

A Newsletter for the Southern Calif. Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club

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"We don't judge, we just keep them on the road"

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November 6 2021	General Meeting	Kent Browning Facility	SoCal Board
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SoCal SACC New Members – Welcome! Name Corvette Location Mike McCrea 1962 Northridge CA Bob Weinstein '55/'56/'57/'59 Santa Monica CA Daniel Montigo 1965/1968 Oceanside CA Eric Smith Puyallup WA			
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Mike McCrea	1962	Northridge CA	
Bob Weinstein	<i>'55/'56/'57/'5</i> 9	Santa Monica CA	
Daniel Montigo	1965/1968	Oceanside CA	
Eric Smith		Puyallup WA	



A National Organization dedicated to keeping these Corvettes "on the road".

Club Features:

- ·Membership Chapter Clubs across the U.S.
- ·National Quarterly Magazine
- Annual National Convention
- ·Web Site: www.solidaxle.org (non-profit affiliation)

Also visit the SACC National Web Site

www.solidaxle.org

The Solid Scoop is a quarterly Newsletter published for the Southern California Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club (SoCalSACC). The SoCalSACC Chapter is affiliated with the National Solid Axle Corvette Club (SACC). organization is a non-profit group with the intended purpose of bringing together owners and those interested in the early C-1 Corvettes (1953-1962) to help in appreciating these vehicles and "keep them on the road".

C-1 Ownership is not a requirement for membership.

MEMBERSHIP: A prerequisite to become a SoCal SACC Chapter member, a person must belong to the National SACC. Applications for membership are available on our Chapter Web Site, www.socalsacc.com. Submitting an application along with the appropriate listed dues, is necessary for membership. The SoCal SACC Chapter will forward your National dues to assure your National membership. Once becoming a National member you will receive On Solid Ground, the National quarterly published magazine. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS Again, AVAILABLE:

WWW.SOCALSACC.COM

The Solid Scoop, is intended as a communication for Chapter members about chapter activities, technical articles, classified ads and past events to maintain in keeping our membership informed. The Editor and the Board of Directors of So Cal SACC have made every effort to ensure that the Solid Scoop contains no inaccuracies or errors, either in technical articles, tour information, listings regarding flyer and non-flyer events or in advertisements and is non-offensive and non-political and disclaim liability for any that may occur. Should you find any problem, please do not hesitate to contact the Editor. We will make every reasonable effort to rectify the situation. Member submitted technical articles are encouraged. Many times these technical articles are based on personal experiences and preferences and as such are intended only as guidelines or helpful information for club members.

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National SACC & SoCal 2022 Dues are now payable.

The Club will collect 2022 dues at the November 6 General Meeting. Dues are \$55 (\$10 for Chapter and \$45 National)

SoCal Chapter will collect both dues, and send all National dues received at one time. They need to paid by **December 1, 2021** to meet the National SACC deadline.

After December 15th, National will begin to sending renewal reminders.

If you cannot attend the General Meeting on November 6th, be sure to send your check for \$55 before December 1st.

Payable to: SoCal SACC

Mail to: c/o Barry Charles/ SoCal

SACC Membership 19528 Ventura Blvd.

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Tarzana CA 91356

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Southern California Solid Axle Corvette Club (SoCal SACC) Chapter & National Dues Notice –2022

SoCal SACC membership requires current membership in the National SACC organization. For recordkeeping purposes SoCal SACC collects both the National and Chapter dues and remits to National your dues. <u>Please</u> <u>do not pay National directly</u>.

SoCal SACC annual dues for 2022 are **\$10**, and the National SACC dues are **\$45** for a total of **\$55** Annual dues are now payable and are due no later than December 1st. Please do not pay National directly.

SoCal Chapter publishes "The Solid Scoop" and SACC publishes "On Solid Ground".

If not checked you will not be on the National "Roadside Assistance" list

I would like to volunteer for the National "Road Assistance" list for members traveling.

Our Chapter website is: www.SoCalSACC.com

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Make checks payable	eto: SoCal SACC and mail to: Barry Charles / SoCal SACC Membership 19528 Ventura Blvd Box 255 Tarzana, CA 91356 bcharles@bc-forensiccpa.com Phone 818-645-1109
Member Name	
Co-Member Name	
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Corvettes presently o	owned – Please include VIN for all C1's. C1 ownership not required for membership.
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Saturday, November 6

16625 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos, CA 90703

So. Cal. SACC member Kent Browning (#118) will host our General Meeting and Tech Session at his Auto Museum in Cerritos, CA. Hospitality begins @ 9 a.m. General Meeting at 10:30 a.m., Lunch at Noon and Tech Session will begin after Lunch.

Only C-1s in the parking lot, please!

THIS IS A Pre-PAID EVENT!!

Cost is \$25 per person.

Includes Lunch and Refreshments.

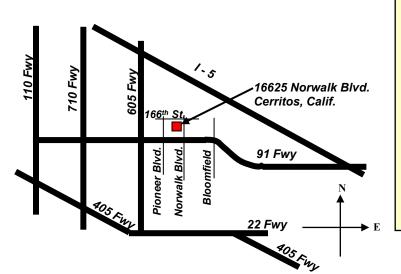
Two ways to pay:

1) Send a check (Made out to SoCalSACC) to Rick DuFresne, 17452 Valeworth Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92649

Phone 310.480-3713 <u>- or-</u>

2) PayPal to <u>ilemay5@AOL.com</u> indicate Fall Tech Session (Questions to Joe LeMay 714.720-4853)

- •Covid precautions will be taken at this meeting:
 - Mask will be required
 - > Sanitizer will be available
 - Box Lunches are planned



Last CALL REGISTER BY Oct. 30!

From Downtown LA/Pasadena (south on 110)

• Exit on 91 Fwy and go east to Norwalk Blvd. Exit on Norwalk and go north to address.

From Riverside/Orange County (west on 91)

 Travel west on 91 to Norwalk Blvd. Exit on Norwalk and go north to address.

From Huntington Beach/San Diego (north 405)

• Travel north on 405 (east on 22 Fwy) and go north on 605 Fwy. Exit 605 east on 91 Fwy. Exit on Norwalk and go north to address.

From Ventura/SF Valley (I - 5)

•Exit on 110, or 710 or 605 and travel to 91 Fwy and exit east on 91 Fwy. Exit on Norwalk Blvd. and go north to address.

From 405 South.

•Take 110 Fwy north to 91 and exit east on 91. Cross the 710 and 605 and Exit on Norwalk Blvd. and go north to address.



SoCal SACC Merchandise For Sale

Note: Inventory reduction <u>SALE</u> on IN-STOCK items. Shipping and handling is now INCLUDED in the prices.

Item Description	Price
SoCal SACC decal	\$1
SoCal SACC hat (black, white, or grey)	\$17
Woman's V-neck tee-shirt (black)	\$16
Men's tee-shirt (black, grey)	\$14
2018 SACC Ventura Convention tee-shirt (light grey)	\$10
Men's 'Make C-1s Great' tee-shirt	\$14
Woman's 'Make C-1s Great' tee-shirt	\$14
SoCalSACC sweatshirt	\$25
SoCal SACC denim shirt	\$33
Long sleeve shirt (black)	\$20
Polo shirt (beige, blue, red, or white)	\$28
Men's jacket (black, red, or beige)	\$55
Men's windbreaker (black, navy, grey)	\$43

RUMOR SOLVED

My name is Dale Schaum. I have been a member of SOCAL SACC since its beginning in 2005. I have been asked to write a story regarding the history of my 1960 Corvette (while I still have somewhat of a memory).

It was late 1956 on a Saturday afternoon in Los Angeles near the Harry Mann Chevrolet dealership when a friend of mine from a wealthy family stopped by my house to show off his brand new 1957 black Corvette. He said, "Get in, let's go!" Of course, I could not get in fast enough and the wheels in my head started to turn – how could I ever be able to afford a new Vette??

I lived and grew up very close to Harry Mann Chevrolet and would frequently stop by after school and on weekends to check out the new cars in the showroom and used cars on the lot. Eventually I got acquainted with many of the Harry Mann employees. Then one day while visiting, I got a glimpse up front and personal of the Corvette in the show room window. I was hooked and determined to own one. I was 18 years old and serious enough that I took on three jobs in addition to going to school. After three years of saving, I was ready!

With cash in my hand in August of 1959, I went to Harry Mann Chevrolet and placed an order for a new highly optioned black on black 1960 Corvette with fuel injection, 4 speed transmission, 411 posi differential, radio, heater and both tops.

Two months later while working at a Richfield Service Station located about two blocks from Harry Mann, a Tasco Turquoise Corvette pulls in and the salesman (Lou Stringer, retired baseball player for the Chicago Cubs) says to me, "The black Corvette you ordered has been delayed. So, what do you think of this turquoise Vette?" I replied that I thought it was beautiful except the turquoise color is not quite manly enough for me and



I would wait it out until I can take delivery of the black Vette that I ordered. Just when I thought the discussion was over, my girlfriend and her mother drove into the gas station to get gas and say hello. They both get out of their car and head over toward the Vette asking what the color was called, it's beautiful!! I told them that it was called Tasco Turquoise and my girlfriend says that she loved

the color much better than black. I explained to her that the only reason the salesman brought the turquoise Vette over was because the black Vette had been delayed. Her reply to that while still looking at the turquoise Vette is that she just loved the color and would I consider getting it rather that the black one "I just love it!", she repeated.

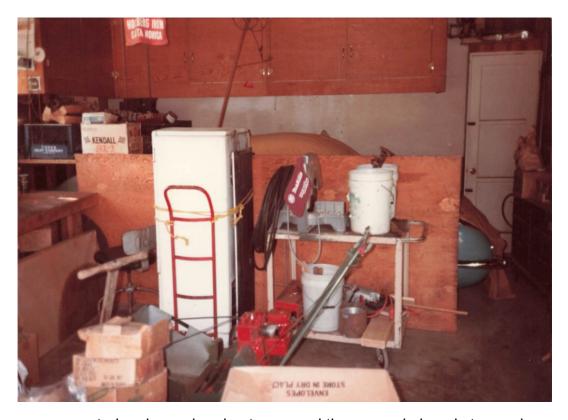
Well, I'm thinking to myself this is a tough decision not only due to the color, but it was a base engine, 3 speed transmission, single leg differential, radio delete, hard top only and with white walls. Would the dealership consider installing all of the options that I ordered, I wondered? The next day I visited Harry Mann Chevrolet to discuss the options and before I could barely open my mouth, Peter Mann approaches me and says that if I happened to decide on the turquoise Vette, the dealership would install all of the options that I had ordered. He said, we do it all the time and it would be considered originally installed.

I was young, dumb and I thought if I did take the turquoise Vette, it would please my girlfriend. I agreed to Peter Mann's offer so the very next day, the 290 FI, 4 Speed, 411 Posi, Quick Steering and Radio were installed by Jim Vedenoff who was Harry Mann's top mechanic and the best fuel injection specialist around. Finally ready, I took delivery of the Tasco Turquoise Corvette on October 30, 1959

To make a long story short, three months later we drove the new Vette to Las Vegas and were married ... February 14, 1960, Valentines Day, "How Romantic"!



Up until 1967, the 1960 Vette had been driven almost daily before my family was started. It became obvious that a Corvette would not be appropriate for use as a family car. A family car was purchased and the Corvette was rarely driven which led to many discussions about whether to keep or sell. The decision was made to keep the Corvette, put it in storage and maybe someday have fun driving it again. The following morning, I positioned the Corvette sideways in the corner of my garage, installed a car



cover, erected a plywood perimeter around the car and placed storage boxes and a refrigerator in front of the plywood.

Twenty years had passed, the family had grown, a family car was no longer an issue so I began thinking that this would be the time to remove my Corvette from its cocoon (Photo 4). It was 1987 and the Corvette came out of hibernation with 57,000 original miles. Once out of storage, I was in search of any needed parts and a knowledgeable person that could advise me on getting the car back on the road. While at an auto parts store, I asked the salesman if he knew of a Corvette guy. His answer was yes, his name is Chip Werstein. That evening I called Chip and told him I have had a Corvette for some time and lived in the San Fernando Valley and had just taken out of storage after 20 years and needed some advice. Chip asked me if the Corvette was Tasco Turquoise? I said yes, how did you know? Chip then told me that there had been a rumor going around for years that a Tasco Turquoise Corvette had been boarded up sideways in a garage somewhere in the San Fernando Valley.

More time had passed and during that time, I accumulated most all of the parts needed to bring the Corvette back to its original condition. One evening, I received a call from Chip and Doug Prince offering their services to help get the Vette back on the road.



about a month of working evening and weekends, it was time to hear the Vette run.

After becoming road worthy again, the fun began! Car shows, local car events, various group Corvette trips, Kernville and Pismo Beach road trips with Corvette friends and Sunday coffee with the cars just to name a few. The car is in extremely remarkable original condition now registering 73,000 miles. My car still bears its original paint and chrome. Interior, top, engine, trans and other mechanicals have been refreshed.61 years of ownership and still counting. It's been fun!!



By Dale Schaum
SoCal SACC Member #22

Let us profile you C-1 in an upcoming Solid Scoop. Tell us your Story! Contact Rick DuFresne <u>rick_dufresne@msn.com</u>

Chip Werstein - Our Tech Expert- and More!

It is with sadness and gratitude that we acknowledge the passing of Frank "Chip" Werstein, a true car guy. As many of you know, Chip and his wife Jenni are charter members of SoCal SACC and were instrumental in the creation of our SACC Chapter.



Chip grew up in Indiana working on cars with his dad. He learned to drive on his mom's '58 Corvette at 13 and carried that love of cars throughout his life. He met other car enthusiasts at college many at his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A promotion brought Chip to southern California in 1973.

Once settled in to California, it was typical for Chip to see a classic car around the San Fernando Valley, and ask, "Whose car is that and why don't I know them?" He usually found out who they were and a love for the early Corvette became the basis of great friendships. Chip saw Doug Prince driving his C1 around town, and they became restoration friends. In the early days, Little John Englehardt lived in the Valley and was part of Chip's car group. A Friday night cruise to Kevin's Burgers added Joel Burke and his '59 Fuelie and others too numerous to list. A mystery behind the "green" '60 Corvette boarded up in a garage brought Dale Schaum into the picture. Jeff Reade says he knew Chip longer than Jenni! Over the years, Chip's circle continued to grow and added several car guys that frequented Chip's garage and worked side by side with him on numerous car projects. Greg Davidian and Joe LeMay were among those who, in recent years, were always there to assist Chip where needed.

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When Chip wasn't restoring and Jenni wasn't at her "real" job, they've enjoyed time with their family. They have four daughters: Lisa, Dana, Renee and Laura. With ten grandkids from 21 to 2, one of Chip's favorite pastimes was taking each of them for a ride with the top down in one of the 'Vettes!

At the time of his death, Chip was working on the restoration of a good friend Kent's, Airbox and helping another member prepare for judging at the June NCRS convention. Six decades later, that 13-year-old boy still kept his passion for Corvettes!

Our organization won't be the same without Chip, but we are a better club because of his many contributions. Chip's influence will stay with us a long way down the road.

It's hard to replace a classic and that is what Chip Werstein was!!



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- Rick DuFresne <u>rick_dufresne@msn.com</u> or at (310) 480-3713

*If no member volunteers for the position, the club may consider paying someone. If you know someone who might be interested in producing our newsletter quarterly, please contact Phil or Rick.

SoCal SACC FREE COMMERCIAL VENDOR LIST

C-1 Services by SoCalSACC Chapter Members. Support those in our Chapter.

NOTE: Only those active SoCal SACC Chapter members with a C1 related business/products are eligible to be listed for FREE!

Product or Service	Member Name	Contact Information	Details
Interior Concepts & Design	John Engelhardt	Fountain Valley, CA (714) 435-9448 Shop (714) 267-9996 Cell littlejohns@sbcglobal.net	Complete Interior Restoration Convertible Tops
Vette Garage 53 thru 67 Restorations From Drivers to Concourse	Ron Lefler	(760) 983-5944 Cell (909) 519-7977 rdlef@aol.com	C-1 Hardtop Restoration
American Motoring Memories C-1 Corvette Repairs	Jeff Reade	11375 Playa St., Culver City, (310) 397-3800 FAX (310) 397-6969	All type repairs, Total & Partial Restoration, Engine Overhaul, Consulting, Sales & Service
Corvette Frame Straightening Corvette Restoration 1953 – 1962 Specialist	Walden Dahl	(760) 949-6653 Victorville	Chassis straightening for C1's. We have the attachments to correct any frame problems.
Corvette Mike	Mike Vietro	1133 N. Tustin Av, Anaheim, (714) 630-0700 corvettemike.com	We sell the best And service the rest!

The Board seeks input on SoCal SACC Website makeover

Do you have experience with website design and online communications?

If yes, the SoCalSACC Board needs your input! The Board is planning the future online presence of SoCal SACC and would value the input of individuals who have recent experience in this area. Please contact our Vice President, Nyma Ardalan (nyma@ardalan.org) to learn more.

Corvette C1 Classified Ads

FOR SALE: I have two 3756519 engines for an early 1961 \$300. Posi. for a 1962, 3789812 with 4.11 gears in excellent condition, \$800. Low profile Edelbrock aluminum dual quad intake manifold \$100. Door sill plates for 61 or 62, \$100. Chevrolet script valve covers in good condition, \$100 for offset holes, \$75 for in line holes. Two 14x6 inch aluminum American Racing style rims with tires, \$100. Two 15x10 chrome rally rims with tires \$100. I would also trade for 3755550 heads, or other parts. Eric May 805-208-9342

WANTED:

- 1. A distributor for my 1954 Corvette. Must have top and tachometer cable port.
- 2. Also a washer bottle for the '54.

Contact Jack at jackhstrong@yahoo.com.

FOR SALE: Muncie M-20 4-Speed Trans. Complete with all numbers correct. Dated May 24, 1965. Includes Hurst shifter. GM 512 CE 327 Engine complete. GM 492 double hump heads with 2.02 valves, guide plates and screw in studs. L79 350HP build. Call for details. Reasonable offers accepted. 818 640-6319 Evan Williams

FOR SALE: 1953-54 REPRODUCTION EXHAUST EXTENSIONS: Both styles available, 1953 to E-54 and long L-54 thru 55. the extensions are made with extruded and polished stainless steel. Long extensions have the correct rolled end and formed metal deflector. For photos and questions. polowhite53@gmail.com. Gary, Member #26C

FOR SALE: (5) C1 wheels. Four have older Goodrich Silvertown 6.70 x 15 tires on them. These were off of Joe LeMays car. \$250 for all. Contact either Joe at jlemay@aol.com or Andy at carole.vette@att.net or 805-404-0861. Located in Simi Valley at Andys house.

FOR SALE: Pair of 461 double hump heads dated F301, \$100. Marty (310-850-6345 cell)

FOR SALE: Corvette 1961/1962 Rear License Horseshoe Back Plate 61 62, like new, \$200 Barry (818) 266-6660

WANTED: Tremec 5 speed for my c1 - Anything running would work, please call Nyma 818-633-1390

FOR SALE: 6.70 X 15 BFG Silvertown tire, older but like new tread. Perfect for a spare. \$75. Plasticon top for 53-55. Complete with latches. Average condition but fiberglass in good shape. Needs rear window. \$500 Mike McCloskey 661-373-0617 or clutchmccloskey@yashoo.com

FOR SALE: (4) American Torque thrust (Type TT - D wheels). 1966 Vintage for disc brakes. \$1,000 Barry Charles 818-645-1109

FOR SALE: New pair of 56-60 door locks w/ 2 keys, 56-57 generator pulley used 3 5/8 od, new 53-57 grille mount brackets set of 5, 58 -62 Set of outer Grill moldings good condition. 2 NOS front lower inner a-arm/control arm shafts (GM #3736355). Thanks Joe LaGreca 909-499-5873 or joe.lagreca@att.net.

For Sale/Wanted ads are FREE for current SoCal SACC Chapter members. Email your ad text to the editor (rick_dufresne@msn.com for inclusion in the next edition.