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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our 2016 Big Bear Bash has come and gone. We ended up with a good turn out and I believe everyone had a good time. I have not heard any negatives, which is always great! Corvettes West regained the Trivia Contest trophy by beating out Inland Empire (last year's winner), and the other participants at BBB. IEC did pull out the win for horseshoes once again. CW is going to have to practice up on horseshoes.

I want to thank all of those who helped put BBB together this year, either prior and/or during the Big Bear weekend. We got the job done. A special thank you to John Blackledge for chairing, and Diana Blackledge for holding down on site registration.

We have some great events coming up. Victor Valley Vettes is having a Poker Rallye in August. It would be great to attend this since they always have representation from their club at Big Bear Bash.

The NCCC Convention is in Omaha, Nebraska this year. So far, those I know who are going are: Ron Richardson, Curtis and Sandra Richmond, Barry and Karen Misuik (IEC), and Diane and myself. Anyone else care to join us?

Dan and Elaine Flanigan are hosting the CW Summer Party this year at their home "Rancho Costalot". Dan suggests that you bring your swim suit since they have a net for the pool and we can all cool off playing Pool Volleyball! For those who have been in the club for a long time, do you remember how much we enjoyed playing PVB when the Swift's hosted at their prior home? Signup sheet will be at the July and August meetings-or you can call the Flanigans.

Hope you all are staying cool in one fashion or another.

George Swift
Save the wave



Corvettes West General meetings
are held the first TUESDAY of the month at
El Patron Restaurant
3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA 92507
(951) 462-1161
Dinner 6:00 PM, Meeting 7:00 PM.

Our Business meetings are held the
first TUESDAY of the month at 5:15 PM
just prior to the general meeting
at the same location.

Fast Track articles are due
by the 15th of each month.
They may be hand delivered to Diane Swift or
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SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Would you like to make a grand entrance into the Big Bear Bash this year. Well, Tom Bell, our sponsor, has some vehicles you might be interested in to help make your entrance a really grand one. Currently, Tom Bell has 3 new 2016 Stingray coupes, 2 Z06's, 1 convertible and 1 a coupe, and they have a 2016 Stingray coupe in transit. In addition, on the previously owned lot, they have a 2006 Corvette convertible with 50K miles.

On the Camaro new car lot, Tom Bell has 21 new 2016 Camaro coupes and in transit, they have an additional 19 new 2016 coupes. On the previously owned Camaro lot, Tom Bell has a 2012 coupe, a 2013 coupe, 2 2014 coupes and a 2015 coupe. Should you have an interest in any

of these fine vehicles, please contact Derek Hanson at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing. Tom Bell is our sponsor and they have been very good to Corvettes West. The way we can show our support of them is to take our vehicles to them for servicing. When you do take your vehicle to them, please be sure, at the time of your write up to let the Service Writer know that you are a member of Corvettes West and request your club discount. Please let me know about your service experience.

Save the wave.

Bill Dodge

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

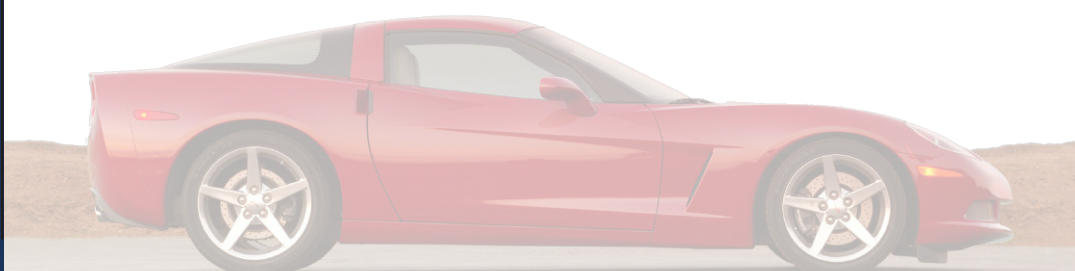
PRODUCTS

Both Sharon & I want to thank all those that helped with the Gimmick/Poker Rallye at BBB this year. Much thanks to Gordon Shulda, the Hoyts, the Flanigans & John Blackledge. All the participants who ran the Sunday Rallye seemed to be on good terms when they returned with their answer sheets, so I think they found it to be fun.

For the Rallye itself, Shannon & Dawnette Norris from Corvette Supersports won 1st place & Doug & Jackie Lyon 2nd. Shannon & Dawnette also won 2nd place for the Poker portion, & the Holloways from Pomona Valley Corvette Association won 1st!

I've put in more orders for flags, and be sure to see me if you are interested shirts, stickers, hats, etc.

Rick MacGillivray



CORNERS & CURVES

(EDITOR'S NOTES)



Diane Swift

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Thank you to all who attended Big Bear Bash! I send out a really big "Thank You" to Diana Blackledge who handled the registration during the BBB weekend since I was enjoying company and attending my High School reunion. Also I would like to thank Sharon MacGillivray and anyone else who I am not aware of. As I had said, this Newsletter would be a bit late this month since I wanted to include pictures from the Bash. Hope everyone enjoys them!



It was great to see Frank Valdez and his son at the June General meeting!

MORE BIG BEAR BASH PICTURES
TO COME NEXT MONTH!

VICE-PRESIDENTS ARTICLE

It has been a busy month, most of it working on Big Bear Bash. Lots to do including picking up and returning the Corvettes West trailer from, and back to Bob Miller's RV sales and repair business in Beaumont. We really appreciate this, thank you Bob from all of us. You can read more about the BBB farther back in the news letter.

A few of us hit the race track this month. Gordon Shulda, Rick Riddle and I made it to the Fontana Royal Race on Sunday June 12th along with a few other Corvettes from Pacific Coast Corvettes. There were over a dozen Corvettes out there that day. They call this the ROVAL track because they use 1/2 of the OVAL race track and then go into the middle for a road racing course that has 14 turns before it comes back out to the Oval track with two 60 degree banked turns. It is always a fun day out at the track.

There is a race coming up at Willow springs on October 1st & 2nd with West Coast Racing if anyone is interested. You can look them up on line and get all the details. I think Speed Ventures is also racing that weekend at Fontana.

There is another Race of sorts coming up October 8th. It is called the Mojave Mile. It is a straight run to see how fast you can go in a measured mile. You get 1 1/2 miles to do this I think. If you're interested you can look it up or talk with Gordon Shulda for more details, but you must sign up by July 5th, which is a very short lead time I know. I cannot make this one but it is on my Bucket List. I think Gordon is going to this one.

One of us, Janet Curran, actually got to go to a real race, the 24 hr at Lemans. She just got back in time for the Big Bear Bash and made it, jet lag and all. You can ask her all about it at the next meeting.

Well, now that the Bash is over, I am looking forward to a little down time and a little vacation as well. Take care, look forward to seeing you at the July meeting next week.

Your Vice President
John Blackledge



BLOOD BANK

"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"

"To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to care." Caring is what Corvettes West(CW) is all about. We support many charities through donations and by attending car shows that support other charities. The Blood Bank(BB) is one of those other charities we support with our donations of blood and blood products. The person who needs blood or blood products does not care who you are or how you dress, they care about seeing another day with their family.

At our last club donation day we had a good turn out but we could have had more members show up and donate. Our usual crew of donators was present and with the exception of one individual, all were able to help someone in the community with a donation. "You just have to care." And we do care. For those of you who chose not to donate or just can not donate, come out on the donation days and support the club members who do donate. Your one donation of blood can help up to 3 people. And you will feel good about what you did.

At the last meeting, I was made aware that not everyone knows where it is that we donate. In the past I have added the address for the BB but I stopped doing it. I am going to add the addresses again for those new members who are not familiar with the various places the BB does business.

Where we have been going is LifeStream located at 384 West Orange Show Road in San Bernardino, 909 885-6503. In addition, the Riverside branch is located at 4006 Van Buren Blvd., Riverside, 951-687-2530 and for our High Desert members, the BB is located at 12520 Business Center Drive, Building G, Victorville, 760-843-9200. The San Bernardino BB is the biggest of the BB offices. If you need directions, call me and I will do what I can to help you get to a center closest to you. But it is always fun to have everyone at the San Bernardino center.

Add the following dates to your calendar: July 30th, October 1st, and December 3rd of 2016 and January 28th, 2017 for our first donation date in 2017. Make donating a priority. People come out and donate when there is a big tragedy such as what happened in San Bernardino last December and now in Orlando, Florida. But donations are needed all year long. Please come join other club members for a heart warming experience and donate because you do care.

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Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.

Bill Dodge



2016 BIG BEAR BASH - ROUND UP, WRAP UP

Another great Big Bear Bash is in the history books. Thirty-Four years is quite remarkable when you think about it. That is a long time for any organization to host a three day event like this one. We had one gentleman there this year that was at the first Big Bear Bash 34 years ago and another 28 years ago. There were many others that have been there for 10, 20, and more of these years as well. We also had a number of attendees at the Bash for the first time.

The Horseshoe Rallye was a lot of fun for everyone. This was our 2nd year for Horseshoes, first time we combined it with a Rallye. Frank Clarke chaired the event and once again did a great job.

The car show was held the same day as horseshoes and had quite a great display of Corvettes. Bob Miller chaired this event again and did a great job. Friday night dinner we had the 3rd annual Corvette Trivia Challenge again chaired by Frank Clarke, assisted by his son Chris, who put all the questions together and gave the great presentation for every one to see.

The Saturday Autocross was back at the Airport after last year's last minute move to the Snow Valley parking lot.

Janet Curran chaired this again for us this year with a lot of help from many others and did a wonderful job making this event happen. It was well attended and enjoyed by all.

That afternoon, back at the Robinhood, we had an old fashion Shoot Out in the parking lot just before the caravan around the lake. The bank robber shot the Sheriff, yours truly, and then the Marshall saved the day and shot the bank robber. It was fun and loud, put on by two western performers from the GHOST RIDERS, out of Riverside.

In honor of the Flores family headed by Manny, one of our past members who many of you remember, and his lovely wife Gail who is still a member but could not be with us this year due to medical issues, and Manny's son Dan and his wife Cathy, I lead the Caravan around the lake for the first time, but I could only envision that I was driving that beautiful steel Blue '59 Corvette with Ghost Flames that Manny built and he and his family have shared with us for so many years including leading the Caravans. Thank you to the Flores family for all the wonderful memories. Gail, we hope you get well soon. We miss you.

The Saturday night dinner was filled with fun. We had the AutoX awards, a great dinner, the Western Costume contest and a big Cash Price Raffle giving away over \$2,000. That made 15 people very happy. We also gave away some very special Corvette prizes donated by Carolyn Miller. After the dinner many of our die hard, party hardy Corvetters stayed and danced much of the night away, well until they were asked to tone it down a bit. I love it.

Sunday we finished the weekend with our terrific Poker Rallye around Big Bear put on again by Rick & Sharon MacGillivray. They do a great job every year setting these runs up and making them happen.

A special thank you to Diane Swift who put all the pre-registration together, Diana Blackledge for handling the registration at the hotel, and to everyone else who helped out at the registration table. I also want to say a big thanks to everyone else who participated in this year's 34th BIG BEAR BASH who made it such a special event for everyone who attended.

Your 2016 BBB Chairman
John Blackledge



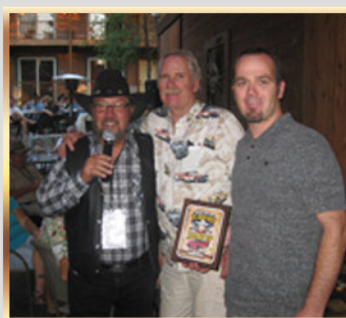
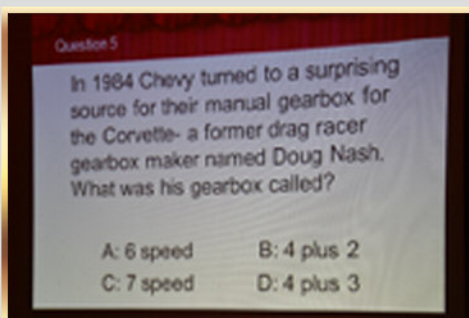
CORVETTES WEST



Janet, just back from LeMans,
now heading up BBB AutoX



George Swift @ AutoX with Kaye Powley looking on



John presenting
a thank you trophy
to Charlie, CW member,
and the Host Hotel

Do you know the answer to this Corvette Trivia Quiz question?



Bud Norris and his daughter Shannon & Franke



Bob, Rosemarie and Craig

Don
Winters



Doug and Jackie Receiving their BBB Award



THE SHOOTOUT



Costume Winners
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Rosemarie & Craig Clark







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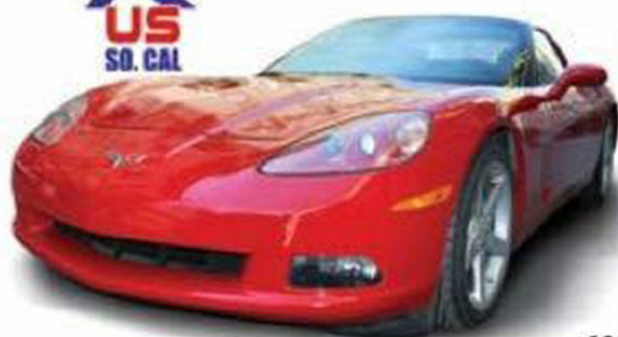
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C A L E N D A R

JULY	EVENTS	CONTACTS
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting @ El Patron at 3204 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside @ 7pm. Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting.	George 951-776-0936
Sat. 9	Sanctioned Poker Run by O.C. Vettes	For info go to: ncccwcregion.org (Calendar)
Sat. 9	Sanctioned Low Speed Auto X in Santa Maria by Vapor Trail Vettes	For info go to: ncccwcregion.org (Calendar)
Sun. 17 thru Fri. 22	NCCC National Convention Omaha, Nebraska	For info go to: ncccwcregion.org (Calendar)
AUGUST	EVENTS	CONTACTS
Tues. 2	CW General Meeting @ El Patron at 3204 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside @ 7pm. Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting.	George 951-776-0936
Sat. 20	Corvettes West Summer Party @ Flanigan's 3PM Signup sheet at General Meeting	Dan or Elaine 909-793-9532
Sun. 21	17th Annual Ronald McDonald Car Show Participant's Choice, Sanctioned @ Loma Linda Ronald McDonald House	Balinda @ 951-539-1653 Eric @ 909-855-7625
Sat. 27	Desert Breeze Rallyes put on by Victor Valley Vettes	a2000scrub@ yahoo.com
SEPTEMBER	EVENTS	CONTACTS
Tues. 6	CW General Meeting @ El Patron at 3204 Mission Inn Ave. Riverside @ 7pm. Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting.	George 951-776-0936
Sat. 17	WC Regional Gov. Meeting @ Marie Calendar Victorville. Meeting @ 1pm. Come early to eat.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000
Sat. 25	Sanctioned CAR SHOW by Corvette Supersports	For info go to: ncccwcregion.org (Calendar)

HELPING HANDS

We had a great time at the Big Bear Bash this year! We had some great money prizes at the raffle, too. I was one of the lucky winners! Yipee.

Back to reality, please think about any donations you might have for Inland Temporary Homes. Cookware, dishes, bedding, some foods that are non-perishable (peanut butter, mayo, etc.), furniture, working appliances, small electrics or basically anything for a house. They will pick up larger items. Ask me if you have any questions.

Sharon Mac Gillivray

HOMECOMINGS & PARADES

No Parades or Homecomings are on the calendar for now.

Requests for Fall/Winter 2016 Homecomings will most likely start coming in next month in August.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail me
951-776-0936
or 2swift@att.net

Thanks
George Swift
Save the wave

SUNSHINE/SHADOWS

Hi Everyone!

Wow! Summer sure came in with a blast. Hope everyone can stay out of the heat and stay cool.

The good news is Elaine Flanigan is out of her brace and able to drive, etc. She will be having some physical therapy to get her strength back. Kristi Richardson is also doing well. She is finished with all of her treatments and is back at work. Sources tell me Gail Flores is also much better. She has even been able to do a little traveling.

I don't know if Frank Valdez has had his surgery yet. It was so good to see him at the June General meeting, even though he was still trying to regain enough strength (at that time) to have his surgery.

I have also heard that Wally Napolski has been in and out of the hospital for a medical condition. We hope it clears up soon.

Sunshine to All,
LeeAnn Northrop - Sunshine

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