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## North Bay Corvette Association General Meeting Minutes March 9, 2022

**President: Jeff Farber** called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, and asked for officer's reports.

Membership Director: Barbara Boyer reported:

She received applications from Dan and Margaret Marsh. They have a Torch Red C7 and joined us at our meeting last month. They joined this meeting via Zoom.

Sebastian James, who has a Laguna Blue C7 Z51 submitted his application. He helped us put on the last autocross we held. He works with Mike Giordano.

While at a Hooked-On-Driving event at Sonoma Raceway yesterday, Barbara met William (Bill) Burlick, who works with Kevin as a coach for HOD. He has a yellow Z06. He was interested in joining the club and may join the meeting this evening.

And Betty McKinnie met Joe Bealer who showed interest in joining the club.

**Secretary: Don Drummond** was not able to attend. Steve Boyer moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting which were published in last month's newsletter. Paul Schofield seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

**Treasurer: Mike McLucas** reported:

Checks Written This Month:

- 1. A check was written to Betty for roses for the Valentine's Day.
- 2. A check was written to Thunderhill Raceway Park for the track deposit.
- 3. A check was written to William Donnally for Club Refreshments.

J28 Design was the other sponsor check deposited last month.

We have a good balance in our checking account and seven car wash tickets.

Mike will file required annual reports to the State and IRS in the near future.

Steve B. made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Paul S. and approved.

**Director of Publications: Heather Torres** reported that the deadline for the next newsletter is Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. She has removed all items off of the calendar except for birthdays until we can reschedule them.

Webmaster: Stephen Buttrick was not able to be present. Heather will ask him to remove all autocross items from the website.

**Public Relations Director: Bill Donnelly** was not able to be present.

#### **Social Director: Betty McKinnie** reported:

There are 8 cars, 17 people, that will attend the St. Patties Day drive and lunch this Saturday. We will leave Cattleman's Restaurant parking lot at 9:30 am and drive through the countryside to Margaret Todd Senior Center for lunch. Jeff will pick up orders at Sam's Café and bring them to the Center. Bring your folding chairs and beverages.

Our annual Christmas dinner party has been scheduled at McGinnis Golf Park on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Janes annual Christmas cookie party will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Eric has the Moose Milk recipe.

Sunshine Report: Lynn Larson was unable to be present but Eric said that she sent a card to Don Drummond and his wife because his mother-in-law passed away. Eric also said that Lynn's ear surgery went well and she is still recovering.

#### Vice President: Steve Boyer reported:

The club's vote to approve the WSCC Budget was sent to their treasurer, and the budget was approved at their last regular membership meeting.

We can get insurance for the autocross at Thunderhill Raceway Park, scheduled for June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, through the raceway. It should be approximately \$650.00 for the two days.

The WSCC Competition Committee sent out a proposed revision to WSCC's Competition Code which includes some minor updates and changes. Section II, Autocross, was completely rewritten, changing classifications for the cars, but also a new section on autocross Safety Stewards' responsibilities and training. Steve has reviewed the changes and recommends approval. Heather will send a copy out via email to all members for their input and approval. Please email your approval to Steve no later than March 18<sup>th</sup> so he can get our vote in to WSCC on time.

Steve is willing to go through the Safety Steward's required safety training put on by the Sports Car Club of America and become a licensed autocross Safety Steward. It was recommended that if there is a cost involved, that the Club pick up that expense.

#### Member at Large: Dan Divita reported:

Fuel prices may affect drive and dine participation.

WSCC's ability to get insurance may affect the Caravan in August. He stopped work on getting shirts and the registration is not available.

**President: Jeff Farber** reported: He asked Kevin to help get current pictures of members' cars.

At the last WSCC's general meeting, all of the member clubs where informed that as of March 1, they are no longer covered by liability insurance through WSCC. WSCC's insurance was not renewed. They are hoping to get new insurance by April 30. NBCA is currently pursuing obtaining our own coverage for socials and other events.

**Old Business:** The Corvette Team will be at Laguna Seca Weather Tech Raceway for the IMSA races April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a Corvette coral with parking for about 250 cars. Chevrolet will supply the tent and seating as they always have. There will be a parade lap on Saturday. Tickets are on sale now at the track's website.

**New Business:** There was no New Business.

#### **Announcements:**

Eric took a car to Matt & Jeff's to get it washed. They were very good.

Our next meeting will be via Zoom, Wednesday, April 13th, at 6:30 pm.

Jane Rittler moved to adjourn the meeting. Paul Schofield seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

#### Respectfully Submitted,

For Don Drummond, Secretary

By Steve Boyer, Vice President

## President's Message - Are we driving yet - or are we being driven crazy?

After two years of reduced driving and activities, I've got some pent up driving desires. I recently took my car for service so it would be ready for my season of events. I use the Corvette recommended Mobil One 0W40 oil. I used to use the Mobil one heavy weight oil recommended for track driving, but using that oil required me to warm my car up to operating temperatures before any driving. What a nice convenience to be able to use my car with just a start and drive capability. Amazing that my 2016 Z06 is such an easy street driving car and also a ready car for my track and Open Road racing uses. I changed my brake fluid with Motul high temp brake fluid. And I use Amsoil Premium Synthetic Fluids in the transmission and rear differential. I'm ready for my "higher" speed events now.

Dang if it isn't time to replace my front brake pads too. I was able to get them on Amazon for \$550. That sounds like a lot of money to just buy the parts, doesn't it. Mike G is lending me his lift and will help me make sure I put them on right. I'm not sure why I'm so nervous about installing these brake pads? It could be that I know I stress the brakes when slamming them at 125mph on the track.

I signed up for the 2022 Nevada Open Road race again this year. It will take place in May, way out in Ely Nevada. Our WSCC friends, Helen Landis, Mim Peterson, and Don Herzer also run this race. You might recall I told the story of a Coyote crossing the road in front of me while the camera showed my speed at 109mph. This story is exciting to tell, but no one there seemed to care much as there was no real issue of danger. This year my class is Grand Touring, and my chosen average speed is 125mph. I'll be in Helen and Mim's class. Don ran in the 135mph class last year. This speed will be a bit different from last year's 110mph class. I had no real problem talking to my navigator when driving at 110mph. The engine noise was quite minor for a major portion of the race. But, when we were driving at the upper end of our speed limit (124mph) last year, the sound in the car increased to the point where we had to talk much louder. This year, with the average speed being 125mph, we will have that extra engine noise the whole race.

The noise issue brings me to a shopping challenge. My navigator and I need a two-way intercom system so we can speak comfortably without the need to yell. I spent an hour or so researching alternate models but have not yet found the perfect model. A perfect model would be an affordable one! They are so darn expensive and are more designed for motorcycles than cars. I'll report back later once I purchase and have used my new communicator system.

Let's discuss the biggest issue that has hampered the club since the start of March. That major issue is the need to purchase our own club insurance for our activities, especially rolling car type driving activities. WSCC was not successful in obtaining affordable coverage due to an accident claim. While they did receive a quotation for full coverage, including all of the club's events, the price would have been cost prohibitive. It was decided that WSCC would purchase insurance covering their meetings and WSCC-sponsored events and leave the clubs to obtain our own insurance for our own events. I hope by the time this newsletter is published, we have secured insurance for the year. We need insurance for our meetings, Drive n Dines, and socials. I'm sure this insurance will work out just fine once we have time to get things worked out.

And we have received a batch of interest in our club which means the local Corvette community is expanding. I'll see you on the road.

## Vice President March 22, 2022

**Autocrosses**: Jeff requested insurance coverage for our autocross through Thunderhill Raceway Park. It should cost approximately \$500.00 for the weekend.

WSCC: Jeff and I attended a Zoom meeting with WSCC to discuss two options for insurance. After going through the presentation and discussion, it was decided to go with coverage for meetings and other gatherings only, and not commit to the much more expensive coverage for caravans and other "turning wheel" events. No autocross coverage was even available. We will have insurance coverage through WSCC going forward for meetings and gatherings only. Jeff will continue to search for reasonable coverage for moving events, such as Drive-N-Dines.

#### Respectfully Submitted by,

#### Steve Boyer Vice President



Corvette Racing came in First in Class at the 12 hours of Sebring March 20, 2022.

## NBCA Members Attend Ron Fellows High Performance Driving School At Spring Mountain Motorsport Resort, Pahrump, NV



Here is a shot of the NBCA Graduating Class of 23-02-2022. From the left: Dan Divita, Gloria Aquilino, Denyce and Fred Codoni, and Barbara and Steve Boyer.

We all had a great time learning and driving in the school's cars.

If you're interested in what the school is all about, here's a link to a father and son's friendly competition video, taken at Spring Mountain.

The video is from the CorvetteBlogger.com:

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Submitted by Steve Boyer

## **North Bay Corvette Association**

## Treasurer's Report March 9, 2022

#### **Checks Cleared This Month:**

1 Check #3157 to Betty McKinney for Valentine Day roses

#### **Deposits Made This Month:**

1. Silvera Chevrolet advertiser

#### **Checks outstanding this month:**

- 1. Check Thunderhill Raceway Auto cross deposit.
- 2. Check -William Donnelly \$50.00 for "Moose M"

Note: Check #3155 was the original deposit to Thunderhill for 2 Auto cross events in 2022, This check has been voided and was added back into the books.

As mentioned in last months report, the missing check, this was from J28 Design.

**Car-Wash Ticket Report:** One ticket was given to Lutz F.. for winning last month's Wheel-O-Car-Wash at the end of the meeting. Lutz was mailed the car wash ticket. We currently have 7 car wash tickets available from your Treasurer Mike.

Please consider buying some car-wash tickets from me the next time you see me. I usually have them with me at club events.

Advertisers and Sponsors Report: All advertisers and sponsors are sending in their payments.

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Mike McLucas

**NBCA** Treasurer

**SOCIAL REPORT - March 12, 2022** brought us together for a St. Patrick's Day get together with 18 people and 11 cars! Amazing! Some of us enjoyed corned beef sandwiches from Sam's Place in Novato. A picnic at Novato community park was enjoyed by all. The weather was perfect! Thank you so much Jeff for picking up the sandwiches for us! A great start to Spring!!

#### **POST YOUR CALENDARS FOR APRIL, 2022**

Let's meet at **6:00 pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>** for a get together at Art's Place, 563 Rohnert Park Expressway, Rohnert Park. We can share dinner and catch up!

Our **social gathering will be Saturday, April 16**<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at **10:00** am at one of our sponsor's, Mike Giordano, J28 Design, 420 Aaron Street, Suite B, Cotati. We will be sharing lunch together at William Tell restaurant in Tomales. The address is 26955, CA1, Tomales.

**RSVP to me** will be appreciated for both gatherings! Call or text me at **707-315-5474**, **email is bjmckinnie@yahoo.com**.

Respectfully,

Betty McKinnie Social Director <u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u>: Dan and Margaret March, who live in Novato and have a Torch Red C7 Stingray, have applied for membership. They have attended the required activities to be admitted to the club.

We had several other guests for our March ZOOM meeting. I have sent information about the club and applications for membership to them.

Steve and I, Dan D., Denyce and Fred C., and Gloria A. all attended Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain. We had an amazing time. We were able to learn what a C8 can do and not do. We had track time, control exercises and even autocrosses! Steve came in 1<sup>st</sup> in his group for the autocross. Congratulations.

Only problem we had was the snow. It was a bit intimidating to see snow on the track the second day but the cars handled it quite well and the snow melted very fast.



Photo courtesy of Glory Aquilino.



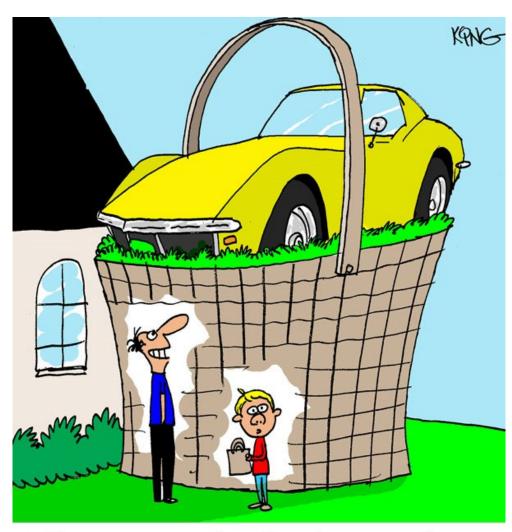


Submitted by Barbara Boyer

#### Public relations report

Hi gang hope all is well with everyone, advertisers & sponsors are paying, all good there, I'm going to do our April social drive, going out to Dillon beach and then lunch at William Tells in Tomalas, start at Mike G business building, Rohnert Park, we'll do pictures with all our cars then head out, hope a lot of you can make it, will be fun drive! Well, that's it for now, LIFE IS GOOD! William, teaser......What is the actor Richard Gere's middle name?

https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2017/04/15/saturday-morning-corvette-comic-happy-easter/



"All I got was a chocolate bunny and some some chocolate eggs."

## Fig and Blue Cheese Bruschetta

Easiest appetizer ever!

By Ree Drummond



RALPH SMITH

I'm obsessed with fig jam—it tastes so good with cheese! Try it on these easy toasts, or put some on a pizza with arugula and prosciutto.

YIELDS:16 servings
PREP TIME:0 hours 20 mins
TOTAL TIME:0 hours 20 mins

#### **Ingredients**

1/4 c. olive oil

1/2

baguette, sliced 1/2 inch thick (about 16 slices)

2 tbsp.

fig jam or preserves (or you can use plum or apricot preserves)

4 OZ.

blue cheese, crumbled

Small fresh basil leaves, for garnish

#### **Directions**

- 1. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add half the baguette slices and toast until golden and crisp, about 4 minutes per side. Repeat with the remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and baguette slices. Allow to cool.
- 2. Spread each piece of bread with a little fig jam or preserves. Top with the blue cheese and garnish with basil.

## **Cheesy Caramelized Onion Dip**

https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipes/a52253/cheesy-caramelized-onion-dip-recipe/

It's a hot and bubbly bacon-cheddar-mozzarella onion dip. How bad can that be?

YIELDS:6
PREP TIME: 5 MINS
TOTAL TIME: 45 MINS

#### **INGREDIENTS**

1/2 lb. bacon
1 tbsp. butter
2 large onions, thinly sliced
8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 c. sour cream
1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 tsp. garlic powder
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 c. shredded Gruyère
1 c. shredded mozzarella
Chopped fresh parsley, for garnish
Toasted baguette slices, for serving

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°.
- 2. In a large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy. Drain bacon and set aside, reserving about 1 tablespoon of fat in the pan.
- 3. Melt butter in the same pan. Add onions and cook until soft and golden, about 10 minutes.
- 4. In a large bowl, combine cream cheese, sour cream, Worcestershire sauce and garlic powder. Beat with a hand mixer until light and fluffy, then season with salt and pepper. Fold in cheeses, crumbled bacon and onions. Transfer to a small baking dish and bake until bubbly, about 20 minutes.
- 5. Garnish with parsley and serve warm with bread for dipping.





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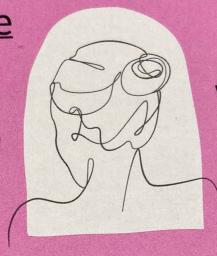
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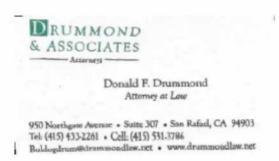
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90 mins.....\$100...with Cupping or Hot Stone...\$110

















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