



CORVETTE CLUB SANTA BARBARA

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Mike Christeson



Due to the busy holiday season, we have cancelled our regular January General Meeting. Our next General Meeting will be February 5th, 2019 6:30 PM at the Flightline Restaurant, 521 Firestone Drive, Goleta, CA. We will start our meeting promptly at 6:30 so please come early and make your dinner selection.

In December, we had our annual CCSB Christmas Party on the 8th. It was a great event that was held for the second time at the home of **Frank and Barbara LoMonaco**. I would like to give a special thanks to Frank and Barbara for graciously opening up their home for this event. The party was once again catered by Jolly Brothers Catering and they served oven roasted New York Strip steak and champagne poached salmon along with garden salad, roasted potatoes, vegetables, and breads with herb butter. Special Desserts were prepared by club members **Peter Mackins** and **Tony Megowan**. These desserts were fantastic and the plates were wiped clean by club members.

This year, **Peter Mackins** arranged special entertainment provided by **Emanuel Brown**—a magician from Magic Castle in Hollywood. Emanuel performed sleight-of-hand and card tricks for guests before dinner. He is an amazing performer who has perfected his craft and whom fooled me every time! *Thanks again to Peter for making this happen.*

For the start of 2019, Peter has scheduled a two hour walking tour of historic downtown Los Angeles. It will be on January 12th so be sure to sign-up on the website. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you and see you at these holiday season events and the start of our 2019 Club Runs.

Mike Christeson

EVENT CALENDAR

January 2019

- 1st General Meeting
CANCELLED
- 12th Old/New Los Angeles
[Los Angeles]

February

- 5th General Meeting
[Goleta]
- 16th Lunch Run
[New Cuyama]

March

- 2nd Winos Gone Wild
[Goleta]
- 5th General Meeting
[Goleta]



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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM
Flightline Restaurant & Bar
521 Firestone Rd., Goleta Ca.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM MASTER AMBASSADOR

Frank LoMonaco



Here are some general/basic facts and information about the National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park. You'll notice that one of the "perks" of joining the NCM is that when you do visit, admission for you is free!

The National Corvette Museum was established as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit foundation with a mission of celebrating the invention of the Corvette; preserving its past, present and future; and educating the public about the Corvette. The Museum opened in 1994 and is a 115,000 square foot facility located on fifty-five acres of land. It features displays of over 80 Corvettes in periodic settings including mint classics and one-of-a-kind prototypes. Although General Motors is generous to the museum, our museum is the only car museum that relies solely on private donations and the generosity of Corvette owners from around the world for its day-to-day operation.



August 2019

Hours	Admission Prices
Open 8am-5pm, seven days a week. The last admission tickets are sold at 4:30pm	\$10 Adults (13-61) \$8 Seniors (62 +) \$5 Youth (5-12)
The Museum is closed: New Year's Day, Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day	4 and under free NCM Members free

The Museum has a fabulous Corvette Store – and there are things in it for Corvette enthusiasts of all ages! Clothes, games, toys, models, jewelry, things for your house and much more. You'll find Corvette things in there that you won't find any place else. Another "perk" of being a member of the Museum is that you get a discount on purchases you make in the store. The Museum has a café—the Corvette Café—that is just like an old-fashion diner. It is open for breakfast Monday through Saturday, 8am until 10:30am. Lunch is available 7 days-a-week from 10:30am until 3:30pm. Check out their menu on-line: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>.

The NCM Motorsports Park, located one mile from the Museum, offers a number of activities to put you in the drivers' seat on the racetrack! Walk ups can be accommodated for many of our lap programs but calling ahead is encouraged at 270-777-4509.

Event	Description
Go-Karts	\$20 /arrive and drive offered March – November.
Touring Laps	\$50 for four laps with a pace car in your own vehicle.
Hot Laps	\$125 for two laps at high speeds riding passenger in a Corvette with a professional driver.
Corvette Touring	\$220 for four laps with a pace car in your choice of our Stingray Corvettes.
Corvette Experience	\$599 for two hours of classroom and on-track instruction by a professional driver in one of our Stingray Corvettes. Lunch and Museum guided V.I.P. tour is provided.
High Performance Drivers Introduction	\$225 for a "101" on track program introducing new drivers to the hobby of recreational performance driving in your own vehicle.
Private On-Track Coaching	Get coached on track by pro-driver and Corvette Hall of Fame inductee Andy Pilgrim.

The Corvette Assembly Plant is located just across the street from the Museum and touring the assembly plant is a *must see* on a visit to the Museum. While cameras and video equipment are welcome at the Museum, cameras are NOT allowed at the Plant. ***Plant Tours have been suspended for now (2018) but will resume sometime in 2019.

ACTIVITIES COLUMN

Peter Mackins



I trust everyone had a blessed Hanukkah and a very Merry Christmas. I wish to all the hope for a very happy New Year, full of success, good friendships and great events throughout the year.

A very special thank you goes out to **Michael and Sandra Christeson** and to **Frank and Barbara LoMonaco** for hosting a wonderful Christmas party this past December 8th as it was one of the best attended Christmas gatherings in recent years. This year the weather and air quality cooperated so the outdoor dining was the order of the day for many. Jolly Brothers again provided the fare which consisted of garden salad with creamy balsamic dressing, oven roasted New York strip steak hand carved and served with a horse radish sauce champagne poached salmon, oven roasted potatoes, lemon garlic vegetables, with a variety of breads with herb butter. Dinner was followed by desserts from the consummate duo of **Tony Megowan** and yours truly. We had two special guests, Emanuel Brown, straight from the Magic Castle in Hollywood who, along with another magician, walked around during the cocktail hour entertaining us with their magic and sleight of hand. Sharon Smith captured the evening on film although one picture I hope gets erased. I promise you I was awake and sober.

On **Saturday, January 12th** I will be leading a group to **Los Angeles** for an interesting look at the city's architecture. We are set for a 2-hour private walking tour of some of the finest architectural sites from the city's golden era. Included are the following:

- **Angels Flight**, a narrow-gauge funicular railway in the Bunker Hill district of Downtown Los Angeles, California. It has two funicular cars, Sinai and Olivet, running in opposite directions on a shared cable on the 298 feet long inclined railway.
- **The Bradbury Building**, an architectural landmark located at 304 South Broadway at West 3rd Street in downtown Los Angeles, California. Built in 1893 the five-story office building is best known for its extraordinary sky lit atrium of access walkways, stairs and elevators, and their ornate ironwork. The building has appeared in many works of fiction and has been the site of many movie and television shoots and music videos.
- **Spring Arcade Building**, built in 1924, the 12-story, double-wing Arcade Building, designed by architects Kenneth MacDonald and Maurice Couchot, includes a cavernous midblock arcade connecting Spring Street with Broadway. Originally known as the "Mercantile Arcade Building," it was modeled on the Burlington Arcade in London, England. Its three-level, skylighted arcade has been called a space "as regal as almost any other interior space in the city."

Other sites include St. Vibiana's Cathedral, Grand Central Market, Clifton's Cafeteria, St. Vincent's Court at the jewelry district, the theater district and more. **Bring your camera.** We plan to meet at the Vons parking lot on Seward in Ventura a little after 9:00 departing around 9:15 to 9:30. Since it is a private tour, the walk should be at a leisurely pace but bring comfortable walking shoes.

Upcoming events: **February** is a **lunch run** to **New Cuyama on the 16th**. The drive will take approximately 2 hours to cover the 85 miles. The road has plenty of winding and straight sections so it should be an enjoyable drive. Lunch will be at the Buckhorn which is a local favorite. **March** is our annual **Wino's Gone Wild** held again at **Thore Edgren's on the 3rd**. The varietal has yet to be disclosed but irrespective of what is selected it should be a great afternoon.

Now for a couple more crazy motoring laws courtesy of Nationwide:

- By law, in Nevada, it is illegal to ride a camel on the highway. Must have been a problem created by a less than successful gambler from the Luxor casino.
- Here is one of my favorites. It is illegal to shoot any game, other than whales, yes WHALES, from a moving vehicle in, wait for it..... Tennessee. For those who may have forgotten their primary school education, North Carolina is kinda in the way of Tennessee and a clear shot at the ocean.

MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

Pat Bloom



- 1/5 Deb Hanks
- 1/8 Matt Stevens
- 1/9 Wayne Fliescher
- 1/12 Pat Dovas
- 1/27 Fred Smith
- 1/31 George Dovas

I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and now ready for an exciting 2019 filled with Corvette activities.

👉 **Best wishes to our January Birthday People.**

There are currently 76 members with 61 Corvettes.

**LET'S RECAP
IN CASE YOU
MISSED IT**

➔ C8 Chevrolet Corvette has new Reveal Date: *Detroit & New York ruled out*
➔ January 2019 Mecum Auction: *You could own 2 very rare L88 Corvettes*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

We are not old!
We are
recycled
teenagers!



Member Highlights:

- Fred and Sharon Smith just celebrated 20 years as NCM members.
- Ray and Terry Seider spent Christmas in Kansas visiting their newest grandson, Finn Patrick Keenan.
- Tony and Paula Megowan are featured in the latest NCM magazine as the 2019 Southwest Caravan Captain.
- Hib and Sandy Halverson spent Christmas with Bob and Inge Stallings in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Sandy's wish for a white Christmas was one day late.
- Many might not know that Roger Dunham served on a nuclear submarine and is also a published writer of four novels. Here is Amazon's biography link on Roger: <https://rogercdunham.com/about/>



MINUTES OF CCSB MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING

Sandy Rubel Halverson


 MINUTES OF DECEMBER 4, 2018 GENERAL MEETING
 FLIGHTLINE RESTAURANT & BAR—GOLETA, CA

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Michael Christeson. We had a different meeting room tonight.

1. **Secretary's Report:** Sandy Rubel Halverson—Passed around and approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Fred Lopez—Reports on Christmas party expense and checks received. Approved.
3. **Membership Report:** Pat Bloom—Reports 76 members and 60 cars. Two new members.
4. **NCM Ambassadors Report:** Frank LoMonaco—Reports that a 1985 black coupe was donated to the museum. Talked about raffles going on and that the blue coupe went to someone in New York.
5. **Activities:** Peter Mackins—Peter had Matt talk about the NHRA Drag Races in Pomona event. 11 people and 6 cars went. No traffic considering all the fires going on. Thanks to Matt for his first lead run. Hib talked about the Homestead Party. 18 people attended. Peter talked about the Christmas Party on Saturday with a magician and catering by Jolly Bros at the Lomonaco's. Peter and Tony to bring deserts.
 Dec 8th 2018—Christmas Party at Lomonaco's.
 Jan 12th 2019—Walking tour Los Angeles.
 February 2019—New Cuyama run.
 March 3rd 2019—Winos gone wild at Thore Edgren's.
6. **Old Business:** None.
7. **New Business:** None.
8. **Trivia Question:** None.
9. **50/50 Raffle:** Questions were: "What was last year of Convertible? And when did they reintroduce. Fred Smith and Hib Halverson won tickets. Frank LoMonaco won raffle. \$26.00 to split with club. Corvette racing posters were given away for anyone that wanted them Corvette racings 20th year.
10. **Correspondence:** None.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:02 PM. Next meeting is February 5th, 2018 at Flightline Restaurant & Bar, 521 Firestone Rd, Goleta CA.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sandy Rubel-Halverson, Secretary

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Members of the NCM receive 10% to 15% discount on purchases from the museum store.

Check the store before buying Corvette related items from other vendors—you might be surprised at the current inventory as well as prices.

Be sure to check the items on sale while you are there.



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