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## CORVETTES OF FRESNO

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OCTOBER 2015

# TAHOE 47 SPECIAL EDITION



**CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS PARTY HARD!**

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OCTOBER 3, SATURDAY - FALL RUN TO THREE RIVERS - MEET AT JENSEN & 99 10AM

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# TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016



# NOMINATIONS FOR COF 2016 BOARD



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**CHUCK FECCIA**  
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**NANCY TEIXEIRA**  
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**CHRIS CAMPBELL**  
**WEBMASTER**



**JIM AGAR**  
**NEWSLETTER**



**ALLEN TEIXEIRA**  
**WSCC REP:**



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## CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car  
**THE CORVETTE**

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, nametag and many other goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

## COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE START TIME IS 6:30 PM  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

## 1962 TRIVIA



**1962 Was the last of the solid rear axle Corvettes and the last year for the power top on the convertible.**

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# THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello Everyone,

Our Tahoe Event is over and it sounds like everyone enjoyed themselves! Now it's time to get everything wrapped up and start planning for next year. We already have paid registrations for Tahoe 48! Keep an eye on the web site, we will have pictures of Tahoe 47 up soon and Tahoe 48 Registration information! Membership Dues were due at the September General Meeting, everyone did a great job getting those paid and we only had 6 that hadn't paid by the end of the meeting, not bad for 135 members!

Take a look at the upcoming events on Chuck's page, looks like plenty to do in these last few months of 2015. New Members, the Biglieri's and Trauger's are putting on a run to the coast with a visit to the Melodrama in Oceano, should be fun! We have the Veteran's Day Parade and the Christmas Party right around the corner.

At the General Meeting the floor was opened for nominations to fill the Board Positions of President and Treasurer. Allen Teixeira nominated Bruce Looney for President and Chuck Feccia seconded the nomination. Jeri Ware was nominated by her husband and seconded by Nancy Teixeira. With no other nominations the floor was closed. Ruth Looney has volunteered for the Sunshine Person. Voting will be held at the October General Meeting.

I want to thank Bruce Looney and Jeri Ware for stepping up to accept the nominations for the Board Positions. Let's support and encourage them in their new positions, it makes the job a lot easier when you know you are appreciated. And, thanks to Ruth Looney for volunteering for the Sunshine position, this is an important part of our organization.

One last thing, we had a fire at our business on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Needless to say, this took a lot of our time and it's the reason we didn't make it to Tahoe. We have recovered and are getting back to normal. I want to thank all of the members who called, texted and visited us during this time. It was an overwhelming amount of support and it's one of the reasons we love this club, the great people! So,

Thank You Everyone.

That's about it, Stay Safe and Save the Wave.

Chris Campbell





## CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2015



**Call to Order:** President Chris Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. Board Members present were Kaye Campbell, Nancy Teixeira, Chuck Feccia, and Clay Mumby. Jim Agar was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. President Chris Campbell welcomed all members and guests.

**Secretaries Report:** Minutes of the meeting August 2015 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the August 2015 minutes was made by Celia Feccia and seconded by Ron Mattos Motion carried.

A motion to accept the August 2015 minutes as published in the Fiberglass Forever newsletter was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Jackey Christani, motion carried unanimously!

**Treasurers Report:** Kaye Campbell reported the accounts activity for August, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the treasures report as read. The Motion was made by Steve Profera and seconded by Nick DiLiddo, Motion Carried Unanimously. Kaye also wanted to thank our club members for being so generous in their donations for Tahoe 47.

**Membership:** Clay Mumby reported we have 71 members present and 5 guests. Corvettes of Fresno has 135 members and 87 corvettes. Guests introduced were Jack and Margie Back, Tim and Carol McCollum and Pete Cholakian. All September Birthdays and Anniversaries were acknowledged. The amount of the name tag drawing for the month of September is \$80.00. Remember to always sign in at the beginning of all meetings!

**Communication:** Jim Agar was absent, but Allen Teixeira talked to him and the deadline for the newsletter is Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Webmaster:** Webmaster Chris Campbell reported that he has pictures still to post from Tahoe 47 and if you have ads to post you have to e-mail them to him. There was a question about the pictures of the members and their cars not matching up and Chris said you needed to completely finish downloading all of them before you start to look at them and that should take care of the problem but if you still notice a problem please let him know.

**Activities:** Chuck Feccia gave the report, please refer to the Calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site, [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign up sheets are on the side table.**

### **Past Events:**

**August 22** Hot Wasuma Nites Car Show Awhanee, no one present attended

**Sept 10 -13 Tahoe 47** Allen reported we had 85 cars attending Tahoe 47 and thanked all the committees and their helpers who stepped in as we could not have done it without them. There will be a Tahoe wrap up meeting on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Denney's on Herndon and Blackstone at 7pm. Dave Cavanaugh also wanted to thank the Tahoe Committee for all their work. Allen presented Chris and Kaye Campbell with the Tahoe 47 Hard Luck Award because they were unable to attend due to a fire at their business. He also asked that if anyone has any bills for Tahoe that they have not turned in please get them to Kaye Campbell as soon as possible.

**Sept 12** Car shows in Oakhurst and Coalinga no one present attended.

**Oct 2** Rods of the Bluff

**Oct 3** Fall Run to Three Rivers Frank & Dorit Battaglia meet at Jensen & 99 10am

**Oct 6** COF Board Meeting at Spaghetti Factory 6:30 pm

**Oct 10-11** Valley Nationals Car Show and Run on the Bluffs

**Oct 13** Tahoe 47 wrap-up meeting at 7pm Denney's Herndon and Blackstone

**Oct 17** Run to Oceano, to the Melodrama hosted by Biglieri's and Trauger's, sign up sheet.

**Oct 20** COF General meeting at 7pm Yosemite Falls in Granite Park  
**Nov 11** Veteran's Day Parade, Billie Talley chair person sign up sheet available  
**Dec 4** COF Christmas Party sign up sheet, Sharon Minnich chairperson

WSCC Allen Teixeira announced that the Redline is out and the WSCC Convention newsletter also, if you do not receive please let him know. The Quarterly meeting will be Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> in Rancho Cordova.

**Sunshine Report** given by Sharon Minnich, Ron Mattos had Knee surgery and we received a thank you from him for the plant we sent and he also was present at the meeting. Liz DeVoe also sent a thank you note for the donation to the cancer society in remembrance of Jon.

**Old Business:**

Elections are coming up in October so Chris opened the floor for nominations for President and Treasurer. Allen Teixeira nominated Bruce Looney for President and Chuck Feccia seconded the nomination. Angie DiLiddo nominated Chuck Ware, but he declined, but nominated Jeri Ware and Nancy Teixeira seconded the nomination. Seeing no other nominations, Bill Sahatdjian moved that the nominations be closed and Allen Teixeira seconded. Ruth Looney volunteered for Sunshine person. The voting will be at the October meeting by ballot.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Name Tag Drawing:** Ruth Looney won the \$80.00 for the name tag, so the drawing for October goes back to \$10.00.

**50/25/25 Raffle:**

First ticket drawn was Louis Biglieri for \$55.00 and the seconded ticket was Phil Rivas also for \$55.00. Chris and Kaye Campbell donated 2 days for tickets to box seats to the Fresno Fair Horse Races, the first day winner was Jack Back and seconded day winner was Joan Kozera. Cliff Shaul and Dorit Battaglia each won \$10.00 coupon for Yosemite Falls, donated by the restaurant.

Jerry Najarian announced that there are blankets (\$20.00) and duffle bags (\$15.00) for sale.

There being no further business a motion was made by Nick DiLiddo to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Chris Campbell the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted by,  
Nancy Teixeira  
By/ net



**NANCY TEIXEIRA**  
**SECRETARY**

# CLAY'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



## Membership

Clay reported that as of the 2015 Calendar Year COF has 135 members and 87 cars.

## Members & Guests

Total attendance: 76 - 71 Members & 5 Guests: Jack and Margie Back Tim and Carol McCollum and Pete Cholakian

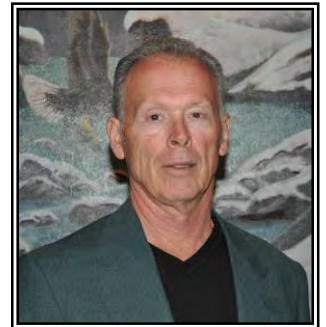
## Nametag drawing

Ruth Looney's name was drawn She was present & won \$80.00; the drawing will be for \$10.00 next month.

Two \$10.00 gift cards for Yosemite Falls were won by Cliff Shaul & Dorit Battaglia.

Chris and Kaye Campbell donated 2 days for tickets to box seats to the Fresno Fair Horse Races, the first day winner was Jack Back and seconded day winner was Joan Kozera.





Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.



CLAY MUMBY  
MEMBERSHIP

## Club Directories and Updates

The 2015 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com) (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)

	<b><u>OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES</u></b>	
	BRUCE & RUTH LOONEY 14 JONATHAN & ASHLEY BAKER 26	
	<b><u>OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS</u></b>	
	RICK BEATIE 10 - DAVE CAVANAUGH 13 SHARON MINNICH 15 - RANDY FORRESTER 20 - JERRY CLARK 21 JERRI SHAUL 21 JESSIE ROBB 28 - MARGARET GONZALEZ 29	

<b><u>50/25/25 DRAWING</u></b>
<b><u>WINNERS</u></b>
LOUIS BIGLIERE PHIL RIVAS
 EACH WON  \$55.00
CONGRATULATIONS



CHRIS & KAYE CAMPBELL WERE  
AWARDED THE HARD LUCK TROPHY FOR  
THE TRAGIC LOSS TO THEIR BUSINESS



RUTH LOONEY  
VOLUNTEERED FOR  
SUNSHINE PERSON



# CHUCK'S 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS PAGE



**OCT 2 FRIDAY- RODS OF THE BLUFF**

**OCT 3 SATURDAY - FALL RUN TO THREE RIVERS FRANK & DORIT BATTAGLIA MEET AT  
JENSEN & 99 10AM**

**OCTOBER 6, 2015 TUESDAY - BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY  
ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE**

**OCT 10-11 SATURDAY & SUNDAY - VALLEY NATIONALS CAR SHOW AND RUN ON THE  
BLUFFS**

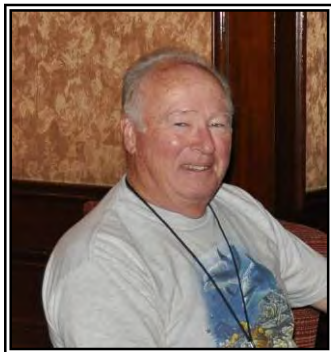
**OCT 13 TAHOE 47 - WRAP-UP MEETING AT 7PM DENNEY'S HERNDON AND BLACKSTONE**

**OCT 17 SATURDAY - RUN TO OCEANO, TO THE MELODRAMA HOSTED BY BIGLIERI'S AND  
TRAUGER'S, SIGN UP SHEET.**

**OCTOBER 20, 2015 - TUESDAY - GENERAL MEETING 7:00 PM AT YOSEMITE FALLS CAFE  
LOCATED AT 4020 N. CEDAR IN GRANITE PARK**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2015 - WEDNESDAY - VETERANS DAY PARADE  
BILLIE TALLEY 559-960-4666**

**DEC 4<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TORNINOS, \$35.00 PER PERSON FROM 6 TO 11. SHARON  
MINNICH CHAIRPERSON. 559-449-3331**



**CHUCK FECCIA  
VP ACTIVITIES**

## **TAHOE 47 REVIEW MEETING**

**TAHOE 47 REVIEW MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 7:00PM  
TUESDAY OCT 13, 2015 AT DENNY'S ON THE CORNER OF  
BLACKSTONE & HERNDON**

## **WSCC**

**Allen Teixeira announced that the Redline newsletter will be  
out soon and if you do not receive a copy let him know.**

**PLAN A RUN  
TAKE US TO YOUR FAVORITE PLACE**

**TAHOE 48 - SEPTEMBER 8 - 11, 2016**





# **TAHOE 47**



**THE TAHOE COMMITTEE  
WISHES TO EXPRESS  
A SINCERE THANK YOU  
TO ALL COF MEMBERS  
WHO GAVE SO FREELY  
OF THEIR TIME & ASSETS  
TO MAKE TAHOE 47  
A HUGE SUCCESS**

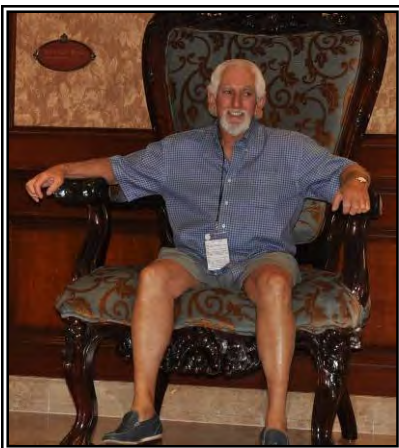
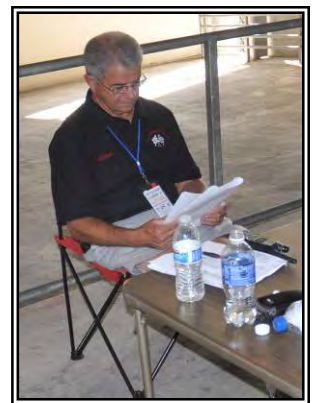
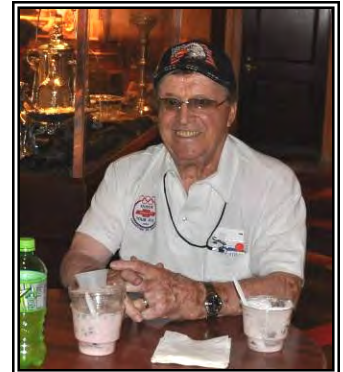
**THANK YOU!!**



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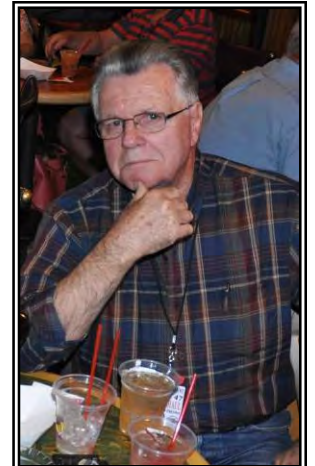


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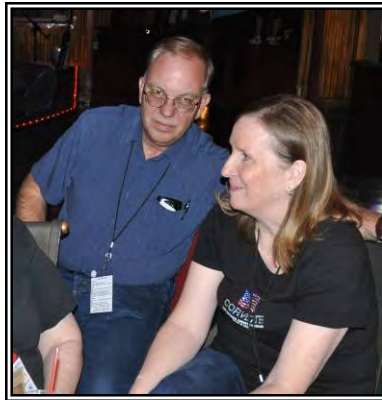


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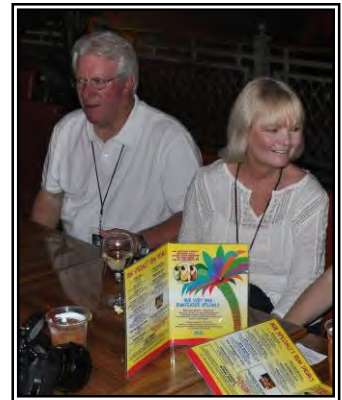


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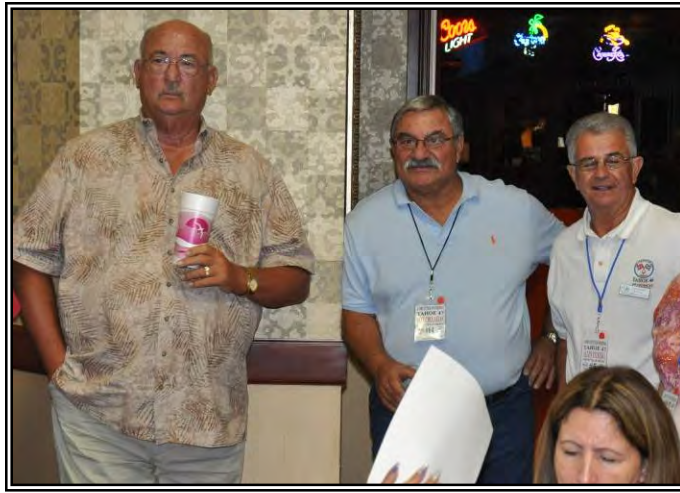


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# LONG DISTANCE CLUBS



**ALAMO AREA CORVETTE CLUB  
1730 MILES**



**PRESCOTT VETTE SETTE  
700 MILES**



# TAHOE AWARDS WINNERS



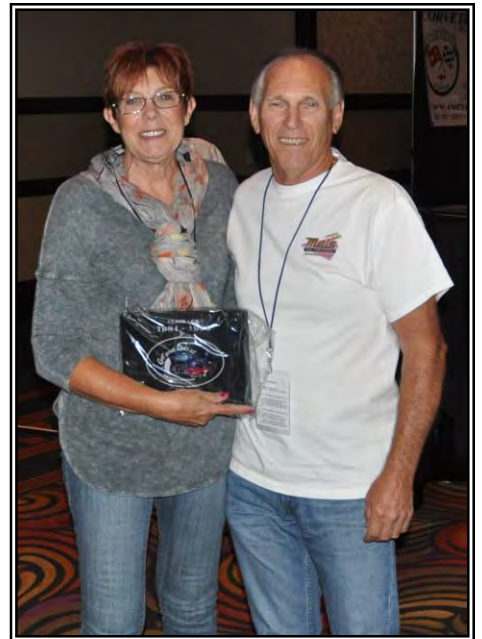
**OLDEST VETTE AWARD  
GARY JOHNSON**



**RICK MILLER & RON DeBARTOLOMEIS ACCEPT THE AWARD FOR  
CLUB WITH THE MOST MEMBERS - CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS**



**CHUCK FECCIA WON THE  
EARLY BIRD \$100.00**





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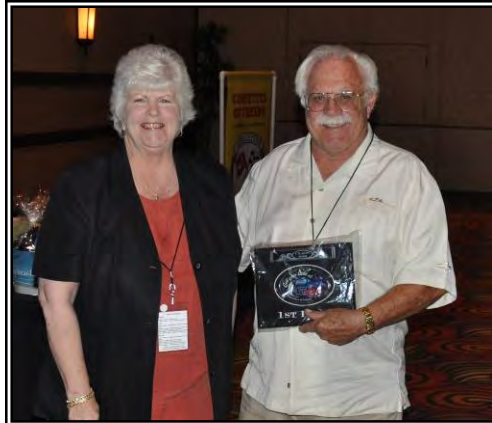
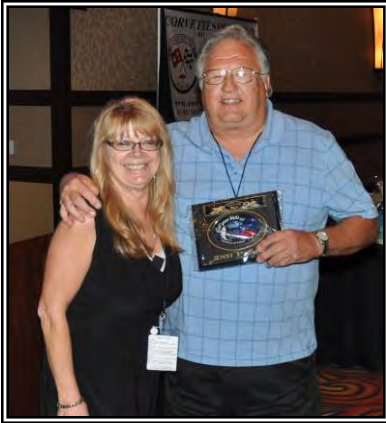


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# TAHOE 47 SHOW & SHINE WINNERS

## VISITING CLUBS

<b><u>C3</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Stan &amp; Brenda Cummins</b>	<b>Southern High Sierra Corvettes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Gary &amp; Bonnie Johnson</b>	<b>Granite Bay, CA</b>
<b><u>C4</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Ron &amp; Georgia Terry</b>	<b>Southern High Sierra Corvettes</b>
<b><u>C5</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Dave &amp; Denice Walker</b>	<b>Classic Corvettes</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Steve &amp; Marianne Davis</b>	<b>Prescott Vette Set</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Claude &amp; Amelia Allison</b>	<b>Corvette Super Sports</b>
<b><u>C6</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Rick &amp; Lynn Miller</b>	<b>Corvette Super Sports</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ron &amp; Karen DeBartolomeis</b>	<b>Corvette Super Sports</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Ken &amp; Peggy Creese</b>	<b>Prescott Vette Set</b>
<b><u>C7</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Jerry &amp; Deborah Alley</b>	<b>Alamo Area Corvette Club</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Doug &amp; Frances McBride</b>	<b>Alamo Area Corvette Club</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Ron &amp; Sandy Crockett</b>	<b>Alamo Area Corvette Club</b>
<b><u>Grand Sport</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Harry &amp; Diana Boyle</b>	<b>Prescott Vette Set</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>George &amp; Debbie Miller</b>	<b>Lemoore, CA</b>
<b><u>ZO6</u></b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Ron &amp; Sandy Snodgrass</b>	<b>Poway, CA</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Gary &amp; Bonnie Johnson</b>	<b>Granite Bay, CA</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Doug &amp; Wanda Utash</b>	<b>Corvette Super Sports</b>
<b><u>BEST OF SHOW</u></b>		
	<b>Ron &amp; Sandy Snodgrass</b>	<b>Poway, CA</b>



# TAHOE 47 SHOW & SHINE WINNERS CORVETTES OF FRESNO

## C4

1<sup>st</sup> Bert & Patty Sherman  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chuck & Celia Feccia

## C5

1<sup>st</sup> Chuck & Gerri Ware  
2<sup>nd</sup> Phil & Susan Rivas  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tom & Teresa Ochoa

## C6

1<sup>st</sup> Allen & Nancy Teixeira  
2<sup>nd</sup> Larry & Sharon Minnich  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tom & Amelia Kutz

## C7

1<sup>st</sup> Jim & Lynne Agar  
2<sup>nd</sup> John & Cece Karlie  
3<sup>rd</sup> Gary & Nina Gagnebin

## Grand Sport

1<sup>st</sup> Clay & Lan Mumby  
2<sup>nd</sup> Art & Brenda Durham  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Herron & Sandra Lopez

## Z06

1<sup>st</sup> John & Jo Johnson  
2<sup>nd</sup> Bob & Judi Reinke  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jerry Clark &  
Lori Kovacevich

## \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE WINNER DAN SCHLOTTER R-WAY CORVETTES



**R-WAY CORVETTES**



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# *Fall Fun Run*

## *Lunch, Cruise, Ice cream*

### **Meeting Place: Bravo Farms in Traver**

**WHEN:** 10/03/15 Saturday

**EMBER EVENT LEADERS** Frank and Dorit

**MEETING PLACE:** Bravo Farms Cheese Factory 36005 CA-99  
Traver, CA 93673

**MEETING TIME:** 11:30PM (Order and Eat Lunch)

**DEPARTURE TIME:** 12:30

**WHOLE EVENT TIME:** 3.5 HRS

### **DIRECTIONS FROM FRESNO**

99 South to Exit 106, left across freeway, Right on 6<sup>th</sup> st, Bravo Farms ¼ mile down on the Right. Google Driving Time 27minutes.

### **DIRECTIONS FROM VISALIA**

198 at 99, 99 North 9.6 miles, exit 106A Traver

**MENU:** Tri Tip sandwiches, hamburgers, ribs, chicken, burritos, salads. Price range 7.45 to 10.95, seating is diner/picnic style.

**Other: They have a variety of activities from cheese tasting to antiques and gifts.**

**Load up at 12:30 for a mystery cruise for ice cream, approximate drive time 1hr 15 minutes, bathroom stop ½ way.**

**Details of drive will be handed out at Bravo Farms.**

**Other Details: When leaving, we will be 34.5 miles from 99.**

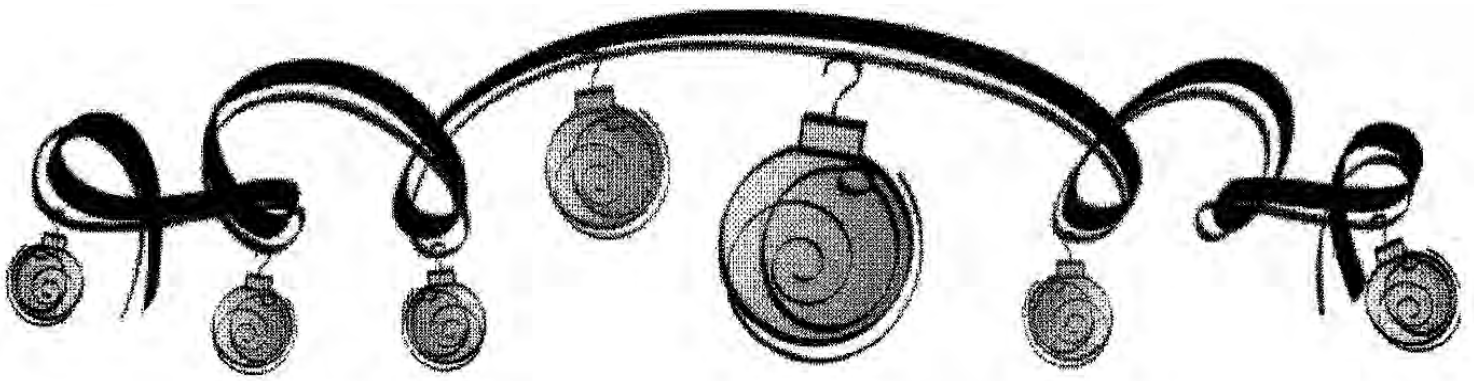


## ***Corvettes of Fresno***

***Will be participating in the Veteran's Day Parade on Wednesday, November 11, 2015. We would like to invite all of our club members and all Veterans who have a Corvette to join us. This is always a heartwarming event and I want all of you to know how much I appreciate your participation in showing our Veterans the support they very well deserve. We will be meeting sometime that morning, exact time to be determined, in the parking lot on the NW corner of Fresno St. at Shaw Ave.***

***Billie will notify participants of the times once the parade committee gives us final details. If you have any questions, please contact Billie Talley at 559-960-4666.***





Corvettes of Fresno

Invites you to our

# ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

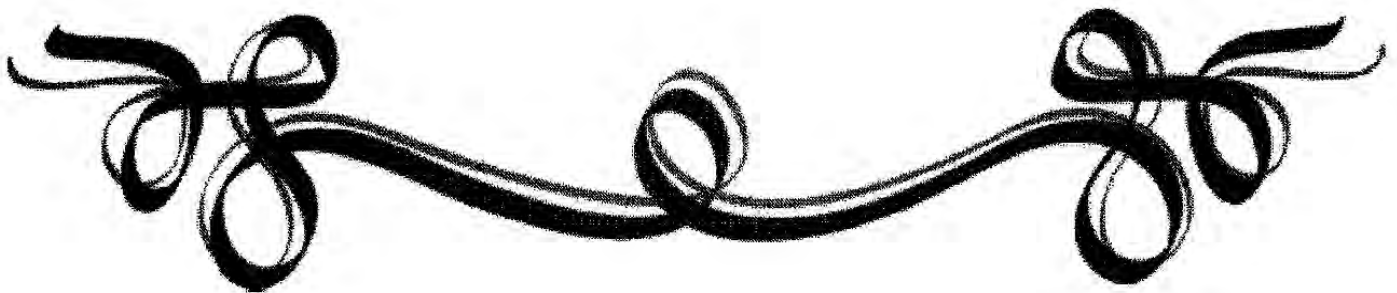
Friday, December 4th  
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

TorNino's  
5080 N. Blackstone Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93710  
Ph 559-222-2453

Dinner: Buffet Style  
Price: \$35.00 per person

Entertainment: DJ  
(same as last year)

Host: Sharon Minnich  
Ph #559-449-3331





# For Sale

1985 Corvette

**103K Miles**

**\$6,500**

Call or Text Karen for details:

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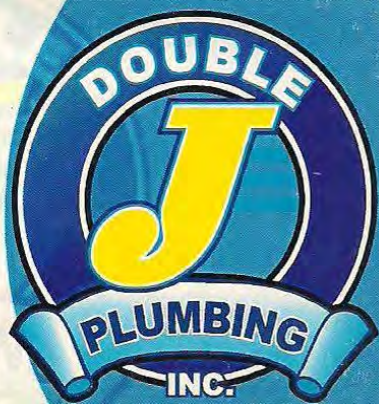
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## Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park Fined \$100 for Noise Violation

The drama between the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park and its Clark Circle neighbors reached a new peak Thursday when the park was issued a \$100 fine by Warren County's code enforcement officer for creating too much noise.



The motorsports park has been the target of nearby residents who have been complaining for months about what they term excessive noise levels created by cars racing around the track there.

The legal saga began on June 29 when the park received a notice of violation calling for all activities at the park to cease because of noncompliance of the original agreement approved by the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County in February 2014.

That notice of violation was issued because planning commission officials say the park didn't live up to its original agreement (with stipulations called binding elements) requiring structures to be built for noise abatement prior to the opening of the track. For months at several public meetings, residents have been complaining about the noise levels coming from the park.

In a letter dated July 29 from the NCM to the planning commission, the museum explained the steps it plans to take to help cut noise coming from the park. Since the June 29 notice of violation, the park has continue to hold several events, however, with NCM officials saying that the park is contractually obligated to do so for its clients.

With the issuance of the \$100 fine this week, the museum has seven days to request a hearing with the county Code Enforcement Board, according to Steve Hunter, executive director of the planning commission. He expects the matter to go before the Code Enforcement Board at its Sept. 9 meeting.

The Bowling Green Daily News asked Hunter Thursday evening why the fine was issued that morning. "Enough is enough," Hunter said. "We could have issued the fine in the 25th hour, but we have been trying to work with them."



NCM attorney Charles E. “Buzz” English Jr., said the park was surprised by the fine, noting that his client has not decided if it will pay the \$100. The fine was issued to Wendell Strode, executive director of the museum, who earlier said that the NCM is working to come up with a solution to the noise problem. “Our emphasis is to be a good neighbor,” English said. “We are doing everything we can to mitigate the noise.”

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Name of Offender: WENDELL STRODE  
Street Address: 350 CORNETTE DR.  
City: BOWLING GREEN KY 42101  
Telephone: (270) 467-8814  
Company Name: NATIONAL CORNETTE MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC.  
Offense Code #

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According to English, construction consultants hired by the park met with county officials this week to discuss a possible structure at the property line of the park and Clark Circle residents that would apparently reduce noise levels in the neighborhood.

“We plan to build a berm,” English said. “When we do build something, it will be designed by acoustical engineers and it will have a positive effect.”

Chris Davenport, an attorney representing several property owners in the neighborhood, said the action this week by the planning commission gives his clients hope that the noise matter will eventually be settled.

“The ball is back in the park’s court,” he said. “My clients have exhibited great patience to this point.”

## Corvette Racing at VIR: Still in the Running for GTLM Titles

Corvette Racing remains in the hunt for the GT Le Mans (GTLM) championship in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship following the Oak Tree Grand Prix on Sunday at Virginia International Raceway.

With two races remaining in the season, the two Corvette C7.Rs are embroiled in a tough fight for the GTLM Manufacturer, Driver and Team championships. Antonio

Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R stand second in Driver points after their sixth-place finish at VIR. The pairing won the first two races of the season at Daytona and Sebring. Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed eighth in GTLM with their No. 4 Corvette C7.R after running as high as fourth mid-race on pace. The car had to stop on the final lap for a late splash of fuel.



Sunday's results place Chevrolet third in the GTLM Manufacturer standings with 70 points remaining in the final two events.

Magnussen and Gavin were strong early. Magnussen picked up a spot at the start around Bill Auberlen with Gavin trying to follow through. He used a draft and strong braking from the No. 4 Corvette to gain a position as the three cars ran within a second for a handful of laps. Gavin took control of the position at the 35-minute mark when Auberlen spun trying to get inside of Magnussen at the first turn.

For the rest of the opening stint, the Corvette C7.Rs ran by themselves. Gavin and the No. 4 Corvette was the first of the team cars to pit at the 49-minute mark for fuel, four Michelin tires and a driver change to Milner. Magnussen followed two laps later and handed over to Garcia.

Trouble found Garcia just shy of the 65-minute mark with a brief power loss heading onto the long backstraight. A system reset brought the Corvette C7.R back to life and full power. Despite maximum effort by the team, Garcia and Magnussen finished their race in the same position they started.

Milner showed good pace while racing at his home track. In his double-stint, he climbed to fourth place after the No. 4 Corvette started seventh in class. He and Gavin were looking for their second victory at VIR with Corvette Racing.

The next race for Corvette Racing is the Lone Star Le Mans at 11:35 p.m. CT on Saturday, Sept. 19 from Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas.

#### **ANTONIO GARCIA, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED SIXTH:**

*“We needed a perfect race in order to score maximum points, and we were doing fairly well with that until the power loss. Jan did a great job at the start to gain a position. I’m not really sure what happened when I slowed, but fortunately I was able to reset the system. It put us in a difficult spot to try and recover. At this moment we simply do not have the performance of the other cars in our class to challenge for meaningful points. That is a very frustrating position for everyone on the Corvette Racing team, which is giving a great effort.”*

#### **JAN MAGNUSSEN, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED SIXTH:**

*“It was a good run. I had a decent run and gained a spot. We were able to hold that spot but didn’t really have anything for the guys ahead of us. I had a little bit of oversteer but the crew and engineers made it better for Antonio. It was good to hold the 25 BMW behind us during that time.”*

#### **OLIVER GAVIN, NO. 4 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED EIGHTH:**

*“It was gentle start; no one was going too crazy. I had to fend Bryan (Sellers) off in the Falken car, and after that I caught up Bill (Auberlen) and Jan (Magnussen). We quickly realized it was going to be between the*

*three of us for those positions. I got around Bill going into Turn 14 with a good draft and hard braking. He got around a few laps later at Turn 1 with a good run – we already had a little contact earlier. We were able to catch up before it looked like Bill tried to pass Jan at the same place but went around and I was able to avoid him. The important thing was that we try to help the No. 3 car guys out in the championship.”*

**TOMMY MILNER, NO. 3 CHEVROLET CORVETTE C7.R – FINISHED EIGHTH:**

*“The middle part of the race was quite good for us. We had a couple of good pit stop executions and were leading the second wave of GTLM cars for awhile. I had a small spin but nothing major. My only chance to catch the BMW was at the start of that second stint. I was driving as hard as I could but got caught out. With the current performance levels in our class, it was tough to make up any ground – much less a position. We’ll move on to Austin and give it our best shot.”*

## **Holden Could Get the C6 Corvette ZR1’s LS9 for its Commodore Flagship**

The Corvette ZR1 may live on in the Land Down Under – or at least its legendary powerplant.

While production of the C6 Corvette ZR1 came to a close at the end of the 2013 model year, General Motors reportedly has a limited supply of its 638-horsepower engines that could still end up under the hood of the final Commodore flagship.



GM announced in 2013 that it would be phasing out production of Holden vehicles in Australia in 2017. While the news hit the Aussies hard, insiders say there could be a farewell present of sorts if the powerful LS9 ZR1 engines do indeed wind up under the hood of what would be the ultimate Australian muscle car.

With only about 200 of the engines still around, though, buyers would definitely have to stand in line to get one of the limited-production cars that insiders believe would be named the HSV GTS-R, a name last used in 1996.

The engine, which produces 476kW at 6500 rpm and 819 Nm at 3800 rpm, would be the most powerful ever sold in an Australian-made car, by a large margin over Ford’s final 351kW FPV GT-F.

The LS9 is fundamentally similar to the current HSV 430kW engine but features several key performance-enhancing features such as a 20 percent larger supercharger, titanium con-rods, forged internals, and larger intercooler along with a dry sump system that prevents oil starvation for the engine.

Rumor also has it that the Holden vehicle could get the big Brembo carbon ceramic brakes that were used on the ZR1, too.

## Kelley Blue Book Reviews the Red Hot Corvette Z06

*Kelley Blue Book* is out with their review of the 2015 Corvette Z06 and the results are mixed. Actually, most of the review is very good news for Chevrolet as the car gets put through its paces and seems to deliver in every way. But at the end, we hear the overheating problem has reared its ugly head on what looks to be a mild 80 degree day in California.



KBB's Micah Muzio has the honor of testing the Red Corvette Z06 and his presentation of the car is very good. After a quick trip on surface roads with a rundown of the 650-hp Z06's specs, the car heads to Willow Springs racetrack to see what it can do.

One of the best parts of the review is watching the reviewer playing with the driver assist and stability controls, turning off and on traction control as well as moving settings from sport to track mode and then seeing how the Corvette Z06 responds. As he deactivates the stability controls, the Corvette Z06 goes sideways on him as the back end swings around.

All in all, the Corvette Z06 did what it was made to do. The note from the LT4 sounds great winding up on the straights while the rev matching sets up the car during downshifts into the turns.

But then there is that overheating issue. We don't see it happen on video, but we do see the temperature gauge needle very near the red zone on the dash. Micah says this about it:

“The engine actually overheated on us. Again this is a press car that's lived a hard life but getting an overheating warning on an eighty-degree day during not particularly grueling lapping was somewhat disconcerting.”

## Corvette Museum Begins Work on a Noise Berm for the Motorsports Park

Much news has been made about the National Corvette Museum's problems with the Warren County code enforcement board after local residents complained about the noise coming from the Motorsports Park race track. Through it all, the NCM has largely been quiet while lawyers and sound engineers have gone to work on their behalf.



**Last week, we learned the Enforcement Board issued the first fine of \$100 to the Museum and we were disturbed to read the quote from Steve Hunter, executive director of the planning commission who gave the reason for the first fine: “Enough is enough,” Hunter said. “We could have issued the fine in the 25th hour, but we have been trying to work with them.”**

**The fine comes on the heels of a meeting held the same week between the board and Museum officials, their attorneys and the sound engineers who have been studying the noise and are working on a plan that best reduces it for the nearby residents of Clark Circle. We learned that NCM lawyers told the board that the noise reduction berms originally agreed to in the Binding Elements prior to start of construction might not help as much as a new plan put forth that is based on actual sound measurements from the track.**

**As someone who’s been following the issue since Day 1, the actions of local government officials makes us wonder if the county enforcement board is truly trying to work with the Corvette Museum.**

**After each time the NCM has either met with the board or local residents, the board has used the threat of fines and closure to ensure that the NCM bends to its will. Claims that the National Corvette Museum leaders aren’t being good neighbors is just so out of character from the people that we know personally, it makes the actions of the County board look even more suspect.**

**The National Corvette Museum tells us they’ve been diligently working to address the noise issues for the local residents and offered these facts on the case to make their position clear:**

**In 2013 before construction on the track facility began we had a sound study performed by experienced acoustical engineers. Their report indicated that track operations would not cause a “substantial increase” in the noise as compared to the existing noise from I-65. So we did not feel that it was necessary to build a berm or noise abatement structure. The Binding Elements for the property indicate that the intent of the Binding Element was that the property not create a “substantial increase” in the noise.**

**We did not obtain a certificate of occupancy before starting operations because there were no buildings at that time. We did not feel, nor were we told that a certificate of occupancy was required. We did obtain a certificate before opening the first building – our garages and pavilion.**

**We have had some events over the last year that are racing events which cause a higher level of noise. This was not modeled in the original sound study. Outside of that, we believe that all of our normal events are not causing a substantial increase in the noise.**

**We truly had received only a handful of noise complaints prior to May 15, 2015. It appears that the neighbors had complained to local government officials, but we were not made aware of that until May 15.**

**We hosted a neighborhood meeting on June 9th to help us understand the problem better. As a result, we hired a new reputable acoustic engineering company. This company met with us and with representatives of the neighborhood. They have been monitoring the noise 24/7 and are developing a sound abatement design to keep us within the substantial increase levels based on the worst case racing event. The neighborhood representatives agreed at that time that we did not need to close the park, even though we had received a notice of violation. They agreed that we needed to take sound readings and develop the acoustical plan to resolve the problem, and that could not be done if we did not have track events to measure. We expect to have the final report in mid September and we plan to build those sound abatement structures.**

**We have approved a construction plan for a large berm to be built on property between the Motorsports Park and the Clark Circle neighborhood. We expect to have the building permit on Tuesday (8/25) and have approved an expedited construction plan to get it completed within a few short weeks.**

**One that final point, the NCM has indeed received the go-ahead for a construction permit to build a noise berm and this letter from the NCM was mailed out today to the residents of Clark Circle:**

*Clark Circle Residents:*

*We would like to share an update with you on work at the Motorsports Park.*

*Most importantly, you should be seeing dirt-moving equipment and construction near the back of the Clark Circle properties that are nearest the Motorsports Park. On Tuesday, August 25th, we received the permit from the County to begin construction on a berm that is 1,630 linear feet long. The average height will be 14 feet high (range is 8 feet to 20 feet in various areas). Construction crews have been asked to expedite the process and get it completed as soon as possible (barring any issues with weather, sinkholes or major solid rock issues). We will not be disturbing any of the tree line behind those properties, but the berm will begin just past those trees.*

*In just a few weeks, we expect to receive a report from Bowlby & Associates, the acoustical engineering firm, for additional noise abatement structures to be built close to the track. While these additional structures are not required in the Binding Elements, the structures will provide even more sound control. Bowlby & Associates has reviewed the construction plan for the berm, and its noise reduction impact is incorporated into the overall acoustic design plan.*

*We were also told that the PA system could be heard from Clark Circle. We have redirected the direction of the speakers and that seems to have helped. The National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park are committed to being a good neighbor and a facility that everyone is proud of. We believe that we can accomplish more by working together and communicating in a positive manner.*

**That's some positive news coming from the National Corvette Museum and as always, it's our hope that the Museum and its nearby neighbors would be able to solve the track noise issue amicably. Whether or not it's able to communicate those wishes to county officials remains to be seen.**

## **Corvette Assembly Plant Employees Give Back to Community**

All day long, employees at the Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant give their all to putting America's Sports Car together.

Many of them aren't content with just working, though, and continue to help put their community together as well, volunteering their time after hours to help the less fortunate in their community.



Wednesday morning, some of those employees attended a special meeting where General Motors announced that the GM Foundation's Plant City Grants Program was again giving a total of \$75,000 to 11 non-profit organizations that fund critical programs that help many residents in the community.

Over the last five years, the foundation has given a total of \$325,000 through Plant City Grants and Habitat for Humanity.

Deciding which organizations would receive the money was not easy.

“Oh that is really tough, because here in the Bowling Green community there are so many non-profit organizations, but we selected 11 this year and we're very happy to support those organizations,” Corvette Plant Assistant Manager Nora Roper said.

United Way of South Central Kentucky received some of the grant money.

United Way President and CEO Steve Wallace said his organization is “able to help so many partners in our community and do so many good things, helping people out of poverty, helping people with their educational problems, helping people find work. Everything that you'd expect someone who needs help typically can look to United Way and through our services can find help.”

Barren River Area Safe Space or BRASS received funds, too, and Executive Director Tori Henninger praised GM for being a great help to the organization.

“Any non-profit will say the best partner you can have is a partner that will come back, someone who is willing to give and then volunteer and then maybe give again and then volunteer again and build a relationship so that it doesn't become just something they do, but something they care about,” Henninger said.

It's not just Corvette Plant employees who help, though.

“It’s the best part of my job, and the GM people are so generous,” Roper told WBKO. “They give their money, they give their time. In fact we had 80 GM employees from across the country here in Bowling Green giving their service today.”

GM employees helped out at the Boys & Girls Club of Bowling Green, St. Vincent DePaul, New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding, the International Center of Kentucky and Kentucky Legal Aid.

## August 2015 Corvette Sales

It’s the first of the month and today General Motors reported the sales report from August 2015. For the month, GM sold 2,725 Corvettes for a 1.7% gain over sales of 2,679 Corvettes during the same month in 2014. For the Calendar Year to Day (CYTD), a total of 23,826 Corvettes have been delivered between January and the end of August. This is 1.5% ahead of where we were last year with 23,483 Corvettes delivered.



In looking at the month to month sales from July 2015 to August 2015, Corvette sales were down by 69 cars for a decline of -2.5%.

Despite being in the 3rd month of production on the 2016s which started in Mid-June, many of the new options are just coming online. It’s just been within the last two weeks or so that the new Long Beach Red and Corvette Yellow cars have started production. We are anticipating that the three new design packages will be queued up for production shortly as well as the hotly anticipated C7.R Z06 edition which GM promised in 4th quarter.

Here’s the GM Sales Report for Corvettes in August 2015:

Corvette Delivery Statistics for August 2015							
Month				Calendar Year-to-Date			
Month	2015	2014	% Change	Months	2015	2014	% Change
August	2,725	2,679	1.7%	Jan-Aug	23,826	23,483	1.5%

Corvette Sales Monthly Archive:

Archived Monthly Corvette Delivery Statistics													
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015	2,127	2,605	3,785	3,469	3,514	2,807	2,794	2,725					23,826
2014	2,261	2,438	3,480	3,514	3,328	2,723	3,060	2,679	2,467	2,959	2,378	3,552	34,839



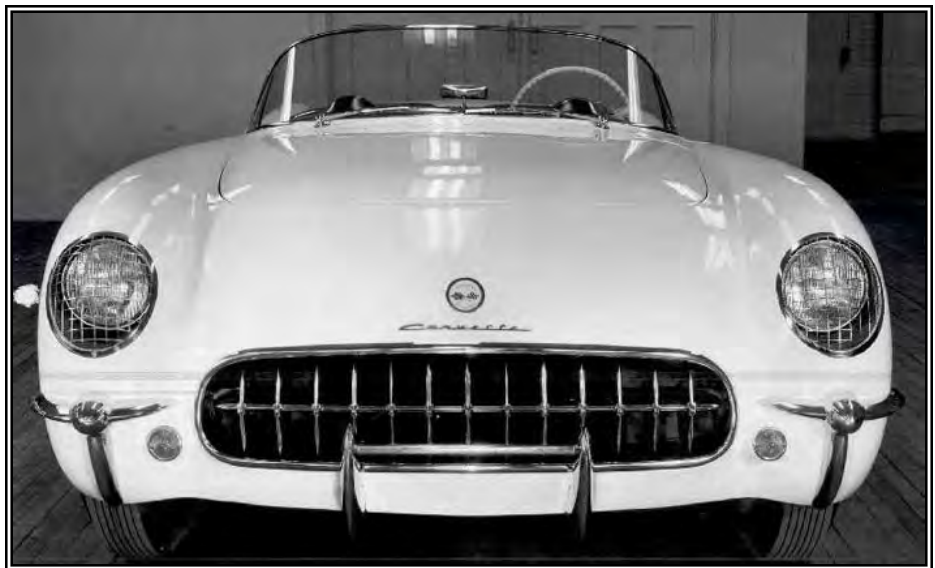
2013	908	980	1,053	974	905	853	671	655	831	3,929	2,527	3,005	17,291
2012	629	927	1,376	1,396	1,219	1,475	987	1,210	1,351	1,167	1,104	1,291	14,132
2011	721	955	1,163	1,454	1,304	1,299	1,291	936	1,147	946	910	1,038	13,164
2010	854	624	955	1,089	1,428	1,405	1,199	1,135	1,109	1,011	836	979	12,624
2009	842	1,027	1,183	1,407	1,643	1,396	966	746	1,585	1,154	952	1,033	13,934
2008	2,015	2,071	2,692	3,190	2,904	2,082	1,870	4,242	2,318	1,170	1,093	1,324	26,971
2007	2,234	2,784	3,158	3,227	3,300	2,377	2,377	2,877	2,837	2,484	2,438	2,914	33,685
2006	2,579	3,058	3,655	3,516	3,317	2,938	2,794	2,990	3,056	2,761	2,773	3,081	36,518

For the month of August 2015, GM delivered 20,480 vehicles in the United States which was up 6% over sales in August 2014.

Chevrolet retail sales were up 8% on the strength of its crossovers and pickups. Crossovers were up for the ninth consecutive month and was the best August ever. Chevrolet truck sales have increased for the 16th consecutive month with the Colorado remaining as America's fastest selling pickup with an average "days to turn" at 19 days.

### Today in Corvette History: GM Receives Registered Trademark for the Corvette

Did you know that the federal government's patent and trademark office had an official twitter feed? Of course they do. But I just found out this afternoon thanks to a tweet from the USPTO which enlightened us on a little bit of Corvette history that occurred on this day in Year 1. It seems today is the official anniversary of Corvette's registered trademark.



This is opposite of how cars are named today with the trademark coming first and then the car, but it probably portends to the Corvette's fast paced development inside GM: conceived in 1952, shown to the public at the GM Motorama in January 1953 and the first completed retail cars started coming off the line on June 30th, 1953.

And then one month later, a letter arrives at GM from the USPTO which says "Here's your registered trademark for the Corvette!"

**That could have been embarrassing had something held up the name. We might all be driving Corvairs right now!**

**Today, GM is still trademarking interesting car names but now they are doing them before the car is produced. The most recent trademarks for Corvette being the L88, Manta Ray as well as ZORA being registered both in the United States and Australia.**

## **Restored 1 Millionth Corvette Unveiled at the National Corvette Museum**

**Back in June we showed you the midway progress in General Motors' restoration of the 1 millionth Corvette produced. The prized Corvette was one of the Great 8 that were swallowed up by the sinkhole that opened up in the National Corvette Museum's Skydome back in February of 2014. Nearly a year and half later we're happy to report that the restoration is complete and that the car was unveiled at the NCM earlier this morning.**



**The overhaul of the white 1992 convertible took over four months and some 1,200 man-hours of work. The rebuild team was made up of**

**approximately 30 people from GM Design's Mechanical Assembly group and GM Service Operations. The group, which was represented by UAW locals 160 and 1869, pledged to preserve and repair as of the original car as possible.**

**“Chevrolet is proud to have helped restore this extremely significant car in Corvette’s long, storied history,” said Mark Reuss, GM executive vice president, Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain. “When we disassembled it, we found that each employee involved in building it had signed a part of the car, which was fantastic and moving to see. It brought the history to life, and reinforced the importance of the project.”**

**Only two of the hundreds of signed components were not able to be saved. On those parts the autographs were scanned, reproduced as transfers, and placed on the new parts. Only 1 signature couldn't be preserved – that of Angela Lamb. To maintain the car's heritage Chevrolet worked with the National Corvette Museum and were able to score a new signature from Lamb on that replacement component.**

**Some of the major parts replaced included the hood, front fascia, and the gill panels between the front wheels and the doors. Many miscellaneous supporting bits under the hood were replaced as well. Most parts were sourced from another white C4 to maintain correctness. Other items like the rear fascia and front exhaust system were carefully repaired because they were covered in signatures.**

The front sub-frame was straightened, and the original wheels were damaged, but reconditioned. They still wear the original Goodyear Eagle GS-C tires in which they were wrapped back in 1992. The instrument panel's soft cover was removed and replaced in order to preserve all of the signatures beneath it. The bright red leather seats with their unique "1,000,000th Corvette" embroidered headrest logos were carefully restored including some replacement patches of the same leather. The LT1 engine, automatic transmission, the rest of the drivetrain were found to be still in good working condition. Interestingly, the crushed windshield header did not have to be replaced. The team was able move it back to its original location.

"The header restoration was a wonderful surprise for what everyone assumed would be the toughest aspect of the restoration," said David Bolognino, director of GM Global Design Fabrication Operations. "With access to the original specifications, we got it spot-on – and even the new windshield glass dropped in perfectly."

Lastly, the "1,000,000th" windshield banner was able to be reproduced using the same computer graphic file used to create the original.

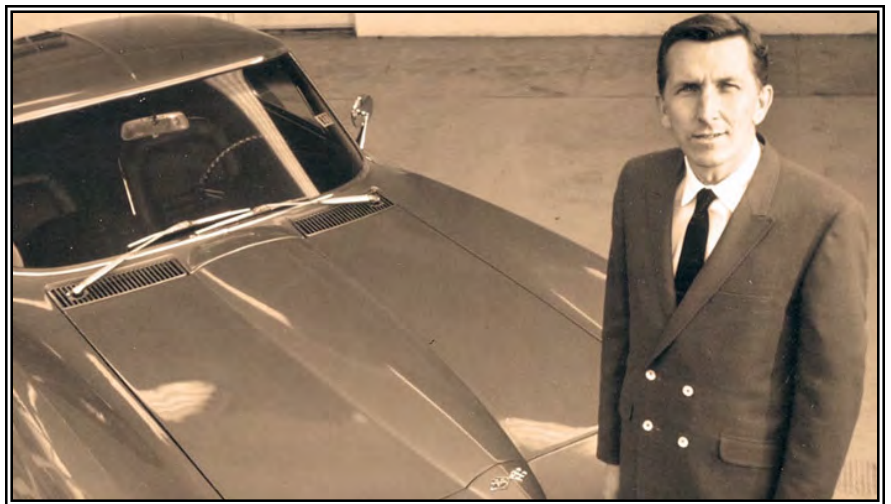
Now with the restoration complete, the 1 millionth Corvette will take its rightful place back on display inside the National Corvette Museum. It will be on display starting today, continuing through the NCM's 21st anniversary celebration this weekend, and beyond.

## Corvette Legend Dick Guldstrand Passes Away at the Age of 88

Sad news today as we learned that another Corvette legend has passed away.

Dick Guldstrand, known as "Mr. Corvette" passed away this morning at the age of 88.

In his early days, Dick's parents wanted him to be a lawyer, but it was race cars that would eventually win the battle for his attention and he never looked back.



A famous alumni of California's dirt tracks in the 50's, Guldstrand's racing exploits earned him a sponsorship from H.E. Baher Chevrolet dealer and a fuel injected Corvette Sting Ray Z06. From 1963 to 1965, he won three consecutive SCCA Pacific Coast Championships and in 1964 he was named the California Sports Car Club Driver of the Year.

In 1966, Guldstrand won the GT class at the Daytona 24 Hour race and in both 1966 and 1967, Dick piloted one of the Corvette Grand Sports at the 12 Hours of Sebring for Roger Penske. He also raced a 1967 L88 Corvette at the 24 Hours of Le Mans with Bob Bondurant.

Guldstrand also worked as an adviser on a number of Hollywood movies including 1967's "Grand Prix" as well as working with Elvis on three different movies, "Viva Las Vegas," "Speedway," and "Spinout."

In 1968, Guldstrand opened Guldstrand Engineering in Culver City, California and was instrumental in a number of racing programs including James Garner's American International Racing team that ran three identical 1968 L88 Corvettes.

In his later years, Dick spent much time around the C4 Corvettes and his Guldstrand 1986 Corvette won all the events at the SCCA National Solo Championships that year. When the ZR-1 Corvette came out, Guldstrand used it as the basis for his custom built GS-90 which won accolades throughout the industry.

Guldstrand was one of the first inductees to the National Corvette Museum's Corvette Hall of Fame where he was inducted in 1999 with Corvette chief engineer Dave McLellan and former head of Chevrolet Jim Perkins.

Dick Guldstrand was a true Corvette legend and his influence on the brand is both understated and underappreciated. Our hearts here at CorvetteBlogger.com go out to his family and friends and we offer a final Corvette wave to a great man in our hobby.

### **Rick Hendrick's Corvette Hall of Fame Induction**

Last weekend at the National Corvette Museum's 21st Anniversary Celebration, the three new inductees to the Corvette Hall of Fame were honored. This year's inductees were Herb Fishel in the category of Racing, Rick Hendrick in the category of Enthusiast, and Russ McLean in the category of GM/Chevrolet.

For each of the inductees, the NCM prepares a special video showcasing the inductee's story and how their love of Corvettes led them to becoming a member of the Corvette Hall of Fame.



Rick says his love of Corvettes started with the first one he owned, a 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible which had a pair of sidepipes. Rick eventually started working on other Corvettes which eventually led to him buying wrecked Corvettes and fixing them up for resale.

When opportunity knocked, Rick sold that first Corvette and bought his first Chevrolet dealership and we pretty much know what has happened since. Hendrick's automotive group is now the largest privately owned dealership group in the country.

As Rick found success and grew his business, he started collecting Corvettes that he found special. Many of these are first VIN or early cars with low miles and the warehouse/museum that the cars are stored in

represent special places from Rick's life. His collection now has over 150 Corvettes ranging from C1 to the first VIN C7 Corvette Stingrays and Z06s.

Rick never forgot about that first Corvette though. Not only was it special because it was the first and helped launch his business, but he remembers driving that car on his first date with a special young lady named Linda who became his wife.

Rick eventually tracked down that first Corvette of his and today the chassis and motor can be found under the conference table in his office. The body was mounted on a restomod chassis containing an LS7 V8 and the completed car was presented to him at the Museum.

The National Corvette Museum's Hall of Fame video for Rick Hendrick also contains interviews with friends and employees of Hendrick including former Chevrolet general manager Jim Perkins and offers insight into Rick's enthusiasm and love for the Corvette.

Congratulations to Rick Hendrick for his induction into the 2015 Corvette Hall of Fame.

### C6 Corvette Reels in a Tesla Model S at the Track

We just finished watching a video of the insane reactions from passengers who are blown away by the insane acceleration of the \$120,000 electric Tesla Model S EV in Insane Mode.

We have to admit it looks like fun to drive – or just ride in – a Model S EV.

Instantly going from 0 to 60 in a little over 3 seconds is enough to cause some folks to let out more than a few colorful words.



Not surprisingly, the new Tesla, with its all-wheel drive, 691 horsepower and 687 lb-ft of torque, has destroyed just about everybody in drag races, including i8s and Hellcats.

Hitting the Insane Button causes the front and rear motors to engage simultaneously, generating all 691 horsepower at once!

But competitors, don't despair! The Model S may have finally met its match with this early C6 Corvette.

The video uploader claims the Corvette, with its impressive supercharger and massive grip due to drag wheels and slicks, is spitting out more than 700 hp. Who would argue after the car posted a 1/8 mile run of 6.09 seconds with a trap speed of 104.39 mph.

Other cars with just as much horsepower have fallen victim to the Model S, though, but we got a feeling those drag radials on the Corvette are what made a difference in its whipping of the Tesla.

We're glad to see the Corvette master the Tesla, but we have to admit seeing this video makes us want to test drive one of the electric monsters, too.

## **NCM May Go to Court After Board Orders Fines, Closure of the Motorsports Park Over Noise**

**The Holley Performance Products LS Fest at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park can go on as slated this weekend, according to a ruling by the Warren County Code Enforcement Board.**

**But after that event, the park must shut down events until a sound study is finished and the City-County Planning Commission of Warren County has reviewed and approved a new motorsports park development plan.**



**The code enforcement board also levied a \$100 a day fine against the park until it is in compliance with county zoning regulations.**

**Those ruling were the result of a four-hour-long meeting Wednesday during which the code enforcement board tweaked a recommendation by Steve Hunter, executive director of the Planning Commission, who issued a \$100 fine to the park Aug. 20.**

**The ruling pleased Clark Circle residents, who have complained for months about the high noise levels created by events at the park.**

**“One more (event) will not make a difference,” said Walter McDavitt, 463 Clark Circle, expressing satisfaction with Wednesday’s ruling. “Some days (the noise) is OK and other days it is too loud.” NCM officials weren’t as thrilled.**

**The park’s lead attorney Charles “Buzz” English Jr., said Thursday the NCM is “seriously” considering an appeal of the code enforcement board’s decision, adding that the park is “not simply trying to get through the track season.”**

**Some 130,000 people have visited the park, which opened in August 2014 across I-65 from the museum. English wasn’t able to attend the meeting Wednesday because he was on vacation, and assistant attorney Kyle Roby unsuccessfully requested a continuance to allow English to be there.**

Hunter defended the \$100 ticket, leading the code enforcement board through more than 150 pages of a PowerPoint presentation outlining the case since 2007. He claims the NCM has not met the conditions originally set by the Planning Commission for the development, noting that it is not in zoning compliance and has no legal right to build on the property or operate anything on it.

“Clearly the property owner has no right to be on the property today or open its doors in 2014,” Hunter said. “We asked them to stop, and they didn’t stop.”

Park officials have said they will build a 1,600-foot berm along part of the Clark Circle property to try and cut noise levels, but Hunter said Wednesday he is worried that the berm won’t reduce noise below the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s standard of 65 decibels.

Museum director Wendell Strode, during the meeting, said he had been told by Hunter to build the berm to get the park into compliance. Strode pointed out that the berm will cost \$400,000 and the museum doesn’t want to build it if it won’t do any good to reduce noise.

**National Corvette Museum’s response to actions by the Warren County CEB**

*CorvetteBlogger.com* reached out to Katie Frassinelli at the National Corvette Museum today regarding Wednesday evening’s Code Enforcement Board meeting and she provided the following statement: Last night, 9/9/15, the Code Enforcement Board held a hearing on the National Corvette Museum’s (NCM) appeal of the citation issued by the Planning Commission (PC). The decision of the Code Enforcement Board (CEB) was to uphold the citation regarding the opening of the Motorsports Park without a certificate of occupancy.

The Planning Commission Director then submitted his recommendation of what should be required of the NCM to address the issues in the citation. The CEB approved some of the PC recommendations. At this time the Museum has not received a copy of the specific action that was approved.

However, the main action taken was that the NCM is to cease construction immediately and cease future events after the Holley LS Fest this weekend until the issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Planning Commission.

After discussion with our attorney, there is also some question as to whether the CEB has the authority to require us to cease operations. At this time, we plan to appeal the CEB decision to District Court. This will allow us to continue construction, continue with our scheduled events and continue working with all parties to resolve the issues. We are not trying to be defiant, but canceling events causes harm to our customers, their registrants and our reputation as a venue for recreational motorsports, tourism and educational events.

Appealing the ruling will also allow us to continue the sound study that was requested by the Planning Commission and approved by the Clark Circle residents. The agreed on timeline for that included data

collection through this weekend's event. The sound company will then analyze the data collected, finalize modeling and move toward specific options that could be implemented to effectively reduce the noise levels.

The noise continues to be a major emphasis for the NCM and NCM MSP. We are committed to resolving this.

The noise abatement berm being built at the Clark Circle property line will reduce the level of noise to some extent and will serve as a visual barrier. We, along with the sound engineers, have maintained that this is not the most effective sound mitigation. However, this was all being done at the direction of and a mandate from the Planning Commission. Construction is not something that can be started and stopped immediately. The construction is within two weeks of substantial completion. From talking with our contractor today, there are other issues that should be factored into any decision to stop construction (soil erosion, ponds, mosquitoes, weather, etc.). It is our position that it only makes sense to continue the construction of the noise abatement berm.

We have approximately 15 events scheduled for the remainder of the year. We have contracts in place that we intend to honor. Most of those contracts involve other contracts that are also in place (hotel rooms, emergency services, corner workers, etc.). A few of the events scheduled over the next few weeks include an automotive magazine photoshoot, a Chamber business event, Kentucky tourism industry event, a teen driver training school, educational driving schools, and a veteran's recognition event. Many of the events at the Motorsports Park do not generate a lot of noise. Forcing the cancellation of these events would have a negative economic impact on our community.

We will continue to work toward a solution as we strive to be a good neighbor.

## **2015 Corvette Z06 Dominates at Car and Driver's Lightning Lap**

*Car and Driver* just held their annual Lightning Lap competition for 2015 and according to the results, the 2015 Corvette Z06 not only won its class, but dominated the entire competition by finishing fastest overall. Not only that, the Corvette Z06 was so fast that in the nine years of *Car and Driver's* Lightning Laps, only one other car has finished faster.

The Lightning Lap competition by *Car and Driver* is now in its ninth year and the goal is to gather the hottest performance cars produced during the model year and to see how fast they can make a lap around VIR's 4.1 mile Grand Course. For this year's Lightning Lap, 18 cars are featured and they are grouped by their price points.





The Corvette Z06 was grouped in the \$65,000-\$124,999 class and the competition included two Cadillacs, a CTS-V and ATS-V Coupe, a Mercedes-AMG C63 and a Lexus RC F.

When it was all said and done, the Corvette Z06 ran a blistering 2:44.6 at VIR, handily beating the other four cars in its class as well as finishing ahead of the supercars in the upper classes like the \$350K McLaren 650S Spider and the \$275K Lamborghini Huracan.

While the full results from the three-day test will appear in the October issue of *Car and Driver*, they did send out an email with this year's participants and their times:

Up to \$34,999

Volkswagen GTI – 3:14.6

Mini Cooper Hardtop John Cooper Works – 3:15.4

Ford Mustang Ecoboost – 3:15.6

Mazda MX-5 Miata Club – 3:20.8

From \$35,000 to \$64,999

Cadillac ATS-V Sedan – 2:59.8

Ford Mustang GT – 3:05.2

Alfa Romeo 4C – 3:08.8

Audi S3 – 3:11.3

Volkswagen Golf R – 3:12.3

From \$65,000 to \$124,999

Chevrolet Corvette Z06 – 2:44.6

Cadillac CTS-V – 2:56.8

Cadillac ATS-V Coupe – 2:59.2

Mercedes-AMG C63 S – 2:59.2

Lexus RC F – 3:05.8

From \$125,000 to \$249,999

Porsche 911 GT3 – 2:50.4

Mercedes-AMG GT S – 2:51.0

From \$245,000 and above

McLaren 650S Spider – 2:45.8

Lamborghini Huracán LP610-4 – 2:47.5

In an article at the *Detroit News*, Henry Payne quotes *Car and Driver* editor Eddie Alterman, who said this about the run:

*“It’s incredible how much performance they pack into that \$100,000 price point,” Alterman said. “One of the interesting things about the Z06 is it proves the car with the highest top speed is not necessarily the fastest car around a race track. The McLaren (top speed: 204 mph), for example, was faster on the straights, but the Z06 with more down-force and grip just dominated on the more technical parts of the track.”*

The Corvette Z06’s lap was also significantly faster than previous Corvettes that have run the course. The 2014 Corvette Stingray ran a 2:53.8 while the 2012 Corvette ZR1’s time was 2:50.7.

In the nine year history of the Lightning Lap competition, only one car has run a faster time – the \$875K 2014 Porsche 918 Hybrid which was faster by only 1.5 seconds.

While the Corvette Z06’s time was damn fast in the Lightning Lap competition, in the hands of someone that has spent a lot of seat time in the car, it has the potential to go even faster. Chevrolet test driver Jim Mero’s fastest lap in the Z06 at VIR was an even quicker time of 2:41.3 which he ran last year.

So congratulations to Tadge and the gang and here’s another feather in Chevrolet’s cap for the Corvette Z06.

### **C8 Corvette Looking More Likely to Serve as Holden’s New V8 Sports Car in Australia**

It’s looking more and more as if the Chevrolet Corvette might be the replacement for the Holden Commodore performance car currently available in Australia.



Production of the Commodore will end in The Land Down Under in 2017, but General Motors International President Stefan Jacoby has made it clear for months that the Aussies won’t be without a GM performance car after that.

In a recent exclusive interview with Australian-based website CarAdvice, Jacoby didn’t come out and say the Corvette will be the answer but did point out “when we come into the market we’re going to have a big surprise. It will be better than the Mustang.”

**Some thought the new generation Camaro might be what he was referring to at the beginning of this year when Jacoby said the brand would introduce “something which truly fulfills the requirement of a true Holden sports car.”**

**However, GM confirmed later that the new Camaro will not be produced in the right-hand-drive that would be necessary for the Australian market. Of course, neither is the current Corvette, leading CarAdvice to speculate that the Aussies might have to wait for the next-gen ‘Vette.**

**Meanwhile, rival Ford already has more than 3,000 pre-orders for its new Mustang in Australia, with Jacoby admitting that not offering the new Camaro there “could be” a missed opportunity for GM.**

**“We are lagging behind Ford, obviously, in many areas,” Jacoby said, “[but] it doesn’t mean we don’t have the answer. I think when we come into the market we’re going to have a big surprise. It will be better than the Mustang.”**

**Jacoby added fuel to the rumor fire when he said: “There are some areas of the sports car [market] where Ford has no competitors to us. So that’s our opportunity. The super sports car – they don’t have it.”**

**At first glance, that would seem to indicate the Corvette, though Cadillac has some high-performance models, too, like the CTS-V, basically a four-door Z06.**

**Jacoby urged patience, pointing out that GM is not ready to tip its hand yet, but indicated that performance will definitely continue to be available from Holden.**

**“You guys need a sports car over there, a Holden sports car,” he said.**

**“I think a brand like Holden, we need to maintain the sportiness, it’s in the genes. [That’s why] we will have a top-of-the-line sports car in Australia.”**

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