



CCSB Quarterly

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So...what do you think of the Club's revamped publication? Wait. Ah, don't answer that...at least until you've read the whole issue.

Going forward, the *CCSB Quarterly* is going to be a bit different from the previous *Corvette Club Santa Barbara Newsletter*.

For one thing—there has been a staff change with the Club's communications efforts. Longtime Newsletter Editor and Club Webmaster, Ed Clerkin, decided last Summer that he wanted to step-down from the Newsletter Editor job to focus on his most important responsibility: Webmaster of the Club's website. CCSB appreciates the work Ed did as Editor and wishes him well in his continuing responsibility as Webmaster.

Late last year, Club President, Dennis Trammell appointed Hib Halverson as CCSB Director of Public Relations. One of Halverson's responsibilities will be editing the Club's publication.

Also, it's no longer a monthly. *CCSB Quarterly* will be posted four times a year—at least for now. Why? There is less going on with the Club these days, so there's not enough content for a monthly news letter. Eventually, the Club will return to monthly meetings and events. If and when that happens, *CCSB Quarterly* will may end up *CCSB Monthly*.

Another difference? *CCSB Quarterly* doesn't have "pages". In the old days, when the *CCSB Newsletter* was actually issued in printed form or a lot of members printed it before reading it, obviously, it had to have pages which were the typical 8.5x11-inches in size.

A web-based publication really doesn't need page breaks because you read a bit, then scroll down to read more. Dir. PR Halverson and Webmaster, Ed Clerkin, agree that the Club needs to encourage its members to use the web site more. Eliminating page breaks facilitates that by making it more difficult to print the newsletter. To Hib and Ed's benefit, no page breaks, also, makes laying out the content in *CCSB Quarterly* easier for both of them.

So, let's see what happens with *CCSB Quarterly* which is—ok, a bit of a work in progress, as you can tell from the lack of "head shots" of each Director. Hopefully, we'll have those in the Q2 issue.

Top Story

In these times of pandemic caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the Board of Directors of Corvette Club Santa Barbara wants to better understand the Membership's interest in monthly meetings and activities.

CCSB President, Dennis Trammell, decided the Board needed to survey the Membership about those issues. The perfect communication channel for distributing this survey is this newsletter, so *CCSB Quarterly* presents: "Dennis' Membership Survey."

There are only five questions. Please click one answer box for each of them. Your responses will automatically be sent to Dennis who will compile the results and announce them either in a email "blast" and/or in the next issue of the *Quarterly*.

To take the survey, [click here](#), and you'll land on the CCSB web site's survey page. After you submit the survey, click your browsers "back" command and you'll end up back here at *CCSB Quarterly*.

View from the Top

The CCSB President's Column

Hello Everyone

It has been six months since I was elected President of our club. Unfortunately, not much has happened in the way of Club Runs or Dinner Meetings. Last year, I did organize a July run

to Jalama Beach that was well attended, probably due to fact we ate outside at picnic tables. "Winos Gone Wild," at Thore's home last August, had a good turnout, also, but then, things got worse.

We are all getting tired of this pandemic and we're getting tired of not feeling safe to venture outside of our homes. Brenda, her son and myself have all been vaccinated. Both Brenda and myself have received booster shots. Therefore, we do feel more secure in going out in public. Knowing that if we do get COVID-19 it will be a mild case. We still wear our mask as required, but did spend the Holidays with family and friends who we know are vaccinated.

My main goal as the Club's President is to make sure our Club survives. To accomplish this goal, I would like to plan runs for this year, so I looked at the past and decided to repeat runs that we did several years ago which were well attended. For example: having lunch at "Dorn's Original Breakers Café" in Morro Bay or "Boccalli's" near Ojai. Plus, new ones like the "Ronald Reagan Library" in Simi Valley, the "Peterson Automotive Museum" in Los Angeles, or maybe the "Getty Museum". Popular runs might become a yearly tradition. Like the run to "Cuyama Buckhorn" and the run to Jalama Beach State Park. I'd, also, like to restart the Club's Monthly Dinner Meetings. However before I can do this, I need the Membership's help.

In order to get a better idea how other club members feel about this current and changing environment. I have come up with the survey discussed above. I encourage all members to take the time to complete this brief survey. That way your Board of Directors can plan future events/runs based on your responses.

Let's all hope this New Year brings back some normalcy to our lives and we can get back to enjoying our Vettes and each other's company.

If you need any help with the survey, please e-mail our Webmaster, Ed Clerkin.

Dennis Trammell, President
Corvette Club Santa Barbara

The Secretary's Desk

Sandy Halverson Posts Meeting Minutes

The last meeting of any kind was the 2021 Installation Picnic back on June 26 2021.

The General Membership Meeting portion of the Picnic was called to order by President Dennis Trammell at 11:20 a.m. The twenty-six members present constituted a a quorum.

The Secretary was not present due to her recovery from a shoulder injury. Minutes were recorded by Member, Hib Halverson, to be conveyed to the Secretary at a later time.

Dennis announced a lunch run to Jalama Beach Park on July 24, 2021

Dennis reported that the Treasury balance was \$7045.07 on Jan. 1, 2021 and the ending balance for June was \$7881.26.

Dennis is looking into a lunch run to the Inn at Morro Bay

There was a discussion of:

- 1) Runs to "Cars and Coffee" events in Santa Barbara and the Conejo Valley.
- 2) The communications value of a web site vs. a Facebook page.
- 3) Board-generated email ending up in Members' SPAM folders.

No action was taken on any of those three issues.

Officers for 2021/2022 were elected by acclamation. The election results were:

President/Treasurer: Dennis Trammell

Vice President: Tony Megowan

Secretary: Sandy Halverson

There was a discussion of:

- 1) Hib Halverson's willingness to replace Ed Clerkin, who resigned as Newsletter Editor, provided the Board of Directors unanimously votes to repeal the ban on political discussion by Board Members at meetings, events and in the Newsletter.

No action was taken on Halverson's offer, but Dennis agreed to the Board's consideration of his proposition.

2) Electric vehicles, politics and the power grid.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sandy Halverson
Secretary

Pat B on Membership

What's Up with CCSB'ers

I would like to quote two sentences from the latest issue of the NCM's "America's Sports Car" magazine: "Corvette owners are an incredibly diverse group, but the one common thread going through all of them is passion. They love the make, the history and their own special Corvette."

The last two years have been a struggle worldwide, but I do believe we have weathered the storm and are ready to have some cruising good times. Wash those babies off and join in some caravanning, again. It will lift your spirits and, I bet your Corvette will be happy, too.

We currently have 56 Members residing in California, Nevada and North Carolina cities. They own 46 Corvettes ranging from a 1958 black convertible to a 2021 white coupe.

Pat Bloom
Director of Membership

Brenda, the Historian

Second Cousin of Dora, the Explorer

Hello Friends,

I'm excited to have been appointed our Club Historian. As the new Historian, I drove up to Solvang and picked the two hard drives from the previous Historian. I have been going through the files and organizing them by creating folders and labeling them by year. Pictures are put in folders with the names of runs for each folder.

I saw pictures from years ago showing our Club had participated in the Santa Barbara High School Homecoming court parade back when several members had convertibles. I decided to work on a PowerPoint presentation that can be seen once we start having dinner meetings again.

I don't believe that I have all the pictures that have been taken by Members. I know that Sharon and Sandy always have their cameras and take lots of pictures. If any members would like to send me pictures from previous runs, please, send them to me at brendacoronel@gmail.com. If you have lots of pictures on a computer, either Mac or PC, I can make arrangements to come to your home on a weekend and bring the external hard drive so I can transfer the pictures directly to it.

I'm looking forward to when the Club can get back to our normal activities and I can see all my friends again.

Brenda Coronel
Historian

The Last Word

Is on the Editor's Page

Set the Wayback Machine for July 2020. Back then I was Vice President of CCSB and, for the Newsletter, I wrote a column—which, to say the least, was controversial to some—about the interest of government to increasingly "incentivize" acceptance of electric vehicles and the politics surrounding that. In this article, I said, about a then-pending House bill to fight climate change introduced by Speaker Pelosi and another House member, *"For now, Speaker Pelosi's and Representative Castor's plan will be dead on arrival in the Senate, but that might not be*

the case after January 20th next year. Republicans may have underestimated the longevity of their Senatorial majority. That, along with President Trump's poll numbers lagging those of former Vice President Biden—in some cases by double digits—could flip both the Senate and the White House. That will play into the hands of progressives who want the vast majority of Americans driving EVs or riding mass transit.

So...could this result in an electric Corvette in the late 2020s or early 2030s?

I would not bet against it."

Fast forward 18 months to late-January 2022. Joe Biden is President. Nancy Pelosi is still Speaker. In just a year and a half, the automotive industry has moved towards electrification with speed which can only be described as "astonishing". In July of '20, who'd have expected GM to claim it will manufacture no internal combustion engine (ICE) powered cars or light trucks after 2035. Ford says 40% of its products will be all-electric by 2030. Stellantis says it will be all-EV by 2030. Volkswagen says half its U.S. sales will be EVs by 2030. OK, you get the picture...

So, what of a hybrid or, even, a full electric Corvette? Well...the hybrid Corvette, the so-called "E-Ray," is almost upon us. Fun fact: GM trademarked "E-Ray" back in 2015. The week of 3JAN, "spy shots" of the e-Ray during on-road development by GM engineers were all over the automotive internet. Engineers driving undisguised development/validation cars on public roads are usually the last thing spy-shooters see before a production version sees the light of day. Scuttlebutt is that E-Ray might arrive as soon as the 2023 model year, which goes on sale this fall and sets up the possibility that its introduction might about the same time as the debut



of the 2023 Corvette Z06.

3/4 front view of the E-Ray which replaces the Grand Sport.

Now, the E-Ray is neither a "full hybrid" (runs on either the ICE, the electric motor or a



E-Ray 3/4 rear view. Spy photo captions have always talked about the "different" exhaust on E-Ray protos, but no one seems to know what is actually different about it.

combination of both), like the Toyota Prius, nor a "mild hybrid" (runs on both all the time), like the Honda Accord hybrid. If you're convinced that climate change will soon end the world as

we know it, then this hybrid will not be for you because the only green thing about an E-Ray will be how much green it will cost for you to buy one. My guess is E-Rays will be sold for over-MSRP for a considerable amount of time after its debut.

This hybrid version of America's Sports Car will be a "performance-enhancing" hybrid. It is likely that the single electric motor driving the front wheels will operate only when the driver wants additional performance. The base Stingray's LT2 will drive the rear wheels. Imagine the electric part of the E-Ray as a sort of "afterburner." Total power is estimated to be 600-650hp. The E-Ray will replace the Grand Sport nameplate in the Corvette line-up. It should be interesting with two models having 600 or so horsepower, one with a 670-hp, 8600-RPM, four-cam V8 and the other with a 490-hp ICE and a 125-hp electric motor.

As for the full electric Corvette? Don't look for that until the "C9" appears, perhaps in the early '30s.

I'd like to thank President Dennis Trammell for naming me Director of Public Relations. I look forward to taking CCSB's communications efforts in some new directions. As for content in *CCSB Quarterly*? Well, Club Members, **this is your newsletter**. I'm just the Editor. All Board Members are expected to contribute a column to each issue. Plus, any Member is welcome to send me submissions. They must be formatted as either Apple Pages files or MS Word files. Also, files from some of the "open source" Windows word processing applications, such as "Libre Office" or "Open Office" may be acceptable.

Lastly, right now, *CCSB Quarterly* is a work-in-progress. Hopefully the next issue will reinstate the "head shots" of each Board Member and will have more imagery.

We'll see you next time.