

FAST TRACK

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Corvettes West

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A History of Winning Races



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
 Email is preferred



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers,

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day weekend. I know Jenni and I did. In my opinion we do not need a special day to remember those who sacrificed for our freedoms, as they are in my thoughts every day.

However, it is nice to see our communities come together in honor of our fallen heroes. With all the divisive rhetoric on TV and social media, it is comforting to know we can put all that aside for this day.

I don't know about you, but I really love giving people rides in my Corvette. Especially those that have never been in one before. One day at work, we had some guests in from the East Coast. I offered to take them out to dinner and gave one a ride. I turned right as we left the gate of the base and stomped on it. His head pressed against the headrest and he just started giggling.

We got up to about 90 in a couple of seconds before I had to slow down. We got to the stop light and he was still giggling. That seems to be the main reaction I get, except for the time I took my uncle for a ride. He was not so enthusiastic. He yelled at me the entire time to slow down. That time I was giggling...at him. It was fun to watch a big construction worker squirm like a scared little kid.

With the summer upon us, I really look forward to getting out with the top down and enjoying our beautiful weather. It is, for all, one good thing we can enjoy with all the taxes we pay. LOL. I look forward to seeing everyone at our June meeting and our outing that Jenni will talk about in her article.

*Happy Cruising,
 Monty*

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- BILL BLANKENSHIP01**
- DAN FLORES.....02**
- HOWARD HOYT08**
- RICK MACGILLIVRAY10**
- JOAN REDDEN12**
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- LARRY AVELING15**
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Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Hello Corvette family. I hope everyone is well and driving with the top down and the warm wind in your hair. Can you believe it is already June? Where did half this year already go. Time flies when we are having all this fun!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Memorial Day long weekend. I did see George, Randy, John and Dan on the channel 5 news at the Riverside National Cemetery. I was so excited to see them. I was hoping they got interviewed but if they did, it wasn't aired, darnit. Thank you to all our service members for your service and a special thanks for the ones that paid the ultimate sacrifice.

As you all know, the progressive dinner did get canceled. We hope to do it in the future. We will inform everyone of a new date when we get it figured out.

On June 24, we were supposed to be going to the Day Family Museum, but there has been a

change of plans. Day Family Museum requires a substantial donation to one of their charities as the price for admission. Since the club has already committed our donation funds, President Monty has made an executive decision to postpone this event. Instead we have decided, on that same day, June 24th, to go to Joey's Barbecue in Chino for lunch.

I will pass around a sign up sheet at the meeting with the time and address of Joey's. I hope everyone can go. We always have fun eating and drinking together.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting. Happy Father's Day to all our wonderful fathers in the club. Much love and big hugs to you. Drive safe and we shall see you soon.

Eventfully Yours,
Jenni
Event Planner Extraordinaire

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The traffic on the freeway is getting worse. I made my monthly trip to Tom Bell and it was a chore getting there. But once there, the staff was willing to assist in gathering information on Corvettes and Camaros. Chris, one of the sales staff, was very helpful in gathering information for me.

It was indicated that our sponsor, Tom Bell Chevrolet does not have any new C8 Corvettes. Chris did not think that there were any new Corvettes in transit either. He did indicate that they currently have one (1) previously owned C7 on the lot. This is a 2015, a yellow 1LT Coupe with a 7 speed transmission.

As far as Camaros go, Tom Bell has no new Camaros on the lot. They also do not have any previously owned Camaros on the lot. What Tom Bell does have are a lot of trucks of various configurations.

Should you have problems with any of your vehicles, please take that vehicle to Tom Bell's service department. And when you do this, let the service writer, at the time of write-up, know you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the club discount.

Save the Wave
Bill Dodge
Sponsor's Representative



Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well May was a very busy month for us and our family but not much Corvette news especially with the unfortunate cancellation of our progressive dinner planned for the 27th due to health issues for several of our provider families.

For us, we went to San Diego for several days to celebrate the College Graduation of one of our Grandsons on the 20th and what a special day it was. To see him get his College Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and to announce his name Bryce DANIEL Wickersham was very exciting to say the least! And his middle name does sound familiar!

Then on the 28th I went to the local Redlands Firefighters Car Show and what an incredible turn out of cars and hot rods after not having it the last three years. Well there were a lot of my friends there who asked where are my cars and I said next year!

Speaking of friends who were there, Bill Blankenship, one of our new members and a great friend, has both of his awesome Corvettes there, his Red '62 which is a head turner and his beautiful Torch Red C8 2020 Coupe which is also a head turner, and WOW did they look nice next to each other! Just glad Bill's C8 is a coupe as my new Torch Red C8 is going to be a convertible so there won't be a problem both of us being in the club! LOL

Then I have to say I had such a Very Special Day on the 31st, Memorial Day, thanks to George. He asked several members of the Chapter 47 of the Viet Nam Veterans of America, to join him at the Riverside Veterans Cemetery for a Memorial Day Celebration and what a Special Day it was.

Many dignitaries spoke and there were several news stations there covering this event. And we were even lucky enough for all of us be filmed saluting the flag on the

Channel 5 news at 2,4 & 6 PM. And yes, what a great day it was to be a Proud Veterans that day!

Lastly for June, we have our meeting on the 6th, and then that other very special day on the 18th, FATHERS DAY. So, let's take care of all of us Fathers, like us Fathers did for our Mother's Day! Hopefully you Fathers did do something special for your wives and mothers or you won't get anything in return! LOL

That's enough from me before I get in trouble!

See everyone on the 6th.

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan
Vice President

The Answers to trivia
Questions will be
in next month's
newsletter



Corvette Racing

What year marked Corvette's first professional race?

- 1955
- 1956
- 1957
- 1958

How many corvette entered to race in the 1960 24 Hour LeMans Race?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

What year did a Corvette win the 24 Hour LeMans Race?

- 1959
- 1960
- 1961
- 1962

How many races has Corvette won since 1999?

- 57
- 77
- 97
- 107

How many tickets does John Blackledge have because he thinks he a professional racer?

- 1
- 2
- Not as many as Dan Flanigan
- 21

How many Identical Corvettes were produced for the 1988 Corvette Challenge?

- 36
- 46
- 56
- 66

How much did a Corvette challenge car cost to purchase in 1988?

- \$23,000
- \$26,000
- \$33,000
- \$36,000

Why was the 1988 Corvette Challenge Created?

- Corvette got in trouble for cheating
- Corvette was banned from SCCA Racing
- Corvettes Drivers wanted to race each other
- There was a lack of Corvette Race wins.

What Racing Class does Corvette Race in?

- GTLM Class
- LMP3 Class
- DPI Class
- GTD Class

What Year did Corvette First Serve as a NASCAR Pace Car?

- 1958
- 1968
- 1978
- 1988

CW 2023 CALENDAR

JUNE		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
	Joey's Bar-B-Q in Chino (Lunch)	
Sat.24th	Jenni will have a signup sheet and directions at June meeting	
JULY		
Tues. 11th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	On the 11th - NOT the 3rd
AUGUST		
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Annual Summer Party	
SEPTEMBER		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 23rd	Shot Gun Tom Kelly Induction into the Calif Music Hall of Fame Golden Bear Theater in Temcula CA (limited seating)	See Monty's article in the April newsletter for information
OCTOBER		
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat 21st	CW Wheels 'n Wings Car Show @ March Air Museum -Proceeds go to Vietnam Veterans Chapter 47 and the March Museum	Please sign up to help with this fun event
NOVEMBER		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
DECEMBER		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Annual Christmas Party	
JANUARY 2024		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Awards Banquet	
FEBRUARY		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
MARCH		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



On the front page of the March FAST TRACK is the saying "Lets spring into the fun of the open road". I thought I should modify that just a bit to read "Lets spring into the Blood Bank to save someone's life and then" spring into the fun of the open road.

There currently are 8 Blood Bank Centers that you can choose from to make your donation. You can call a center close to you and make an appointment or you can just walk-in and donate. In addition, if you check the local Press Enterprise on Fridays, you can find out where the Blood Bank is having their mobile units. So there you go. You have plenty of places to donate. Please, let's use these places to help save someone's life. A list of the Blood Bank Centers follows this request to have you donate.

The Blood Bank still needs donors. Remember, they service 80 local hospitals in the SoCal area. They need to get 500 donations daily so they need us to go to a center and do our part in making sure they get their required donations.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver. Save a life. Donate.

Bill Dodge

BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

- San BernardinoPhone: 909-885-6503.....420 E. Hospitality Lane Suite A7 & A8
- Ontario.....Phone: 909-987-3158.....1959 East Fourth Street
- La QuintaPhone: 760-777-8844.....79-215 Corporate Centre Drive
- RiversidePhone: 951-687-25304006 Van Buren Blvd.
- VictorvillePhone: 760-843-9700.....12520 Business Center Drive
- MurrietaPhone: 951-973-777740365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
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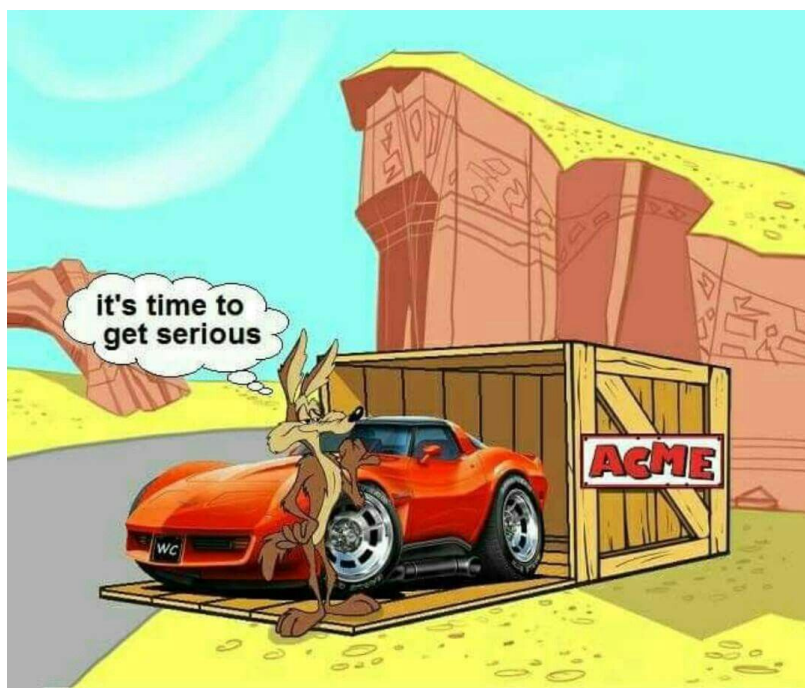
HELPING HANDS

Rick & I, along with Dave & LeeAnn Northrop, attended the "Evening of Excellence" presentation at the Redlands ROP on May 10, representing our club.

This event is done once a year to honor student achievement for all of the ROP facilities & high schools in Colton, Redlands & Yucaipa (CRY-ROP), AND to present selected students their

monetary awards & scholarships from donors. SO, we stood up to cheers & claps when Corvettes West name was announced , and our recipients came onto the stage. We really enjoyed being there!

Sharon MacGillivray



Corvettes West

444 Everest Peak
Beaumont, CA 92223

2023 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2022 Through October 31, 2023

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 C/O Gene Renna, 444 Everest Peak, Beaumont, CA 92223**

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:

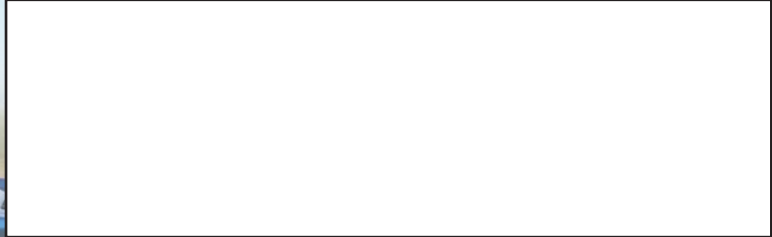


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