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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Our club has started 2017 with a full Board of Officers. The only committee chairperson that we need is for Sunshine & Shadows. Please see myself or Lee Ann Northrop if you would like to fill this position.

Howard Hoyt has offered to take over the Webmaster position. He comes with good credentials, being he is a retired college computer professor. Corvettes West thanks you Howard.

Corvettes West welcomes our new members to join us in getting involved in our activities surrounding Corvettes. That is what this club is about-first and foremost we are a "car club". After all, you have to own a Corvette to belong. We also need to support businesses and people who support Corvettes like our sponsor Tom Bell Chevrolet, and also the National Corvette Museum.

Thanks to Kaye Powley, members of Corvettes West have an opportunity to drive their Corvette around the

track at Irwindale Raceway on these dates – April 22, July 29, August 19. You must be at the track by 3pm on these days and you will be among other Corvettes as well as other sports cars. Maybe Corvettes West will make a run out of it.

May 7, 2017 our club will be hosting a car show at our sponsor's dealership, Tom Bell Chevrolet. This show will be open to other cars besides Vettes. We as a club can work together to put this show on.

I hope everyone's new year has started off well. See you at the February 7th meeting.

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
emailed to 2swift@att.net
Email is preferred



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JAN McKEE.....05

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SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The New Year is here and I hope you all had a safe and sane start to 2017. I also hope that all our friends at Tom Bell had a safe and sane start to 2017.

I guess Santa could not get that new Stingray into his sleigh as I did not find it under the tree. If I was him, I would have kept it for myself and maybe that's what he did. Maybe next year. Our sponsor, Tom Bell, has some nice new Stingrays for our consideration. They currently have a 2017 Corvette Grand Sport coupe, two 2017 Corvette Stingray coupes and one 2016 Corvette Stingray Z06 convertible. In addition, on the previously owned lot, they have a 2007 Corvette coupe. They also have 42 new 2017 Camaro coupes and 5 new 2016 Camaro coupes on the new car lot. In addition, they have a 2011 Camaro coupe on the previously owned lot. Should you have an interest in any of these fine

vehicles, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager, at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing.

If your vehicle needs service, the place to go is Tom Bell Chevrolet. Why? Because Tom Bell is our sponsor and by using their services, we are showing support for them. Tom Bell has been very good to Corvettes West so let's support our sponsor. When you do go for service, please let the Service Writer know at the time of write up that you are a Corvettes West member so you will get the club discount. When you have service, please let me know about your experience with the service department.

Save the wave.

Bill Dodge

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

EVENTS

We've all been trying to keep warm and dry, and to drive safely through January. Our February hope is that the weather is better and we can get out and enjoy a little drive in the Corvettes for a late Valentine's Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 16th, at Napoli Italian Restaurant, 24960 Redlands Blvd., Loma Linda, The NW corner of Anderson and Redlands Blvd. just south of the 10 is the spot, if you've not been there. We'll have a Banquet and menu set up just for Corvettes West, at \$25/person. This includes four courses plus coffee, tea or soft drink.

We will have a signup sheet at the Awards Banquet January 29th, and at our general meeting Feb. 7th. You may also call at (951) 789-1322, Richardson's and reserve a spot.

But, before Valentine's gets here, there will be a Super Bowl Party at the Swift's on Sunday, February 5th. See details on the flyer in this month's Newsletter.

We are very open to ideas for Dine of the Month or other activities you think the Club members might enjoy.

Kristi Richardson



VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Happy New Years Again!

What a great time for George to get sick, as it was my first meeting as VP, and here I had to handle the January Board Meeting and General Meeting in his absence! My thanks to John Blackledge for helping me get through both meetings.

We went on a fun filled trip to Florida for a couple of weeks this month and just got back on the 23rd- which considering the weather we have had this month in California, the Corvette sure would not have been on the road much anyway. I didn't have much time to prepare for this article, so I thought I would take the liberty to share a few things that happened during our trip.

The main reason for our trip to Orlando Florida, was to see our Granddaughter compete in the College Dance Team National Championship. The competition was held at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex at Disney World. Her school competed in the Open College Category, and I am very proud to say that her College Team won 1st place in the Pom competition, and were Crowned National Champions! They also competed in the Jazz competition and finished 4th, which was very good also. These were colleges from all over the country that had to qualify to be even invited to this completion, so this was a very special accomplishment for these girls. This competition will be shown on ESPN in the next couple of weeks. Having a few days of free time we decided to go to Epcot while we were at Disney World.

While there we rode a lot of the rides, the best of which was the "Test Track" prepared by Chevrolet. With this attraction you get to totally design a car- your car. You select the type of engine, design the body, pick the color and wheels, etc. and then you get on the track and compete with all the others that were in your group, which was about 40. Well, we finished 3rd in speed and performance. There was no judging for design, but of course, we felt ours looked the best!



Lastly, we met several of our friends who we haven't seen for years, who have winter homes in Florida. What was even better was to hear that they both currently own Corvettes, one was on his forth Vette and the other was on his second, so we had fun sharing about our Corvette experiences. Obviously our friends have great taste in Sports Cars! See, even though we were across the country Elaine and I were still in the company of Corvetters!

Until Next Month.

Dan Flanigan



BLOOD BANK

"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"

If you had the opportunity to visit the blood bank during the holidays you would have been surprised by the waiting time which means there were lots of folks donating. Yes, I was there and I did have to wait in spite of having an appointment. The wait was worth it as the blood bank really needs the blood and blood products. The club does have its first club donation day coming up on February 4th.

Please add this date to your calendar and come out and donate or just come out to support those who do donate. You may have seen the article in the local paper indicating that the blood bank has a new 100 gallon donor at the Riverside center. I am not sure how many 100 gallon donors there are now but I will find out for the next article. Also, the annual blood bank recognition dinner is coming up soon. The club does have several people who will be attending and with our dedicated club donors, we will have more members attending in the near future.

What does it take to be a donor? Well, first is the willingness to take care of self so that you will be prepared to donate. Then you need to be able to give up the necessary time to donate which is not a lot. And you need to be community minded and lastly you will need to Find the Hero in You and do something that might make you uncomfortable for a brief period of time. The reward in

donating is knowing that there is a person who needs you to be their hero. It really is a great feeling. I encourage everyone to find that hero in you and experience the love of giving and saving lives. Come, join your fellow club members on February 4th.

The dates for the club donations are as follows: February 4th, April 8th, June 10th, August 12th, October 14th, and December 16th. Add all of these dates to your calendar and come out and donate.

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

Save the Wave by Saving the Waver.
Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.
Bill Dodge

NCCC Governor

The Bakersfield Corvette Club just rejoined NCCC and attended the Regional Governor's meeting on Saturday January 21st in San Juan Capistrano. That's good news for many reasons, not the least of which is they host a great event every year called the Gamblers Classic, a run to Laughlin Nevada. This year it will be April 20th -22nd. I will bring flyers to the next meeting for anyone interested in attending.

A special thanks to Jim and Sandy Gillam for attending the NCCC meeting with me this month. Jim is a past NCCC Governor for Corvettes West, but anyone from our club can come to these meetings and see what is happening in our region and national NCCC.

George Swift and I will be attending a National NCCC meeting on behalf of Corvettes West in St. Louis on February 24th & 25th. This will be my first National NCCC meeting, but George has been at these meetings before.

Corvettes West and Inland Empire Corvettes will be hosting the next NCCC South West Regional Governors' meeting at El Patron in Riverside on Saturday, May 13th. This will be a great opportunity to attend one of these meetings closer to home. I will provide the details later.

Hope everyone had a great month and I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

John Blackledge
CORVETTES WEST NCCC Governor





CORNERS & CURVES (EDITOR'S NOTES)

So, how about this weather? We need rain so badly. So it is good to get it, but I wish it was not so much in such a short period of time. Obviously you get it when you get it. And this is a cold winter for us also. Let's just say that when the sun is out I for one really appreciate it!

Sunday, Jan. 29th sixty four of us were at the Corvettes West Awards Banquet. Then Sunday, Feb. 5th some of our members will be at our club Super Bowl party. On Tuesday, Feb. 7th we will meet once again for our regular General Meeting at El Patron.

Speaking of the General Meeting, the monthly Board Meeting will proceed it, this time starting at 4:45pm on that

same day. We are starting early to give us time to discuss where donations will be distributed this year. As everyone should know, every club member is always welcome to attend the Board Meetings.

Anyone out there who would like to write a short bio? Over the years numerous bios of long time members have been published. Are there any new members or long timers who would like to get a bio to me? (Notice that I avoided saying "old timers"). We know you are a Corvette enthusiast! Tell us a bit more about yourselves.

We have a "late" Valentines dinner at Napoli Italian Restaurant lined up on Feb. 16th, so those who wish to go, please remember to sign up.

Diane Swift

Fast Track Editor 2016

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PRODUCTS

This is your new products director reporting in. It is my job to sell you really neat Corvette goodies.

This month I'm featuring new name badges. These name tags are really great! They are so great, they will knock your socks off. They are held on with magnets, or on special order, pins. The price is the same as before, \$10 each. They are slightly larger than our former name badges. Much more colorful on a white background.

We will have a few on display at our Awards Banquet. Order yours at the banquet, and I'll do my best to deliver them to you at our February meeting.

We also have Corvettes West hats, shirts, and flags. See me if you would like to order anything.

Howard Hoyt



CORVETTES WEST

C A L E N D A R

FEBRUARY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun. 5	Super Bowl Party @ Swift's home. From 2:30pm until the end of the game. See flyer.	George/Diane 951-776-0936
Tues. 7	CW General Meeting @ El Patron 3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside @ 7pm Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 4:45pm prior to General Meeting	George 951-776-0936
Thurs. 16	Valentine's Dinner @ Napoli Italian Restaurant 3204 Redlands Blvd., Loma Linda 6:30pm RSVP on sign up sheet at Awards Banquet or Feb. 7th meeting	Kristi/Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Fri. - Sat. 24 & 25	NCCC National Meeting St. Louis, Mo	John Blackledge or George Swift
MARCH	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 7	CW General Meeting @ El Patron 3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside @ 7pm Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	George 951-776-0936
APRIL	EVENT	CONTACT
Sat. 1	Vapor Trail Vettes Santa Maria 2 Sanctioned Low Speed AutoXs	MotorSportsReg.com
Tues. 4	CW General Meeting @ El Patron 3204 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside @ 7pm Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	George 951-776-0936
Thurs. - Sat. 20-22	20th Gambler's Classic @ Riverside Resort & Casino, Laughlin, NV	Corvettes of Bakerfield

HELPING HANDS

We have some new members who may not be familiar with the charities Corvettes West supports. I did mention this at the meeting, but I'll put it in print to be more clear. The charities that we have supported for many years are as follows:

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE LOMA LINDA

We have supported RMDH financially, over the years, in many ways - walks, car shows, and direct financial support (which we did in 2016, during their remodeling of the House). CW members frequently donate items that are needed to help the families staying there - boxed cereals & snacks, laundry products, toiletries, fresh fruit, grocery gift cards, etc. You can always call the house to see what they might need the most at the time.

GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

CW has supported this organization with a yearly monetary donation for many years.

INLAND HOUSING SOLUTIONS

(formerly Inland Temporary Homes)

IHS is an organization that helps families who are in need of help in order to survive - to avoid a homeless situation. (It's not a shelter.) IHS provides financial & psychological counseling, housing support, job assistance, etc. to families who want a fresh start. They have a very high success rate in, basically, changing lives! CW has supported them with a yearly monetary donation for many, many years. CW members have also donated bedding, housewares, furniture, computers, appliances, etc. -all things that they use in the various housing facilities they provide. IHS also happily accepts toiletries, canned goods & boxed items.

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

Bowling Green, Ky

We have supported the museum with donations at various times, including the past 2 years.

Sharon Mac Gillivray

HOMEcomings & PARADES

Homecomings/Parades

No parades lined up for now. If you have any questions please call or e-mail me 951-776-0936 OR 2swift@att.net

George Swift - Save the wave

AMERICA'S SPORTSCAR





Corvettes West

Super Bowl Party

When: Sunday, Feb. 5th, 2017

**Where: Home of the Swifts
15910 Rancho Viejo Dr.
Riverside, CA 92506**

Time: 2:30pm-game over

Please bring a dish to share

RSVP: 951-776-0936



CW will provide water and soda

Hope to see you there!



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