



# The Solid Scoop

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

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## **So. Cal. SACC Scheduled Activities:**

(See Calendar, Flyers and Newsletter for further details)

January 16, 2007

### **SoCalSACC Board Meeting**

Late Jan. or Feb.:

### **Tech Session**

**December: National SACC and SoCalSACC Chapter Dues are "Due" !**

***PLEASE use the enclosed form to pay BOTH your National and Chapter Dues.***

**DO NOT SEND YOUR DUES TO THE NATIONAL SACC!**

*The chapter will forward your payment and name to the National.*

***SoCalSACC***  
***SANTA MARIA WINE & BBQ TOUR***  
(see inside newsletter for more)



Photo courtesy of Eric Hershkowitz #15C



# SoCalSACC-Santa Maria Wine & BBQ Tour



Ten C-1 Corvettes left Ventura heading up 101 which was the route of the movie "Sideways". We met Carlos Vivas in Buelleton who took us on to the "Wine Run". We toured 3 wineries, Melleville in Buelleton, Bedford in Los Alamos and Cottonwood Canyon in Santa Maria. Carlos took us on a "short cut" from the Buelleton winery to Los Alamos. It was only 8.8 miles of country road called Drum Rd. We only passed one car coming the other way who stopped to let us pass since it was a ONE lane road. It was relabeled by us as "Brake Drum" Rd. after coming down some steep grades! We also checked out a large Antique shop in Los Alamos.

The really big event was in store when we pulled into Carlos Vivas driveway in Nipomo! Wow what a "garage" he has! I counted 6 lifts and so many Corvettes he had to store them on lifts to get them under one roof. He just moved to Nipomo from the LA area and has one beautiful set up. He has all the equipment for a full restoration as well as the Corvette and GM signs and memorabilia to complement the cars. We enjoyed a great BBQ and lots of tire kicking with the locals and a raffle. The day ended with an over night at the Santa Maria Inn which is truly a grand old hotel and very nice. The trip home on Sunday was interesting when it rained on our parade. I was very pleased my wipers worked well on the '54. They worked so well they wiped all the rain off the windshield onto the door post which drained into my ashtray and my pants leg!

We all had a great time and many thanks to Carlos and Sherry Vivas for volunteering to set up the tour and BBQ.







*Car Line-up in Los Alamos. This can be quite an awesome sight when parked in any small town.*



*The view through John Costales's windshield.*





# Fall SoCalSACC Membership Meeting in Dana Point.....

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> was a beautiful day and 21 cars showed up at Stuff Pizza in Dana Point for our So Cal General Membership Meeting. SoCalSACC member Ralph Haun (#74), proprietor of Stuff Pizza, hosted this event. Ralph had the parking blocked off adjacent to his establishment and cars began arriving about 9AM from all over the So Cal area. Attending were cars from San Diego, Ventura and north to Bakersfield. By 11AM our contingent had pretty much all arrived and we had drawn out 21 cars. It was pointed out that this was only two cars less than showed up at the August National Convention in Truckee, Ca. We are active!

Two visitors and one new member attended the meeting. Randy Solle rode with San Diego member Bob Brown and joined while at the meeting. The two visitors, Patricia Eckert and Nina Dawson, attended from the southern Orange County area. Patricia is an acquaintance of Chip Werstein and owns a maroon/fawn original '62 Fulie, which Chip is currently working on at his garage. Nina just attended to keep Patricia company and see what "Gearhead Corvetter's" look like. Chip Werstein has known Patricia since they attended college together in the midwest.

During the subsequent meeting, ballots were dispersed for the Chapter officers for 2007, Leland McCoy volunteered to be Club Coordinator to the National SACC organization, reports were made by Chapter officers and volunteers and Raffle prizes were drawn. By 2PM most members were heading back to the "Road Home".



Our car line-up which host Ralph Haun set aside for this display. Above right shows the "Tire-Kickers" talking C1's. The amount of information transferred at these sessions is only exceeded but out Tech Sessions.





*Chapter President, Bruce Fuhrman, stands by the ballot box while coordinating the Membership Meeting. The same officers currently holding offices in 2006 were on the ballot for 2007. The present board was unanimously re-elected for 2007.*



*Above, (l to r) Chip Werstein, Nina Dawson and Patricia Eckert feed-down at the meeting. Many at the meeting really wanted to view Patricia's original '62 Fulie.*

*(l to r) Wally Carroll, Eric Hershkowitz and Randy Solle dip into the soup bucket. Eric and wife, Fran, as usual received the "Long Distance Driven Recognition" as they drove their '59 Fulie from Bakersfield. Randy joined our Chapter at the meeting. He drove up with member Bob Brown from San Diego.*



## ***So Cal SACC Chapter Officers & Board Members for 2007***

***President: Bruce Fuhrman***

***Vice President: Richard Block***

***Treasurer/Membership: John Costales***

***Secretary: Larry Pearson***

## **Solid-Axle Corvette Club**

# ***The Solid Scoop Newsletter***

### **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: [jlundal@socal.rr.com](mailto: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 General Membership 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 or visit the **Chapter Web Site** at [www.socalsacc.com](http://www.socalsacc.com) with any questions. A form appears on the Web Site to **Contact Us!**

# *So Cal SACC Member Profile*

*(Editor: This Newsletter we will feature another member of our Chapter Board, Larry Pearson. Larry has held the office of Secretary for 2005 to 2006 and has been re-elected to the same office for 2007. Larry is an interesting personality and I have known him, through other car clubs, for over 15 years. Larry has presented at all our Tech Sessions and is a wealth of knowledge. Enjoy his write-up)*

**Although my education is in Electronics Engineering, I have always loved all things mechanical: cars, Lionel Electric Trains, clocks, Winchester lever actions, Colt revolvers, antique radios, and pretty much anything put together with screws and bolts.**

**When I graduated from high school in 1959 and got my first summer job and part time job during college, I needed a car. I loved cars with V-8 engines, but I didn't have much money. So my first car ended up being a 1951 Oldsmobile Super 88 Holiday Coupe with the "Rocket" V-8 and hydramatic, which I purchased for \$300. In 1964, I replaced the Super 88 with a low mileage 1951 98 4-door, which my uncle gave me. I still have this car.**

**I got my first engineering job with Boeing in Seattle, Washington in 1965. My brother, John, suggested that I needed to buy a Corvette. I determined that the 1962 model was the newest that I could afford, so I went looking for one of those. It had to be Roman Red. I discovered that Seattle was not "Corvette Country", and there was only about one for sale per week to look at. I ended up buying a '62 from Alan Green Chevrolet, the "Harry Mann" of Seattle. Although it was only four years old, it already had 80,000 hard miles on it. But it was red/red, with hardtop only, 250hp, 4-speed, 3:36 Posi., r&h, and chrome wheels, which I thought were "cool". The transmission popped out of second gear, and was basically worn out. I persuaded the dealer to replace the transmission with a new one for no charge under his "OK" used car warranty. The rear end was noisy, so I had the whole carrier assy. replaced with a new 3:70 unit, my cost.**

**I moved to Greenville, Texas for four years in 1966, where I worked for LTV Electro-Systems. During that time I had the engine rebuilt, added a soft-top, and a custom air conditioning unit by arctic Car. It gets hot in Texas.**

**I moved to Panorama City in 1970, where I worked for ITT Gilfillan. On November 3, 1971, the Corvette disappeared from the carport, never to be recovered. With the help of Ed Thiebaud in Fresno, I replaced the stolen Corvette with another red/red soft top only car in 1972, also from Seattle! All I could find in LA were Fawn Beige cars. This car was too nice to drive every day, so I kept it in my parent's garage in Burbank. I then bought a 1960 base engine 3-speed, soft top only car in Ford yellow (over the original maroon) in 1973, and then another 1962 white/black 2-top 4-sp FI (less the FI) car in 1974. Once you have a Corvette get stolen, you can't have enough spares in case it happens again. I ended up restoring the chassis and engine and engine compartment of the red '62 in 1972-74 (the factory interior and \$200 repaint in 1966 still look great). I won the Sweepstakes award at the 1974 WSCC Convention, Best Restoration of Show at the Ambassador Concours d'Elegance shows and car shows over the next few years. Car shows are a lot of work, and I seldom show it anymore.**

**In 1975 I discovered a nice all-original 1960 Corvette in a parking lot in Reseda. I went to DMV and paid 75 cents to find out where it lived (it takes a court order to do this today). It lived in Northridge, and I tried to buy it, but the owner wouldn't sell. Over the next 20 years, several times a year I would drive by the house to see if the car was still there. But the garage was always closed. In 1995, I went by one day, the garage door was open, and the car was still there! So I tried again and this time the owner would sell, but the price was about ten times what it would have been in 1975. As it turned out, the owner stopped driving it shortly after I tried to buy it in 1975, and it basically sat unused for the 20 years until 1995. the owner bought it new in 1960 from Malcolm Konner Chevrolet in Caldwell, New Jersey (the "Harry Mann" of New Jersey. He had Corvette News from 1959, the jacket patch, the gold pin in the box, the wallet card, the owners book, clock instructions, radio instructions, the warranty book, receipts for all the work he did to the car, and the original dealer invoice**





# *Pearson Profile* continued.....

(He says he never got the window sticker). He traded a 1956 black dual-quad Corvette in on the 1960. he bought the 240-hp engine because he had nothing but trouble with those dual quads. The car is Honduras Maroon with white coves, both tops, 4-speed, 3:70 Posi, courtesy lights, r&h, and white walls. Except for the radiator core, water pump, mufflers, tail pipes, seat covers, and tires, it is all-original. The VCCA (Vintage Chevrolet Club of America) has certified it as original in all four areas in their "Historical Preservation of Original Chevrolet Features (HPOCF) judging program.

I love cars, and currently have 12 of them: 1949 Plymouth, 1951 Oldsmobile, 1955 Cadillac, 1956 Chevy, 1960 Corvette, 2-1962 Corvettes, 1966 Corvette (basket case with nothing in the basket), 1968 Caprice, 1972 Chevy C20 pickup, 1975 Chevy Monza V-8, and a 1992 Camaro. If I had a 100-car garage, it would be full! Can't get enough of them Cars!

\*NCCC is National Council of  
Corvette Clubs

## **So Cal SACC Classifieds**

This listing contains Wanted and For Sale Items submitted by the So Cal SACC members. Items must be Solid-Axle Corvette related (parts, information wanted, etc.) and contact of a current So Cal Chapter member.

**WANTED:** One wheel for a 1960 Vette. Call Chip Werstein at 818-883-5766 or email: [chipsgarage@aol.com](mailto:chipsgarage@aol.com).

**FOR SALE** Corvette flat bed trailer. Factory built, diamond plate deck, 8 tie-downs, tandem axles, chrome wheels and 6 ply tires. Like new. \$1500. Mike McCloskey 661-257-4330 or [clutchmccloskey@yahoo.com](mailto:clutchmccloskey@yahoo.com)

**FOR SALE:** 1958 62 restored steering wheels. Roman Red, Black and Charcoal Grey (58) with hubs. 352 horn, works, needs restoring. 1957 wiper motor, super condition. Contact Leland (866) 317 8356

**CORVETTE SPRINGS WANTED:** Looking for rear springs for '57. Dated January thru May 15, 1957. Will rebuild. Contact Ralph at email [rehatcr@aol.com](mailto:rehatcr@aol.com).

**FOR SALE:** I have a pair of unrestored rear springs from my 1958 corvette. They are original (have the grooves) and would need re-arching. I otherwise do not know anything about their condition. I have seen such springs advertised at \$650 each (Grossmueller's winter 2006 catalogue) and I would like to advertise the pair at \$500. If they don't sell, I will advertise them for more in the NCRS newsletter. I can supply the numbers on the small leaf upon request.

I also have an original steering wheel from my 1958 corvette that was originally silver blue with a light blue interior. I have recently removed the wheel from my car in favor of a black wheel to match the current interior color. The blue wheel has been wrapped in a black cover since 1974, so it is probably in rather good original condition. It has the hub (painted black) attached. Again, comparing it to the catalogue prices, I think \$300 is fair. Richard Block, (818) 342-6223

**WANTED:** 1958 283 CI ENGINE BLOCK W/CAST DATE CODED FROM 1 DEC 57 THRU 5 MARCH 58. WILL CONSIDER COMPLETE REBUILDABLE ENGINE. OR BLOCK. CALL 213) 838-8821 AND LEAVE MSG. STAN # 88

**FOR SALE:** a pair of rear springs for a 1953-59 Corvette. Part number: 3751438. Dated: 352E3 "California Springs" \$500.00 the pair FIRM Carlos Vivas 310-710-2858, 805-929-0838

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# **Calendar of Coming Events in our Area:**

(SACC Events in ***Bold and Italic Print***, NCCC\* Events in **Purple**)

## **2006**

Sun., Nov. 12	Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Vet Stadium in Long Beach.
Sun., Nov. 26	Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Vet Stadium in Long Beach.
Sun., Dec. 3	Pomona Swap Meet
Sun., Dec. 10	Hi-Performance Swap Meet at Vet Stadium in Long Beach.

## **2007**

***Tues., Jan 16***      ***So Cal SACC Board Meeting at Weiler's Restaurant, All Chapter members are welcome.***

***Late Jan. or Feb.***      ***SoCalSACC Tech Session***

*Coordinator: Chip Werstein, Location: TBD*

***June 11 – 14***      ***National SACC Convention in St. Charles, Illinois***

## ***Coming Soon!***

***Tech Session in late January or February, 2007.***

***SoCalSACC member Chip Werstein is coordinating our next Tech Session Soon! These Tech Session's are very well attended and a Notice will be distributed once a Firm date is established.***

***IF YOU CAN ASSIST WITH FINDING A LOCATION FOR THESE SESSION'S, LET CHIP KNOW BY CALLING (818) 883-5766 OR EMAILING TO CHIPSGARAGE@AOL.COM.***

***Also, if you want to suggest a topic, contact Chip. Two Topics are currently scheduled:***

***C1 Headlight Aiming and C1 Ignition System***

## **SoCalSACC Board Meeting**

***Tuesday, January 16, 2007***

***Location: Weiler's Deli & Restaurant***

***9046 Balboa Blvd. (South of Nordhoff St. on Balboa.***

***Northridge, Ca. 91325***

***(818) 892-8663***

***"All SoCalSACC Members are Welcome!"***

**Dear NCRS members:**

I am a San Diego based author/photographer and I'm currently working on a book on '57-'65 FI Corvettes. I've been able to set up a studio in Chuck Smith's shop to shoot FI systems. I've found a few very good FI Corvettes, but I need to find and photograph more. Being based in Southern California, I would prefer cars close to home, but I also want the best examples. Can you help me located some FI Corvettes to photograph?

Please take a look at my website, [www.zonefivephoto.com](http://www.zonefivephoto.com), so you can see the types of books I have done and my style of photography. Robert Genat email: [robert@zonefivephoto.com](mailto:robert@zonefivephoto.com) Zone Five Photo office: (760) 633-4878 1982

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# **ATTENTION ALL CORVETTE C-1** **OWNERS**



Southern California now has a Corvette C-1 ('53-'62) Club which is affiliated with the National SACC (Solid Axle Corvette Club) Organization. The SO.CAL SACC Chapter was initiated in February 2005 to provide a place for C-1 owners to meet with other Corvette C-1 owners and enjoy driving their cars as well as socializing during coordinated events. The Chapter covers owners from **Bakersfield** to **San Diego** and from the **Pacific Ocean** to the **Arizona Border**.

As of 1 August 2006, we have 93 C-1 Members. The club holds a couple of General Membership Meetings during each year, several organized tours to various locations and at least two Tech Sessions. The Tech Sessions are held to provide the members a opportunity to find out details about their C1 and fellowship with other owners to discuss specific problems.

Our newsletter, "THE SOLID SCOOP" (Lots of color photos), is published quarterly. This newsletter provides information on club activities, access for selling and seeking "wanted" parts or services, and provides technical information when supplied.

Also visit our Web Site to review more of our activities: [www.socalsacc.com](http://www.socalsacc.com)



**If you are interested in joining the SO. CAL. SACC Chapter of SACC, here are the details:**

- Annual dues for the local Chapter are \$20 per year, renewable in December.
- Membership in the local Chapter requires membership in the *National SACC*. The *National SACC* dues are an additional \$35 per Year.
- Your membership in both organizations entitles you to quarterly issues of the local Chapters Newsletter, "*The Solid Scoop*" and National SACC's quarterly magazine, "*On Solid Ground*".

*If you are interested in joining or have any questions, please contact*

***John Costales (Membership Chairman SO. CAL. SACC)***

***(805) 642-3662 or [costales@west.net](mailto:costales@west.net)***

***Membership application(s), for both organizations, will be mailed to you, and, those joining late in the year, copies of that years "The Solid Scoop" Newsletter will be mailed to you.***

***We hope to see you soon at one of our events!!!***

***"SAVE THE WAVE"***

## **Welcome to the So Cal SACC (Solid Axle Corvette Club)**

### ***So Cal SACC Chapter Membership Application Year 2007***

Because of liability insurance reasons SoCal SACC Chapter Membership requires current membership in the National SACC organization. To make record keeping easier SoCal SACC collects both National and chapter dues and sends your membership on to the National SACC.

SoCal SACC annual dues are \$20 and National SACC dues are \$35, renewable every December.

Chapter dues includes our quarterly Newsletters "The Solid Scoop"

Natl. Membership includes quarterly magazines "On Solid Ground"

If you are a new member the National SACC will send you your membership # separately.

If you are an existing National member please insert your national membership # \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks for \$55 payable to: "SoCal SACC" and mail to:

John Costales / SoCal SACC Membership

7026 Sonora Ct.

Ventura, CA 93003

(805) 642-3662 Costales@west.net

Applicant: Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Co- Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

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Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Corvettes presently owned and please include VIN #'s for all C-1's:

\_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in participating in the following club events:

Driving Tours \_\_\_\_\_

Technical Clinics \_\_\_\_\_

Overnight Driving Tours \_\_\_\_\_

Newsletter Contributions \_\_\_\_\_

Tours to Museums \_\_\_\_\_

Tour/Event Planning \_\_\_\_\_

Tours to Shops \_\_\_\_\_

Racing \_\_\_\_\_

Car Shows \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

My liability insurance company on my Corvettes is; \_\_\_\_\_

Liability insurance policy # \_\_\_\_\_

I currently am a member of the following Automotive clubs/organizations:

\_\_\_\_\_



# A Little SACC History!

Summer 1986 -	Noland Adams, Lucy Badenhoop & Roy Braatz formed SACE (Solid Axle Corvette Enthusiasts). Problems developed, disbanded.
Summer 1994 -	Larry Richter & Max Brockhouse teamed with Noland & Lucy to start SACC (Solid Axle Corvette Club). Initial membership was 30.
1994 – 2004 -	Three Chapters formed, Northwest, Central and Mid Atlantic.
2004 -	January: Chip Werstein collected some names of local National SACC members. February: Bruce Fuhrman and John Costales prepared an “Any Interest?” C1 flyer to distribute at car shows in
Ventura	County. August: First Meeting of SO. CAL. SACC at Chip Werstein’s “Garage”. Dick Block, Jeff, Bruce Fuhrman, John Costales, and Chip Werstein decided to proceed with a Chapter.
September:	Distributed the first “Solid Scoop” newsletter with membership Application.
26 February, 2005 -	First General Membership Meeting at Odyssey with Noland and Lucy attending. 60 people attended!
	<u>Events in 2005:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- General membership Meeting at Odyssey Restaurant</li><li>- Technical Sessions at Chip Werstein’s</li><li>- “Sideways” Tour</li><li>- Simi Valley Car Show (1 – 3 trophies)</li><li>- Paradise Cove Tour</li><li>- Chapter Charter received at National Convention in Carlisle, Pa.</li><li>- Route 66 Tour passed through LA</li><li>- Tech Session at John Englehardt’s</li><li>- General Membership Meeting at Corvette Mike’s</li></ul>
2006	January: So Cal SACC Board Meeting March: So Cal SACC Board Meeting April: Tech Session Mike Gibbons, Burbank April: So Cal SACC Web Site online, <a href="http://www.socalsacc.com">www.socalsacc.com</a> April: General Membership Meeting at Odyssey Restaurant June: Tour to Nethercutt Museum in Sylmar June: So Cal SACC Board Meeting July: All GM Car Show in Van Nuys August: SACC National Convention in Truckee September: So Cal SACC Board Meeting September: Santa Maria Wine Run & BBQ September: Red Line Car Show in Thousand Oaks October: General Membership Meeting in Dana Point

# Solid Axle Corvette Club

## Southern California Chapter

### 2006 Club Officers

#### ELECTED OFFICES

<b>President</b>	Bruce Fuhrman	bruce4info@aol.com	2264 Glenbrook Av., Camarillo, 93010
<b>Vice President</b>	Richard Block	BlockRA@aol.com	18716 Rosita St., Tarzana, 91356
<b>Secretary</b>	Larry Pearson	(818) 848-2653	1108 Palm Av., Burbank, 91506
<b>Treasurer/Membership</b>	John Costales	costales@west.net	7026 Sonora Ct., Ventura, 93003

#### VOLUNTEER OFFICES

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<b>Chapter Liaison to SACC</b>	Leland McCoy	leemccoy@msn.com

#### TECH ADVISORS

<b>1953 – 1955</b>	Bruce Fuhrman	805-482-4396	bruce4info@aol.com
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<b>1956 – 1957</b>	Chip Werstein	818-883-5766	chipsgarage@aol.com
<b>1958 – 1960</b>	Mike McCloskey	661-257-4330	clutchmccloskey@yahoo.com
<b>1961 – 1962</b>	Larry Pearson	818-848-2653	
<b>Fuel Injection</b>	Doug Prince	818-348-6998	spankey496@socal.rr.com
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