all planning details. We will leave the Carlsbad Premium Outlet Center near Starbucks, by 9am on Sep 20. Please have your radios, a full tank of gas and an empty bladder. Refer **Carm Finocchiaro**, 760.889.4840.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Ford	Sep 9
Don Kingery	Sep 9
Wendy Nash	Sep 11
Nancy Thomas	Sep 21
Patty Eddy	Sep 22
Cary Thomas	Sep 22
Jan Weber	Sep 25
Walter Perkins	Sep 29
Dan Omniewski	Oct 3
Teri Johnson	Oct 4
Nancy Rutherford Felbab	Oct 15
Mike Eddy	Oct 24
Scott McClellan	Oct 28
Dave Tracy	Oct 30



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IT'S A WORLD RECORD



and Marilyn Hatch and their 1957 Corvette (subject to GWR approval).

YES, it's a **Guinness Book of World Records: Longest Continuous Ownership of a Vehicle from New**. The record belongs to North Coast Vettes Club members Bill



Wednesday, August 12, 2026 was the birthday of the 1957 Corvette when it turned 69 years old, thereby being the oldest vehicle owned by one person from its initial purchase. **Bill Hatch** bought the car on August 12, 1957 and never restored the vehicle, but on August 12, 2026, it sparkled brilliantly in the summer sun with hundreds of NCV members, family, other Corvette owners and local residents sharing the day. We estimate that about 175 people were present.

The '57 Corvette was guided into The Shoppes at Carlsbad by **John Elder** in his '61 Corvette and **Dave Tracy** in his '64 Corvette to the tune of "Rocky."





NCV President **Scott White** (left) welcomed the crowd, reported that at this event was the last in a series of Guinness requirements that had to be produced to validate the '57's history and current driveability.

White also described the years-long effort by **Cary and Nan Thomas** to succeed in this historical record for the Hatch family as Cary has said repeatedly, "**Bill Hatch** is my Corvette hero." Cary organized the paperwork involved . . . original bill of sale, registrations for many years, service records, etc. and submitted all to Guinness. On

August 12, with ALL paperwork requirements completed and accepted by Guinness, the final requirement was an event and its media coverage by broadcast and print media. As of the writing of this newsletter:

Broadcast Media Coverage



- **KUSI and FOX 5** produced live feed reports four times on August 12, two in the morning (8am and 9am) and two on the late night news broadcasts (10 pm and 11 pm).
- **KFMB Channel 8** produced two evening reports (6pm and 11pm) on their news casts.
- The **Carlsbad High School Broadcast Team** interviewed the Hatches and many club members and will send the club the final production and how it will be used.

Print Media Coverage

- The **Union-Tribune** published a front-page article on Sunday, August 9, and an "events" notice on their calendar page.
- The **Vista Press** was present and published a story on August 16.



- **NC Pipeline** interviewed the Hatches and Cary Thomas on Thursday morning and published the article on Sunday, August 16.
- **“Corvette Mike”** ran a full invitation to the event on his webpage.
- **Corvette Store Online** posted the story of Bill’s car on their news feed, also listing the event details
- **Carlsbad Patch** ran full stories on three occasions prior to the event.
- **Cary Thomas** is writing an article for the Magazine of the National Corvette Museum.

- Westways Magazine of AAA, Carlsbad Magazine and San Diego Magazine were sent press releases three months prior and one week prior (in case a reporter was interested) but (so far) no response.
- NCV media rep was **Yvonne Finocchiaro**.



Scott White initiated invitations to the “Birthday Party for the 1957 Corvette” to a variety of Corvette clubs. Those attending were:

- Corvette Owners Club of San Diego
- North County Corvette Club
- Pacific Coast Corvette Club
- Corvettes of Temecula Valley
- Vettes Out West
- Palm Springs Corvette Club

The décor of the event was put together by **Nan Thomas, Shirley Kingery and Lisa Oskam**. . . balloons, staging, birthday cakes and all that goes with them, including water for a warm summer day.

“Ricky” the DJ was coordinated by **Cary Thomas** and lifted the environment with nostalgic 50’s music all afternoon.



After time for pictures of the car by the crowd, White introduced *Carlsbad Mayor Keith Blackburn* (left), an initial member of North Coast Vettes himself, who congratulated the club for putting forth the effort to challenge the world record . . . and then came **Bill and Marylyn Hatch** who described the love affair they’ve had with each other and the car

over all the decades...Marylyn was particularly descriptive of all her “firsts” in the car (first ride, first date, honeymoon and so many others).



The Hatch family members present were: Lisa Oskam (daughter) and her husband, Dan; granddaughters Sarah (Oskam) Fleck and Lindsay (Oskam) Senaud; Lindsay’s husband Yanapi Senaud; and great-grandson Hayden Fleck. They all showed up in black and white “racing checkered flag” outfits to support the event.





The birthday cakes were cut and offered to the Hatch family, the dignitaries and the crowd. Cutting, slicing and sharing were NCV members **Nan Thomas, Royann McClellan, Meg Merkt, Shirley Kingery, Jan Weber, Norty Stier, Larry Harker and Randy Mills.**



There were 80 Corvettes arranged in a beautiful circle, all pointing to Bill's historic 1957 Corvette . . . special thanks to our NCV parking crew: **Gary Pebley, Doug Johnson, Marty Kuper, Dan Omniewski, Rick Weber, Scott McClellan, Norm Pick and Carm Finocchiaro** and the drone operator, **Dave/Marie Schilke's son Dave Shilke.**



The group photo of North Coast Vettes provided a sea of red shirts and 56 members in attendance.



Thanks so ALL who made it happen, but special acknowledgement to our **HERO OF THE DAY CARY THOMAS** for following through on a thought he generated years ago . . . he and Nan made our record books too!

WHAT A DAY . . .



A NOTE FROM MARYLYN AND BILL HATCH:

“Thank you NCV for all your generous support and gracious efforts in generating Wednesday’s Guinness World Record event. Words cannot express what the ’57 Corvette’s birthday party means to us.

“We so appreciate all the planning, time and energy that made it such a happy day. You are a great team, people who get it done with panache and decorum.

“We have since received calls from past basketball team members, volleyball partners, and career friendships. Your gift continues to bless!

“We will always remember the love and joy of that experience. With all our hearts, THANK YOU!”

Bill and Marylyn

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