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Newsletter

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Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club

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Regular Meeting at Mulligan's on the First Wednesday of the Month

Social Hour at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting At 7:30 p.m.

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Next meeting: July 7, 2004

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Your SCVCC held its annual officer elections at the June 2, general meeting and the new slate of officers is shown above. They officially take over at the July meeting.

Jack Barber's Memorial Service

As you all know, we lost fellow club member, and good friend, Jack Barber, to a tragic accident in mid-May. His Memorial Service was held at Grace Baptist Church on Saturday, May XX and he would have been very happy to see 24 cars and many more members of the SCVCC in attendance. Carol, and many of Jack's family members, expressed pride in the fact that Jack had so many friends in the club.

A post Memorial Service reception for Jack's family and friends was held at Fred and Sara's house. Many, many thanks must go out to Linda Ogden, Kathy Davidson, and Donna Bledsoe, and many other members, for organizing the food, making sure it all got served, and cleaning up.

We will miss Jack terribly but, as several people mentioned at the last meeting, we will carry on and try to follow Jack's example of commitment, humor and fellowship.

SCVCC ACTIVITIES

In addition to the following, don't forget our social meetings at Route 66 the third Thursday of the month. We've been averaging about 25 people and it is a lot of fun getting to know each other! Newer members are especially welcome.

SCVCC Activities – (June / December) 2004

Ronald Reagan Library – June 20. Drive out Hwy 126 and drop down into Simi Valley to the Library and Museum. Even though it is Father's Day, we have 18 cars signed up for this event. WOW!!! We're meeting at 9:30am at the Starbucks Coffee Shop behind the Shell station. Given that it's a small parking area, we'll just overflow into the parking next door. Plan to leave at 10:00am.

Starbucks Coffee Shop
28120 The Old Road (just North of Rye Canyon)
Valencia, CA 91355 <http://www.reagan.utexas.edu/>

NEW ENTRY.....June 26 th, CANCELLED don't forget that Bill Jensen had mentioned that there is a going to be a Cruisin' for cars with Coca-Cola. There is no entry fee and each participant will get a Free 6-pack of Coca-Cola and Free Lunch. DJ music and fun for the entire family. 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Location: Albertson's
26850 The Old Road
Valencia, CA 91355

4th of July Parade – Newhall – July 4. We want to win Best Car Club participation award. There is room for a maximum of 12 cars. We'll decorate the cars to show our spirit and support. Afterwards, we'll meet for a nice lunch. Jim Bancroft is coordinating. We will meet and decorate then move to our starting space as a group. We still have room for a couple more cars. If you want to participate, contact Jim Bancroft at (661) 296-3517. Right now we're planning to meet in the Green Thumb Nursery parking lot on San Fernando Road to decorate and wait for Jim's call to tell us our pre-parade staging spot.

Big Bear Bash – Big Bear, CA July 9-11. A whole weekend of fun. Corvette Car Show, Golf, Autocross, Poker Run, cruise around the lake and lots of beer!!! We will not be caravanning to this one. <http://www.corvetteswest.com/BigBearBash.htm>

Casino Nite in Sand Canyon with Vintage Corvette Club – July 10. For those that decide not to venture out of town for the weekend we have been invited to participate in a fun filled evening of food, drink, and a complement of Vegas style games of chance. We have 8 cars signed up and it will be fun evening for sure. Dead line for signing up and paying your money to Vintage Corvettes is July 8th. If you don't have a form and want to go, just print Howard's e-mail of June 4 and cut the form out and send it to Vintage Corvettes.

Sunday Brunch at Duke's in Malibu – July 25. Drive out along the mountain roads of Malibu and drop down onto PCH for brunch with the longest ocean view on the West Coast. **We have 21 cars signed up already.** Let's all wear Hawaiian beach attire!! Details on meeting place etc at the next Club meeting. <http://www.dukesmalibu.com/>

Club Picnic - Aug 7th – We're all set for Lake Piru. There will be a \$7.50 per vehicle entry fee. Alcohol is permitted, so BYOB, a fun attitude, and a healthy appetite. Hamburgers & Hot Dogs and all the fixins will be provided by the club, and members will bring a side dish or dessert. More details to follow.

Corvette Super Sport Car Show – Buena Park Aug 21 All year of Corvettes are welcomed and judged. It would be a lot of fun to do down there as a group. More information to follow.

Wine Tasting (Los Olivos, Atascadero, or Templeton) – Sept ??? Last year we stayed at the Union Hotel/Victorian Mansion and all had a great time. <http://www.unionhotelvictmansion.com/> We can do the same or try a different place. More information to follow.

Route 66 Rendezvous – San Bernardino Sept 16-19, 2004. Street Cruise, Car Show, Poker Run, Open Header Cruise, Burnout Contest, and more. A wild weekend

or just a day run with over 2100 classic cars, muscle cars, hot rods, and trucks all in a 35 block area. <http://www.route-66.org/>

Lane Victory Ship Tour & Cruise - Aug or Sept, 2004 A day at sea on an actual WWII Victory ship. Sails out to Catalina Island and back with a tour of the Engine Room, Radio Room, Wheel House, etc. A special surprise awaits your return!!!

Classic Auto Gallery in Glendora – Sept ??? Let's try this again. Perhaps the weather will cooperate better and we can get several cars to go on this run. Nice place to visit for car memorabilia and related items. Several classic cars are on display. <http://www.classicautogallery.com/>

Oct 1-2 , All Red Corvette Weekend, in Reno, NV. Bob and Cindy Siecke are going and if anyone else is interested there are a number of rooms available at discounted prices. More info to follow.

SCVCC All Chevy Car/Truck & Corvette Show Oct 16th. This will be at the Valencia Power Chevrolet dealership. It will be a charity fundraiser with the proceeds going to "The Domestic Violence Center of the Santa Clarita Valley" and "LARC Ranch" – (Los Angeles Retarded Citizens' Foundation). We will have a flyer shortly and begin promoting this event. As time gets closer we'll be asking for volunteers to assist with raffle prize donations and other critical functions. Don't be shy or bashful and plan to get involved as we can use your help.

Two Tujunga Canyon Run – Oct. 24 or 31. After a quick drivers meeting we'll be off heading up Sand Canyon over Bear Divide and down Little Tujunga Canyon Road, then it's back over the mountains via Big Tujunga Canyon Road, Angeles Forest Hwy. This drive gives you plenty of time turning the wheel, hitting the gas, and pressing the brake pedal.

Willow Springs Track Day with Dick Guldstrand – Oct. ??? Meet at Denny's off of Hwy 14 and Sand Canyon at 5:30am as we need to be at the track by 7:00am.

Death Valley-Furnace Creek Inn/Ranch Overnight Run – Nov. 5-7 with a tour of Scotty's Castle. <http://www.furnacecreekresort.com>

Fast Cars, Hot Guns, & Cold Beer – Nov 20 or 21. Canyon Driving combined with Target & Skeet Shooting, and your favorite beverage afterwards. <http://www.oaktreegunclub.com/shooting.html>

SCVCC Christmas Party Dec 4. I think we all agree we have out grown Mulligan's and need a larger facility for our holiday party. **Marie Calendar's** –has a private dining room adjacent to the bar. It will seat up to 90 people and there is room for a portable dance floor. In addition, there is a comedy show provide by JR's Comedy Club (9:00pm-10:30pm). Dinner and Show prices are very reasonable at **\$30 (includes 18% gratuity)** Salad and dessert is extra, but Howard will try to negotiate and get these thrown in. The only down side is that we may not have a private show unless we

commit to all 90 seats. It would be spectacular if we can get the whole club and don't have to share the show.

Hot off the press..... [From CorvetteRacing.com](http://CorvetteRacing.com).....

Corvette Takes 1-2 GTS Class Victory at The 24 Hours of Le Mans

Corvette Tops Ferrari in legendary endurance race

LE MANS, France - The General Motors Chevrolet Corvette Racing team won a dramatic GTS class battle at the 24 Hours of Le Mans on Sunday. The #64 Corvette C5-R of Oliver Gavin, Olivier Beretta and Jan Magnussen took the GTS victory, **finishing sixth overall**, while the #63 Corvette of Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell and Max Papis took second place honors.

"This is our greatest Le Mans victory," said Doug Fehan, program manager for Corvette Racing. "Le Mans provides a global space where we can show what teamwork can accomplish. We never worked harder before or during a race, which makes the victory that much sweeter."

After 24 action-packed, sleepless hours of racing, the Corvettes return to the top step of the podium at Le Mans, taking a decisive victory from Ferrari. The win represents a remarkable third victory in five years for Chevrolet at Le Mans. Forty five years after Briggs Cunningham first brought Corvette to Le Mans, today's victory from the factory-backed effort continues a long standing tradition of the company's passion for endurance racing success.

"I'm thrilled for the team today as this is a major accomplishment," said Doug Duchardt, director of GM Racing. "This is exactly the result we've been working so hard for, and although it was a rollercoaster of a 24-hour race, we were truly prepared."

Both Corvette teams overcame many obstacles during the 24 hours, from triple driver stints to numerous front and rear fascia changes during the course of the accident-prone race. Max Papis and Johnny O'Connell put in a sleepless performance of more than 10 hours of driving each after their teammate Ron Fellows was sidelined after his accident earlier in the night. The dedication, ingenuity and resourcefulness of the entire team characterized the way in which Corvette captured its Le Mans victory.

"This is a very, very big win for us," said Gavin. "After what happened here last year, we fully reviewed our program and carefully prepared for this race."

After putting early incidents of the race behind them, the Corvettes were poised to take advantage of any opportunity that might come their way, although the leading #66 Ferrari held a comfortable lead for the majority of the morning. After a deciding moment near the midday mark, Olivier Beretta brought the #64 Corvette in for a pit stop at exactly the moment that the Ferraris were finishing their repairs. The two cars were on the same lap only yards separated them. Jan Magnussen took the wheel and never looked back, putting distance in between the back of his Corvette and the Ferrari. His lead would open to a number of minutes over his near two hours in the car, and Gavin finished smoothly as the Ferraris encountered more troubles while the Corvettes ticked along. The Chevrolets crossed the finish line 1-2, an amazing ending to a dramatic race.

"We knew today's race would be difficult, but I don't think we expected it to be like this," said Olivier Beretta. "Everyone on the team worked very hard, never giving up, and that is why we won today."

The Corvette Racing team will return to the track on June 25 for Round 2 of the American Le Mans Series at Mid-Ohio.

Provisional Results - Gran Turismo (GTS) Class

Pos.	Overall	No.	Car	Laps Completed
1	6	64	Corvette C5-R	345
2	8	63	Corvette C5-R	334
3	9	65	Ferrari 550 M	329
4	11	66	Ferrari 550 M	325
5	14	69	Ferrari 550 M	317
6	34	62	Ferrari 575 GTC	200
7	36	61	Ferrari 575 GTC	163

General Motors Corp. (NYSE: GM), the world's largest vehicle manufacturer, employs about 325,000 people globally. Founded in 1908, GM has been the global automotive sales leader since 1931. GM today has manufacturing operations in 32 countries and its vehicles are sold in 192 countries. In 2003, GM sold nearly 8.6 million cars and trucks, about 15 percent of the global vehicle market. GM's global headquarters are at the GM Renaissance Center in Detroit. More information on GM and its products can be found on the company's corporate website at www.gm.com.

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ROUTE 66 ON THURSDAY, June 17
About 6:30 p.m.