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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day

When We Go Green.



We Go FAST!

Corvettes West
General meetings
are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
at Riverside Elks Lodge
#643

6166 Brockton Ave.
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Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM

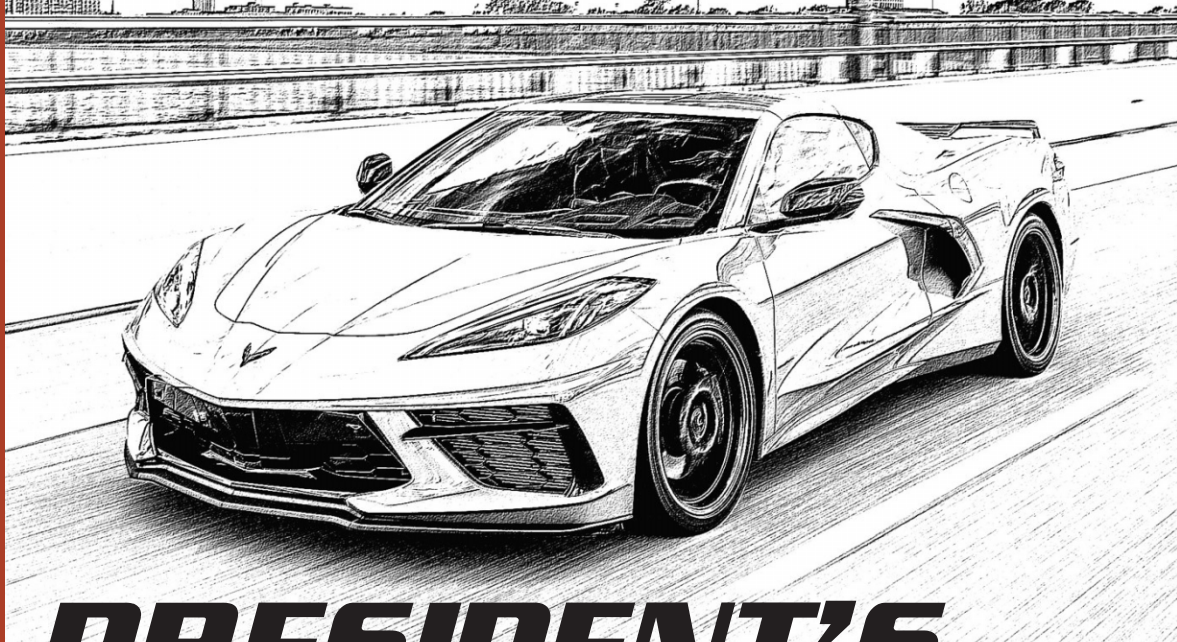
Our Business meetings
are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
at 4:30 PM just prior to
the general meeting
at the same location.

Fast Track articles
are due by the 18th
of each month.

They may be hand
delivered to
George Swift
or emailed to
corvettenews@gmail.com
Email is preferred

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

MYRON KOZA.....10
BARBARA RENNA17
DAVID BULF20
CAROL CLARK25
KRISTI RICHARDSON25
DEBBIE BULMAN.....28
TEE JENNINGS.....29
DAVID NORTHROP31



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello everyone. Well, I have to say, February was a rough month. Unfortunately, we lost one of our great members, Bob Miller. Bob passed away in the beginning of the month. Bob was such a fantastic guy a great to visit with. You could always see him coming with his bright orange shirt and hat. The board members have been in constant contact with Debbie Phillips to make sure she knows we will help her in any way she needs.

Jenni and I hated that we weren't able to get together for our annual Valentine's Day outing. We really miss seeing everyone at all of our events. However, we are planning on doing our Awards Banquet (light) this year at the Elks. I won't go into detail as Kristi will have all of that information for everyone. I look forward to seeing everyone there, but I understand that if you are still not comfortable getting out in public.

And wouldn't you know it, but a few days before my birthday, I got into a car accident with my corvette. Everyone is ok, just a few minor injuries. I was going through an intersection when a car coming from the opposite direction turned left in front of me. I tried to swerve but it was too late. Not sure if the car will be totaled or not, but the right front took some damage. Luckily a witness stopped and gave me his info because he said she ran a red light. Hopefully I'll have a corvette to take to the awards banquet.

I hope more and more of you are getting vaccinated. Jenni and I are really looking forward to seeing everyone again. We miss all of you. Drive safe.



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SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I have started seeing more C8's on the road and in parking lots. What a pretty car. The Corvette Assembly Plant was closed for a week at the beginning of February due to supply chain issues. The Kentucky plant is running 2 shifts building the C8. This will give Corvette 92 to 94 new Corvettes per shift. But will leave Corvette about 930 to 940 cars behind.

I read a story about a new Corvette with 500 miles on the clock. It developed an oil leak, caught fire and was totally destroyed. The best part of the story is that Chevy replaced the car for the owner.

For January 2021, Corvette C8's were the fastest selling car in the USA.

Currently, our sponsor, Tom Bell Chevrolet, has 1 new 2021 C8 in transit. They have no previously owned Corvettes. They do have 1 new 2021 Camaro Coupe on the new car lot.

If you have any interest in these vehicles, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing.

If you have a need for service on any of your vehicles, please take your vehicle(s) to Tom Bell's Service Department. When you do this, please let the service writer know, at the time of write up, that you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the Club discount.

Bill Dodge

Sponsor's
Representative



Evently Speaking

Kristi Richardson

Well, so far 2021 has been a bit of a wild ride. Who thought TEXAS would be a major Winter storm disaster area? One wonders how many of them will now decide to up and move BACK to California?

Thankfully, finally, we have the go ahead to have a regular CW meeting, if you are comfortable to come out to Elks Lodge March 2nd. It will be sort of back to normal

We are planning our AWARDS BANQUET at the ELKS Lodge for APRIL 11th, starting at 4 p.m. for photos & cocktails. As we could not do any homecoming parades to raise funds, the cost is \$20 per person. We need a final count by March 28th so please contact me to RSVP by then. Your menu choices are Steak, Chicken or Vegetarian entrée, served with a salad and side vegetable. A flyer with more details will be provided.

We all know these past 12 pandemic months have been harsh with the losses of friends and loved ones, including members and past members. And due to restrictions on gathering, memorial and funeral services are largely put off for the future or are very small, immediate family only. When we get information regarding memorial for Bob Miller we will communicate that to members.

We do have an opportunity to show our support by doing a Corvette Parade in respect. I recently was in

touch with a former member, Kristi Cooper, who, with her husband Kaeon were members for a couple years ago, I think 2014 to 16. They were a young newly married couple and had to set membership aside when they started having children, who are now 4 and 18 months. Kristi let me know that Kaeon, 42, died of heart failure on Feb. 7th. Many of us have kids that age. She said that he had recently been planning to rejoin our club as they enjoyed it so much and appreciated the community service activities of the club.

If you are available to do a drive-by for his interment at Montecito Park on March 9 to drive by at 10:30 a.m. that would be a great show of support for her. She said the only way she got a date for interment this soon was because she will only have herself and one other grave side. We can meet by 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Stater's Market shopping center at 2053 E. Washington, the corner of Washington and S. Cooley, Colton, just West of Montecito Park in Loma Linda. You may not recall this young couple, but that's OK, we won't be allowed to stop and give condolences. We can do a lunch afterwards.

As always, my contact info is (951) 545-1006 and Kristirichards325@gmail.com if you are not at meeting to put your name on lists of any activities in which you would like to participate.

Kristi & Ron Richardson

Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well I usually have fun things to talk about in my articles but this time I have a heavy heart with the passing of Bob Miller. Bob was a great guy and was involved in most of our Clubs activities. I feel very lucky to have talked to Bob several days before his passing. We had a nice talk and he said he was feeling better and then two day later he passed away! Our thoughts and prayers were with him and his family and especially with Debbie who has been his soul mate for so many years. He is for sure going to be missed and not seeing that Orange Vette is going to be very difficult for a lot of us.

On the brighter side, I am excited to be meeting on the 2nd of March, and hoping to see a lot of members. I totally understand that there are some members that aren't comfortable meeting as yet and I hope as the year goes on that we will ALL be able to meet once again.

March is one of my favorite months and not just because of St. Patrick's Day which is on the 17th when I put on some green in the morning and have some fun in the evening! LOL

I do hope most of you who wanted to get your COVID shots were able to do so as George, Howard and myself were fortunate enough to get ours thru the VA. It's nice to see more C8's on the road these days and several of us are hoping to own one in a couple of years when the E-Ray comes out, which is taking the place of the Grand Sport!

"Stay Safe", and we see a lot of you on the 2nd.

Dan Flanigan

Vice President

Bob Miller
and Debbie Phillips



Here are the
Answers to last
month's trivia



**WHAT YEAR WAS
THE LT1 DEBUTED**

- ☐ 1969
- ☒ 1970
- ☐ 1971
- ☐ 1972
- ☐ 1973

**WHAT WAS THE
HORSEPOWER OF LT1**

- ☐ 300
- ☐ 325
- ☒ 350
- ☐ 370

**WHAT WAS THE LAST
YEAR OF THE 1st LT1**

- ☐ 1971
- ☒ 1972
- ☐ 1973
- ☐ 1974

**What was year of the 2nd
generation of the LT1**

- ☐ 1990
- ☐ 1991
- ☒ 1992
- ☐ 1993

**WHAT THE DIFFERENCE
IN THE NEW LT1**

- ☒ Reverse Flow
- ☐ 350 engine
- ☐ 327 engine
- ☐ 283 engine

**WHERE WAS THE
DISTRIBUTOR**

- ☐ In back of engine
- ☒ in front of engine.
- ☐ On top of engine.
- ☐ In glove box

What turned the water pump

- ☐ Belt
- ☐ Computer
- ☒ Gear
- ☐ No water pump

**What the year of the
3rd generation LT1**

- ☐ 2012
- ☐ 2013
- ☒ 2014
- ☐ 2015

**What year was the Corvette
built simultaneous in two
locations**

- ☐ 1978
- ☐ 1979
- ☐ 1980
- ☒ 1981

**Where was the two
factory locations**

- ☐ Detroit/St Louis
- ☐ Flint/ St Louis
- ☐ Detroit / Louisville
- ☒ St Louis/ Bowling Green



Well, the Blood Bank is changing. The Blood Bank store has been discontinued. Now, from what I have heard, the Blood Bank will be handing out their gifts for donating on a monthly or bi-monthly schedule. When I can find out more about that schedule, I will let you know. Right now, they are handing out shirts with a saying on them. In March, I have heard they will be giving away hats. Just one (1) more way they are trying to get you to donate. Also, they are going to uniforms for all staff.

The Blood Bank is still in need of new donors. The problem is that illnesses, accidents, and people with on -going need for blood and blood products are still with us and still

needing blood. The facility is always cleaning chairs and areas where donors go or sit. They will not let you into the facility unless you are wearing a mask. And they do practice social distancing. So please call and make an appointment to donate. The phone numbers and addresses are at the end of this article. It is not a long procedure and you will be giving someone the gift of life, blood. The calendar of CW donation dates are as follows: March 27th, May 29th, July 31st, October 2nd, and December 4th.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver
Bill Dodge

BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

San Bernardino	Phone: 909-885-6503	384 West Orangeshow Road
Ontario.....	Phone: 909-987-3158.....	1959 East Fourth Street
La Quinta	Phone: 760-777-8844.....	79-215 Corporate Centre Drive
Riverside	Phone: 951-687-2530	4006 Van Buren Blvd.
Victorville	Phone: 760-843-9700.....	12520 Business Center Drive
Murrieta	Phone: 951-973-7777.....	40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
Rancho Mirage.....	Phone: 760-797-8496	42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
Moreno Valley Mall		Top Floor, Next to the JC Penney

Just some personal reflections and thoughts. Thinking of how blessed and thankful we are.

Our friend/Blood Bank rep, Bill Dodge, affectionately known as “The Count”, reminds the club of CW donation days. This is of great importance!

Donors can donate anytime between those dates, also, if that is what works. The key is to donate. I am no longer allowed to donate, due to a medication,

but Joe’s big heart led him to donate on Valentine’s Day morning.

I remember when club members have gone through serious health crises and blood donations were of the utmost importance.

On a personal level, our granddaughter was born in June 2020, three weeks early, with a situation that required blood transfusions. Because of a blood supply that filled that need, we

have that precious little girl, today, living and thriving, and, of course, beautiful. This was in San Diego and had nothing to do with CW. It had everything to do with blood donations and supply.

Final thought on this, none of us knows when we might be the one in need of transfusion. So, if you can, please donate.

Dottie LaGreca

Helping Hands



Knock on wood, we'll be having a REAL in person meeting on March 2. Rick & I are very much looking forward to that! We all are, of course.

We will be discussing our yearly charity donations at the board meeting (Zoom) on Monday, March 1. We'll be sharing that info at the meeting the following night, and any input from club members is most welcome.

Lifestream (blood bank) is in dire need of blood donations. I understand that one reason is that they've not been able to go to high schools for donations during this pandemic. There will be a club donation date this month, but any day is fine. The environment is very sanitary at Lifestream. 🙏

See you all at the meeting!

Sharon MacGillivray

REMEMBERING BOB MILLER

Corvettes West just lost a great member and more than that, a great individual. Bob Miller passed away Early February at Redlands Community Hospital.

Bob has been a Club member since 2012, shortly after he got his new ZR1 (**orange**) Corvette, which he won after a last minute decision to purchase one raffle ticket through the Corvette Museum.

Bob had an obsession with the color **orange** - hats, t-shirts, shoes, polo shirts, and cars. He once said this obsession started when he won an **orange Studebaker** in a sales contest.

Bob was always in there helping Corvettes West wherever he could. Big Bear Bash was one of his favorites and he would always lend us his golf cart for our Funkana, along with helping chair an event or two

at BBB. He has owned many vehicles, including a 1918 Oldsmobile flatbed truck which is very rare.

Bob leaves behind a daughter, a son, and his beloved significant other Debbie Phillips.



May he ~~Rest~~ **Orange** in peace.



Corvettes West

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2021 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2020 Through October 31, 2021

Membership dues are \$100.00 for a period of one year, due November 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee and NCCC memberships. Renewal dues postmarked after November 1st will be considered delinquent and member will be assessed an additional \$10.00. New members are prorated. Complete application in its entirety. Do not indicate "same as before." **(If your NCCC is through another club, your dues are \$70.00)**

Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$100.00 or \$110.00 made out to "Corvettes West"
Mail to: Corvettes West, P.O. Box 56837 Riverside, CA 92517

MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Phone (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____
Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____
Spouse/Designee _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____
Current NCCC# (Yours) _____ (Spouse/Designee) _____
How did you hear about us? ☐ Website ☐ Event ☐ Member ☐ Other _____

Have you owned a Corvette before? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If so, how many? _____

Current Corvette(s): Year _____ Color _____ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible

Year _____ Color _____ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Year _____ Color _____ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Year _____ Color _____ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

OTHER CLUBS? Name(s) of other Corvette clubs to which you belong:

1. _____ NCCC# _____

2. _____ NCCC# _____

INTERESTS? List events or activities that would be of interest to you:



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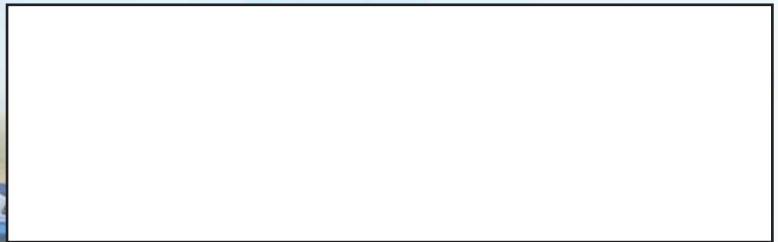
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