

# *Vette Gazette*



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*Happy Holidays!*



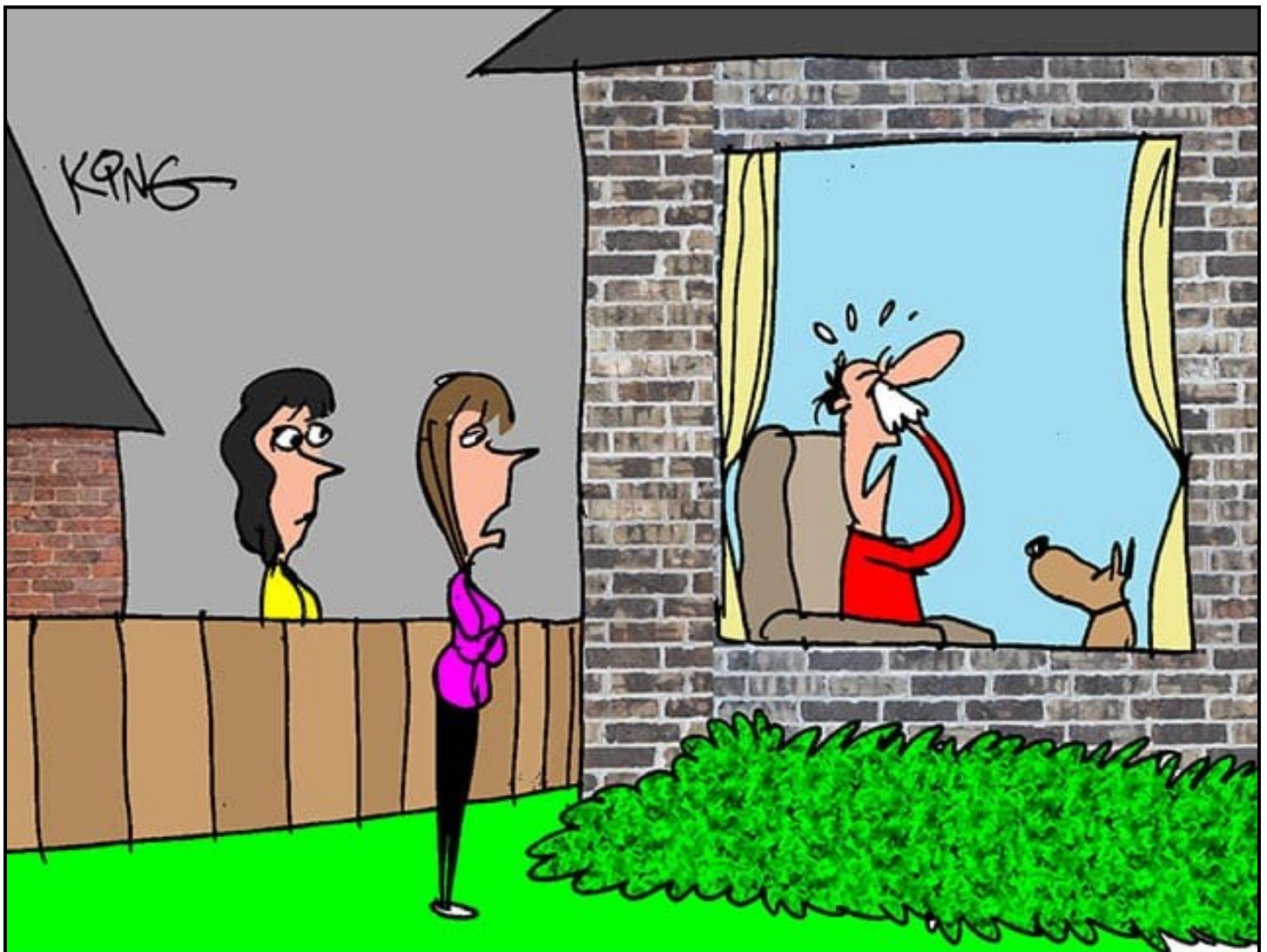
*From the NSCC Family*



# *NSCC Comedy Corner*

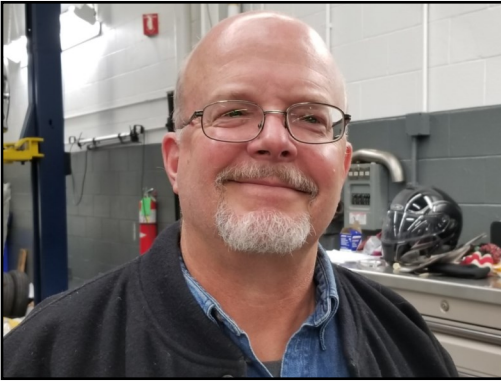


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*“No, he hasn’t suffered a tragedy. He’s sobbing because he put his Corvette away for the season.”*

# The President's Message



Eric Kirchner - President

## December 2020

by Eric Kirchner

I hope you had a safe Thanksgiving and a great day. A small group of us went to visit The Rock. Even though Bill Wildt wasn't there, we continued the Thanksgiving Day tradition of honoring the first auto race in the country.



Several Covid vaccines are about to be approved for use. I hope this happens soon with enough vaccine for the whole country to get their two shots. We will beat this pandemic, it's just a matter of time. I know we are all hoping for that time to arrive so in-person meetings can be held once again. How many of you will voluntarily get the vaccine? I believe my job at the hospital will mandate that I eventually get the shots.

I would like to thank everyone that has contributed so far to the Deserving Families event. Team leader Gale Egle reports that we have received lots of donations. We can never get too much so, if you haven't already done so, please give something to these families.

Our next Zoom Membership Meeting is on Wednesday the 16th. I believe there will be several interesting things happening at that meeting. I hope everyone can attend. More on what will happen later in this newsletter. Please refer to NSCC's website for future activities and news of the club.

I know not everyone has put their Corvette into hibernation mode, including myself. I have been enjoying many fall drives and I hope you are doing the same.

*Eric*







Jerry Mulick - Publications and  
NCM Ambassador

## To all members

by Jerry Mulick

Here we are at the end of the year and it has been a real challenge for our club and our members. We had great expectations that we would be able to have more activities and more membership meetings so we all could get together. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions and in keeping everyone safe we could not hold our meetings and any of our activities were very limited. This has not just had an effect on our club but it has affected everyone's lives. With a vaccine coming soon we hope that 2021 may bring us back to some sense of a normal but safe life for our members. We plan on having a number of great activities and trips for 2021 that should be safe and fun.

For our December Zoom meeting the board has planned a very exciting meeting. Since it will be a Zoom meeting we will be limited on what can be accomplished. Normally in December we would be having a social and our annual gift exchange. This meeting we will be catching up on all the birthdays for the year and giving out a gift card for all those that are selected in each month and signed on to Zoom. We will have a unique way of selecting members. We will also be giving out several raffle tickets from the NCM for a chance to win the 2021 Corvette at the April Bash. We hope that one of our members wins this Corvette. We are also going to have an ugliest sweater contest. So for the December meeting wear your ugliest sweater. We hope to have a few other things planned for this meeting so make sure you sign in and attend on Zoom at 7:00 PM on December 16, 2020.

Our charity team has been working diligently to help out the three needy families that were selected to receive food, gifts, clothing, toys, and gift cards to make their holiday most enjoyable and happy. Many members have stepped up to give money, food, clothing, and toys to the charity committee for these families. We are grateful for your generosity. It should be noted that all of the monetary funds and gift donations for the families were from our members. No club funds have been used for this great charity activity. In our newsletter we have a message from the charity committee for the latest update on the status of the activity for the three families.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, and HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all of our GREAT MEMBERS!**

*Jerry Mulick*



Ken Such - Safety Chairman

## Safety Tip of the Month

by Ken Such

### *Fall and Early Winter Tips*

**Longer nights** - Maintain a speed that allows you to stop for an obstacle at the far reaches of your headlights. There have been tests even on modern vehicles that have a short range on their headlights-know your vehicles limit.

**Foggy conditions** - It's that time of the year where air begins to cool over warmer land and waterways making the chances of fog increase. Drive with low-beams and use your fog lights if your vehicle is equipped with them-never high beams. Reduce your speed in order to increase your reaction time.

**Mating season** - Deer that is. Be especially alert at dawn and dusk when deer are most active, they can pop out of the woods unexpectedly. If you can't avoid hitting a deer, do not swerve, but brake firmly and stay in your lane.

**School buses** - There may not be as many buses out now but be alert and slow down near bus stops.

**Fire hazards** - In many rural areas leaf burning is allowed-be cautious of heavy smoke blowing across the roadway for low visibility. Parking on a pile of leaves may start a fire from the heat of your catalytic converter.

**Be safe** - Happy motoring.

*Ken Such*



## ***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 and a Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan

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

- \* In-person membership meetings may not be held at this time. We are holding our membership meetings each month virtually on Zoom. *We will be doing this for the December 16th Membership Meeting.*
- \* Following the State of Illinois [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan](#), meeting indoors at restaurants and bars is not allowed at this time. Indoor service is not being provided.
- \* 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 if possible.*
- \* The Tier 3 Mitigation Plan requires that we have 10 or fewer people at our outdoor 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 and Tier 3 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.
- \* Visit our [website](#) for the latest information on the current guidelines for Illinois. Maintain social distancing and wear a face covering whenever 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 a virtual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, December 16th at 7 pm on Zoom. Guests are welcome. On your computer or smart device click on the following link to download Zoom and connect to our meeting:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4436358311>

Passcode: NSCC

If you are using a phone you may listen to the audio by calling [312-626-6799](tel:312-626-6799).

Meeting ID: [443 635 8311](#)

Passcode: [650561](#)

**Birthday gift cards to be given out.**

**NCM raffle ticket giveaway.**

**Ugliest sweater contest.**

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

## COVID-19 Update

With all of Illinois currently in a Phase 4 Guidance and a Tier 3 Mitigation Plan, outdoor gatherings are limited to groups of 10 or fewer people and indoor meetings are not allowed to help control the spread of the coronavirus. For more information regarding the [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigation Plan](#) [click here](#).

Visit our [website](#) and watch your email for further changes regarding our club's activities.

**There are no updates at this time**



The NSCC Charity Team presents

## ***A Christmas Event of Giving***



The holidays are a wonderful time! Filled with family gatherings, gift giving, kindness, happiness and love! However, not all families have what they need throughout the year, let alone enough during the holidays.

The Charity Team spoke with NSCC Member, Pastor David Kylo, and he identified three families we could help have a wonderful Christmas!

*We would like to provide a Christmas meal for each family. We would need a total of the items listed below:*

- (6) Cans of Green Beans
- (6) Cans of Mushroom Soup
- (3) Cans of Crispy Onions
- (6) Cans of Yams
- (6) Cans of Corn
- (3) Boxes (13.75 oz.) of Idaho Mashed Potatoes
- (3) Cans of Cranberry Sauce
- (3) Stove Top Sage Stuffing mix
- (3) Boxes of Christmas Cookies

### **First Family**

Mother: Fanny  
Daughter age 10  
Pants size 14-16 or Lg kids  
Sweatshirt and Coat Large  
Kids  
Roller Blades – Size 2  
Coloring Pencils  
Son age 7  
Pants size 9  
Shirt and Winter Coat – size 9  
Kids

## **Three Deserving Families**



*Please see the specific gifts that the families would like:*

### **Second Family**

Mother: Suguey  
Son age 15  
Pants size 34-36  
Shirt and Winter Coat – XL  
Adult  
Coloring Pencils  
Son age 12  
Pants size 18-20 or Med  
Adult  
Shirts and Winter Coat –  
Med Adult  
Daughter age 2  
Cloths size 3T  
Toy appropriate for a 2-year-old

### **Third Family**

Mother: Nora  
Son age 12  
Pants size 26-28

***The lists above provide what these families need and want!***





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# *A Christmas Event of Giving*



*Here is how you can help!*

Let's all get together and give these families a Christmas they wouldn't otherwise have. Let's provide things they need by giving them a Christmas meal and giving them gifts so they have presents to open on Christmas Day!

If you choose to purchase items, please purchase only the items listed above and contact Gale Egle at [gale1379@gmail.com](mailto:gale1379@gmail.com) or by phone at 847-638-1379 before you make your purchase. Gale will be keeping track of the items that are purchased to prevent duplication. She will also make arrangements to pick up the items that you purchase.

In addition to purchasing items, you may also donate cash. You may send us a check to:

**NSCC, P. O. Box 1167, Wheeling, IL 60090**

You also have the option to donate using PayPal. If you do not have a PayPal account you may donate with a debit or credit card. The club will pay the PayPal service fee. Your entire donation will go to the families.

Click here to go to the Home Page on our website

**We need purchased items and cash donations by December 16th.**

**Let's provide a wonderful Christmas for these families!**

**A message from the Team Leader of the Charity Committee**

The Charity Team wanted to let everyone know that our *Christmas Event of Giving* is going really well and to say thank you for the donations received so far. We have received food, clothing, coats, and toys but we still need more donations to make this the best Christmas possible for these deserving families. More information will go out to you all shortly about our progress! Please watch for it!

*Gale Egle*

# 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*





# Where are the event flyers?

**They're right where they've 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



## 2020 Official Production Statistics from the NCM



Production of the model year 2020 Corvette is expected to conclude production on December 7th as the final orders are completed. Chevrolet official count for the model year will be 20,368 Corvettes. That does include those pre-production units that were built before customer orders began in February 2020.

The breakdown of the 2020 models was 82.4% Coupe (16,787) and 17.6% Convertible (3,581) and the Z51 Performance Package accounted 76% (15476) of all Corvettes produced.

The 3LT package was the most popular which is always the case during the initial new model rollout. A total of 46.8% of buyers went with the 3LT across both models with 39.1% choosing the 2LT and only 14.4% selecting the base 1LT trim package.

### **The exterior colors ranked by popularity are:**

1. Torch Red—5,137 (25%)
2. Artic White—3,098 (15%)
3. Black — 2,383 (11.7%)
4. Sebring Orange —1,377 (6.8%)
5. Elkart lake Blue — 1,369 (6.7%)
6. Rapid Blue — 1,243 (6%)
7. Ceramic Matrix Grey —1,216 (5.9%)
8. Blade Silver —1,130 (5.55%)
9. Shadow Grey—1,111 (5.45%)
10. Long Beach Red—1,068 (5.25%)
11. Accelerate Yellow—688 (3.38%)
12. Zeus Bronze—548 (2.69%)

# Winterizing Your Corvette

If you haven't done so already, it's that time of year to put your Pride and Joy into hibernation. Putting your Corvette in the garage for a while does have some benefits: you can clean it well and check out the condition of the drivetrain. Leaving your Corvette in an unheated garage for months at a time without starting isn't terrible, but leaving your Corvette for a year or more is when really bad things begin to happen.

The worst scenario for your Corvette is when one cold front after another pummels your garage with temperature fluctuations creating extreme condensation in internal driveline components. Engines, transmissions, and differentials corrode from the top down while the condensation drips into the lubricant. Fuel tanks have condensation dripping from the roof of the tank, corroding the steel fuel sending unit or the tank itself in 1953-1973 Corvettes.

The length of time that your Corvette sits is what really matters. Three months requires very little winterizing. Filling the fuel tank and keeping the battery charged is the extent of preparation. Planning on longer term storage? Use these guidelines:

**PAINT:** If your Corvette is going to sit for four or more months without activity, the car should be washed to safeguard against any environmental fallout like tree sap, dead bugs etc. Some of the fallout may be acidic and damage the paint or clearcoat permanently.

**TIRES & WHEELS:** Scrub the tires to remove any built up oxidation and apply a tire dressing once they are dried. Clean your wheels in a similar fashion to paint as brake dust, when left on wheels for extended periods, can permanently damage the wheel surface. Remember to use a clearcoat specific cleaner if your wheels are clearcoated. While on the subject of tires, don't worry about flat spotting unless you have bias plies. There has been significant strides in tire composition and technology, and any flat spotting that does occur on radials will be eliminated with a nice 30 minute drive in the springtime. It is OK to keep your tires inflated to the correct pressure, and overinflating is preferred by some to reduce the tire's pliability. Just be sure to correct the pressure in the spring.

**INTERIOR:** To prevent moisture buildup and possible mold formation, [use a desiccant like Sta-Dri](#) in the footwells and rear cargo areas. If desired, use silicone spray on weatherstripping to keep it from bonding with other surfaces over the winter.

**FUEL TANK:** The fuel tank should be filled to the top with winter fuel (available after October 1) and fuel stabilizer should be added.

(continued)

# Winterizing Your Corvette

**BATTERY:** The battery should be kept charged with a battery tender throughout the entire time your Corvette is stored whether it's winter or summer. Simply connect the tender to your battery and it will maintain the battery charge without any damage or concerns about overcharging or overheating your battery.

**FLUIDS:** Make sure to top off all fluids including coolant, brake fluid, clutch and transmission, oil and fuel. Always change your oil and filter before placing a car in long-term storage as well.

**RODENTS:** Any part of a city, suburb or rural area is open to rodent problems, and they can wreak havoc on a Corvette, particularly the plug wires. Certain brands of plug wires (including GM) consist of a vegetable based outer shell which is very appetizing to varmints. To keep them looking elsewhere for their next meal, place mothballs in the engine area. Just don't forget to remove them before starting the car. Regarding tail pipes, place face cloths over each and wrap rubber bands around them.

**CAR COVERS:** Indoors or outdoors, cover a car when it will be stored for more than a few months. The type of cover you select should be based on where the car will be stored. A weatherproof cover is a solid choice for indoors or outdoors, but a cotton cover will suffice for indoor-only storage.

**STARTING THE CAR IN WINTER:** Start your Corvette once a month throughout the winter if possible. This will help circulate the oil rather than letting it sit in the oil pan all winter, exposing cylinder walls and moving parts to possible corrosion.

Courtesy: [Corvette Central](#)





## **Jim Benton at MCACN 2019**



Pictured above is NSCC member Jim Benton. No, he's not sleeping. He is judging a car at the MCACN show in 2019. Jim was featured in the YouTube show *MCACN 2020 Brothers Collection*. You may watch the show through this link:

[MCACN YouTube Channel](#)

# Pirelli GT4 America Sprint Pro Champion

## *Michael Cooper*



After claiming eleven wins out of sixteen races, Blackdog Speedshop and McLaren factory driver Michael Cooper won his fourth title in SRO America competition with the 2020 GT4 America Sprint championship jewel in his crown. To say Cooper was dominant is an understatement. A string of six straight wins in the middle of the season catapulted him to the top of the standings with the New York native never looking back, besting the likes of Pros Drew Staveley, Spencer Pumpelly and Jarrett Andretti.

Cooper's season can best be described by his performance at Sonoma Raceway, where he took his #10 McLaren 570S GT4 to the top step of the podium in each of the three races. "I like a lot of racetracks, but I just seem to be a step ahead at Sonoma. That's not to discredit anyone else but the results are there. To be honest, the move at the start of Race One on Friday really changed the complexion of our weekend. The Porsche was quicker than us in qualifying, and with how hard it is to pass here we could be talking about three straight second-place finishes. So that move Friday was really critical."

"Winning three straight here and now five in a row since VIR is a great accomplishment. It's down to the work from everyone at Blackdog Speed Shop and McLaren. We had a goal heading into this weekend of maximizing our points haul. I don't think we could have ever expected this, though! I'm grateful for the effort and happy with another great weekend at Sonoma."

Quotes like this became common as Cooper and the Blackdog Speedshop team were on point throughout the season, proven by winning the championship by a whopping 78 points over rival Staveley. "We came into the weekend and maximized the points and scored three wins," said Cooper after winning the title at COTA with two rounds left in the season. "This Blackdog Speedshop team just operates at such a high level. I think for the team this is their fifth series driver's championship and third manufacturer's championship."

Cooper summarized, "The McLaren 570S GT4 has been a great performance car for a number of years and I'm glad we could deliver championship honors with it here in North America. I can't say thanks enough to Tony Gaples, Ray Sorenson and Blackdog Speed Shop for one of the best seasons of my career."



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barb Harms	12/02
Cindy Zilligen	12/03
Joel Glenn	12/08
William Rivera	12/10
Tom Lippert	12/19
Cyndi Finstad	12/20
Nancy Jakubco	12/27
Mark Anderson	12/29
Bob Zeier	12/30
Carol Craig	12/30
Sue Thorson	01/06
Bob Goldberg	01/06
Ron Mieszala	01/08
Tom Pettinger	01/10
Gerald Warrens	01/11
Ken Borucki	01/14

Lenore Pettinger	01/14
Ron Althardt	01/14
Randy Kasprzyk	01/15
Diana Anderson	01/15
Rich Finstad	01/18
Char Steinbach	01/23
Nancy Scott	01/23
Donna McKenzie	01/24
Rick Craig	01/26
Ronald Liberty	01/27
Linda Barnich	01/27
Bernadette Warrens	01/28
David Zilligen	01/30
Jody Kanter	01/31





# WELCOME



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



**We're sorry!**

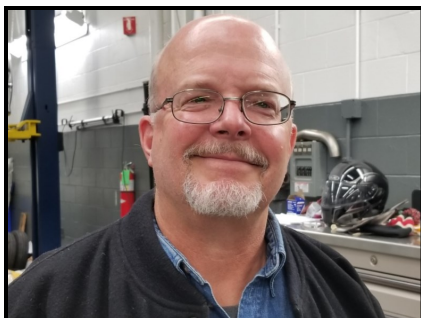
**We don't have any new members this month.**

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



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.

# 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



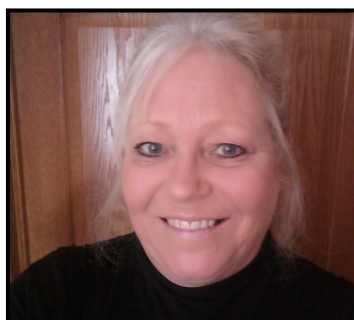
Tom Arvidson - Webmaster



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

# 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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**The C8 drives great in the snow!**

***HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL***

***December 2020***