

# The Bonding Strip



**SCC SPRING MEET ROAD TOUR**



**SCC 2022 Spring Meet  
at the Piovesan Ranch**

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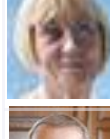




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# 2022 CALENDAR



[05-13-2022 - 05-14-2022 North Central Chapter 2022 Spring Chapter Meet & School](#)



[05-14-2022 Florida Chapter 2022 Spring meet](#)



[05-14-2022 Texas Chapter 2022 TX Chapter Meet - DFW](#)



[05-19-2022 - 05-21-2022 Carolinas Chapter Carolinas Regional](#)



[06-03-2022 - 06-04-2022 Adirondack Chapter 2022 Spring Meet](#)



[06-03-2022 - 06-04-2022 Wisconsin Chapter 2022 WI Chapter Judging Meet](#)



[06-10-2022 - 06-11-2022 Pittsburgh Tri-State Chapter PITTSBURGH NCRS 2 DAY JUDGING MEET](#)



[06-10-2022 - 06-11-2022 Central California Chapter CCC NCRS Spring meet 2022](#)



[06-11-2022 Texas Chapter 2022 Judging School- Austin, TX](#)



[06-24-2022 - 06-25-2022 Michigan Chapter 2022 Chapter Judging Meet](#)



[07-24-2022 - 07-28-2022 2022 National Convention- Mobile, AL](#)



[08-18-2022 - 08-20-2022 Northwest Chapter Northwest 2022 Regional Meet](#)



[09-24-2022 Mid-Atlantic Chapter MAC 2022 Turner Chevrolet Meet](#)



[10-20-2022 - 10-22-2022 Texas Chapter 2022 Lone Star Regional](#)

## Chairman's Message

**Ted Wilm**



Your Southern California Chapter is off and running with plenty of torque in 2022! A lot has been happening in your Chapter since the last issue of The Bonding Strip. Just some of the things your club has done since our last newsletter include:

- Completing a road tour.

- Holding a five-point Spring Flight Judged Chapter Meet.

- Conducting an auction of Corvette related items with all proceeds going to 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Bank.

- Making a financial contribution to American Red Cross for Humanitarian needs in Ukraine.

- Accepting another Golden Quill award for the Bonding Strip

- Committing to a road tour to Mobile, Alabama and honoring the 1972 model year.

Your club is off to a great year. The entire Southern California Chapter membership would like to thank Christy and John Piovesan for hosting our Spring Flight Judged Chapter Meet at their home in San Marcos. A master judge's hats off in appreciation also goes to our judging co-chairs, Beverly and John LeGate and to all of the very knowledgeable judges and excellent tabulators that made your Spring Meet a huge success. Not only did we have several generations of Corvettes being judged, several members drove NCRS Sportsman Award Corvettes for us to see and enjoy. We also had members from other chapters attend and provide assistance. It was great to see so many friends, coming from far and wide, sharing stories and looking at incredible Corvettes.

We want to thank all that contributed content, technical articles and pictures over the last year and congratulate our editor, Ed Vignone, for earning another Golden Quill award for publication of The Bonding Strip.

Your Southern California Chapter is roaring back after the pandemic like the sweet sound of a Corvette at full throttle. If you have not been able to participate so far this year, we hope to see you and your Corvette at many of our upcoming events. If you have any ideas or would like to contribute your efforts to a future Chapter event, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your board

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## We are SCC/NCRS

The Southern California Chapter represents members of the National Corvette Restorer's Society from the Central California border to the Mexican border. It was formed over forty years ago in 1981 and we currently have over 115 members.

Any membership inquiries and change of address should be sent to: Membership Chairman, Jerry Louer 425 Atwood Drive Corona CA 92879 951.734.9818 [pnjlouer@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnjlouer@sbcglobal.net)

For National NCRS profile changes to avoid missing Chapter news. Here is a link to your member profile: <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

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## LINKS

[GM Appoints Missy Owens As Head Of Sustainability And Policy \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

[2022 Corvette Stingray With Carbon Fiber Accessories: Photos \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

[Kansas passes SEMA-supported legislation protecting rights of car owners and restorers - Old Cars Weekly](#)

[Corvette VIN Decoder \(C1-C8\) Corvette VIN Number Lookup \(All Years\) \(corvette-web-central.com\)](#)

[Corvette GT3.R To Hit The Track For Initial Tests In September \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

[The Electrified C8 Corvette Is Officially Happening \(yahoo.com\)](#)

[2023 Corvette Z06 To Get Custom Launch Control \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

# SCC has donated \$500 to the American Red Cross for humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Dear Red Cross Supporter,

On behalf of the American Red Cross, thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 on March 25, 2022, which will be applied to Ukraine Crisis 2022. Support from companies like yours is truly making an impact in the lives of those we serve every day.

During their darkest hours, people know they can turn to the Red Cross for comfort and care. Our humanitarian mission of preventing and alleviating human suffering in the face of emergencies depends on the compassion of our generous donors.

Red Cross Supporter, I am profoundly grateful for your commitment to the Red Cross mission. Thank you once again for standing with us to help turn heartbreak into hope. You can reach us any time with questions and feedback at [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org) or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Sincerely,



Gail J. McGovern  
President and CEO, American Red Cross



## Welcome New Members



**Curt Knowles, & Howard Berke  
& Gary Mongelluzzo**

## Welcome Prior Members

**Alan Wertheimer, Richard Andersen,  
Don Walker, Dan Kopy & Norm Shier**



# SCC 2022 Spring Meet



By Beverly LeGate

The SCC Road Tour starting point was in San Clemente, it then wound its way south through Camp Pendleton with an intermediate stop at the Hampton Inn in San Marcos before a final rendezvous traveling to our final destination the Piovesan Ranch.

## GM Downunder John & Christy Piovesan Our Power Couple

By Beverly LeGate

Our Spring Meet was at a fantastic location and John and Christy Piovesan, our hosts, were so welcoming to everyone. We were in the country, off the road, and we even had a chicken coop. The feel was a home on the farm in the country and surrounded outside with eight wonderful flight Corvettes and eight great Sportsman. Yes, the fresh air (NO MASKS) was freeing and like going home. To me anyway. Thank you John and Christy for opening your home!

The Judging School had a lot of attendees participating in the discussion and that's what a school should be about. Discussion and sharing of information. VIN tags and TRIM tags continue to be a learning process and I hope every judge will purchase the new Judging Reference Manual 9<sup>th</sup> Edition. My part was CDCIF and the new JRM covers this along with the New Standard Deduction Guides. Throw out your 2019 SDG sheet if you have one, there are changes. I am hoping we get the new laminated SDG at the Mobile Alabama National. If not, you can purchase online at the NCRS Store. Thank you participants!

The Mexican Restaurant was outstanding and did a great job with 30 members enjoying the evening and conversations.

Saturday morning was a GPS nightmare. How can you type in 730 Sycamore and the GPS took us to 102 Eucalyptus? We circled twice then suddenly it worked. Better bring a paper map to Mobile for the Southern California National Road Tour.



A little late arriving with the coffee and donuts (help for the Fall Meet volunteers please). Off all our Judges went. One thing I would like to say is we had a No Show of three judges. Please let the Judging Chair know you have a change of plans. We had to scramble to cover the open spots.

The Judges Meeting started with my favorite thing. THE CUPCAKE AWARD was presented to Mike McCloskey for achieving his 200 Club. Congrats to Mike!

Pizza lunch was very good and you can't say we did not have enough pizza.

### **Awards Presentation THANK YOU OWNERS!**

Without Owners bringing their cars, and five were first timers having their car flight judged, it was great to meet you all!

Michael Gruber 1960 Top Flight  
Keith/Ron Stumpf 1960 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight  
Darwin Ludi 1963 Top Flight  
Brian Hazelbaker 1966 Top Flight  
Beverly LeGate 1972 Top Flight  
Glenn Nutting 1972 Top Flight  
Wayne Foss 1973 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight  
Patty Kemple 2004 Top Flight

### **Sportsman Presentation THANK YOU SPORTSMAN!**

Joe LeMay 1957  
Tom Rohner 1967  
Ed Vignone 1994  
Dana Richard 2003  
Mitch Guimarin 2004  
Larry Guevara 2016  
Mike McCloskey 2020  
Michael Johnson 2021

### **Display**

Steven Hucik 1959

THANK YOU JUDGES for being my support and the reason this meet came together. The sun was brutal and you all rocked!

As a thank you from our Chapter, 15 Judges Pins were handed out.

Thank you Tabulation Team headed by Diana Wright. Fantastic job!



June 1<sup>st</sup> is the deadline for registering for the National Convention. We have five Corvettes going across country with John and I in our '72. John is working on my air conditioning and IT HAS TO WORK!!!

### CHAPTER CUPCAKES AWARD

Lots of times we never get to celebrate our Master Judges achievements personally. We celebrated our members awards with our members in attendance at our Spring Chapter Meet. Congratulations!



Beverly LeGate presented Mike McCluskey with the CUP CAKE Award for achieving his 200 Club Judging level.

## MEET PHOTOS



Glenn Nutting receiving a Top Flight for his 1972 Corvette



Patricia Kemple receiving a Top flight for her 2004 Corvette



# MEET PHOTOS CONTINUED



Beverly LeGate receiving a Top Flight for her 1972 Corvette



Brian Hazelbaker receiving a Top flight for his 66 Corvette



Michael Gruber receiving a Top Flight for his 1960 Corvette



Darwin & Patricia Ludi receiving a Top Flight ,1963 Corvette



Wayne Foss receiving a a 3rd Flight for his 1973 Corvette



Keith/Ron Stumpf receiving a 3rd Flight for his 1960 Corvette



# MEET PHOTOS CONTINUED

## JUDGING IN ACTION



Beverly conducting Judges Meeting







Tabulation



Registration



Judging School

# SPRING MEET CHARITY AUCTION

*Benefiting the Second Harvest Food Bank of Orange County*

By Beverly Legate

I was so excited to play Vanna White along with John Piovesan our auctioneer. Our members donated articles for the auction with the proceeds to go to the 2nd Harvest Food Bank of Orange County.

I totally got into the auctioneering and John P. said keep going. Our members were so generous and keeping track of all the money being thrown my way, it was a miracle I balanced. At the end, we were so thankful for members just walking up and making donations without buying anything. \$320.00 will go onto the charity.

To all the truly generous members, the Southern California Board thanks you!

## SCC/NCRS BOARD MEETING

January 10, 2022

The Zoom Meeting was opened at 4:05 pm by Chairman Ted Wilm.

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Wilm, John Piovesan, Verity Hobbs, Ralph Haun, Bev LeGate, John LeGate, Joe LeMay, Jerry Louer, Pat Louer, Barbara Vignone, Ed Vignone

Secretary's Report: Moved by Ed, second by Ralph to approve as amended. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Verity reported we are solvent. Ted moved to accept the report and Ralph provided the second. The report was accepted. Verity suggested to use only PayPal. It was deferred to the next meeting.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Jerry reported our membership at 114. He has sent reminders out for renewal.

Ed is still working on the Bonding Strip. Send him information you want published.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Holiday Brunch: There was a good attendance, and everyone seemed to enjoy the food and getting to see one another. Ted expressed his thanks to everyone working on it.

SCC Secretary: Since there was not a volunteer for the position of secretary, Ted moved to appoint Barbara and Ed seconded the motion which was then approved.

Spring Meet: Bev and John are continuing planning for the Spring Meet to be held at John Piovesan's GM Down Under on April 29 and 30.

### NEW BUSINESS:

2022 National: John and Bev will be leading the Road Tour from Southern California. Last Night

Out will be in Mobile.

Fall Meet: Bev is still researching a location for the Fall Meet.

Joe LeMay suggested a number of possible events:

Vintage Races in Fontana: Joe LeMay will send Ed information to print in Bonding Strip.

Virtual Judging School: Joe volunteered to conduct a virtual judging school on 56-57 Corvettes Mechanical and Chassis. A date will be set at a later time.

Tech Sessions: Joe also suggested judging schools or tech sessions for the Fall Meet or perhaps on April 9, 16, or May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Road Tour: a road tour along Mulholland Drive was suggested to be considered at a later date.

The Board expressed the hope that we can get back to attending activities as we have in the past.

Chapter Award Program: Barbara reported the National Chapter Award Program will be in place for the coming year. No details have been released yet.

SCC Badges: Jerry suggested that since costs have risen, we should increase the price of SCC Badges. After discussion, Ted moved and Jerry provided a second for the motion that we charge \$5 for badges that are picked up at an event, and \$10 for badges that are mailed. The motion was approved.

Zoom Meetings: Jerry will send out information on Zoom Board Meetings to all SCC members to encourage participation.

Tax Returns: Ted will complete California and National Tax Returns.

Ed moved to close the meeting and Ted seconded the motion.



The Zoom Meeting was adjointed at 4:58.

The next SCC Board meeting will be on February 14, 4 pm. Zoom Time.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vignone, Secretary

## SCC/NCRS BOARD MEETING

**February 14, 2022**

The Zoom Meeting was opened at 4:05 pm by Chairman Ted Wilm.

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Wilm, John Piovosan, Verity Hobbs, Ralph Haun, Bev LeGate, John LeGate, Joe LeMay, Jerry Louer, Pat Louer, Barbara Vignone, Ed Vignone

Guest: Steve Hucik

Secretary's Report: Moved by Ed, second by Ralph to approve as revised. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: Verity reported we are solvent. Ed moved to accept the report and Ralph provided the second. The report was accepted.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Jerry reported our membership at 124. He has sent reminders out for renewal.

Ed requested suggestions and recommendations for the Bonding Strip.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Meet: Bev and John are continuing planning for the Spring Meet to be held at John Piovosan's GM Down Under on April 29 and 30. Eight cars are registered for judging. Judging School will be Friday. Bev will get information about hotels, lunch and dinner arrangements. Ed will send out a flier.

### NEW BUSINESS:

2022 National: John and Bev will be leading the Road Tour from Southern California. Last Night Out will be in Mobile. Four have signed up for the Road Tour.

Fall Meet: Bev is still researching a location for the Fall Meet.

NCRS financial contribution: Ed moved and John L. seconded that we contribute \$100 toward the National Meet. The motion was approved. Ted will contact Mike Ingham.

Charitable donation: We will hold an auction at the Spring Meet, profits to go to charity.

Chapter Award Program: Ed will send guidelines to all Board members. We have Technical Articles from past year carryover. We will need to assign dates to meet guidelines once the Board has reviewed them.

Zoom Meetings: Jerry will continue to send out information on Zoom Board Meetings to all SCC members to encourage participation. The time of our meetings will be changed to 6 p.m. Hopefully, more members will be able to attend.

A discussion was held regarding Notification of and Participation in Other Car Shows. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

John P. took us on a virtual tour of his yard, garage and facility as a preview for the Spring Meet.

Ralph moved to close the meeting and Bev seconded the motion.

The Zoom Meeting was adjointed at 5:35

The next SCC Board meeting will be on **March 14 at 6 p.m.** Zoom Time.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Vignone, Secretary

## SCC/NCRS BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2022

The Zoom Meeting was opened at 6:05 pm by Chairman Ted Wilm.

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Wilm, John Piovesan, Bev LeGate, John LeGate, Gary Hilltunen, Joe LeMay, Jerry Louer, Pat Louer, Barbara Vignone, Ed Vignone

Guests: Steve Hucik, Glen Nutting, Gary Mion, Art McNay, Glorie McNay, Sharyl Ingham, Mike Ingham

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Moved by Bev, second by John LeGate to approve. Report approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are solvent. Barbara moved to accept the report and John Piovesan provided the second. The report was accepted.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Bev sent to the Board a report on registrations, including cars, for our Spring Meet.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Meet: Bev and John are continuing planning for the Spring Meet to be held at John Piovesan's GM Down Under on April 29 and 30. Eight cars are registered for judging. Judging School will be Friday. Lunch will be Pizza and there are a variety of restaurants for dinner.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Meet: Bev is still researching a location for the Fall Meet.

NCRS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: Mike Ingham summarized the events at the Florida meet which resulted in a presidential change. Glorie and Art McNay described and explained a petition to change the NCRS National Bylaws, which will require a prior "45-day intent-to-run" for presidential candidates. The petition will be carried to the NCRS Board for consideration at their meeting in July. A lengthy discussion fol-

lowed. We will have the petition available at the Spring Meet for anyone interested in signing.

CHARITABLE DONATION: We will hold an auction at the Spring Meet, profits to go to charity. Ed moved to send a donation of \$500 to the Red Cross to be used for humanitarian aid in Ukraine. Gary seconded and the motion was approved.

NATIONAL ROAD TOUR UPDATE: 5 members have signed up to drive with the Legate's. Ed requested a Logo for advertising the Road Tour and Bev will send it to him.

AUTO DRIVING MUSEUM: Joe discussed having a table at the Corvette Day on May 28<sup>th</sup>, in El Segundo. Ed and Joe will discuss what material needs to be available. Email needs to be sent requesting volunteers to work at the booth. Ted suggested that we have a \$100 fund for expenses. Bev moved we provide \$100, Barbara provided a second and the motion was approved.

CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM: Ed sent guidelines to all Board members. We have Technical Articles from past year carryover. We will need to assign dates to meet guidelines. Since our meet is in April, our activities for the first quarter are complete. Barbara will send in the First Quarter Report.

CORVETTE CAR SHOWS: A discussion was held regarding Notification of and Participation in Other Car Shows. Any information members have regarding Corvette shows should be sent to Ed for publication. Several members said they would forward Corvette Show information.

Ed moved to close the meeting and Jerry seconded the motion.

The Zoom Meeting was adjourned at 6:55

The next SCC Board meeting will be on **April 11 at 6 p.m.** Zoom Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vignone, Secretary

## SCC/NCRS BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2022

The Zoom Meeting was opened at 6:08 pm by Chairman Ted Wilm.

BOARD IN ATTENDANCE: Ted Wilm, John Piovosan, Verity Hobbs, Bev LeGate, Gary Hiltunen, Jerry Louer, Pat Louer, Barbara Vignone, Ed Vignone

Guests: Steve Hucik, Glen Nutting

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Moved by Bev, second by Ed to approve. Report approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: We are solvent. Barbara moved to accept the report and Pat provided the second. The report was accepted. Barbara requested a copy of the cancelled check for Red Cross. Verity will send.

ADDITIONAL OFFICERS' REPORTS: Bev sent to the Board a report on registrations, including Corvettes, for our Spring Meet.

Jerry reported we have 126 members. Also, the Zoom license was renewed.

SCC received the Golden Quill Award for the Bonding Strip. Ed thanked everyone. The active membership makes an interesting newsletter possible.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Meet: Bev and John are continuing planning for the Spring Meet to be held at John Piovosan's GM Down Under on April 29 and 30. Eight Corvettes are registered for judging. Judging School will be Friday. Lunch will be Pizza and there are a variety of restaurants for dinner. Bev requested funds to rent chairs; Ed moved to allocate funds; Barbara provided a second. The motion was approved.

Ed will send out a flier reminding members to bring items for a Charity auction. Proceeds will go to the Second Harvest Food Bank.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Fall Meet: Bev is still researching a location for the Fall Meet.

NCRS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION: A petition to change the NCRS National Bylaws will include a requirement of a prior "45-day intent-to-run" for presidential candidates. We will have the petition available at the Spring Meet for anyone interested in signing.

NATIONAL ROAD TOUR UPDATE: Bev presented an update on the Road Tour to National from Southern California.

AUTO DRIVING MUSEUM: Ted will send Ed information on the museum. Ed will gather Membership pamphlets and applications.

CHAPTER AWARD PROGRAM: The First quarter report was submitted. A discussion was held regarding scheduling activities: Joe will conduct a Judging School at the Spring Meet and a Technical Session in the Fall; Gary Hiltunen will post a video of chapter activities on the Facebook page.

Two Road Tours will run on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Members driving from the north will meet at the Home Goods Parking Lot off of Avenida Estrella and the 5 Freeway. They will meet up with the group from the south at the Hampton Inn at Twin Oaks in San Marcos. Ed and Bev will contact members.

Bev moved to close the meeting and John P. seconded the motion.

The Zoom Meeting was adjourned at 6:54

The next SCC Board meeting will be on May 9th at 6 p.m. Zoom Time.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Vignone, Secretary



## ONCE APON A TIME Continued from last issue!!

If you're looking for a great place to hold a judged meet with unbelievable sites and food .  
*Go to Italy!*

By Barbara Vignone

Twenty-six of us visited Fabrizio Sama's Hotel Villa Lisa on Lake Garda to judge, tabulate, check rules regarding "modifications required to meet local regulations", and just enjoy the beautiful scenery. (See us in our sporty meet shirts thanks to Pat and Jerry Louer.) We were also spoiled by the Best-Judges-Lunch-Ever! It was difficult to return to our task afterwards, but we were all grateful to share in this traditional, cultural (and delicious) experience. Many thanks go to Fabrizio and his girlfriend Cristiana for making us feel so at home.

We spent several days touring Riva and Malcesine on Lake Garda before leaving for Venice. We traveled the Grand Canal by vaporetto and separated into small groups to eat, shop, site-see, and seek out gelaterias. A guided tour of the Doge's Palace and San Marcos Cathedral and Plaza the next morning left time for a gondola ride, a visit to the Rialto Bridge, and other touring during the afternoon.

Friday morning we left Northern Italy and stopped at Modena to visit the Ferrari Factory or enjoy the small shops before going on to Florence. Saturday began with a guided tour of the city including the Duomo and the Baptistery, the Ponte Vecchio, and the Academia Gallery. The afternoon was time on our own to enjoy the Uffizi Gallery, or revisit some of the beautiful sculptures, paintings and cathedrals. We again found charming restaurants with good food, lots of pizza, and gelaterias featuring 20 - 30 flavors.

Monday found us traveling through Sienna on our way to Rome. Our tour on Tuesday in Rome included the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's amazing ceiling and Last Judgement. We had reservations to attend the Papal Audience on Wednesday and we even received special recognition. Thanks to Darold Shirwo for this special moment, along with all his planning for this special trip. In addition we toured some of the ancient sites of Rome including the Coliseum and the Forum.

Thursday we were again boarding a bus - this time for a day excursion to Pompeii and Naples. We spent most of the day walking through the ruins of the city buried after the explosion of Mt. Vesuvius in 79AD. Our tour of Naples later took us from the old harbor, to the fortress and up into the hills overlooking the beautiful bay.

We had two more days in Rome to explore on our own, shop, and revisit some of the historic, cultural and artistic wonders including the Trevi Fountain,

Castle Sant' Angelo, the Pantheon, the Villa Borgheese and the Spanish Steps. We ate in wonderful little restaurants, and I found not one but two outstanding gelaterias.

While many of us felt we most enjoyed our time in



Lake Garda, our trip included a wide range of sites and experiences in Italy. We traveled from the mountainous Lake Region, to the waterways of Venice, through the Tuscany countryside, to the art and architecture of Florence, and the capitol of Rome and all its treasures. And, perhaps, the most valuable experience - time with friends who we got to know a little better and whose company we really enjoyed.

Many thanks to Darold Shirwo for organizing our ad-



venture and arranging all the details. And thanks to all of you who traveled together for sharing your experiences, shopping tips, spare Euros, medications, sweaters, and snacks. It was fun being with you all and you made it a most unforgettable trip.

## Obituary Ralph Haun

(Dec 1940 to March 2022)

**NCRS Membership Number: 43316, Joined: 2005**

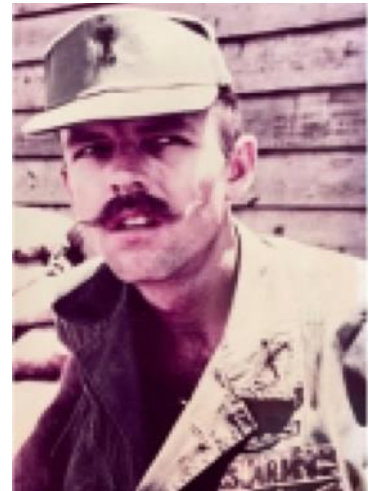
Ralph was 'car guy" long before he could legally drive. He bought his first Corvette at around age 20 which he drove daily, raced it on weekends. In 1961 Ralph with his '58 Corvette achieved an SCTA land speed record of 142.40 MPH at California's El Mirage Dry Lakes standing mile and a record of 126 MPH in the half mile.



Ralph Haun has good reason to be happy, his 'Corvette broke the "D" sport record on the last run at 142.40 mph at the July 9th meet. Stock '58 Corvette nicked old record by .46 mph.

While at San Jose State he received a master's degree in Business & Industrial Management. At school he met his "one & only" wife Diane Butler. Diane was attracted to Ralph because of the 1956 Corvette that he drove at the time.

Ralph was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and went to Officers Candidate School at Fort Benning, GA. He shipped over to Viet Nam as a Second Lieutenant in 1967, then was promoted to 1<sup>ST</sup> Lieutenant and 1<sup>ST</sup> platoon leader. Ralph later served as a battalion staff officer in the DMZ, He received a Purple Heart for combat injuries and a Bronze Star for Valor, plus various other awards for his service to our country.



He was released from the Army in 1970. In the early 1970's he worked in the motorcycle parts industry, then became a commercial real estate broker. He and a long-time friend owned a successful Stuff Pizza restaurant for 22 years. He



enjoyed lots of cars but did not get another Corvette until the early 2000's when he purchased a '57 fuelie and joined NCRS and the Southern California Chapter (SCC). Ralph was very active in NCRS. Ralph quickly learned to judge Corvettes, obtained his 400 Masters Judging level and was the go-to guy for the C1. Along the way he managed to restore his '57 fuelie for which he received the coveted "Duntov Award". Not satisfied with that achievement Ralph bought a 1967 A/C big block which he restored and received another "Duntov Award". Ralph was active in in SCC serving on the

Board of Directors, as Secretary and as Technical Advisor. He also contributed time and funds for NCRS Convention events. He is survived by Diane Haun to whom he was married for over 50 years. Ralph will be missed by all who knew him.

Ed Vignone #5815 & Don Hooper #50543



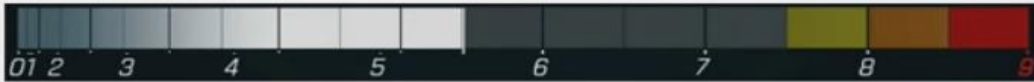
## Chevrolet Z06 Launch Control Announcement

At the National Corvette Museum Bash in Bowling Green, Kentucky on April 28-30, 2022, Chief Engineer Josh Holder announced details on the Custom Launch Control system for the 2023 Corvette Z06. See slide below that was presented at the Bash.

[2023 Corvette Z06 To Get Custom Launch Control \(gmauthority.com\)](https://gmauthority.com/2023-Corvette-Z06-To-Get-Custom-Launch-Control/)


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*The National Cor-*  
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editor, National Corvette Restorers Society

### Full Size Chapters

*The Bonding Strip*, Ed Vignone, editor, Southern California Chapter  
— National Corvette Restorers Society

*The Vette Signal Magazine*, Tom Komendera, editor, Michigan Chap-  
ter — National Corvette Restorer's Society

### Compact Chapters

*The Redline Times*, Reba Whittington, editor, Carolinas Chapter —  
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### Honorable Mention\*

*Southern Nevada Chapter Newsletter*, Felipe Wentzel, editor,  
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**Volume 1. February - April issue: January 10,**

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From the Editors Desk,

I hope you are enjoying this newsletter. My goal in this newsletter is to provide you with information about the Corvette hobby, which includes featured members Corvettes, NCRS chapter and national awards, events activities technical articles and Corvette innovations.

During the Pandemic for lack of a number of Corvette activities I added some Corvette trivia and photo quizzes.

In that vein I would like to hear from you. What you like, dislike, what you would like covered in future or any other questions. I would accept corvette news articles and situations about you and your Corvette that others would enjoy.

Regards, Ed Vignone vignone@ieee.org 949.292.3397



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By Beverly LeGate

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