

# *Vette Gazette*



**NORTH SHORE  
CORVETTE  
CLUB**

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Jerry and Felicia Mulick at the National Corvette Museum take delivery of their new Long Beach Red 2020 Corvette Coupe. Jerry and Felicia used the factory option R8C for the museum delivery of their new Corvette.

# *The President's Message*



***Eric Kirchner***

**September 2020**

Time sure does fly when your having fun. At least that's how the old saying goes. I can't believe it's time for another newsletter. We had some fun at Road America. Watched Blackdog Racing lead the race until almost the last minute. Last lap pass, Blackdog finished second. However I've heard they came in first on Friday and Saturday. Great racing Blackdog.

Speaking of fun, by the time you read this, we will have had the family picnic. Hoping a great time was had by all. Who's Corvette got first place? Did you get a raffle prize? Sorry I could not attend. As my essential workers job in the ER kept me away.

I hope everyone had fun at Bloomington Gold and Drag racing. Please check the activities planner at our web site for upcoming fun. Any and all ideas will be entertained by the board. Contact any board member to get an event approved and scheduled. Frank Punzio is the activities chairman and a great contact to find out about an event.

We have a great Covid article on what is allowed and where the state stands in the fight against Covid-19. Please read it and follow the guidelines. I want to see all of you on the other side of this epidemic.

We are still hoping that we will be able to hold a face to face membership meeting sometime in the future. It may not happen until we have a vaccine and everyone feels safe. In the meantime our next membership meeting will be a ZOOM meeting

*Eric*



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Jerry Mulick —Publications and  
NCM Ambassador

## To all Members

A lot has happened since our last newsletter and I will try to sum it for all of our members. I had the pleasure of finally able to get delivery of my new C8 at the NCM on August 27 with several members of our club present for the delivery.

Our picnic was able to be held on September 5 with over 37 members present and we had 14 Corvettes in the car show. The weather was perfect and every member was able to social distance since it was outside and a great raffle was held with many great prizes. We also had a cash raffle which gave the lucky winner \$90. Many thanks to the picnic committee for a great job of planning and putting together this event during our period of limited activities.

The event at Bloomington Gold at Lucas Stadium in Indianapolis was held with five members of our club. The event had social distancing and masks all the time and was very safe. A temperature check was held just to enter the stadium and a mask was required all the time within the stadium. Over 115 Corvettes were judged and at this event and 2 Corvettes were judged for the first time in a new class called the RESTO-MOD Class. This was the first time for this class and Bloomington Gold can expect many more of these type of Corvettes in the future. A complete write up and many pictures will be on our web site for this event.

Before the end of the Corvette season we hope to have a few more events so keep watching our web site for information.

*Jerry Mulick*



Ken Such - Safety Chairman

## Safety Tip of the Month

by Ken Such

### *Using Plastic Bags Safely*

We all are spending a lot of time at home these days—cooking or carry-out with leftovers. The use of zip-top bags is very popular. Some people like me like to reuse them for economic and environmental reasons. If you like to reuse them, here are some safety tips:

According to a Ziploc representative, the storage, freezer, snack, and sandwich bags are re-useable by hand washing and thoroughly drying before reuse. But remember if the bags were used to store raw meat, fish, or eggs or allergy triggering foods, they should not be used for any other food items. Bags used for microwave cooking, such as steam bags, should not be reused to avoid cross-contamination.

The number of times a bag can be reused will depend on its condition, if the bag no longer zips or if the plastic becomes thin or torn then it is time to toss.

A good way to get information on how to reuse the ones you use is to visit the Manufacturer's website.

Stay healthy.

*Ken Such*

Credit: The Food Network





## ***A MESSAGE FOR OUR CLUB REGARDING COVID-19***

### **The IDPH (Illinois Department of Public Health) guidelines for Illinois**

At the present time we are in Phase 4 of the COVID-19 guidelines.

Here is what this means for us as a club and what we can and can't do at this time.

- \* At the present time, our membership meetings are only being held on the virtual application ZOOM. *We are doing this for the September Membership Meeting.* Membership meetings may be held with 50 people or less. Wearing face masks and social distancing will be required at our meetings.
- \* Meeting at restaurants is allowed only if it follows the State of Illinois [Phase 4 guidelines for restaurants and bars](#). Indoor dining may only accommodate groups of 10 or less.
- \* We may drive our Corvettes or vehicles to a drive-in restaurant or outdoor theater. We may also drive to attend birthdays, graduations, anniversaries, church, or any other event where we don't have to get out of our vehicle. *We intend to plan several of these activities for our club.*
- \* Phase 4 requires that we have 50 or fewer people at our events. We must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing at all times.
- \* Outdoor activities are allowed. That means we can hold an outdoor activity if we follow the Phase 4 guidelines.
- \* Phase 5 will begin when there is a vaccine, or a widely available and highly effective treatment, or with the elimination of any new cases over a sustained period. We will be allowed to have our normal membership meetings.
- \* In the meantime we will notify all club members if local health officials change our guidelines for Illinois. For now maintain social distancing and wear a face covering when you are near other people.

***STAY SAFE AND HEALTHY. WE WILL ALL GET THRU THIS SOON!***

# What's Happening

**Here's an update of upcoming club activities that have been cancelled or rescheduled. Visit the [Club Events page](#) on our website for an up-to-date list of events and event flyers.**

## **We're on ZOOM!**

NSCC will hold it's September Membership Meeting on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 PM on Zoom.

Here's the link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4436358311>

If you are using a phone you may listen to the audio by calling 312-626-6799. The meeting ID is: 443 635 8311.

We will get an update from Blackdog Speed Shop with the progress of projects in their shop.

Activities Chairperson Frank Punzio will update us on our planned events for 2020.

President Eric Kirchner will give a State of the Club address.

## **COVID-19 Update**

**With all of Illinois currently in Phase 4 of a reopen plan, gatherings are limited to groups of 50 or fewer people to help control the spread of the coronavirus.**

**Please exercise caution and be safe by following all [CDC recommendations](#).**

### **Mid America Funfest Cancelled**

The Mid America Funfest scheduled for September 18 & 19 has been cancelled.

### **One-Day Autocross at the Tire Rack Cancelled**

The One-Day Autocross at the Tire Rack scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd has been cancelled.

### **Fall Color Run Cancelled**

The Fall Color Run scheduled for October 9-11 has been cancelled.

### **Muscle Car & Corvette Nationals Cancelled**

The MCACN show scheduled for November 21-22 has been cancelled.

# North Shore Corvette Club Charity Team

## *Charity Team Vision, Mission and Values*

### **Vision:**

To collectively show we care about, volunteer for, and assist where help is needed in our local communities.

### **Mission:**

We of the North Shore Corvette Club Charity Team will work together with our membership body to provide our time and no club funded resources, helping and assisting a variety of local charity organizations who improve the lives of those in need.

### **Values:**

- *Commitment.* We are committed to guiding the membership in caring and rewarding charitable activities.
- *Integrity.* We will carry out all our charity work with responsibility and accountability.
- *Creativity.* We will provide a variety of diverse and fun charitable activities for our member's participation.
- *Service.* It is our honor and privilege to place others before ourselves with our charity activities.



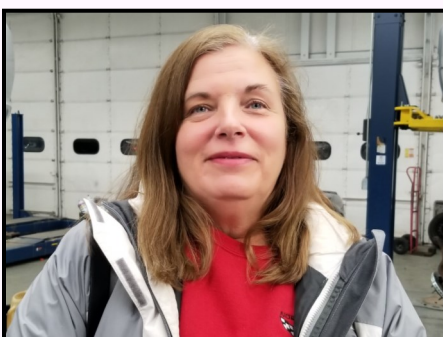
*Gale Egle - Team Leader*



*Deb Monnier*



*Jeannie Domerchie*



*Debbie Stein*



*Donna McKenzie*



*Sue Radder*



# NORTH SHORE CORVETTE CLUB

Charity Team Food Drive Event

# WINNER



**Ron Pontecore**

**Common Pantry on Damen in Chicago**







# Where are the event flyers?

They are right where they have always been...

## On our website!

Go to the [Club Events page](http://northshorecorvetteclub.org) at [northshorecorvetteclub.org](http://northshorecorvetteclub.org) to see flyers of all our events. Remember, our WEBSITE has the most up-to-date information.

You can even download flyers to your computer.



# INFORMATION FROM THE NCM



## **26th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 2-5, 2020 at the National Corvette Museum**

In the two decades since the NCM opened the scope of the vision has blossomed to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full service store, interactive exhibits and a full Motorsports Park.

Every year around the Labor Day weekend the museum celebrates the Grand Opening which occurred in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year the museum marked the 26th anniversary milestone and focused on the diversity of the people that the Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward look to the future.

This year the Hall of Fame will induct the following notable inductees, Wendell Strode, Doug, Fehan, Henry Haga, and Mike McCagh. The full information on these inductees is available at the museum web site.

As NCM Ambassador for our club I invite all members to visit the museum whenever possible and sign into their web site to view all the activities that are offered. They follow strict guidelines during this COVID lockdown and are open with restrictions.

I have just celebrated my 25 years of being a NCM member and also 7 years of being a Master Ambassador for our club. If anyone needs any information regarding the NCM please contact me.

**Jerry Mulick**



# Bloomington Gold Indianapolis, Indiana



Our group at Lucas Oil Stadium where the Indianapolis Colts play football.





# ***CORVETTE DRAG RACING***

## **BYRON DRAGWAY**

**August 15, 2020**



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With out delay, I writing the drag racing event review. As usual, our day was delayed several times during the day, it seems to be the norm whenever we drag race at Byron.

Ed Harms and I met at the Sears parking lot at the Woodfield Mall, section F-4 for future meetings. We took the highway instead of Rt 72, for the convenience of no stop lights and all went well. While fueling up in Byron, Larry Latko cruised in town and we were all able to arrive together. That sums up the racers for the day, but we did have some spectators, hey- hey.



Ron and Arlynn Liberty drove up to see what drag racing was all about. They were pretty much up in the stands most of the day. They had their own grand stand it seems , since there were few other spectators.

With out delay, back to the delays. For most of the Midwest that morning, there was a threat of big storms. Byron

decided to wait for the front to pass before opening the track for racing. That ended up being at about 1PM and guess what, the front missed Byron, so no rain, but a long wait, considering we got there about 9:30AM.

We did about 3 test and tune runs with about a 40 minute delay between runs. Since the morning test and tune never happened, we did them when we normally do our bracket racing.





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Also bracket racing were the JR. Racers and pro touring cars. The JR racers are kids 13 and older racing miniature rail dragsters. It was great seeing a whole new generation taking up the sport. Whole family's participating, especially the moms, look out soccer moms.



So we finally got to our bracket races, with Larry getting the bye race due to his best reaction time between the three of us. Ed and I raced with Ed beating me out to race Larry. You wouldn't be leave it, but another delay occurs, the power went out. The electricity. So we were contemplating on finishing this on another day, the next drag event, but we stuck it out and about forty minutes later it went on. Of course we had to wait for the Jr's and pros to race before we did the final. It did happen and Larry beat Ed, even though Ed ran his exact bracket time.

Ron and Arlynn left before the final run and it's well understood why. Even with the threat of a storm in the morning, the day ended up being sunny and hot, in the 90's. I give them a lot of credit for staying as long as they did.



Even with all the delays, the day was a good one. With all the down time the three of us spent a lot of time under the pop-up tent, hydrating, distancing and chatting. Usually, you are racing around keeping busy during these events, so it was nice to be delayed, relax a little and enjoy each others conversation. Byron was really good to us, mentioning the North Shore Corvette Club all day, they were just wondering where the rest of the club was. Maybe at the next event we can show them we have a few more members that like to race. Over all, all was good and we had a fun time.

*Frank Punzio*



## Blackdog Speed Shop Racing at Road America

### Race 3 results on August 30th



Michael Cooper (center) wins first place in the overall and PRO class.



Tony Gaples (left) takes second place in the AM class.

Road America hosted the *GT World Challenge Circuit of the Americas* in Round 9, 10 & 11 on the last weekend of August. Blackdog Speed Shop races in the GT4 Sprint class with Pro class driver Michael Cooper (Car #10) and Am class driver Tony Gaples (Car #11). Both drivers compete in a McLaren 570S setup for GT4 with a McLaren 3.8 turbo engine.



Michael Cooper (Car #10) leads the way in the rain in the first race and a 1st place win.



Michael Cooper

Michael joined Blackdog in 2014 and is currently in 1st place overall with 8 wins out of 11 races for the 2020 season.

Tony competes in the Am class and is the owner of Blackdog Speed Shop. After undergoing multiple eye surgeries, he has only competed in 5 events this year.



Tony Gaples





Blackdog Speed Shop drivers Michael Cooper (left) with team driver and owner Tony Gaples

## ***Standings for 2020 GT4 America Sprint Pro Teams***

<u>Position</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points Total</u>
1	Blackdog Speed Shop	175
2	TRG - The Racers Group	142
3	Ian Lacy Racing	127
4	Andretti Autosport	114
5	PF Racing	32
6	Classic BMW	20

## ***Blackdog Speed Shop Racing Schedule***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Track</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sep. 18-20	Watkins Glen International	Watkins Glen, New York
Oct. 1-3	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	Indianapolis, Indiana



# ***Lou Morabito High Mileage Award***

## **2019-2020 Contest Results**

<i><b>Name</b></i>	<i><b>Year</b></i>	<i><b>Miles Driven</b></i>	<i><b>Place</b></i>
Greg Eckert	2018	17,436	C7/Overall Winner
Daryl Ullberg	2017	11,052	C7 Second Place
Bob Zeier	2016	5,958	C7 Third Place
Jim Barnich	2006	4,666	C6 Class Winner
Jim Kleinschmidt	2013	3,518	C6 Second Place
Tom Sherrick	1969	2,951	C3 Class Winner
Frank Punzio	1999	1,926	C5 Class Winner
Walt Hoepfner	2006	954	C6 Third Place
Debbie Stein	2003	779	C5 Second Place

***Total miles driven: 49,240***

**The 2020-2021 contest is now underway.**

**You may certify your Vette at any time.**

This is an awards program for all club members who own and drive a Corvette. Certificates will be awarded to the winner of each generation of Corvette along with a special award to the member with the highest mileage of the year. You may certify your Vette either by driving your car to a membership meeting or by driving your car to the home of a designated certifier. See the program rules for a list of the designated certifiers.

[\*Click here to see the 2020-2021 Program Rules\*](#)

[\*Click here to see the results of the 2017 contest\*](#)



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gale Egle	09/01	Eric Kirchner	10/05
Jerry Suwanski	09/06	Les Rubin	10/11
Cardy Davis	09/07	Stuart Rabins	10/12
Garry Dayton	09/08	Frank Punzio	10/14
Ken Such	09/11	Stan Savage	10/14
Joanne Corcoran	09/17	Cherie Bond	10/16
Pam Bacci	09/18	Becky Latko	10/18
Dan Gove	09/20	Doug Ahlgrim	10/19
Greg Steinbach	09/22	Linda Kleinschmidt	10/22
Susan Stockman	09/25	Eleanor Plotnick	10/23
John Archambault	09/27	Rainer Wohlgemuth	10/24
Susie Reese	09/27	Bruce Mahrenholz	10/25
Denise Archambault	09/28	Tom Kloepfer	10/27
Geoff Harlow	09/28	Tracy Hoffmann	10/27
Jerry Kelly	09/28	Jeannie Domerchie	10/28
Dena Mahrenholz	09/29	Sandra Ahlgrim	10/28
Sharon Greenwald	09/29	Pam Buckle	10/31



# WELCOME



**NSCC would like to give a warm welcome to  
the following new members:**

**Mark and Diana Anderson**

2008 Red Coupe

Gurnee, Illinois



Keep in mind, when a member refers a person to the NSCC and they join the club the referring member will receive 12 Crossed Flags points.

**We're happy you could join us! Enjoy the ride!**



# 2020-2021 NSCC Board of Directors



Eric Kirchner - President



Tom Arvidson - Vice President



Donna McKenzie - Secretary



Jeannie Domerchie - Treasurer



Frank Punzio - Activities



Jerry Mulick - Publications  
& NCM Ambassador



Debbie Monnier - Membership



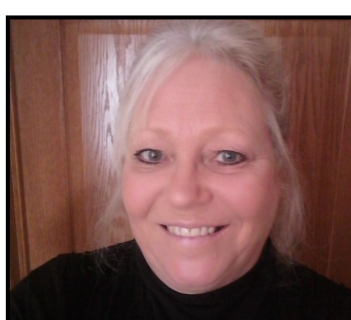
Tom Arvidson - Webmaster



Ken Such - Safety



Dave Kylo - Governor



Sue Radder - Member at Large



Julie Jensen – Member at Large



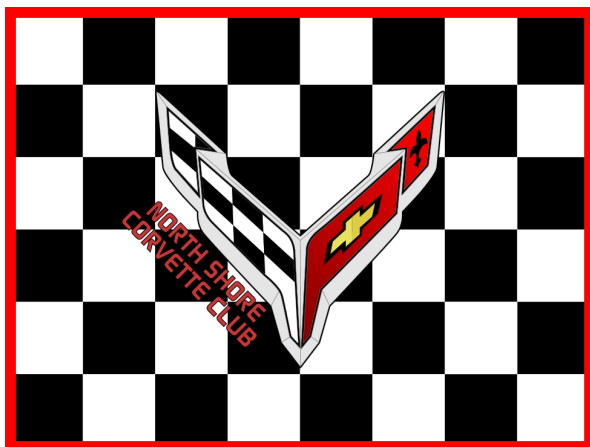
Gale Egle- Member at Large



Walt Hoepfner - Member at Large

# **NORTH SHORE CORVETTE CLUB FACE MASKS**

## **are the coolest masks around**



**NSCC has face masks available for purchase.**

### **Mask Description**

Custom fabric with design & logo printed into fabric weave. "North Shore Corvette Club" angled on one side alongside logo on a black & white checkerboard background.

The material is double layer cotton fabric with red inside color. There is a metal strip across the top to help mold to the face. Average adult size, one size fit all. Gathered sides with adjustable elastic for ears.

The masks are \$13.00 each with a suggested donation of \$2 or more donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital. The masks are in stock. If you want it mailed to you please contact Sue Radder at 847-746-0700.

Payment may be made with PayPal on the *Members Only* page on our website with a 75¢ transaction fee. Or you may send a check or cash to:

***North Shore Corvette Club P.O. Box 1167 Wheeling, IL 60090***

(There is no transaction fee when mailing a check)

### **ORDER FORM (for sending a check)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt/Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Masks \_\_\_\_\_ + \$ of Donation to St Jude Children's Hospital \_\_\_\_\_ + Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Ck# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Check to: ***North Shore Corvette Club P.O. Box 1167 Wheeling, IL 60090***



# Club Merchandise for Sale



Club patches, pins, window stickers and name tags are for sale to all club members. One of each is included in the cost of a new membership.

The patch measures 3" wide by 2" high. The window sticker measures 3" square and will adhere gently to a glass surface when wet.

Contact our [Membership Chairperson](#) for details or visit the [Club Merchandise](#) webpage on our website at [www.northshorecorvetteclub.org](http://www.northshorecorvetteclub.org).



**HALF PRICE**

**Patch \$2.00**



**HALF PRICE**

**Pin \$1.50**



**HALF PRICE**

**Window Sticker**



**Name Tag \$7.00**

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*Stingrays are such beautiful, elegant sea creatures.*

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