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## Don't Forget

The Pomona  
Cars & Part  
Swap Meet  
is Sunday,  
March 3rd  
Doors Open 5:30am  
.....

Call Me if you want  
to meet up with us.



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# NCCC GOVERNOR

Well, we are in to March and let's hope the rains will abate so we can enjoy our Southern California weather.

We have a couple events this month. The first is the Palm Springs Corvettes 20th Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th. These are non-Sanctioned events but they are a lot of fun. They are from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day.

Vapor Trail Vettes of Santa Maria has two Low Speed Autocrosses on March 23rd at the Santa Maria Airport. Gates will open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 am. These are both Sanctioned events.

I have flyers on both of the events if you need more info.

The new edition of the Blue Bars is out. Please let me know if you did not receive it and I will see about getting you a copy.

Please get out there and enjoy your Corvette.

### **Jim Gillam,**

Governor,

CorvettesWest



Pictured above are a couple of our members (L-R George Swift, Middle Craig Clark and Left - Dan Flanigan) who proudly served in the Military during Vietnam.

Thank you to all our members and their families for their service.



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

**Our Business** meetings  
are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
at 5:00 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](mailto:corvettenews@gmail.com)  
Email is preferred

## March BIRTHDAYS

<b>SKIP MORRIS</b> .....	<b>02</b>
<b>MYRON KOZA</b> .....	<b>10</b>
<b>BARBARA RENNA</b> .....	<b>17</b>
<b>DAVID BULF</b> .....	<b>20</b>
<b>CAROL CLARK</b> .....	<b>25</b>
<b>KRISTI RICHARDSON</b> .....	<b>25</b>
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Can you believe it's been five years since Corvette enthusiasts – and the rest of the world – woke up to the horrific news that a sinkhole had swallowed eight priceless Corvettes on display at the National Corvette Museum?

The exhibit tells the story of what happened early on the morning of Feb. 12, 2014, along with why it happened, what cars were affected, how they were recovered, what these caves are, how the building was repaired, and much more.

I was there just after it happened with Gordie Woo and again last year after all the repairs were complete. This past Tuesday, Feb. 12, marked the fifth year anniversary since the disaster struck the museum while most folks were sleeping.

While in the early days, some people wanted to leave the sinkhole intact, as is. But this was actually repaired in a very cool way.

The sinkhole turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the museum, which saw its attendance figures soar in the aftermath as visitors from around the world, intrigued by the mystery, wanted to see the destruction wrought by Mother Nature. (And have you ever given any thought to what the reaction would have been had it not been the legendary Corvette involved but instead just an ordinary car like a Malibu or a Camry? Yawn!)

Visitors can still see the location of the sink hole that has been outlined with paint on the floor, and where else can you peer into a 48-inch see through manhole cover and see the floor of a sinkhole 30 feet below?

Happy anniversary, sinkhole! You actually made the history of our beloved sports car much more interesting.

## A Couple Photos are on the next page of the newsletter

### Save The Wave

We are a social club with a Corvette Lifestyle.

### President John Blackledge

Today you are able to enjoy the Skydome Sinkhole Experience that opened up on Feb. 12, 2016, the two-year anniversary. All of the eight cars were recovered, only a couple of them were restorable but they are all on display today in the Sky Dome.





# *Evenly Speaking*



*Dan Flanigan*

February was a short but fun month and a great time was had by all at our Valentines Dinner. The food and service were excellent and all the ladies left with a couple of roses. So you guys just had to get your significant other a card or some candy, which made it very easy for you to score some points!

Also In February, Diane Swift bought herself a beautiful 2018 Red Terrain Denali SUV and there was something special about this purchase that Ralph Johnson would really appreciate. This SUV was in movies, and most recently was in "Seals", so this was a movie car. So Ralph you now aren't the only one in the club with a movie car, and she drives hers every day by the way!!

Now for March we have a Lunch Run planned on the 9th to go up to the Oak Glenn Steakhouse, a great place to eat. We will be meeting at the Burlington Store in Redlands next to Tom Bell at 11:15. A sign-up sheet will be passed around at our March meeting for those who have not contacted me already. We needed a head count by the end of February so hopefully everyone that wants to go will have contacted me by then. We are going to have reserved parking in front of the restaurant which will be a nice photo op for our Fast Track.

I want to thank Malcom Elgar for making this suggestion and also handling the preliminary contact. Malcom may

have a scheduling conflict but if he is able to come we have to help him keep an eye on his credit card, as he has a tendency of leaving his card at restaurants! LOL

Then for April, on Saturday 13th, we are planning a trip to the Air Museum in Palm Springs, and a Thank You to Howard Hoyt for doing the leg work for this outing. There will be a sign-up sheet at our March Meeting and we need a minimum of 15 people to get the group discount. We will caravan over there, have lunch at the Museum and then take the tour. There will be more info to follow at the March Meeting.

Regarding future Events, we need others members to come up with some ideas and make Preliminary contacts for May and June. And we are still working on the weekend trip to Laughlin which looks more like September now. Hopefully we can get several more months planned here soon.

Thanks,

Dan Flanigan, Events Coordinator

**Dan Flanigan**

# Vice with a Voice

## Diane Swift



February was a good month. Even though there was rain the night of our February meeting, we still had a good turnout. Former members Don and Glenda Bieber are rejoining and there was also another couple visiting-hope to see them again.

Jim and Carol Raver have fulfilled their attendance at our January meeting and our February Super Bowl party, so they are now official CW members.

Our annual Awards Banquet at the end of January was a fun event. Howard took great pictures once again.

The Super Bowl Party at Dan and Elaine Flanigan's was great. There was an abundance of food. Diana and John Blackledge had 2 Football pools going, with a new format, so there were many more winners.

On to March. Dan Flanigan, our Events Chairman, has a few events lined up for us. He will have signup sheets at the March meeting.

Happy St. Patty's Day to all.

Thanks, **Diane Swift**  
Vice President 2019

## SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

February has been an interesting month, what with all the rain we have had and snow in the mountains. Growing up on the East Coast where we had rain and snow, being in an area that was once a desert is nice. I never got used to shoveling all that white stuff. Hopefully, we are done with the rain for a while.

Tom Bell, our sponsor, has some nice Corvettes for us to look at and consider. On the new car lot they have two new 2019 grand sport coupes and three new ZR1 Corvette coupes. On the previously owned lot, they have a 2008 Corvette coupe with 37K miles on the clock. In addition to the Corvettes, Tom Bell has a nice selection of new Camaros. Currently

they have nine new 2019 Camaro coupes, one new 2018 Camaro coupe and one new 2018 Camaro convertible. Currently they do not have any previously owned Camaros.

Tom Bell has been good to Corvettes West. Our way of saying thanks is to use their service department when our vehicles are in need of service. So when your vehicle is having problems, please use Tom Bell's service department. And when you do please let the service writer know, at time of write up, that you are a Corvettes West member to be sure you receive the club discount.

Should you have an interest in any of these fine Corvettes or Camaros that Tom Bell has, please contact

**Derek Hanson  
General Manager  
at 909-793-2681**

for additional information and pricing.

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Bill Dodge  
Sponsors Representative

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# BLOOD BANK

## Giving Back!

What I have to say about the Blood Bank, I have said many times. The Blood Bank needs to see your arms and a needle in them, donating. What keeps us alive, can help to keep another person in the community, alive. Donating is not a long involved process. You will be in and out in about one hour and you will know that what you just did can potentially save three lives in the community. And possibly you might be saving a Corvette driver.

Currently the Blood Bank is getting ready for its annual 10 gallon dinner that is held at the Riverside Convention Center. It's by invite only and it is limited to donors who have reached the 10 gallon level. I am not sure of how many 10 gallon donors we have. I will be going and anyone who is a 10 gallon donor should have received their printed invite from the Blood Bank. The date of the annual dinner is April 7. I would love to see more club members be eligible to attend, but you have to donate to get the invite. Club dates to donate are March 2, May 4, July 6, September 7 and November 9. "Find the hero in you" and donate.

Anyone who is interested in a tour of the lab at the Blood Bank, please let me know. It only takes a little less than one hour and it is informative.

I want to thank the club for the card they sent to me for my birthday. And for my birthday, my wife had a surprise birthday party for me. The real surprise was she had my oldest son, his wife and a granddaughter who I had never met at the party. They all live on the East Coast which is where I am from. All I wanted to do was to have my granddaughter and her father and his wife there. Lots of tears, mine. But what a joy to see all of them.

### Bill Dodge

#### BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

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Victorville.....	Phone: 760-843-9700
	12520 Business Center Drive
Murrieta.....	Phone: 951-973-7777
	40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1

## Test Your Knowledge With Our Corvette Trivia

2016 Chevy Corvette Stingray Coupe Few vehicle lines can boast fans as dedicated as those who love Corvettes, we thought we'd test their knowledge with some Corvette Trivia. If you think you know all there is to know about this iconic American line, put yourself to the test by filling in the blanks in the ten statements below. Good luck!

### Tackle Our Corvette Trivia

1. Myron Scott, Chevrolet's Chief photographer back in the early days, was the person who came up with the name Corvette. He took the name from a class of speedy \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Corvette holds the distinction of being both the first and last car with a true \_\_\_\_\_ windshield.
3. Corvettes are All-American cars, and have been assembled in three different cities, including \_\_\_\_\_, Michigan, \_\_\_\_\_, Missouri, and \_\_\_\_\_, Kentucky.
4. The original front emblem and horn button of the Corvette was going to feature an \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_, but the design had to be changed at the last minute when it was discovered that using this on a commercial product is actually illegal!
5. The Corvette has always been inspired by racing cars, so it is only fitting that it has had the honor of serving as the pace car ten different times for the \_\_\_\_\_ 500.
6. GM made themselves part of the Space Race by providing the \_\_\_\_\_ 7 with brand new Corvettes for publicity and advertising benefits. Alan Shepard and Gus Grissom were known for racing their Corvettes on Florida's Space Coast highways near Cape Canaveral.
7. Looking for one of the rarest collector's models? Try the 1969 Corvette with ZL-1 all aluminum 427 engine. Only \_\_\_\_ were sold with that engine during 1969.
8. \_\_\_\_\_, the first pilot confirmed to have exceeded the speed of sound, drove the Corvette pace car for the 1986 Indianapolis 500.
9. Generation C2 Corvettes, which are commonly known as \_\_\_\_\_, were partially inspired by a Mako shark that the designer Bill Mitchell caught while deep-sea fishing.
10. All states have an official insignia, but the state of \_\_\_\_\_ has gone a step further by making the Corvette its Official Sports Car.



# Upcoming Events Calendar

## March 2019

<b>3rd Sunday</b>	<b>Hightspeed autocross @ Buttonwillow Raceway</b> <a href="http://www.speedventures.com">www.speedventures.com</a>
<b>9th -10th</b> Sat & Sun	<b>20th Annual spring fling autocross</b> at Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, CA. Benefits the Boys & Girls clubs of Cathedral City. Vettes vs Vipers grudge match Saturday morning. OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES.
<b>23rd Saturday</b>	<b>Two low speed autocrosses</b> at Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria, CA Vapor Trail Vettes Open to all vehicles WC-518-001 Sanctioned low speed autocross WC-518-002 Sanctioned low speed autocross

## April 2019

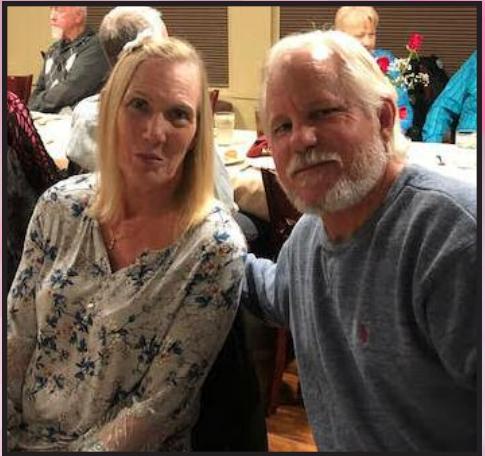
<b>27th Saturday</b>	<b>Two low speed autocrosses</b> at Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria, CA Vapor Trail Vettes ~ Open to all vehicles WC-518-003 Sanctioned low speed autocross WC-518-004 Sanctioned low speed autocross
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## May 2019

<b>11th Saturday</b>	<b>Inland Empire Lighthouse for the Blind</b> 17th Annual Cruise for Sight Car Show & Chili Cook-off. Location: Sylvan Park, 601 N. University St., Redlands.
<b>19th Sunday</b>	<b>42nd Plastic Fantastic all Corvette Car Show</b> Location: Embarcadero Marina Park North, San Diego (behind Seaport Village) Limited to first 400 cars. NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES.

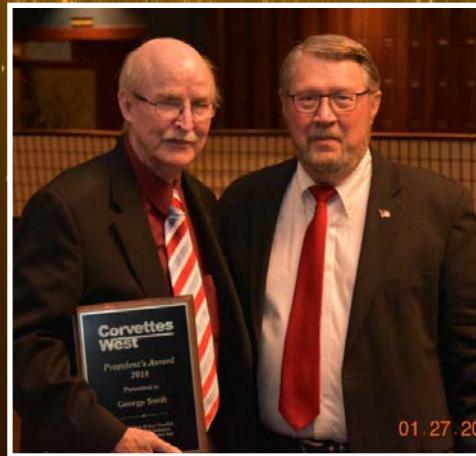
# Valentine's Dinner Photo Wrap Up







# 2019 Corvettes West Awards Banquet





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CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_ MAKE & MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Entrant: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Schedule of Events**

**Check in: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

Show Parking opens no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and closes at 10:00 a.m.

Participant's choice ballots must be turned in by: 12:00 p.m.

Raffle Prizes: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony: 2:00 p.m.

Members of The North County Corvette Club are not eligible for awards

**Proceeds go to *The North County Corvette Club's* charity - The USO of San Diego**

For additional information regarding Plastic Fantastic, visit our web site [www.ncocc.com](http://www.ncocc.com)

Or contact: Sam at [streetrod57chevy@gmail.com](mailto:streetrod57chevy@gmail.com)

This is a rain or shine event, no refunds for bad weather

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To register please fill in **all** of the following information (used for show purposes only) and mail the completed form and \$35 fee to: **Kathleen Regenhardt, 7220 Park Village Rd., San Diego, CA 92129**

**Please make checks payable to "NCOCC"**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Vette: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Club (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

All participants hereby release and discharge the North County Corvette Club and our sponsors from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, or claims that may occur during this event.

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