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# CINCO DE CORVETTE



**GETTING  
READY  
FOR  
SUMMER  
FUN!**

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*

2024 ZO6



## *May... The Joy of Good Weather Greet You With Your Windows Down.*

### HI my GREAT Friends!

Well I made it through another month without failing and this hip joint not falling out of socket! Now to just hopefully make it to my new surgery date which was moved up a couple of days to May 16th. Every day earlier is a blessing to me at this point as the pain is almost unbearable at times. I know one thing, getting old ain't for Sissy's!

I just want to THANK George again for handing the meetings in our absence, and to ALL of you who called, sent texts, flowers and cards wishing me well, as that was greatly appreciated! We sure missed making it to several of the club's outings so hopefully we will be able to do that again soon.

Regarding Corvette news I don't have much to share only that I haven't even driven our Corvette for over 2 months as it's hard to get in and out with this darn hip! While talking about Corvettes, I was watching the Barrett-Jackson Auction this

weekend and saw a lot of Corvettes being sold, and some at a reasonable price I thought, but you do have to add tax and 10% fee!

Based on having a successful surgery, I guess I will need to start practicing here soon on how to keep our meetings down to under an hour, as my temp replacement, Mr. Swift, has supposedly been doing! Well he is always in a hurry so I will try to slow it down some! LOL

Now this is another short article but they are getting longer so look out when I get back!!

In closing, I want to THANK ALL of you again for your positive thoughts and prayers and I will hope to see everyone at our meeting.

Thanks,

**Dan Flanigan**

President

(well maybe for our next meeting!)



# EVENTLY SPEAKING

*Alan Cobb*

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Greetings fellow Corvettes West car club members. First off I would like to let everyone know that if you missed the visit to Napoli Italian Restaurant you missed out on some of the best Italian food I have ever had. Everything about that restaurant is just first class. The food, atmosphere, lighting, table settings, with help from Diana Blackledge, was a first class experience to say the least.

May's outing is going to be a little different. As you know we have several members who have varying health issues that are keeping them from attending our meetings and outings. So we are going to meet up at 9:30am in the Kohl's parking lot at 19260 Van Buren in Riverside on Saturday May 10th and caravan to those member's houses for a short visit to let them know that we hope they are well soon and that we miss them. We have approximately 4 to 6 homes to make an appearance at. After the final home we will caravan to a nice restaurant for lunch.

The club has made a run like this in the past and the families have all expressed what a great feeling it was to see all the Corvettes and members out in front of their homes. So help us have a good turn out and sign up for this event. I guarantee you will leave with a good feeling deep inside you.

Signup at May's May 6th General meeting  
or call me @ 951-990-8822.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alan Cobb**



Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the  
first TUESDAY  
of the month at 6pm  
at Riverside Elks  
Lodge #643  
6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
Dinner 6:00 PM  
Meeting 7:00 PM

Our Business meetings  
are held on Monday  
before the general  
meeting via ZOOM.

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  
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# MAY

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# VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GEORGE SWIFT

2023 Z06



*It's now May and it's time to get our Corvettes out and do some runs and Alan and John have one coming up on May 10th to go visit our members who are under the weather.*

*We would like to see a big participation from Corvettes West. It would really make them feel good. Alan can certainly use some suggestions for some runs this summer. If you have one you'd like to suggest let Alan know.*

*The 2026 Corvette will have an interior change. The big divider between the passenger and the driver seats will be removed. That has been a big complaint by several Corvette owners. The C9 is scheduled to come out in 2028 or 2029. No one has seen any renderings of it. Certainly hope it doesn't make too big of a change because it could cost me a lot of money. There is also talk of a new VA small block for the stingray. Don't know much about it but it'll probably be over 500 hp.*

*Speaking of new cars our sponsor Tom Bell will have some new Stingrays coming in and an ERAY so if you're in the market for a new Corvette check out his deals.*



*"I realize you don't want cars parking too close to your precious Corvette, but I'm not walking the 10 miles back to the store."*

George Swift  
SAVE THE WAVE

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

## Tom Bell Corvettes:

In stock:

One new 2LZ E-ray convertible in white

One previously owned  
2019 Z06 coupe 1LZ w/53,746 miles

There are 3 Corvettes in the "3k stage"  
which should be delivered next month.

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we have on the lot.



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The Sting Ray Sport Coupe is a snug, cozy, intimate machine with plenty of luxurious room for two and their luggage. The Convertible is a snug, cozy, intimate machine with plenty of luxurious room for two and their luggage, and the top goes down. Some people just like to be wind-blown every once in a while, and some don't. You'll just have to make up your own mind. In either case you get all the benefits of Corvette ownership—things like four-wheel disc brakes. Four-wheel

independent suspension. 47.53 weight distribution. All-vinyl interior. Fiber glass body. That kind of thing. And you get to make all the choices about what equipment you want to order for either car—like your choice of six engines and three transmissions, or such equipment as power windows, power steering, or power brakes. You'll get the same kind of handling, performance, and precision engineering in the coupe as you will in the convertible. Corvette-kind. Superb.

(If you absolutely can't make up your mind, you might consider both cars. You can buy them both for less than you'd have to pay for just one of a lot of other Grand Touring cars of similar performance and quality.)

Corvette Sting Ray

CHEVROLET

Corvette Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan

## 2026 Interior Changes



2025



2026



## What Do Our Corvettes West Members Drive? Part II

*I will make it easy for you to answer and I will just go by the Corvette Generation like C1, C2, C3, etc.*

### 1 Danny Arant

- C1
- C5
- C6
- C7

### 5 Robert Cadman

- C6
- C7
- C8
- C3

### 9 Alan Cobb

- C3
- C5
- C6
- C7

### 2 Larry Aveling

- C5
- C6
- C7
- C8

### 6 David Castaldo

- C7 C8
- C6 C7
- C5 C6
- C6 C8

### 10 Mark DeNicolai

- C5
- C6
- C7
- C8

### 3 Bill Blankenship

- C1 C4 C8
- C1 C3 C8
- C1 C2 C8
- C1 C3 C8

### 7 Frank Clark

- C3 C4
- C4 C5
- C3 C5
- C4 C6

### Bonus Question?

Name a member who owns the following corvette color? (*No name repeating*)

### 4 David Bulf

- C1 C7
- C2 C4
- C3 C5
- C2 C6

### 8 Ray Clark

- C7
- C6
- C1
- C8

Yellow \_\_\_\_\_

Red \_\_\_\_\_

Black \_\_\_\_\_

White \_\_\_\_\_

# CW 2025 CALENDAR

<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	
Tues. 6th	<b>CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat</b>
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
TBA	Club Run open
Fri. 9th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
<b>JUNE</b>	
Tues. 3rd	<b>CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat</b>
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Sat. 10th	<b>Drive to cruise by club members homes who have not been well to show that we care and miss them at meetings and events. See the EVENTS</b>
Fri. 13th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
<b>JULY</b>	
Tues. 1st	<b>CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat</b>
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
TBA	Club Run open
Fri. 11th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
<b>AUGUST</b>	
Tues. 5th	<b>CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat</b>
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
<b>Sat. 16th</b>	<b>Annual Summer Party - More info to come</b>
Fri. 8th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	
Tues.	<b>CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat</b>
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 12th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1

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New Hours.....Open Sunday & Monday 10:30-5:30pm;  
Closed Tuesday & Thursday; Wednesday,  
Friday and Saturday 7am-2pm

**Hemet.....909-386-6803 EXT. 181**

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New Hours.....Open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7am-2pm;  
Except Monday Thursday 10:30-5:30pm;  
Closed Friday & Saturday





# D&D

Drive & Dine  
Napoli Restaurant



# Corvettes West

P.O. Box 56837  
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## 2025 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2024 Through October 31, 2025

Membership dues are \$125.00 for a period of one year, due November 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee, and NCCC membership. Renewal dues postmarked after November 1st will be deemed late by NCCC and the member will be assessed an additional \$10.00.

\* **If your NCCC membership is through another club, your dues with Corvettes West are \$95.00/yr.**

\*\* **If you become a new member, your first year dues may be prorated. Please ask by emailing: [2swiift@att.net](mailto:2swiift@att.net)**

\*\*\* **You will receive Corvettes West's monthly Newsletter by E-mail. Please provide email address below.**

**Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$125.00 or \$135.00 made out to "Corvettes West"  
Mail to: Corvettes West C/O Diane Swift, 15910 Rancho Viejo Drive, Riverside, CA 92506**

### 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



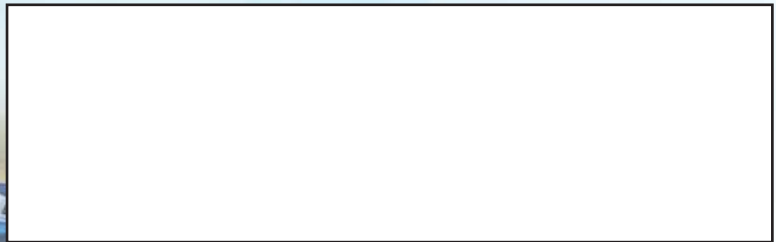
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