



The Solid Scoop

A Newsletter for the So. Calif. Region of the Solid Axle Corvette Club

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The scene from the first meeting of the So. Calif. Solid Axle Corvette Club (So. Cal. SACC).

NOTICE!! A condensed Chapter Roster has been prepared for distribution in this Newsletter. A FULL ROSTER is planned for the next Newsletter. Anyone wanting THEIR INFORMATION (address or email) LEFT OFF this full Roster, NOTIFY THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN, CHIP WERSTEIN BY EMAIL OR PHONE.

So. Cal. SACC Featured Activities:

(See Calendar for details)

Sun., April 11, 2:00 PM:

So. Cal. SACC Board Members Meeting

Saturday, April 30:

**A "Sideways" Tour
to the Santa Inez Valley**

Saturday, May 7:

Members Tech Session

Saturday, June 11:

General Membership Meeting

August 23 – 25:

**2005 SACC
National Convention**



Noland Adams reflects on a long day of book signings, everyone asking questions and winning the days "Hard Luck Award" (see inside for details).

So. Cal. Solid Axle Corvette Club: Executive Board Meeting – February 11, 2005

This first Meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the Solid Axle Corvette Club Board of directors was held at the home of John Costales in Ventura. The Board Meeting was called to order by president Richard Block at 3:07PM. The following Board Members were present: Chip Werstein, Bruce Fuhrman, and John Costales. Also present were Jeff Block and Larry Pearson

Officer Reports:

- Since this was our first Meeting, no Minutes were to be approved. Larry Pearson volunteered for the position of Chapter Recording Secretary, and offered to take the minutes for this and future Meetings. The Board unanimously accepted Larry for the position of Chapter Secretary.
- Treasurer Bruce Fuhrman gave the Financial Report. Bruce reported that we are in good shape financially. Bruce reported that he made a \$300 deposit to the Odyssey Restaurant for the February 26th Meet buffet.
- Chip Werstein, Vice President and Membership Chairman, reported that as of today we have 56 Members, including four Founders (#1 – 4), 46 Charter (#5 – 50), and six regular Members (#51 – 56). Chip handed out copies of the Membership Roster, updated as of today.
- Bruce Fuhrman, acting Newsletter Editor, reported that he created the first issue of ***The Solid Scoop***, the January, 2005 issue. The Board is seeking a permanent Newsletter Editor. The Chapter plans to publish ***The Solid Scoop*** a minimum of quarterly.

Old Business:

Since this was the first Meeting of the Southern California Chapter Board, there was no old business.

New Business:

First Membership Meeting at The Odyssey Restaurant on Saturday, February 26, 2005: The Board discussed what needed to be done and assignments were made among the Board Members. Board Members volunteered to call Members who had not paid for the luncheon. Larry Pearson volunteered to make the windshield cards for the car show in the parking lot. Ballots will be handed out to all Members who brought a Corvette for display to determine the Participant's Choice selection for Best of Show. The six remaining awards: Longest Distance Driven, Best Engine Compartment, Best Paint, Worst Paint, and Oldest VIN #, will be determined by the Board Members, who will survey the cars. Bruce Fuhrman will do the Name Tags. We may need tickets for the restaurant meals. We will contact the Odyssey to see what they need for billing purposes.

- **Meeting Schedule:** The Board recommended that Board/Membership meetings be held every three months.
- **Tech Session in April at Chip Werstein's home:** It was proposed that this be our next event. The date is to be determined.
- **Tour to Santa Paula in May:** It was proposed that we tour to Santa Paula in May to ride the railroad there to Fillmore. It was suggested that we do a minimum of three tours per year.
- **Future Car Shows:** It was suggested that we do at least one car show per year.
- **Board Elections:** The Board discussed having a general election sometime in the future to select the Board positions.
There being no further business before the Board, it was decided that the Meeting adjourn. The Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM.

The Winner of the "Hard-Luck Award", Noland Adams's 2005 C6 Convertible!



The story goes, that on the way to the Odyssey Restaurant, the beauty to the left stalled on the 405 Freeway. It was almost as if this new Corvette wanted to show this knowledgeable Corvette driver, who is really the **BOSS**. The diagnosis was that the fuel pump was the problem.

If it only had been a C1, Noland could probably have got it running on the 405.

Calendar of Coming Events in our Area:

(So. Cal. SACC Events are in **Bold & Italic**, NCCC Events in purple, General Corvette events are in Bold)

**Entry Forms available under "Current Events" on www.orangecountyvettes.com*

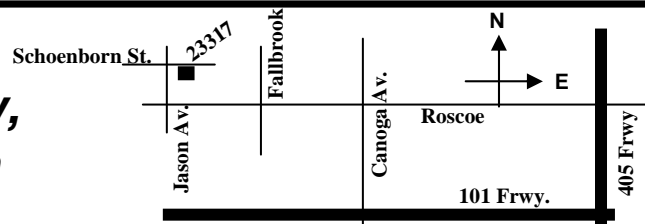
Sun., April 10	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
<u>Sun., April 10</u>	<u>So. Cal. SACC Board Meeting at Bruce Fhurman's Home in Camarillo, 2:00PM.</u>
April 16	UCI Car Show
<i>*Sat., April 16</i>	<i>NCCC Sanctioned Autocross,</i> <i>Hosts: San Diego Corvette Club, Location: Qualcomm Stadium, Info: Nancy Rubinstein (858) 483-3766</i>
April 17	Orange Car Show
April 23	Seal Beach Car Show
<i>*Sat., April 23</i>	<i>Three Sanctioned NCCC Events: Poppy Rallye, Poker Rallye and Hidden Time Rallye</i> <i>Hosts: Antelope Valley Corvette Club, Location: See flyer in this Newsletter</i>
April 24	Pomona Swap Meet at LA Fairgrounds
<i>*Sun., April 24</i>	<i>7th Annual Corvette Car Show, NCCC Sanctioned</i> <i>Hosts: Corvettes West, Location: Sylvan Park, Redlands, Info: Eric (909) 425-0590</i>
<u>Sat. April 30</u>	<u>So. Cal. SACC hosts a "Sideways" Tour to Santa Inez Valley. See flyer for details.</u>
<i>*April 29 – May 2</i>	<i>Rt. 66 Fun Run in Arizona</i>
<u>Sat., May 7</u>	<u>So. Cal. SACC Members Tech Session, Chip Werstein's Garage, 2:00PM.</u> <u>23317 Schoenborn St., West Hills, 91304 See below for map.</u>
May 7	2nd Annual George Barris Culver City Hot Rod & Custom Car Show
May 7	Car Show and Jazz Concert, Northwood HS, Irvine
Sun., May 8	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
<i>*May 21</i>	<i>Corvette Car Show, Cruisin' Corvettes of Bakersfield, raffle, auction, trophy & oldies dance. Info: Tom Jaquez, (661) 979-9740.</i>
Sun., June 5	Pomona Swap Meet at LA Fairgrounds
<i>*Sun., June 5</i>	<i>Huntington Beach Concours d' Elegance, NCCC judging for Corvettes</i>
<u>Sat., June 11</u>	<u>So. Cal. SACC General Membership Meeting, Location TBD (LA area)</u>
<i>*June 11</i>	<i>Plastic Fantastic in San Diego</i>
June 10, 11 & 12	3rd Annual Corvettes at Lake Tahoe, Lakeshore Lodge & Spa, South Lake Tahoe, Ca.
Sun., June 12	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
June 24 – 26	Corvettes West 23rd Annual Big Bear Bash, Cindy Lyon @ (909) 795-2814 for info.
July 4	12th Annual Long Beach Yacht Club Auto Show, All types of cars eligible.
Sun., July 10	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Sun., July 17	Pomona Swap Meet at LA Fairgrounds
July 28 - 31	Vettes on the Rockies, Breckenridge, Co.
Sun., July 31	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Sun., Aug. 14	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Aug. 21	21st Annual Enderle Center Classic Car Show, Enderle Center, Tustin
<u>*Aug 23 – 25</u>	<u>2005 SACC National Convention, Harrisburg, Penn.</u>
Sun., Aug 28	Pomona Swap Meet at LA Fairgrounds
Sept., 15 – 16	Tahoe Tour 37 – Theme: Outer Space, by Corvettes of Fresno.
Sept. 24	Cruisin' For A Cure, Orange County Fairgrounds.
Sept. 25	Redline Corvettes, All Corvette Show, Conejo Creek Park in Thousand Oaks.
Oct. 9	All Chevy Car Show, Enderle Center, Tustin
Sun., Oct. 9	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Sun., Oct. 16	Pomona Swap Meet at LA Fairgrounds.
Sun., Nov. 13	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Sun., Nov 27	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach
Sun., Dec. 11	Hi-Performance Swap Meet, Vet Stadium, Long Beach

Membership Tech Session

Location: Chip Werstein's Garage,
23317 Schoenborn St., West Hills,
91304 (818) 883-5766

Time: 2:00 PM

**Saturday,
May 7th**



SCSACC makes its Debut.....

The So. Cal. Chapter of SACC made its debut on Saturday, February 26th, at the Odyssey Restaurant in the San Fernando Valley. SACC is the acronym for **Solid Axle Corvette Club** and only recently has a group got together and organized a region affiliated with the National SACC. A brief history of SACC is on the next page. Noland Adams, considered the guru of early Corvettes and mid-year Corvettes attended our kick-off meeting. Noland, as many Corvette owners know, has written many books covering these years. "Many", consider these the prime years for Corvette after-which the luxury cars began appearing leading to what is on the road today.

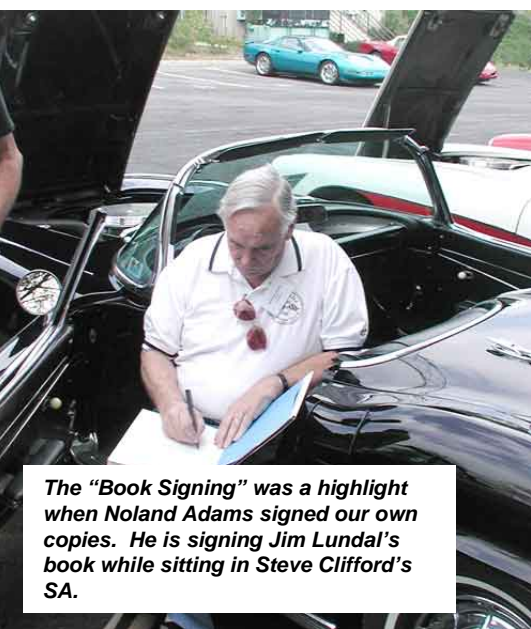
Solid Axle cars are those who have solid axles which was the standard design for American cars for many years. Corvette deviated to a swing axle in 1963 and eliminated the solid axle design. Naturally, the individuals belonging to SACC have cars produced from 1953 to 1962. The pictures below, and on the front page of this newsletter, are from the meeting. The 32 cars that showed up for the meeting had a mini car show with participants voting on their favorite.



It may not be fancy, but you are dealing with guys who "love" their sold axle's and the breeze blowing through their gray-haired locks.



Jim Lundal & Steve Clifford
From Orange County Vettes



The "Book Signing" was a highlight when Noland Adams signed our own copies. He is signing Jim Lundal's book while sitting in Steve Clifford's SA.



(above) Tech Advisor for 1962's, "Larry Pearson reminisces with member on how to hook up jumper cables. In the background, president Richard Block prepares for a miss start".

Car Show Winners:

- **Long Distance Driven:** Bob Brown, San Diego
- **Best Paint:** John Englehardt, 1957
- **Worst Pant:** Derold Shirwo, 1957 w/original Aztec Copper
- **Best Engine:** Jack Revel, 1959
- **Lowest VIN** (regardless of year): Bob Brown, 1959 #048
- **Oldest VIN:** Bill Kupper, 1956
- **Hard-Luck Award:** Noland Adams, 2005

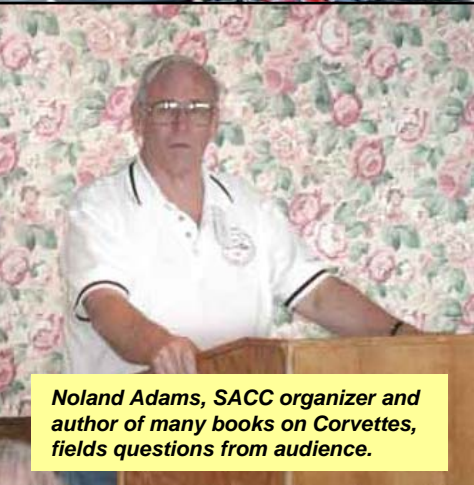
Cars & Parts: For Sale & Wanted For Sale: 1957 rear springs, dated 45 E 7, \$450 or trade for 1961 springs dated mid 1960. Gary Willoughby 310-559-0706, gwilbe@pacbell.net.



Red was still a primary color, even in the early years. SACC is a club which understands the "correctness" of the judging, but promotes DRIVING and enjoyment of, THE CAR!



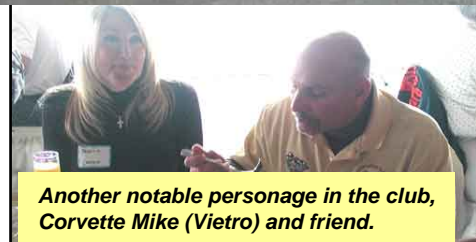
Chapter president, Richard Block kicks off the meeting.



Noland Adams, SACC organizer and author of many books on Corvettes, fields questions from audience.

SACC Meeting

As previously mentioned, the meeting was held at the Odyssey Restaurant in the San Fernando Valley. The restaurant is located on a hill and overlooks a spectacular view of the San Fernando Valley, on a clear day. The buffet is outstanding and everyone ate well!



Another notable personage in the club, Corvette Mike (Vietro) and friend.



View from our Dining Room!

SACC HISTORY – RISE OF THE PHOENIX (submitted by Lucy Badenhop, National SACC Secretary)

The Solid Axle Corvette Club (SACC) is actually the second organization devoted solely to enjoying the solid axle Corvettes (1953-1962). SACE was started in 1986 by Noland Adams, Roy Braatz and Lucy Badenhop. It grew steadily, but in the early 1990s a philosophical difference caused Noland and Lucy to terminate their involvement.

Noland and Lucy were reluctant to let the club concept die, so in 1994, Larry Richter and Max Brockhouse were recruited and a new organization was formed as SACC. Larry incorporated the club as a not-for-profit entity in his home state of Oregon, so the organizational concept of a club could not be jeopardized again.

Since that time, SACC has continued to grow. It started in 1994 with about 300 members in the National SACC and one chapter (the Northwest Chapter for WA, OR and British Columbia in western Canada), which was a holdover from the SACE days. That chapter was first led by Bill Eldridge.

During the remainder of the 1990s, a second chapter evolved in southern Illinois, which was formalized as the West Central Illinois Chapter with Jack "Doc" Hollada as its first President. It was later renamed the Central Great Rivers Chapter when it added eastern MO and western KY.

The next three chapters formed at a steady pace. In 2001, the Mid-Atlantic Chapter formed (consisting of DE, MD, NJ, NY, PA, VA and WV) with Brad Bean as the first President. In 2002, the Great Lakes Chapter was formed (north half of IL and all of IN, MI, OH and WI) with Jane and Jim Snyder leading the group. Most recently in Feb 2005, the Southern California Chapter got off to a great start under the guidance of President Richard Block.

Close behind are a group in AZ under the leadership of Steven Neel and one in Northern California led by James LaJolla. As these groups are attempting to get organized, we hope to welcome them as official chapters in the near future. As of 30 March, there are 922 paid members for 2005. It's actually international - we have 16 foreign members.

"A Norway '54 Vette"!



Noland Adams (left) and Tom Johansen (right) discuss the finer points of this 1954 Vette.

So. Cal. SACC member Tom Johansen drove his 1954 Vette to the Odyssey show and this month Tom is our featured member/car. The following is Tom's write-up.

My parents had moved back to Norway in 1968 after living here in Glendale, CA for twenty years and the car had belonged to my father's employer. He had apparently purchased the car from a man in Colorado who happened to be the brother of another of his employees. From what my father told me at the time, this gentleman, Webjorn (Web) Svendsen (another good Norwegian name!), in Colorado was ill at the time and forced to sell the car. I had only seen photos of the car but I knew that I wanted it as there were so few of them around anymore and it had always been one of my favorites since seeing it first at the GM Motorama at the Pan Pacific Auditorium in Los Angeles as a child of 8 back in 1954.

I didn't know anything about its history prior to its being shipped to Norway in 1987. I tried to research this through the state of Colorado DMV, but they had purged their records going back that far. They did give me the name of the past owner and a frame number that corresponds to the frame on my car. According to my late father's account, the car had been wrecked and put back together in Colorado where they issued it a new Colorado ID#35843, which must be a salvage title. The DMV was able to give me an old chassis ID number that corresponded to the new ID. That number was E54S002900, which would indicate that my car originally was number 1900 off the line that production year. The most disturbing part was that the paperwork they sent me listed the new ID# as belonging to some kind of trailer that had been owned by a Mr. Rick Whitman of Greeley, Colorado! This makes me even more curious and makes me wonder what kind of monkey-business went on back then. I wrote a letter to Mr. Greeley, but got no response. The letter didn't come back undeliverable, but after this many years, who knows if he is even still "of this earth". The stampings on the engine block and cylinder head casting appear to be correct for the car, but I cannot confirm this yet. Some of the unique and somewhat disturbing (to a purist) things about this car are that it was apparently given some more refurbishing while in Norway, including custom fabricating one of the headlight doors, filling the area of the dashboard where the small crash pad should be with fiberglass so that it appears to be all one smooth bullnosed piece. They get an "A" for effort and it doesn't look bad, but it's not correct. They also painted the car again over there, but the same Sportsman red that it had been. I don't know if this can be confirmed as truly the original color, but the color is at least correct for the year. I'm rambling on here, but I would love to find out more about the history of this car prior to its trip to Norway one of these days. Perhaps by putting this information out there in the club, someone who knows someone who remembers someone will help shed some more light on this for me. **Regards, Tom Johansen**



(left) Neil Fraser's '58 gets a hot shot to try and overcome a bad solenoid. A subsequent "push start" worked.



"Activity in the Pits", at the Odyssey Car Show!



"Heritage Row"

(left) Noland Adams signs his "John Hancock" to authorize Bruce Fuhrman's car. How do you preserve "that spot" forever under the hood?

Tours & Members Newspage

So. Calif. Chapter of SACC makes its Debut

Saturday, February 26th, the So. Calif Chapter of SACC (**So. Cal. SACC**) met at the Odyssey Restaurant in the San Fernando Valley, for a kick-off meeting. Previous to the meeting, a extensive membership drive had been conducted throughout So. Calif. to inform other straight-axle national members that a chapter was being organized. So, with almost 60 members under their belt, the founding members organized a chapter and, as the saying goes, the rest is history. Pictures of the initial meeting are presented in this newsletter.

So. Cal. SACC Scheduling

Get used to it, So. Cal. SACC (So. Cal. Solid Axle Corvette Club), is planning on working on a quarterly business schedule, at the present time. A newsletter is being prepared and mailed quarterly and a meeting is planned to also be held quarterly. Currently, the yearly quarters planned are to have meetings in January, April, July, and October. It is also being planned to hold **at least** one car show per year and tours will be scheduled when an activity and organizer volunteers. All members are encouraged to participate. Assistance will be provided for event volunteers by officers of the Chapter. They will help you along by pointing out items to make your outing a success.

The Solid Scoop

Bruce Fuhrman, began the So. Cal. SACC initial newsletter and the name ***“The Solid Scoop”*** was chosen. It has been suggested that the club would also like to have some sort of Logo to represent our new organization. ***All those talented enough in this arena can submit your suggestion to Bill Fuhrman by email, and/or snail-mail. Bruce’s address is on the SCOOP Information Page.***

Currently, member **Jim Lundal** has stepped up to publish the club newsletter. Jim, and wife Judy, reside in Westminster and own a FI '60 straight axle, having purchased it 15 years ago. They have driven it almost 40K miles, to Nashville, Tn., to Oregon, to all areas of Calif., and two years ago, ran Rt. 66 (original alignment) from Chicago to Santa Monica. They wouldn't part with the car for anything. It is **his** year, and **her** color (Horizon Blue).

According to Jim, the newsletter content is leaning toward keeping the membership informed of club activities, featuring members and the planned outings and publishing past tour pictures. With members scattered all over the So. California area, maintaining a member-connection is tough. The Car, is the connecting medium, but many friendships can be made when other common interests are found.

It is not planned at this time, unless the membership wants it, that this newsletter will become a technical journal. Many documents already exist and plagiarizing articles is not currently going to be done. However, any technical write-ups written by a member, which is intended to inform, ask questions or let the membership know how “you” overcame some problem, can be submitted. Each newsletter will also publish our technical advisors and list recommended businesses suggested by club members.

Other items that will be published are classified ads for selling parts and/or cars. Currently this will be limited to only the straight axle years. Conversely, “Wanted” ads can also be listed. This is planned to be a member service only.

Newsletter feedback can be sent to Jim Lundal (5062 Vallecito, Westminster, Ca. 92683) or the two email addresses found on the **SCOOP** information page.

SACC Facts

The established boundaries for the Southern California Chapter of SACC is San Diego to Fresno (north and south) and the ocean and the Arizona border on the east. An official presentation of our Chapter Banner will be at the Carlisle, Pa. Show, August 26 – 28, 2005. There are five (5) chapters of SACC demographically located as follows: **Northwest Chapter** (Washington – Oregon), **Mid-Atlantic Chapter** (New Jersey, New York, Penn. & Maryland), **Great Lakes – Midwest Chapter** (Michigan, Wisconsin & Eastern Illinois), **West Central Illinois Chapter** (West Illinois), **Southern California Chapter**.

Support the 2005 National Convention

Even if you cannot attend the 2005 National Convention in August this year, support can still be done by purchasing a SACC shirt. A ad and mail-in entry can be found in the Spring issue of the National SACC Magazine. Proceeds from these sales will go to assistance to defer costs incurred by the Mid-Atlantic SACC Chapter who are hosting the convention.

This classy good-looking shirt is a quality item chambray shirt with an embroidered SACC Logo. The cost is \$25 plus \$4.00 for S & H. The shirts are in stock and available for immediate delivery. REMEMBER, look in you latest National SACC magazine (inside the protective cover) for the form to mail.

Solid Axle Corvette Club

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Solid Axle Corvette Club Southern California Chapter 2005 Club Officers

ELECTED OFFICES

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General Club Information

The Solid Scoop is the quarterly **Newsletter** for the So. Calif. Chapter of the National Solid Axle Corvette Club. This newsletter is intended to inform the membership about club news and events. Articles to be submitted for print in the newsletter need be submitted by mail, or preferably by e-mail, to Jim Lundal: **bluevette@socal.rr.com**, or, **jlundal@socal.rr.com**.

Our Chapter dues have been set at \$20 per year, renewable each December.

All those interested in Corvettes are invited to attend our Chapter Meetings. Please refer to the listed schedule in this newsletter for the future date and location. Please feel free to contact any of the above officers with any further questions.

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