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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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LINDA JOHNSON.....	04
DAVE RICHARDS	14
DIANE AUDIBERT	15
GAIL FLORES	21
GENE RENNA	23
BOB CADMAN.....	25
FREDDIE LANE	25
ERIC WING	27



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers

Where has the summer gone?

As the days continue to get shorter, hopefully the heat will start to go down. It is so nice to get out with the top down, but it is tough when it is over 90 degrees. Jenni and I try to get out in the early evening when the sun is setting. We get to see the beautiful colors over the mountains and enjoy the cool wind. I even do a good job of not scaring her through all the corners. That does not always happen though.

A big thank you to Dan and Elaine Flanigan for hosting, yet another, fantastic summer party. It was so cool to see George's little surprise that showed up. I'm sure Dan will tell the story in his article, so I'll stop here. All the food was delicious, and we even had a drone flying all over the place recording the party. And if that wasn't enough, we listened to an amazing singer. I only participated in the putt putt challenge this year and earned third place.

I felt bad for the other competitors, so, without them knowing, I kept one eye closed to make it more fair. All in all, it was a great event.

As we all know, the Wheels and Wings car show is around the corner. John Blackledge and Randy Redden are doing an amazing job of leading the charge. If you haven't done so yet, please, please, please sign up to help out somewhere. We can use all the help we can get. It is not hard work, it just takes people being there. I received confirmation that we will have the 1st Marine Division Band from Camp Pendleton there again this year to help us honor those who have served and those that have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free.

Don't forget that we are now in Homecoming season. This is a big money generator for the club, so please let George Swift know when you can participate. And, as far as that goes, we REALLY need to get George some relief from everything he does for the club.

If you want to participate more, George can train you to be the coordinator for the homecomings. We need someone who can make phone calls and work with the several schools that utilize us.

*Happy Cruising,
Monty*



Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Hello Corvette Fans! Well here we are entering the Fall season very soon. This year as seemed to fly right by. I hope everyone is well and enjoying their cars with the tops down. It's been very hot out still, so I hope we are all staying cool and hydrated.

The summer party was fabulous, as usual. Thank you Dan and Elaine for putting on a great time for all of us to enjoy. Good food, great drinks, and fantastic entertainment. The Flanigan house is always fun.

I was lucky enough to have Kristi Richardson assist me in planning for a September event. Well if I'm being honest, she took the reins, and I'm so happy. Thank you Kristi.

On October 21st, we have our annual Wheels n' Wings Car Show. Everyone make sure to sign up to help out. We need all the hands we

can get to put on a good show.

In the month of December, Ray and Carol Clark have chosen Saturday the 9th, for the Christmas Party. It will probably be early in the afternoon so we don't have to drive at night. In the coming months, we will send around a sign-up sheet with the starting time. Everyone make sure to sign-up to bring your favorite side-dish or dessert. Again, we are so lucky to have the Clark's host the Christmas party. Another spectacular house with an amazing event.

I hope everyone is happy, healthy, and enjoying the end of summer. Much love and big hugs to you all.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni - Event Planner Extraordinaire

DRIVE & DINE

Jenni asked me to do a guest appearance in September for Events so I have set up an old standby:

SAYAKA Japanese Restaurant in Colton.

We have 2 Teppanyaki Grills reserved for 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16th, each grill can seat up to 20.

Please sign up at the meeting or contact me at: Kristirichards325@gmail.com or (951) 545-1006

so I can give the restaurant a good count. Here is the website if you would like to check it out: <https://www.sayakacolton.com/>

If you are reading this on-line I hope you can just click to the site.

We have not been at this dine of the month since before the pandemic so it is definitely time! No caravans, just show up to 1060 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colton.

It is to the North and West of the Washington/I-215 interchange just a couple of blocks. We hope to see you there!

Kristi



Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well I have a lot of stuff to share this month so I may as well get started right now.

As some of you may know, but I think many of you were like me that I didn't know that our club will be 50 years old next year! I was reading our Summer 2023 Blue Bars and saw several clubs that were having their 50th anniversary, and I thought I would call George as he would know how many years our club has been around, and guess what, he said our club will be 50 years old next year.

So, I immediately called Elaine Heretta on the 3rd of August, who is the Director of Publications for Blue Bars, and asked her if the front page of Blue Bars is available for our 50th year celebration next year and she said all four seasons have been taken. So, I asked her what other space may be available next year and she said that the back page is available for summer or fall of 2024 but it is only 1/2 a page to 2/3 of a page as that page has the address on it.

So, I said we will take it for the summer of 2024. So, look at the back page of this summer of 2023 and then look at page 24 for the write up about the Nashville Club, and we can do the same thing. Needless to say, I was very excited to get this planned and after our Great Car show in October we can start planning our Blue Bars photos and article and put our Great Club on the map as we have a lot of great stuff to share.

I could talk about the Blue Bars article for this whole article but I have to mention about a great fun event that also happened in August. It was our annual CW Summer

Party at our house where we had a nice turn out and had a couple of nice surprises. We had a great singer entertainer who was just awesome and we played several games where trophies were awarded. Speaking of trophies, the winners were as follows: Putting 1st Place Steve Wilkinson, yes, the Tom Bell Sales guy, 2nd place to Eric Wing and 3rd place to Monty Clark, but he left his trophy at our house so we will use it for our next party! Then there was the bean bag toss, as I don't like to call it Corn Hole!

Well I usually don't like to play in our party games but Ralph challenged me to play in the bean bag toss as he had the lead and felt no one could beat him. Well on my last toss I knocked in two bean bags and beat Ralph by one point. So, I proudly have my 1st place Bean Bag trophy in my trophy case for all to view. Oh, that's right, there were other winners, well Ralph won 2nd place and he will never challenge me again in Bean Bag toss and guess what his lovely wife Linda came in 3rd place and kept saying I have never done this before and feel so lucky! What a sand bagger she is for sure!!

And lastly, we had the slot machine game which was cut short by Elaine falling, but she is doing better thanks goodness. I wasn't able to figure the results until the next day as I had to take Elaine to the emergency room. I want to give a big Thanks to the three couples who stayed for the clean-up and was there to help Elaine with her fall and they were; Bill & Debbie Blankenship, Gordie & Joanna Woo and Rick & Sharon MacGillivray, and Dave our Entertainer stopped in to see how she was doing before he left. Such great

friends I have to say!

And the winners of the Slot Machine game were: 1st place was Gordie Woo, 2nd place was Debbie Blankenship and 3rd place was her hubby, Bill Blankenship. And before I forget, Linda Johnson, who says she doesn't how to play these games finished 4th in the Slots! Talk about a sand bagger, so don't invite her to play games at your house because she will say I don't know how to play and then win!!

I wanted to save the best for last as we had a special event at the Party planned and that was George getting his new 2023 Z06 70th Anniversary Coupe. I had Steve drive his new Vette up and parked in the driveway and Ralph came up with a good idea to get George out of the house to the driveway and there it was and what a great surprise for all of us to see! He was without a doubt surprised and not only was this filmed by several of us with cameras but I also hired a drone to film Georges surprise and filmed him driving off down the road! And I had the drone also film our party, which we will hopefully be able to show at our September meeting.

Looks like I have taken up my entire page so I must sign off and we will hopefully see everyone at our September meeting on the 5th and hope everyone had a nice Labor Day weekend.

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan
Vice President

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My trip to Tom Bell Chevrolet was very interesting today. I heard that George Swift finally got his C8 Z06 Anniversary Corvette -and it was delivered to the Summer Party at Dan Flanigan's house. I heard that Dan Flanigan is now waiting for his new C8 Z06. Congratulations to George, Dan, and all those who have C8 Corvettes.

Currently Tom Bell has no new C8 Corvettes on the lot. They have no previously owned Corvettes on the lot. Tom Bell does have 3 new Camaros on the lot. They have two (2) 1LT Coupes and one (1) 2LT Convertible currently on the lot and they have one (1) 2LT Convertible in transit. In addition, they have on the previously owned lot a 1SS Coupe with 5, 548 miles on the clock.

Staff indicates they are currently taking orders for the 2024 C8s but they are not taking orders for the 2024 Z06 at this time.

Having problems with any of your vehicles? Tom Bell's Service Department is the place to take your troubled vehicle. 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

HELPING HANDS

Hi everyone. Our car show is coming up on October 21 & registrations are coming in!

We now have 15 vehicles pre-registered!

Members, please make sure to get your own registration in well before the time of the car show, too. That's helpful to us in registration.

Have a great Labor Day weekend.

See you at the meeting!

Sharon MacGillivray

Homecoming 2023

Date	School	P or H	# Cars
9/8	Carter	1/2 time	5
9/8	Rancho Cucamonga	1/2 time	7
9/8	Colony	1/2 time	5
9/15	Arroyo Valley	Parade	8
9/22	Ontario	1/2 time	5
9/29	Help IEC @ Grand Terrace		17
10/5	Colton	Parade	25
10/13	Montclair	1/2 time	5
10/20	Linfield	1/2 time	10

**Contact George Swift For More
Information: (951) 743-1917**



Corvette Speed

What was the top speed for the original 1953 Corvette?

- 100 mph
- 104 mph
- 106 mph
- 108 mph

What Horsepower did the 1955 Corvette Have?

- 145 Horsepower
- 175 Horsepower
- 195 Horsepower
- 202 Horsepower

How long did it take for 1958 Corvette to go from 0-60 mph?

- 9.2 seconds
- 9.4 seconds
- 9.6 seconds
- 9.8 seconds

What was the top speed of the 1961 Corvette?

- 102 mph
- 105 mph
- 107 mph
- 109 mph

What year saw the Corvette achieve going from 0-60 mph in 5.9 seconds?

- 1960
- 1961
- 1962
- 1963

How long did it take the 1967 Corvette to go from 0-60 mph?

- 4.7 seconds
- 4.8 seconds
- 5.0 seconds
- 5.2 seconds

Which 1960's Corvette Engine was Considered to be their fastest engine?

- 1966
- 1967
- 1968
- 1969

MOSL - Miles over speed limit

(Editor's Correction)
John Blackledge's Speed Record
155 mph @ California Speedway

What year did the Corvette have the top speed of 175 mph?

- 1984
- 1986
- 1988
- 1990

How much Horsepower did the 1993 Corvette have?

- 300 Horsepower
- 305 Horsepower
- 310 Horsepower
- 315 Horsepower

What was the top speed of the 2007 Corvette

- 186 mph
- 188 mph
- 190 mph
- 192 mph

Member Speed Records LOL

John Blackledge.....45 mosl
Dan Flanigan (Talking speed)....120 mph
Monty Clark.....125 mph
George Swift.....154 mph
Diane Swift.....Speed Limit

CW 2023 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Fri. 8th	Carter High School Homecoming - 1/2 time - 5 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 8th	Rancho Cucamonga HS Homecoming - 1/2 time - 7 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 8th	Colony High School Homecoming - 1/2 time - 5 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 15th	Arroyo Valley HS Homecoming - mid day parade - 8 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Sat. 16th	Dinner at Sayaka's Japanese Restaurant Vernon, Colton @4pm	1060 S. Mt. RSVP to Kristi Richardson 951-545-1006
Fri. 22nd	Ontario High School Homecoming - 1/2 time - 5 cars	George: 951-743-1917
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
Fri. 29th	Help IEC with Grand Terrace Homecoming	George will call you!
OCTOBER		
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Thurs. 5th	Colton HS Homecoming Parade - afternoon - 25 CARS!	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 13th	Montclair High School Homecoming -1/2 time - 5 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Fri 20th	Linfield High School Homecoming - 1/2 time - 10 cars	George: 951-743-1917
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	
Sat. 9th	Annual Christmas Party Hosted by Ray & Carol Clark	Flyer to come
2024		
JANUARY		
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	
APRIL		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
MAY		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



As usual, the Blood Bank is in need of donors. This time for a couple of reasons. The #1 reason is that because of the fires on Maui, the Blood Bank sent some of its collected blood supply to Maui to help with those individuals who needed blood and blood products. The Blood Bank is seeking Type O, type Double O, Type Double O Red blood donors. At one point, the Blood Bank had a 2 day blood supply. Part of this problem is the blood sent to Maui. The other part is that their donor base was not available in the numbers needed. People go on vacation and schools are not operating, and schools are a big part of the Blood Banks' donors.

have not donated in a while. The Blood Bank does offer incentives to donate. Granted, the incentives may not be great but you all are getting something for donating. We should all be donating because it is the right thing to do. So let's get out as a club and donate to make sure an adequate blood supply is available for the community. The life you save could be the life of a Corvette driver.

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

Bill Dodge

What does all this mean? Well it means more people need to go to the Blood Bank and donate. People who

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SUMMER PARTY

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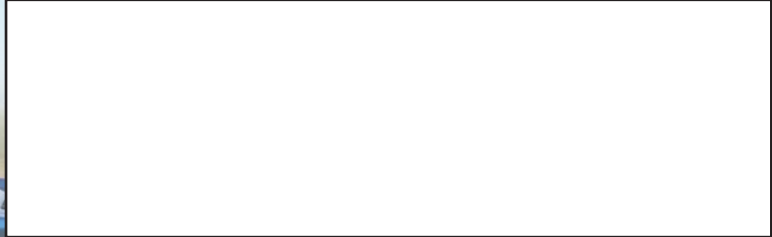
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