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# FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT

BY: MATT SUHAR, CCOH PRESIDENT



Corvette Ohana,

Another month has come and gone.

This month I unusually had to be reminded to turn in my article. I am not sure where the time flies off to, but I wish it would stop some and smell the roses. My work travels combined with club activities meant that my focus was what was coming up just days - and sometimes only hours - ahead. Today was the first time I took a breather, and as such, it is probably time for me to write the article.

March began with the General Membership meeting, then on to the Honolulu Festival Parade, Cars and Coffee, Prince Kuhio Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade and monthly dinner. Sadly, I had to miss some events because I was out of town (and one because I was so tired coming back that I was unsafe to participate in it). As of this writing, we have the Board Meeting and Vietnam Veterans Day Parade to close out the month.

As I recount all of these events, my mind goes back to the COVID lockdown era: we had nothing on the events calendar. When I became club president, events were few. Thus I was asked to push for more on the calendar. Now we have SO many events on the calendar that the Board Members and I must discuss and discern adding items because the calendar is so full.

Last month I was flabbergasted with our extended parade season, yet even with these parades done we have so much to look forward to - although April looks to be a bit calmer. Some fun upcoming events that I'd like to recommend: the Train Ride with the Hawaiian Railway Society on April 21st, visiting the Bosley Garage with the Mustang Club (and a screening of Gran Turismo) on May 19th, the **return of the Chili Cook-off** and **National Corvette Day** in June, our Breakfast Cruise, 4th of July celebrations, and of course, Corvettes in Paradise coming up at the end of August. I think I need a bigger calendar!

I will see you at upcoming club events.

*Matt Suhar*



# FROM THE SHOTGUN SEAT

BY: MARK KUTSY, CCOH VICE PRESIDENT



Aloha CCOH Ohana,

I am currently sitting in a United Airlines plane that is heading to Utah for a one day Raptor Assault off-road course involving 8 hours of adrenaline pumping, Baja-rock-climbing, off-roading, and ascent/decent climbing that came with the purchase of my 2023 Ford F150 Raptor. Best of all, I get to use and abuse THEIR Raptor ...and the course is free!

After 3 days in Utah, it is off to Nevada for the Ron Fellows Corvette Z06 Track Driving School. This school came with the purchase of my 2023 C8 Z06 for an additional \$1,000. But it's the best \$1,000 I've spent because, again, I get to use and abuse THEIR Z06 for 2 glorious pedal-to-the-metal days! I get to stretch the Z06's legs out on the track.

Then, I can not stay just one hour outside of the Las Vegas strip without enjoying the buffets, playing hours and hours of Texas Hold 'Em, hitting some slots, taking my chances at the Mega Millions & Powerball and best of all staying at our go-to: The Bellagio Hotel and Casino with 4 out of 5 nights comp'd. Wish me luck!

After 5 days in Nevada, it is off to Florida for 10 days to visit my Mom & Uncle and Aunt. They live next door to each other which is pretty cool and convenient. Victoria will meet me in Florida along with our two youngest daughters who plan on surprising their "Nanny". This will be one badass trip to remember!

See Everyone When I Get Back in April,

*Mark Kutsy*

**CORVETTE CLUB OF HAWAII  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA  
5 March 2024**

<b>2023 Board Members Present are</b>		
o President	Matt Suhar	Yes
o Vice President	Mark Kutsy	Yes
o Treasurer	Daniel Adams	Yes
o Membership	Colleen Cambra	Yes
o Editor	Contracted	No
o Secretary	Susie Tingey	Yes
o Master-at-Arms	Rich Witek Jr	Yes
o NCM Ambassador	Tom Cambra	Yes
o Club Historian	Dennis Shewell	Yes
o JN Representative		

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting is called to order by Rich Witek Jr. at 7:00 PM.

Master-at-Arms introduces Board Members and vacancies. Editor position is vacant. If you would like to serve on the CCOH Board as Editor, then let the Board know.

**PRESIDENTS OPENING REMARKS:**

Matt introduces Alexandria, "Miss Waikiki Teen USA" who is running for Miss Hawaii Teen in April. Best wishes and we look forward to seeing Alex at future parades.

In regard to requests for Corvettes at Parades, Matt and Mark to work with the Official Parade Organizer only.

**SECRETARY:** Susie's February Minutes were emailed and reviewed. Colleen and Tom motioned to accept and Elithe Kahn seconded.

**TREASURER:** Daniel's Treasurer Report for the period February 1, 2024, to February 29, 2024.  
(See Daniel)

**MEMBERSHIP:** Colleen's Membership and Cars Report

124	Oahu
6	Outer Island
7	Mainland
16	Associate
7	Lifetime
4	Honorary

**164**

<b>109</b>	Total Cars
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Received 1 Associate membership application and was voted in. Gary Kahn motioned to approve (1) New Associate member. John Tingey seconded.

**VICE-PRESIDENT REMARKS:** Mark reports on the upcoming club events, see CCOH newsletter or Web page for descriptions, details, and dates.



- Tonight's Guest: Terrence Iwamoto turned in his CCOH Associate application, was voted in, and was welcomed into the Club. CCOH patch was presented to Terrence. CCOH members were invited by Terrence to attend Mustang Shelby's GMM at 6:30 PM on the last Wednesday of every month. There will also be a cruise around the middle of April beginning at Honolulu Ford through the Ko'Olau ending with a meal at Papaole's in Hau'ula. More joint events to be announced on their website.
- Publication: The March 2023 Kaleo O Corvette Newsletter / Voice of the Corvette has been emailed to all members. Let the Board know if you have not received it.
- Lucky Member Raffle: All members are encouraged to find the White Binder and to sign up for meetings and events. We are keeping track of participation and will be rewarding members. Members earn 1 raffle ticket every time they attend a GMM and/or CCOH Events.
- April's Monthly Dinner Voting: To be combined with the Sakura diner on the 21st after Hawaiian Railway Society
  - o Rich motioned and Gary/Bill seconded.

### **March:**

- 5 March, General Membership Meeting, Zippy's on Vineyard, 6:00 PM for dinner 7:00 PM For Meeting
- 9 March, Cars and Coffee, Ala Moana Center 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fhQE6mNQ1aiSwnfb7> cruise to Cars and Coffee 7:30 AM, roll out 8:00 AM, at the NEX. Lunch to follow.  
pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/x3c1SEwTWuDt9bAc8>
- 10 March, Honolulu Festival Parade, PreStage at 2:00 PM at Magic Island  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bgkaM47DPysP79DA7>
- 16 March, Prince Kuhio Parade, PreStage 3:00 PM at Consolidated Theater Kapolei, 890 Kamokila Blvd, Kapolei. Dinner to follow.  
pin: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Consolidated+Theatres+Kapolei,+890+Kamokila+Blvd+%23107,+Kapolei,+HI+96707/@21.3337164,-158.0834814,17z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x7c006324eddc8415:0x4a779ad2beb2e556!8m2!3d21.3337164!4d-158.0834814!16s%2Fq%2F1th5jp42>
- 17 March, St. Patrick's Day Parade, PreStage at 9:30 AM at Magic Island. Lunch to follow at Eagle Café.  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bgkaM47DPysP79DA7>
- 19 March, Monthly Dinner, 6:00 PM Tim Smith's house (bring your own drinks)
- 26 March, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Zippy's on Vineyard
- 29 March, Vietnam Veteran's Day parade. PreStage 4:30 PM at Magic Island with movement to staging area at 4:45 PM  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bgkaM47DPysP79DA7>

### **April:**

- 2 April, General Membership Meeting, Zippy's on Vineyard, 6:00 PM for Dinner 7:00 PM For Meeting
- 13 April, Cars and Coffee, Ko'Olau Center, 9:00 AM,  
pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bXQF7rTwPW6SXCt8A> cruise to Cars and Coffee 7:30 AM, roll out 8:00 AM, at the NEX pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/x3c1SEwTWuDt9bAc8>
- 21 April, Train Ride, 2:00 PM Hawaiian Railway Society  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/mphHqYeK5BfjZGg97>  
followed by Dinner at Sakura in Ka Makana Alii
- 23 April, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Zippy's on Vineyard

**May:**

- 7 May, General Membership Meeting, Zippy's on Vineyard, 6 PM for Dinner 7 PM For Meeting
- 11 May, Cars and Coffee, Ka Makana Ali'i, 9:00 AM  
pin: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/grmXVvKVBKT54wn89>, cruise to Cars and Coffee 7:30 AM, roll out 8:00 AM, at the NEX pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/x3c1SEwTWuDt9bAc8> or Laulani Shopping Center (for the members who live on the West side) 8:15 AM,  
pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/6ZxD5ohBCSGBcWfm7>
- 19 May, Bosley's Auto Museum, Cars, Movies, Museum and Friends. A joint event with the Aloha Mustang Club 11:00 AM Address is: 899 Waimanu St Honolulu  
pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MMzocmpjann9FtRUA>, cruise to Bosley's Garage, meet at the NEX  
pin <https://maps.app.goo.gl/x3c1SEwTWuDt9bAc8>, time TBD
- 21 May, Monthly Dinner, location TBD, 6:00 PM
- 28 May, Board Meeting, 6:30 PM Zippy's on Vineyard
- 30 June, National Corvette Day. TBD

**NCM Ambassador:** Tom's Report -One CCOH member will be attending the 2024 National Corvette Caravan

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Renewal Status
  - a. Renew by April 1<sup>st</sup>
2. Honolulu Festival Parade March 10
  - a. PreStage 2:00 PM at Magic Island
3. Prince Kuhio Parade March 16
  - a. PreStage 3:00 PM at Consolidated Theater Kapolei
4. St Patrick's Day Parade March 17
  - a. PreStage 9:30 AM at Magic Island
5. Vietnam Veteran's Day Parade March 29
  - a. Have received request to transport 2 Medal of Honor Recipients and Vietnam Vets
  - b. PreStage 4:30 PM at Magic Island
6. Rail Ride – Hawaiian Railway Society
  - a. April 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 PM followed by dinner Sakura Ka Makana Ali'i.

**New Business**

1. Joint Events with The Aloha Mustang and Shelby Club of Hawaii
  - a. GMM 6:30 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at Aiea Library
  - b. Bosley's Museum 5/19 11:00 AM BBQ Lunch
2. July's Breakfast Cruise
  - a. Looking for Recommendations
3. Chili Cookoff and Movie
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of June
  - b. When / Where do we want to hold it?
4. Corvettes In Paradise – Save the Date: Aug 30<sup>th</sup> to Sept 2nd.
  - a. The Lookout at Wai Kai, possible Fashion Show Dinner
  - b. Mark is working on our graphic and updating photo.
  - c. Any Questions, ask Mark.
5. Corvette Trivia begins in June.
  - a. A quick peek tonight at Matchbox v. Hot Wheels, Mustang Boss, and What's Wrong with the Car
6. Monthly Raffle Winners:
  - a. Joe, Terrence, Mark D., Tom, Dennis, Daniel, Victoria, Mark K., and others.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Gary Kahn motioned to end the meeting at 8:18 PM and Elithe Kahn seconded.

























# LUCKY MEMBER RAFFLE

## WE WANT YOU TO WIN!

ATTENTION ALL CCOH MEMBERS!

When attending a  
General Membership Meeting  
and/or a club event,  
make sure that you SIGN IN!

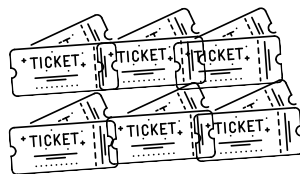
Find the WHITE binder  
with Mark or Matt.

We are keeping track because we want to  
thank everyone for participating.

For each event that a club member  
attends and signs in, the Member will be  
entered into the Annual Banquet  
Lucky Winner Raffle.



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For example:

Attend 12 General  
Membership meetings

Earn 12 ENTRIES to the  
Lucky Winner Raffle

Be eligible to win Cash and/or  
Prize(s) at the Annual Banquet

The Club appreciates when Members take time out of their busy schedules to attend General Membership Meetings and events. This is one way we could think of to show our appreciation to you. So what are you waiting for? Sign up and we will see you at the next meeting or event!





# *Welcome* **New Members!**

By Colleen Cambra, Membership Director

Each year we have new members join our Corvette Club of Hawaii Ohana. We really only introduce them after they are voted into the club. Since not all members are able to attend our meetings, I'd like to introduce them to you all.

## **The new members as of the 1st quarter of 2024:**

### **Oahu:**

Joel & Amy Propst – 2024 Red C8 Stingray Coupe

Dee Choy Hee – she just sold her 2009 Black Coupe but remains a member

### **Big Island:**

Tom Zambeck & Deanna Evans – 2019 Mystic Gray T Top

### **Associate Members:**

Robert & Marilyn Zimman of Portsmouth, NH – 1969 Black Convertible

Terrance Iwamoto

Thank you everyone who has paid their 2024 Membership Dues.

They are due on Monday, April 1st, 2024. If for some reason you have not gotten my emails about renewing your membership, please email or call me. My information is listed on the board members portion of this newsletter. Have a great month. Mahalo!

## **NCM BASH and Caravan**

By Tom Cambra, NCM Ambassador



Our Michelin NCM Bash and 30th Anniversary/Corvette Caravan events are quickly approaching, and with big events comes BIG work for all at the Museum. If any club members would like to help out through volunteering, please check out this link, and sign up for something that is fun for you!



[HTTPS://WWW.SIGNUPGENIUS.COM/GO/10C084DA8AB22AAFFC34-45521209-2024?  
USEFULSITE=TRUE#/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DA8AB22AAFFC34-45521209-2024?USEFULSITE=TRUE#/)

If you have any questions, please reach out to Mia Bethea,  
Human Resources Dept. Volunteer Coordinator at 270-467-8856

# Does your Vette have Magnetic Shocks?

by Dennis Shewell, Club Historian

**Owners of C5's, C6's and possibly C7's with the Magnetic Shock system or "Select a Ride": Your system may not have been properly prepped at the dealership before your car was first sold!**

As some of you know Pam and I just purchased a 2004 Convertible from the Big Island. It drove nice in Kona but when I got it to the crappy roads we have here on Oahu it was a completely different story. That's when I started hearing horror stories about the Magnetic Ride Shocks. The cost to replace one shock was over \$1200. After reading several articles I found that if there is something wrong it would throw a code on the DIC. No codes. The system must be working ...or so I thought.

The other morning, I saw an ad for a new search engine on TV and figured I might find something different about the suspension system. And there it was! The shipping pucks placed on the top of the shocks had never been removed before delivery to it's first owner. GM placed the pucks on the shocks to keep the car from bouncing around while being transported from the factory.

No. Wait! My Vette is 20 years old. One of the three pervious owners must have complained about it at one time or another. I had the CarFax



showing the car had been serviced no less than 10 times by Certified Chevy dealerships. I have the paper work from most of the times that it was serviced. During one servicing it states "Checked suspension and everything is working properly." The previous owner had a local tire shop on the Big Island check the suspension, nothing wrong. Then I went back to the internet and looked for people that still had the pucks in their car after taking possession. I stopped after the 20th person I found. Most had found the pucks many years after the car was first purchased.

I went out and pulled the rear wheel off the car. All of the shocks have dust boots that go over the top of the shock absorber. I lifted up the dust boot and couldn't see a puck. But after looking again I could see the yellow nylon strap. I pulled the nylon strap and there it was: "The Puck" that should have been removed 20 years ago.

After pulling out all of the pucks and putting the wheels back on Pam and I took it for a ride. It was like night and day. The car rode and drove 100% better. I couldn't believe it. You could even feel the difference when you switched the Select a Ride switch.

Something so simple.



# CLUB EVENTS

## APRIL

**2nd** General Membership Meeting  
Zippy's Vineyard 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

**13th** Cars and Coffee, Ko'Olau Center 9am  
7:30am Meet at NEX  
8:00am Roll Out & Cruise to Ko'Olau Center

**21st** Hawaiian Railway Society 2:00pm  
Train Ride and dinner to follow  
at Sakura (Ka Makana Ali'i)

**23rd** Board Meeting  
Zippy's Vineyard 6:30pm

## MAY

**7th** General Membership Meeting  
Zippy's Vineyard 6pm Dinner, 7pm Meeting

**11th** Cars and Coffee, Ka Makana Ali'i 9am  
7:30am Meet at NEX  
8:00am Roll Out & Cruise to Ka Makana Ali'i  
\*Members coming from the west side:  
8:15am Meet at Laulani Shopping Center to  
Cruise to Ka Makana Ali'i

**19th** Bosley's Museum 11am

**21st** Monthly Dinner, location TBD, 6:00pm

**28th** Board Meeting  
Zippy's Vineyard 6:30pm

## Photo Submissions Welcome



Do you have awesome CCOH Photos?  
Want your car featured on the cover  
of next month's newsletter?

Send in your photo submission to  
Mark (ccohvicepres@gmail.com)

AND

Matt (ccohpres@gmail.com).

Submissions must be received  
at least two (2) days before  
the Board Meeting for review.