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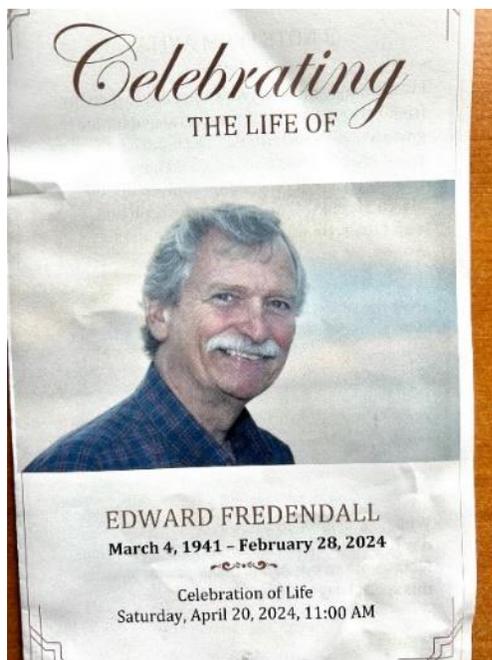
## April and May 2024 Event Calendar

EVERY **Thursday morning at 9am**, North Coast Vettes members gather at the Coyote Café, 1510 North Santa Fe, Vista (corner of Bobier and Santa Fe) . . . just for the heck of it . . . join the chatter next Thursday . . . no reservations required.

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| May 7         | NCV Monthly Meeting, El Camino Country Club   |
| May 11        | New Village Arts, 2pm Matinee, <b>The 39 Steps</b><br>NVA website: Code VETTES. No-Host dinner to follow at Blue Water Grill. Info: <b>Scott White</b>  |
| June 4        | NCV Monthly Meeting, El Camino Country Club   |
| June 14       | “Only Yesterday” private tour and lunch. Refer <b>Don and Shirley Kingery</b>   |
| June 25 or 26 | POSSIBLE joint run with Palm Springs Corvette Club. Refer <b>Scott White</b>  |
| June 29       | Oceanside 4 <sup>th</sup> of July Parade  |
| June 30       | National Corvette Day; All Corvette Car Show<br>Marconi Museum; refer <b>Nancy Thomas</b> or <b>Scott White</b>   |
| September:    | Grand Canyon/Train/Prescott Car Show<br>If you’re planning on going to Prescott after the Grand Canyon and you haven’t made reservations yet, please do so before the Springhill Suites, Prescott is sold out or the rates skyrocket. Refer <b>Glenn Peterson</b> |

## May and June Birthdays

John Boyd	May 10
Ruth Kurisu	May 26
Royann McClellan	May 23
Linda Pick	May 26
Rick Weber	May 12
Bob Ekstrom	June 17
Lisa Lerandean	June 21
Randy Mills	June 11
Sandy Peterson	June 10
Mark Trapolino	June 19
Donna White	June 19



### **DID YOU KNOW . . . ED FREDENDALL**

**JD Duncan** provided these remarks: A very nice celebration this past Saturday at Anita and Ed's house in Tierrasanta. Until his passing in February, Ed was the longest running member of the club.

When healthy enough Ed always honored the club by bringing his 67 Vette to be the WHITE C2 tribute car at our Vettes for Veterans car show.

# THE GAMBLERS' CLASSIC – LAUGHLIN, NV

North Coast Vettes registered five cars for the Gamblers' Classic Car Show and weekend in Laughlin, NV during April 2024 of Corvettes of Bakersfield.



**Thursday, April 18:** The car show was not the only focus of the weekend . . . gathering at the Park N Ride at I-15 and Hwy 76, and then taking some of the back roads to enjoy lunch at Pappy & Harriet's in Pioneertown. From there it was Amboy Crater National Landmark and on to the Riverside Casino, the home of the car show, hosted by the Corvettes of Bakersfield.

There was also a car museum at the Riverside Casino . . .



**Friday, April 19:** A NCV independent run on the old Route 66 to Oatman, AZ, where the burros are king . . . and a leisurely time to enjoy this old town.





**Lisa Lerandeau**



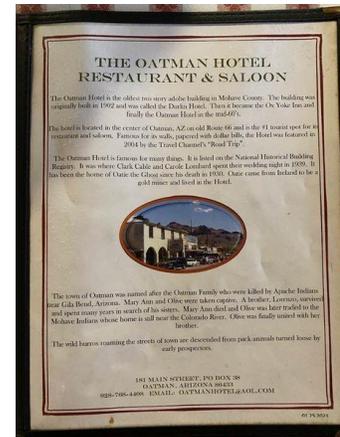
**Sandy and Glenn Peterson with Scott and Royann McClellan**



**Scott, Royann, Glenn, Sandy, Scott and Donna White**



**Scott and Donna White**



And then Friday night was the Gamblers' Classic Dinner . . . there were over 300 Corvettes in the car show.



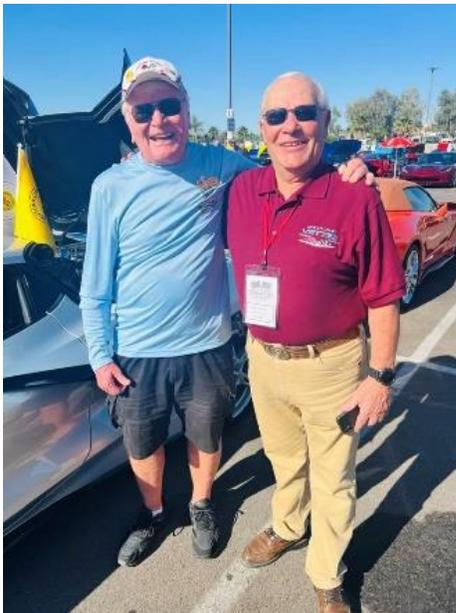
Friday night:

*Sandy and Glenn Peterson, Carm Finocchiaro, Donna and Scott White, Mark Trapolino, Lisa Lerandeau, Royann and Scott McClellan*



Ask what Lisa and Royann adventured into . . . ask what Sandy learned about public bathrooms in France.

**Saturday, April 20:** The Gamblers' Classic Car show, followed by a poker run (no one from the club won) and the awards ceremony. **Mark Trapolino** won for his C-7 Early (2014-2016). Congratulations **Mark!**



**Carm Finocchiaro** ran into our friend Jim Carr, President of the Ventura County Corvette Club, who owns a C-8. VCCC brought seven cars.

After the award ceremony, our club members had a prime rib dinner at the Riverside Casino . . . and on Sunday everyone made their way home.

Special thanks to **Mark Trapolino** and **Lisa Lerandeau** for putting the event together . . . we saw a lot, had many laughs, all the cars hummed along and we thoroughly enjoyed the time together.



## PAUL MCCARTNEY

The rest of the world may have moved onto the eighth-generation Chevrolet Corvette, but don't tell that to Paul McCartney.

The Beatles founder was recently spotted out and about in Southern California in his trusted C5 'Vette. It's no shock that the rock legend

drives a sports car, but it is surprising to learn that he's still driving one that is over 20 years old.

Video of the moment was posted to TikTok late last week by an account named true celebrity pop (via Road & Track). In the clip, McCartney can be seen exiting the parking lot of a recording studio in Hollywood while driving his C5 convertible. Ever the crowd pleaser, the rocker pauses briefly to wave to the gathered crowd before looking both ways, taking a right, and speeding off on his way.

If you're a fan of Macca, chances are you know he's a bit of a car buff. That'll happen when you spend six-plus decades touring the world as one of its most successful (and well-renumerated) musicians of all time. At various times, his collection has included Aston Martins, Lamborghinis, and Rolls-Royces. It makes sense that he'd own a Corvette—it is the American sports car after all—but the C5 is a bit of an oddball choice to hold onto if money is no option. Only a true contrarian would pick it as their favorite 'Vette.

That's not to say that there's anything wrong with the C5. It is still a Corvette after all. The fifth generation of the nameplate, produced between 1997 and 2004, has a shapely design that's aged much better than its immediate predecessor. McCartney's wonderfully maintained convertible is finished in metallic blue (like the one pictured above) and has a tan soft top. The lack of badging and the fact that it's a convertible suggests it's likely the standard model. That version of the car is powered by a 5.7-liter LS1 V-8 that produces around 350 hp. It's not the fastest of Vettes but can still hit 60 mph in 4.5 seconds and reach a top speed of around 170 mph.

McCartney seems to have decided that the C5 is the Corvette for him, but if he ever decides to upgrade, he's in luck. The current generation has put in a strong showing so far this decade and might be about to get even better.

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Forwarded to newsletter by **Glenn Williams**



*"Bob, you should have never parked that close to Jim's Corvette. And Jim, judging by Bob's condition, you over reacted."*

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