

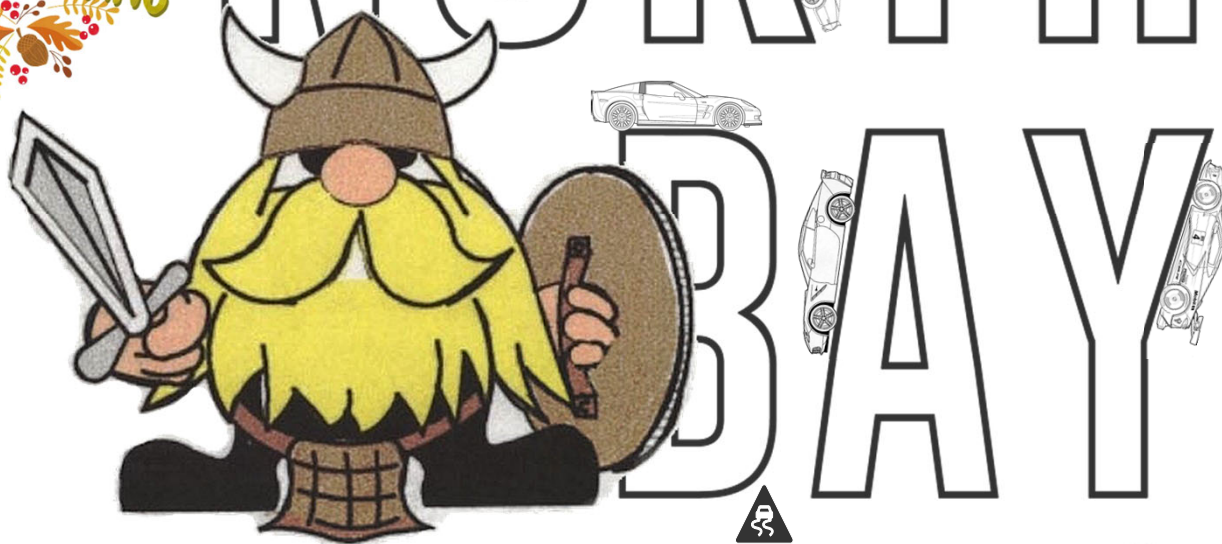


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Guests are always welcome!!

North Bay Corvette Association  
(NBCA) Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday of each month

**IN PERSON AT**

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1545 S Novato Blvd  
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At

**6:30 PM**

This issue you will find:

Birthdays/Socials

Secretary Report

President Report

Social Director Report

Treasurer Report

Membership Director Report

Public Relations Director Report

Vice President Report

Flyers Advertisement



Oct 11, 2023 06:30 PM Pacific Time

A Thanks to our Club Members for submitting  
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- Oscar C.
- Jeff F.
- Barbara B.
- Kevin M.
- Steve B.
- William D.

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 11/01 – Coffee Morning Meetup at Grand Central Coffee
- 11/05 – Novato Cars & Coffee
- 11/07 – William C. BD
- 11/08 – Members Meeting
- 11/11 – Social -Veteran's Day Parade in Petaluma-Vets in Vettes
- 11/22 – Board Of Directors Meeting
- 11/22 – Judy E. BD
- 11/23 – Thanksgiving Day
- 11/28 – Diane C. BD
- 11/30 – James F. BD

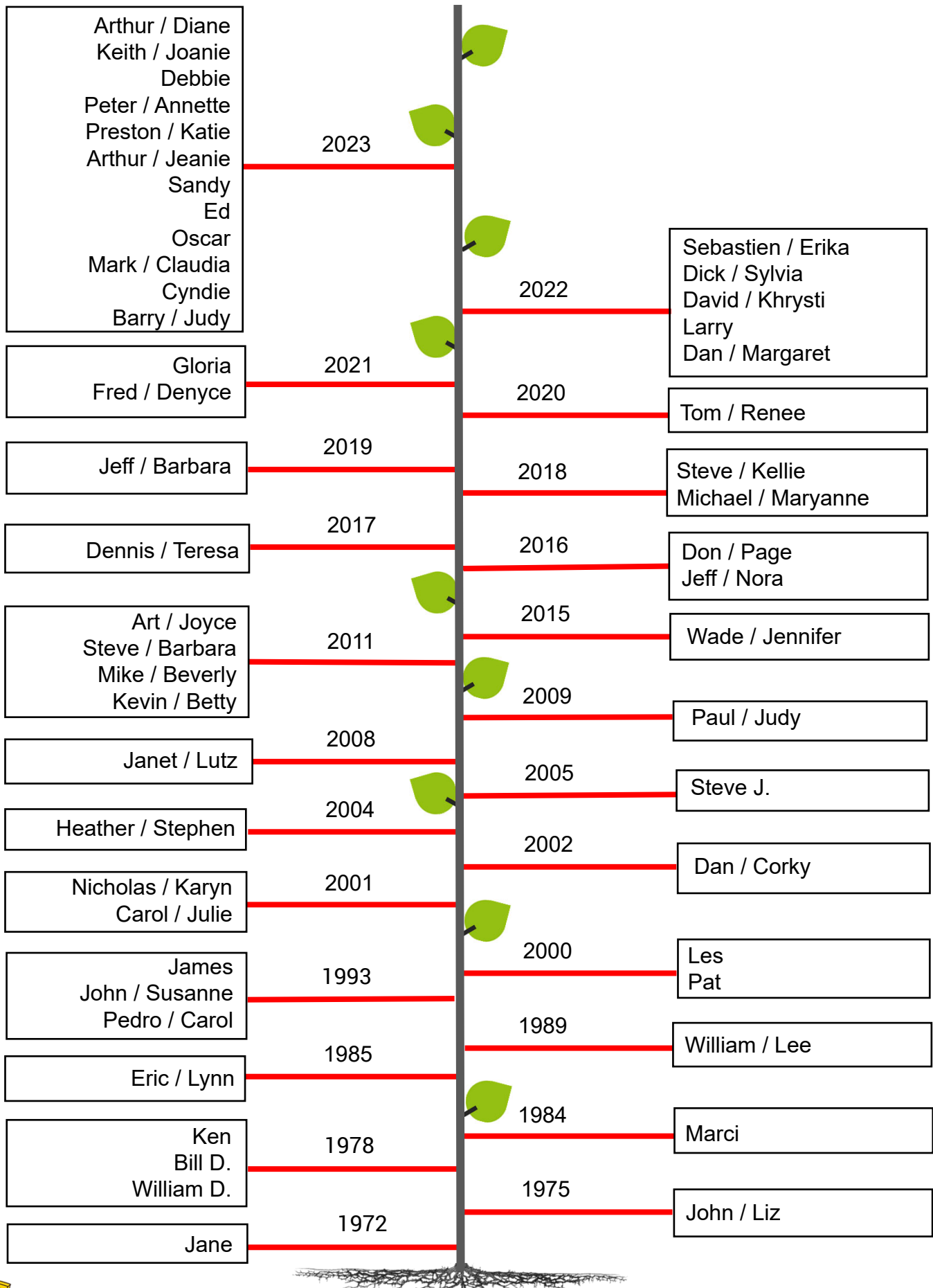


## DECEMBER

- 12/01 – Coffee Morning Meetup at Creekside Bakery
- 12/02 - Cookie Exchange- Hosted by Jane, Dan & Corky
- 12/03 – Novato Cars & Coffee
- 12/09 – NBCA Christmas Dinner
- 12/10 – Dick H. BD
- 12/13 – Members Meeting
- 12/22 – Joanie C. / Fred C. BD
- 12/27 – Board Of Directors Meeting

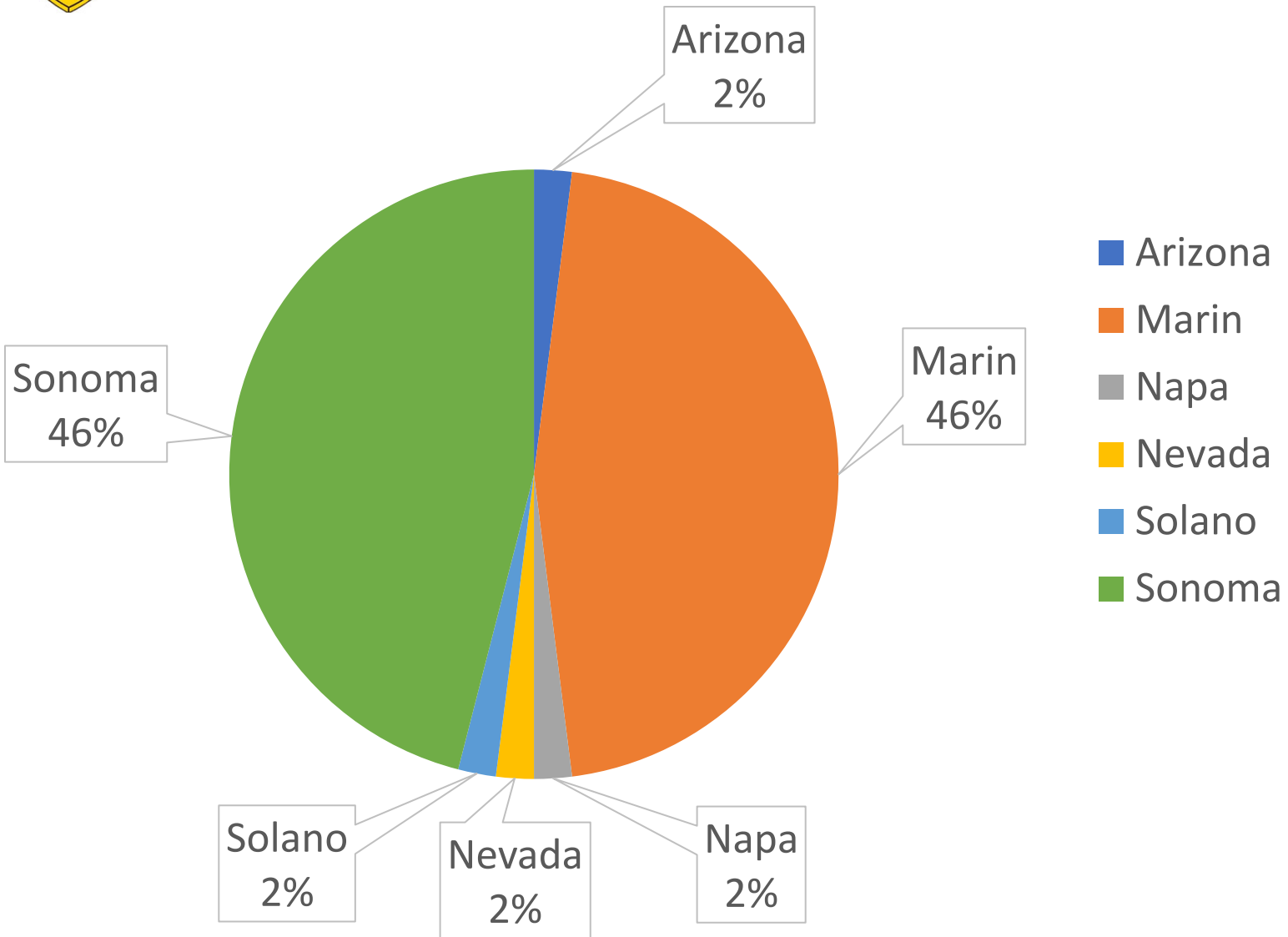


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	<b>C3 CORVETTE: 1968-1982: 7</b>		<b>C7 CORVETTE: 2014-2019: 15</b>
	<b>C4 CORVETTE: 1984-1996: 3</b>		<b>C8 CORVETTE: 2020-2024: 11</b>

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# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### OCTOBER 11, 2023

Meeting Minutes



**Location:** Sam's Grill, Novato, CA

**Officers Attending In-person:** Steve Boyer, President; Jeff Farber (Vice President/Social); Mike McLucas (Treasurer); Barbara Boyer, (Membership) Dan Divita (**Secretary**); Sebastien Jame (Publications)

**Officers Absent:** Bill Donnelly; Heather Torres

**In-person members:** Maryanne McLucas, Oscar Carcelen, Paul Schofield, Gloria Aquilino, Kevin and Betty McKinnie, Nora Farber, Sandy Houck, Steve Jackson, Ken and Marci Albers, Larry Laino, Dave Keeny

**Zoom members on-line:** Keith Conner, Mike and Bev Giordano, Art Appling, Barry Edghill

**Guests:** Pete Andersen, Wayne Aquilino, Cyndie Puckett

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:31

#### Officer Reports

**Membership Director Barbara Boyer:** Barbara took the opportunity to introduce our guests for this evening. Wayne Aquilino and Cyndie Puckett, each introduced themselves, and spoke a bit about their interests. Wayne lives in Santa Rosa, and Cyndie lives in Petaluma.

Barbara also mentioned that one of our newest members, Art Chambers, who had joined us in March, had recently passed away. His wife, Diane, had mentioned that she will be interested in selling his C7 in the near future. Barbara will provide more information after she talks with Diane.

We have a few more prospective members who are considering joining us at this time.

**Secretary Dan Divita** reported that the minutes of the previous meeting had been completed and published in the Newsletter. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Marci Albers, and Seconded by Maryanne McLucas. Minutes Approved.



**Treasurer Mike McLucas** advised that we have had minimal financial activity in the past month, so our status remains solid. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jane Rittler, and Seconded by Paul Schofield. Motion Approved.

Mike reported that all sponsors have now paid dues for the current year.

We have recently acquired our own ZOOM account. We will no longer be using Jeff Farber's corporate account. Thank you Jeff for supporting us for these past several months by allowing us to utilize your account.

**Publications Director Sebastien Jame** reported that work continues on our outstanding Newsletter. He has produced some promotional cards for the upcoming Veteran's day Parade in Petaluma.

**Website Master Sebastien Jame** said that he has added an Auto-Cross section to the website, as well as a promotional "Vettes in Vets" page.

**Publications Bill Donnelly** Not Present

**Member-at-Large Heather Torres** Not Present

**Social Director Jeff Farber** mentioned that with the end of daylight-savings-time, our Drive-and-Dine activities have come to an end for this year. Thanks to Steve and Kellie King for hosting our last event.

### **Future social events will include:**

**Oct. 21:** Bocce Ball play, hosted by the Boyer's, will be held at the Bocce Ball facility located at Albert Park, 550 "B" Street in San Rafael. This will be a mid-day event, so please plan to bring a picnic lunch and drinks (no hard alcohol) with you. No experience is necessary. Steve and Barbara will teach anyone interested in how to play this fun Italian game. Arrive 9:45.

**November 1:** Morning Coffee. An informal group get together will be held at Grand Central Petaluma Coffee and Empanadas Shop, 226 Weller St., in Petaluma for those wishing to get together to visit. Time: 8:00 to 10:30 or whenever.

**November 11:** Veteran's Day Parade in Petaluma. Organized by Kevin McKinnie, this annual event for our club will take place once again. Typically, about 30 Corvettes participate driving a Veteran or supporter along the parade route. This year, breakfast will return to our original location: Two Niner Diner, at the Petaluma Airport. Drivers are requested to arrive at the diner at 8:00. Photos at 11:00. Drivers should be prepared to pay for their own meal, as well as pay Kevin for that of their guest veteran. Contact Kevin if you have questions or need further information or review the Newsletter.



December 2: 45th Annual Non-tree-Cutting Christmas kick-off and Cookie party at the Divita household. Info will be included in future Newsletters.

**Vice President Jeff Farber:** We have received official GM and Chevrolet approval to use our logo on clothing and accessory items as long as we use them for our purposes and do not offer them for sale to the General Public.

Our last Auto-cross, held October 7 and 8, was a success, and we should have made a profit once all expenses have been factored in. Mike Giordano has agreed to serve as our Auto-cross Coordinator for next year.

Following a great deal of discussion, we will retain our membership in the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC). This will cost neither the Club nor our members anything for 2024. In addition, to acquire some insurance benefit, we will also join the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) as of January 2024. We will, therefore, be members of both organizations for the year. There is a membership cost for the NCCC but it is basically the same as we have been paying for WSCC.

Steve requested that someone propose a motion to approve this action and such a motion was made by Mike McLucas, and Seconded by Oscar Carcelen. The Motion Passed.

Anticipating this approval, Steve has already submitted our Club application for membership to the NCCC, and it has been accepted.

**National Corvette Museum Representative Marci Albers** Marci reported that there was no activity this month.

**Old Business:** Ken Albers reported that he has obtained volunteers to serve as Officers of the Club for the upcoming election. For those offices that are subject to election, his proposed candidates are: Membership: Barbara Boyer (continuing) Social Director: David Keeny (with help from Jeff Farber): Secretary: Steve Jackson; Member-at-large: Mike Giordano.

**New Business:** Need to locate our stock of A/X timing slips.

**Next General Meeting:** November 8, Sam's Diner, Novato

**Next Board Meeting:** October 25, J28 Design's

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:37

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Dan Divita, Secretary*



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# MORNING COFFEE

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## Morning Meetup is back!

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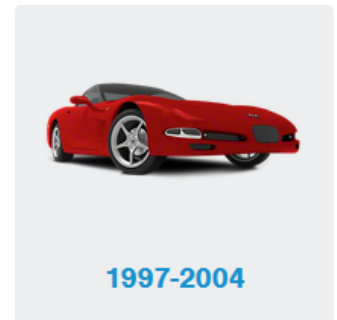
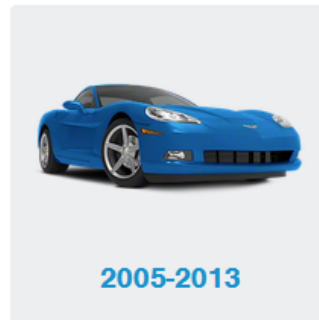
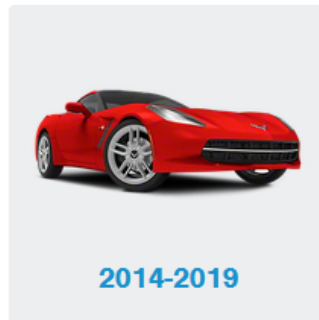
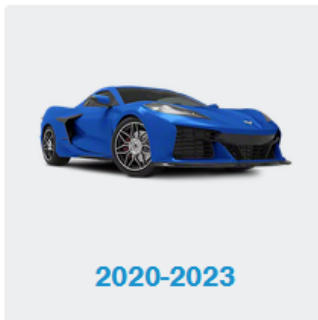


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# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### OCTOBER 30, 2023

Please attend the membership meeting at Sam's Place. Most of us get there at 5:15 to have dinner before the 6:30 meeting. It helps support our advertiser and we get a chance to socialize and strengthen relationships. It's all good.

Last month, I was able to attend the autocross we put on, but after having a mediocre Saturday morning session, I collapsed chasing a road cone due to heat exhaustion in the afternoon.



Barbara drove me over to the First Aid building at the track where I was seen by EMTs and sent via ambulance to Glenn Medical Center in Willows. Tests showed that I was dehydrated, had an infection, and was anemic. So the heat affected this old geezer worse than I thought it should. If I had done better in the morning Saturday running the Autocross, I'm sure I would have wanted to stay for Sunday. The autocross continued and was quite enjoyable for everybody else that was there. Better luck next time for my attempt at being faster than Bill Donnelly or Kevin McKinnie. Make sure you hydrate!

Until next time.

Save the Wave.

**Steve Boyer, President**



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# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## SOCIAL DIRECTOR REPORT

### OCTOBER 24, 2023

Wednesday, October 4, was the date of our monthly Drive N Dine. Kellie and Steve King hosted the drive and the attendees met at San Marin High School in Novato for staging. There were 11 Corvettes and 18 total participants on the drive. The caravan headed west on Novato Boulevard past Stafford Lake, and out toward the coast. When we reached the end of Novato Boulevard, we turned left on Petaluma-Hill Road. We drove south until we reached the old San Geronimo Golf Course, then headed back north until Nicasio and stopped to park in front of Old Saint Mary's of Nicasio Valley.



We walked from there into the backyard of Rancho Nicasio restaurant where we sat at a semi-private area reserved for our club. It was an ideal setting and structure for our group. We stood in line to order, pick up our drinks and pay. Then we waited at our tables for the food to be delivered while we socialized.

October 21 was the date for our October Social. This event was not a drive but a destination social. This event was hosted by Steve and Barbara Boyer at Marin Bocce. The group of 16 met and were given instruction from Steve and Barbara on how to play. (...Pick up ball, hold ball, roll ball, repeat.) Teams of four players were picked and games were played. Players also brought their own box lunch and refreshment. The group had fun and asked that another date be scheduled for next





**Our next Social event is a Morning Meetup at Grand Central Coffee in Petaluma on Wednesday, November 4 at 9:00am. 226 Weller St, Petaluma, CA 94952**

*For an up-to-the-date listing of events go to [NorthBayCorvettes.org](http://NorthBayCorvettes.org) and click on Events - NBCA Calendar*

For those of you following my quest to complete my Sudoku game - I've now completed 2567 of my Sudoku 10000 games.

Jeff



# CORVETTE ENGINEERING

THE FOLLOWING IS A Q & A BETWEEN JEFF FARBER VP  
AND JOSH HOLDER, CHIEF CORVETTE PRODUCT ENGINEER.....



Q: Are run flats safer, especially on the track, than conventional tires?

Back story... I lost all my air pressure in my Michelin Sport Cup on the track a few years ago due to picking up a screw. When the car started to get squirrely at 120mph on a straight I started to wonder what was happening. When I went around the next turn and it was obvious something was wrong, I started looking around. My dash was counting down from 4 to 3 to 2 to 1 to 0 - I then realized I had to get off the track. I felt happy to have run flats, believing that they are the safest type tire

A: I don't think I'd say that one type of tire is safer than another for normal track use – certainly the zero pressure (ZP) tire has more sidewall structure than a non- ZP tire which would be less likely to fail catastrophically when subjected to external damage like a screw or a piece of debris. Most tire failures happen in a way that lets the driver know that something is wrong before it goes really wrong.

Q: Tell us about the purchase of your RetroMod car and what you've done with it, and what is left to do.

A: I bought a 1965 coupe at Barrett Jackson that the previous owner turned into a restomod sometime in the 90's I'm guessing. I don't know and didn't get to talk to the previous owner, but it had a tuned-port fuel injected 327, 6-speed transmission and added aftermarket air conditioning. After inspection we are certain that this car was originally a 396 and was Marlboro Red. It appears to have never been wrecked. It was a great foundation to do a more modern restomod – and because it's originality is long gone, I don't feel guilty about doing it.



I live in Michigan, but the car is in Montana where I grew up. My father has a large shop and was getting bored in retirement, so he enjoys doing the work as long as I buy the parts – that’s how this partnership works. We started on the work last fall, I was there last Christmas and again last July, both times spent mostly doing structural fiberglass work – I try to do the things he doesn’t enjoy which include crawling into the car.

The chassis is mostly done – we kept the original frame which was already modified to make the transmission cross member removable but otherwise straight and rust free. We changed the rear suspension to a 5-link set-up with adjustable coil-over shocks and a much stronger differential that uses a 9 inch ring gear and CV style axle shafts. The front also has adjustable coil over shocks and new control arms mounted to a cradle that stiffens the control arm mounting points and attaches a power assisted rack and pinon steering. We upgraded the disk brakes with larger 2-piece rotors and calipers and changed the master cylinder to a vacuum assisted dual circuit type for a little more safety. It has 3-piece forged wheels with the widest tire we could fit under a stock body – we are leaving the body appearance stock and without flares at least for now.

The new LS 525 engine and T56 transmission “plug and play” package from GM performance parts are in the car. We just finished setting the pinon angle and transmission height to work with a new larger diameter drive shaft. We’ve test fit the long tube headers and side pipes. The next step is to finish a bunch of wiring and plumbing which will be a lot of detail work that I would say makes the project about ½ way completed.

**Q:** Do you and your GM Engineer wife Angela do anything non-car related as a couple?

**A:** We don’t get a lot of time that doesn’t involve car related activities but we do enjoy hiking and travel. We spend time in the western US whenever we get a chance and enjoy a tropical beach in the winter. I won’t claim to enjoy it, but we both spend a lot of time on home improvement projects.

**Q:** How would you help a prospective competition-minded Corvette buyer decide between a Z06 and an eRay?

**A:** If by ‘competition-minded’ you mean planning to take it to the track with some frequency, the Z06 is the Corvette you want. It’s all about that and there’s nothing like it.



# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### OCTOBER 11, 2023



**QuickBooks Balance:** We have some money

#### Checks Cleared This Month:

1. #3212 William Donnelly, Durkin Signs for Auto X Trailer
2. #3213 Sebastien Jame, Barbara Boyer, WSCC Dues Spongberg
3. #3215 Sebastien Jame, Oct. Vette Views  
ETF GoDaddy NBCA web hosting (1 year)

**Outstanding Checks:** None

**Deposits:** Cash deposits from AutoX will be reported next month  
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Drive and Dine excess Cash

**Car-Wash Ticket Report:** The Car Wash Spin winner last month was Betty M. Ticket mailed.  
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I'm in NY until the 1st of November my son just bought a new home there, see you all at next meeting on the second Wednesday of November!

**William Donnelly**  
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# Social –Petaluma Veteran's Day Parade Vets in Vettes

Our club participates in the annual Veterans Day parade in Petaluma. Each driver chauffeurs a military veteran in the parade. It's a full day of fun, including breakfast, free for the veteran, a group picture, and then the parade. Following the parade, we head to the VFW for beverages and sometimes lunch.



# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP'S DIRECTOR REPORT OCTOBER 30, 2023

We have several new members to join the club this month. Cyndie Puckett, who owns a 2005, Daytona Sunset Orange convertible and Barry and Judy Edghill, who own a Pewter, C5 convertible. Please welcome them to the club.

Notice for dues for 2024 have gone out with applications to NCCC. Please fill out the new NCCC membership form and return it with a check made out to NBCA for \$45 or \$55 (depending on if you are paying for an associate NCCC membership also) to me directly at 59 Rowan Court, San Rafael, CA 94903. Dues must be paid by December 1, 2023.

Thanks all of the members who participated in the bocce social. We had a wonderful time and found out some of our novice players should be on a team, they played that well.



Submitted by: Barbara Boyer, Membership Director



# NORTH BAY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### OCTOBER 22, 2023



The Vice President is in charge of competition events and is our club representative for our regional Umbrella organization.

The club hosted an autocross on October 7 and 8 at Thunderhill raceway in Willows. Our treasurer will announce shortly the financial results of the event, but it is estimated that we broke even or made a few dollars.

About 15% of our membership participates in our autocross events, either by competing or by volunteering. Traditionally, autocross hosted events have been the largest source of club income and has funded most of our annual charitable contributions. In recent years, primarily due to increasing costs of track rental and insurance, we have not increased our bank account as much, but we have never lost any money.

The club has very few physical assets. The two most obvious assets are our Autocross trailer and our treasurer's laptop with QuickBooks. The trailer holds our autocross equipment such as cones, timing equipment, and tables and chairs.



Recently, our Webmaster, Sebastien, has been purchasing a few new assets, quite minimal in cost, maybe even simple office expenses, such as our new portable promotional banner. Sebastien has been a great marketer for the club, both as an expert webmaster, but also marketer of product through brochures and other printed media.

There has been discussion about upgrading our timing equipment to make our autocross management easier. But the autocross team has not decided this is a necessary expense at this point.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Ingredients:**

3 Tbs. olive oil	2 cups hearty red wine
6 lbs. meaty, bone-in, individual-cut short ribs	3 cups beef stock or broth
4 tsp. kosher salt	2 Tbs. tomato paste
1 tsp. freshly ground pepper	1 Tbs. minced fresh rosemary
1 yellow onion, chopped	1 bay leaf
2 carrots, diced	1 cup whole milk
6 cloves garlic, chopped	1 1/3 cups quick-cooking polenta
1/3 cup all-purpose flour	1/2 cup freshly grated Parmigiano-Reggiano

## **Directions:**

Braised Short Ribs with Creamy Polenta Preheat an oven to 325°F. In a Dutch oven, heat 2 Tbs. of the oil over medium-high heat. Season the short ribs with 2 tsp. salt and the pepper. In batches to avoid crowding, add the short ribs to the pot and cook, turning occasionally, until browned on all sides, 5 to 6 minutes per batch. Transfer to a plate.

Add the remaining 1 Tbs. oil to the pot and heat. Add the onion and carrots and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion softens, about 5 minutes. Stir in the garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute. Sprinkle in the flour and stir well. Slowly stir in the wine, then the stock. Stir in the tomato paste, rosemary and bay leaf. Return the short ribs to the pot. The short ribs should be barely covered with liquid. If not, add hot water as needed. Bring the liquid to a boil. Cover the pot, place in the oven, and cook, moving the position of the ribs every 45 minutes or so to be sure that they are covered with liquid and are cooking evenly, until very tender, about 2 1/2 hours. Transfer the ribs to a deep serving platter (don't worry if the meat separates from the bones), and tent with aluminum foil to keep warm.

Let the cooking liquid stand for 5 minutes. Skim off the fat from the surface and discard. Bring to a boil over high heat. Cook, stirring, until reduced by about one-fourth, about 10 minutes. Discard the bay leaf. Return the short ribs to the pot.

Just before serving, make the polenta: In a heavy saucepan, bring 3 cups water, the milk, and the remaining 2 tsp. salt to a boil over high heat. Slowly whisk in the polenta and reduce the heat to medium-low. Cook, whisking often, until the polenta is thick, about 2 minutes. Stir in the 1/2 cup Parmigiano-Reggiano. Divide the polenta among warmed deep serving bowls, top with the ribs and sauce and serve at once. Serves 6.

Adapted from Williams-Sonoma Comfort Food, by Rick Rodgers (Oxmoor House, 2009).



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# THE CORVETTE RACING'S "JAKE" SKULL LOGO STORY

If you follow Corvette Racing, or even the street performance Vettes, then you are familiar with the teams "Jake" skull logo. The logo has adorned the team's race cars since Le Mans in 2005. Since that time, it has migrated to just about anything related to the racing team and performance street versions of the Vette.

So how did "Jake" come into existence? It started in 2004, with one of Corvette Racing's truck drivers, Don Male, asking the team boss, Doug Fehan, about putting a skull sticker on one of the cars. Fehan liked the idea and gave Male the go ahead, and as luck would have it, the car won the race!

As with all superstitions, the team was sure the skull brought them good luck and needed to stay. But there was one big problem, the skull logo was copyrighted. As is the way with Corvette Racing, that was not going to stop them, and they decided to just make their own skull logo!



Now the team had a new logo, but what to name it? That's where legendary Corvette marketing manager Gary Claudio steps in. Claudio allegedly named the skull logo after Jake Blues from the 1980 film *The Blues Brothers*, fitting seeing as the ruthless Jake character would probably identify with Corvette Racing's 'Take No Prisoners' motto.

Not only was "Jake" helping the Corvette Racing Team win, but it also increased the sales of Corvette Racing memorabilia by over 170%!



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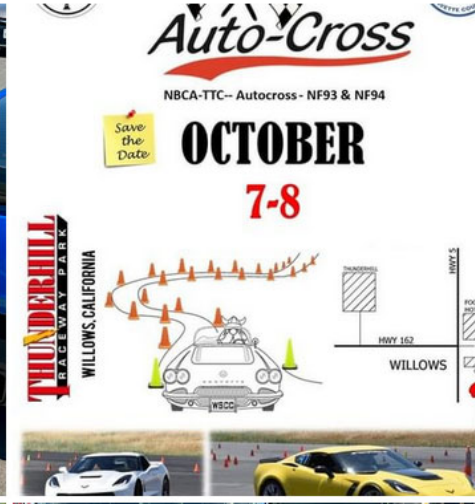
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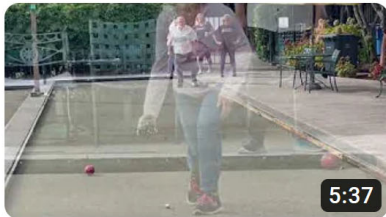
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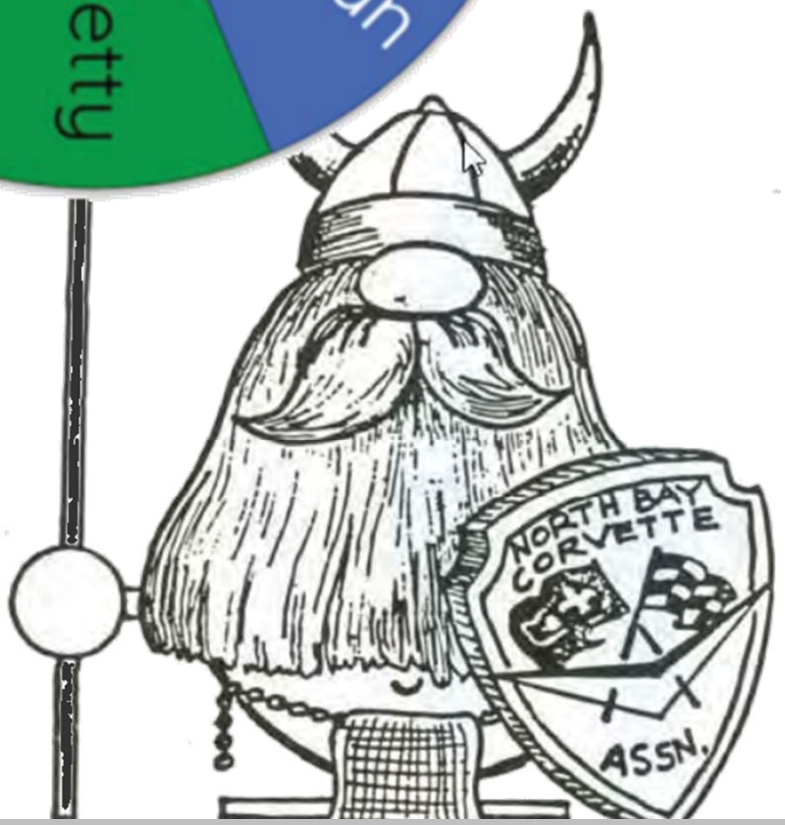


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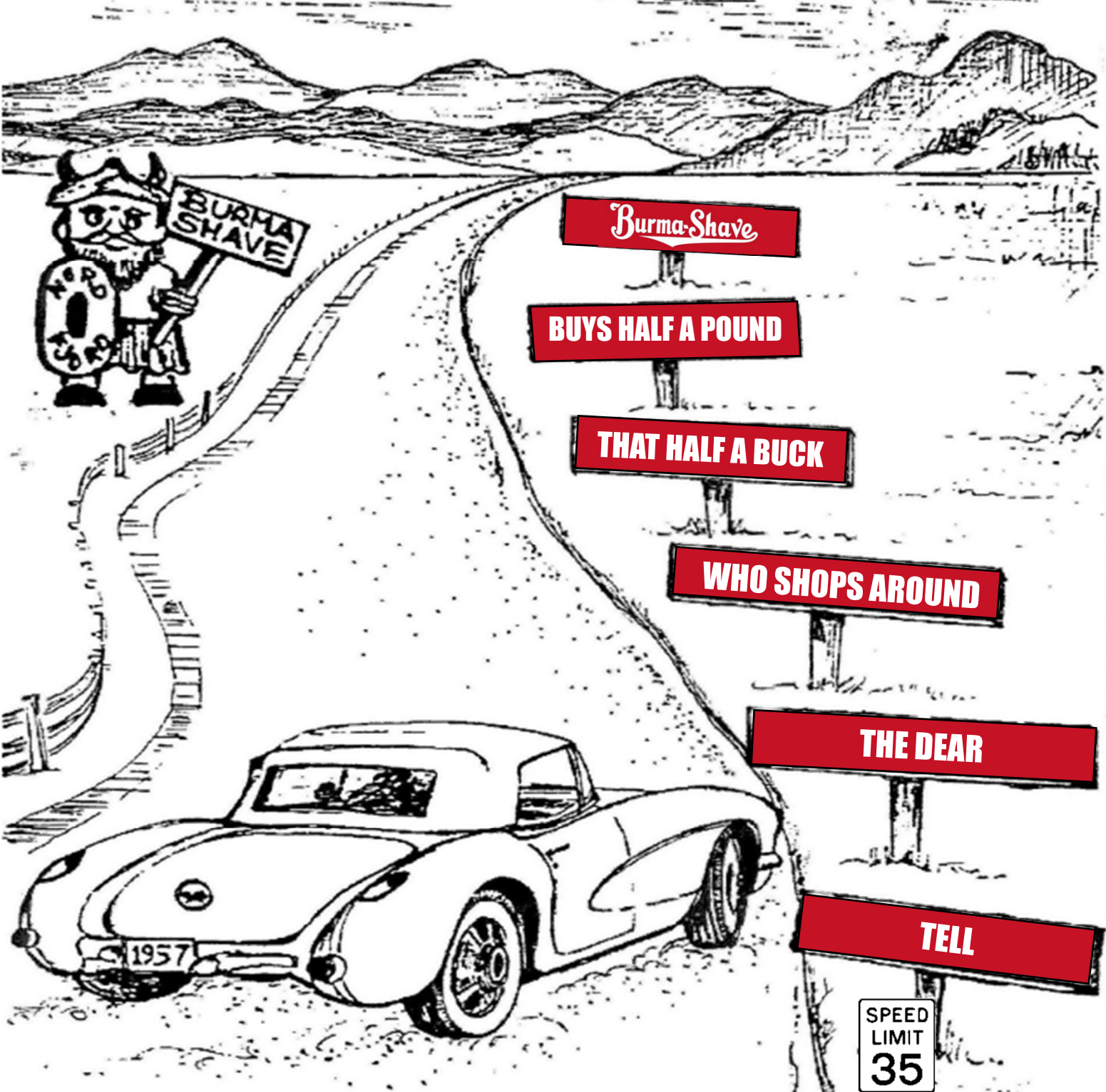
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