

# FAST TRACK

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## Hot August Nights

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*

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## “AUGUST 2026”

I am giving the membership a little break from me being up in front all these months and our VP, Randy will be stepping in for me which I greatly thank him for as we are taking a little vacation. He has told me the meeting will be a lot shorter with him at the helm, so we will see!

Regarding our vacation, we along with 19 of our Family members, will be taking an overnight train trip from LA up to Vancouver. And then after a couple of days in Vancouver we travel by train on a six Day Train Trip to Lake Louise, stopping in several cities along the way. This has been a trip we have thought about for some time and then with this year being my Big 80th Birthday, we thought let's do a big family trip and invite the whole family.

So, we invited all our family and almost everyone wanted to go so I had to contact my financial advisor to see if this was even possible! LOL Almost everyone could go except for one of our granddaughters who just had her first child, our first Great Grandchild, and how special for us, and couldn't go. All others were very excited and we are now just days away from going! We missed the Kent Browning's Private Museum, which I understand was a great outing! If we didn't have so many kids and Grandkids, we could attend more of these outing!!

We are getting ready for the Summer Party on August 15th and we have some fun stuff planned with some great entertainment scheduled, so I hope we have a super turnout! I understand there will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting so we know who will be coming and what they will be bringing!

Changing the subject, as you all know we are major Big Bear Eagle watchers and Jackie was attacked by two younger eagles while she was carrying food to her off spring. She was found on the ground

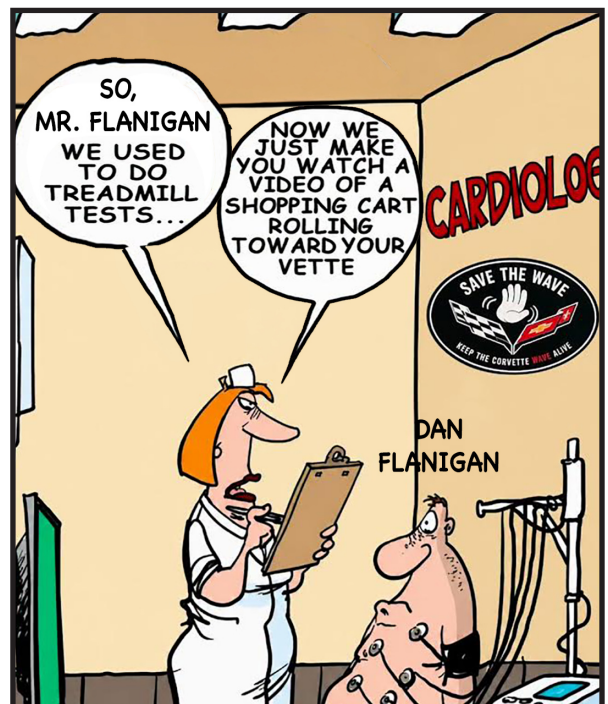
and in not very good condition but was taken to an Eagle care center where she is getting special care! So, we have been watching her care which is happening very slowly, which I don't understand how she could have been hurt so badly with two younger eagles, only that she was hanging on to the fish she had caught which she didn't want to let loose of!

Well so much for our trip info and the Eagle concerns, and I am hoping for the best weather for our Canada Trip!

In closing, please be nice to Randy as he will be our next President and I don't want him upset over me not being there as he has some big shoes to fill!! LOL

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our CW Summer Party, as well as at the September meeting on the 1st!

Thanks,  
**Dan Flanigan, President**





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# EVENTLY SPEAKING

*Wade Hilliard*

Save The Date  
Sat. Sept. 12th

Private Car Muesum  
In Corona  
Flyer Details  
Soon

**Hello  
Corvettes West Members,**

I am writing to you in 100 plus degree heat without air conditioning or lights. An intoxicated driver hit the transformer box that feeds power to my neighborhood. The power has been off for almost two days. I'm using my portable generator so we can finally have lights and a fan, while Edison is working on the problem.

I am happy to say last month's event went well. The Browning Auto Group collection tour was fantastic. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did. Some of us stopped at Polly's Pies afterword where we added inches to our waist line and pounds to the scale, all in the name of fun. Many thanks to Mr. Browning and is assistant/manager Tony Martinez.

For our August event our gracious President Dan Flanigan and his wife Elaine are once again hosting the Corvettes West Summer Party. The party is scheduled for Saturday, August 15th @ 2pm. 30838 La Solana Ct. in Redlands is the place. As always, the main dish is provided by CW. Please bring an appetizer, a side dish, salad, or dessert to share if you plan to join us.

If you plan to attend our Corvettes West Summer Party please contact Dan Flanigan direct @ 951-712-6953 OR myself, Wade Hilliard by text 951-312-9946 or email: Whill59210@gmail.com

**If you plan to attend this Corvettes West run of the month  
contact Wade Hilliard via:**

**Text: 951-312-9946 OR email: Whill59210@gmail.com**

**August Event:  
CW Summer Party @ the Flanigan's**

**Saturday, August 15th, 2026 ~ Starts at 3pm**

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](mailto:corvettenews@gmail.com)  
Email is preferred

## AUGUST

Name .....Bday .....Member Since

LA VONNE DODGE .....03 .....2002

DENNY FOSDICK .....06 .....2024

SANDRA GILLAM .....07 .....2002

CYNDALEE WAHLSTROM 07 .....

DEREK HANSON .....09 .....

DON HOLTHE .....10 .....2022

JOE LaGRECA .....14 .....1998

SHARYN GRITTON .....15 .....2022

RON KENNEDY .....18 .....2023

MONIQUE FOWLER ....23 .....2024

ALAN COBB .....25 .....2024

SHARON MacGILLIVRAY 29 .....1996

PATRICIA HILLIARD ....29 .....2021

# RANDY REDDEN VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

# 2020



August, the eighth month, and the Chevrolet Corvette share common threads: strength, balance, and radiant optimism. Like a mid-engine marvel, both stand as testaments to the transition from the heat of summer into the crisp clarity of the open road ahead.

August, the fleeting peak of summer, where the sun burns bright over the sandy beaches and every ice cream cone races against the humidity. It's a day for long road trips, backyard barbecues, and realizing just how fast the warmest season of the year is flying by.

Summer is a season of full bloom and peak joy. When the Eighth month arrives, it carries a deep sense of honor and wisdom—a moment when nature heats up just enough to let us appreciate its true power, like when we put peddle to the metal. It's a balance of warm, rushing winds of the past months with a steady, grounding spirit.

In much the same way, a sports icon like the Chevrolet Corvette balances raw power with everyday reliability. Whether you are driving a classic C3 or the latest Corvette, the ZR1X,

the experience is all about control. The vehicle commands the road through precise handling and responsive, well-weighted steering. It doesn't just go fast in a straight line; it grips the corners and stays firmly planted when navigating the highways and byways, whether on city streets or on the iconic American highway, Route 66.

This parallels how the month of August asks us to live, with a sense of purpose and courage. Just as a driver approaches a winding highway with both excitement and focus, August is an invitation to engage with the world confidently, appreciating the beauty of the journey without losing control of the wheel. Both August and the Corvette reminds me, that true power is most thrilling when it is perfectly balanced.

See you all on the 15th at the Flanigan's, for our Summer Party, enjoying August and Corvettes.

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



10 Trivia Questions

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## ***Are You A Trivia Vette-ran!***

**1 What year did Corvette first offer Power Steering**

- 1962
- 1963
- 1964
- 1965

**2 What year did Corvette first offer Power Brakes**

- 1961
- 1962
- 1963
- 1964

**3 How many years did Corvette offer "36 Gal gas tank"**

- 3 years
- 4 years
- 5 years
- 6 years

**4. What was the first year the Corvette was the Indy500 Pace Car**

- 1975
- 1976
- 1977
- 1978

**5 What year was Corvette 50th Anniversary**

- 2000
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

**6 What year was Corvette the Official Car of "America's Cup**

- 1991
- 1992
- 1993
- 1994

**7. What year were "Disc Brakes" standard on Corvettes**

- 1963
- 1964
- 1965
- 1966

**8 How many years did Corvette DID NOT have a Convertible**

- 10 years
- 11 years
- 12 years
- 13 years

**9. What year was the first year" Mid-Engine"Corvette**

- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021

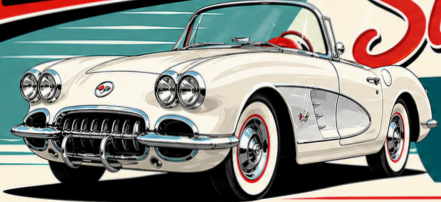
**10. What year did the National Corvette Museum open**

- 1960
- 1970
- 1985
- 1994

Circle or check your answer

# CW 2026 CALENDAR

| AUGUST    |                                                                                                     |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues. 4th | CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA<br>Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat |
| Sat. 15th | Corvettes West Annual Summer Party @ the Flanigan's. See Flyer.                                     |
| Every Sat | Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am                         |
| Fri. 14th | Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm                                        |
| Sun. 16th | Pomona Swap Meet 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA                                                   |
| SEPTEMBER |                                                                                                     |
| Tues. 1st | CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA<br>Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat |
| Every Sat | Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am                         |
| Fri. 11th | Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm                                        |
| Sat. 12th | Run to Private Car Museum in Corona - details to come                                               |
| OCTOBER   |                                                                                                     |
| Tues. 6th | CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA<br>Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat |
| Every Sat | Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am                         |
| Fri. 9th  | Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm                                        |
| Sun. 11th | Pomona Swap Meet 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA                                                   |
| NOVEMBER  |                                                                                                     |
| Tues. 3rd | CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA<br>Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat |
| Every Sat | Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am                         |
| Fri. 13th | Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm                                        |
| DECEMBER  |                                                                                                     |
| Tues. 1st | CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA<br>Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat |
| Dec. 6th  | Pomona Swap Meet 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA                                                   |
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| Fri. 11th | Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm                                        |
| Sat. 12th | Corvettes West Annual Christmas Party. More information to come.                                    |

**Sunshine Lady**

If you know any Former Club Member  
or Current Member who is/or has been  
recently sick or ill, contact me.

**Gail Flores**  
626-221-1229

## SUNSHINE REPORT:

Ralph Johnson  
Injury

Sandy Richards  
Hip Surgery Recovery

Diana Blackledge  
Eye Surgery Recovery



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New Hours.....Open Sunday, Tuesday-Friday 7am-2pm  
Except Mondays 10:30-5:30pm

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79-215 Corporate Centre Drive

New Hours .....Open Sunday-Saturday 7am-2pm  
Except Wednesday 10:30-5:30pm

### **Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530**

4006 Van Buren Blvd.

New Hours.....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;  
Except Thursdays 10:30-5:30pm

### **Victorville.....Phone: 760-843-9700**

12520 Business Center Drive

New Hours.....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;  
Except Thursday 10:30-6:30pm

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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**

3377 W. Florida Ave.

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

As a part of my last article, I discussed the need for Blood Products, particularly type O+ and O- red cells. Well, to date I have not heard that the Blood Banks have acquired the amount of red cells necessary to treat patients

Folks, these cells are key parts of treatment. Currently there are people in hospitals who are in need of these red cells. If you or someone in your family is currently awaiting procedures that may require blood I am sure they are hoping that us healthy folks will get off the couches and go to a Blood Bank and donate which could save them.

People, don't let our needy family members suffer. Help out the hospitals to get people who could possibly be your loved one to get better and go home.

Be a good club member, make an appointment with your local Blood Bank to donate those red cells so that our health care facilities can save lives.

**Make donating a priority!**

**Please donate!**

**Bill Dodge**

## ***Reminder to Corvettes West members***

Our monthly **Business Meeting** is held via **ZOOM** the **Monday evening** the day before our monthly **General Meeting**. Any CW member can attend this. You will have to let Dan Flanigan know if you would like to attend, so that he can add you to the "**Zoom meeting invite list**" which sends you an email. And you will need to have **Zoom** on your computer or phone.

*Just thought we would remind you.*



## *Summer Fun...All Day Long!*



### **Corvettes West Summer Party**

**Saturday**

**August 15 @ 3 P.M.**

**30838 La Solana Court, Redlands**  
Bring your pool wear and sunscreen.

Games and frivolity will ensue.

Supper at 5 p.m.

We APPRECIATE Elaine and Dan Flanigan  
for offering their lovely Home for this event.

*As usual the club will provide the meat and drinks and members will bring side dishes, salads and desserts.*

If you are not at the August club meeting to sign up,  
please contact Dan Flanigan at 951-712-6953.

# KENT BROWNING'S

## Private Museum





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## Hi Corvette West Family.

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and 2 pre-owned C8's in stock.  
Below are the ones we have available.

We also have 2 coupe's, a Torch Red C8 Stingray  
2LT, a Sebring Orange 1LT Stingray in transit  
and a new 3LT Convertible Grand Sport in  
Admiral Blue coming in August 2028.



### 2022 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 2LT



VIN: 1G1YA2D43S5113447 Stock: U7722  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed Dual Clutch

**SRP: \$65,640**

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### 2025 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1LT



VIN: 1G1YB3D44N5122035 Stock: U7744  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed Dual Clutch

**SRP: \$70,973**

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### 2027 CHEVROLET CORVETTE ZR1X 3LZ



VIN: 1G1YR3D75V5900056 Stock: N270007  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed Dual Clutch

**MSRP: \$265,520**

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### 2027 CHEVROLET CORVETTE GRAND SPORT 3LT



VIN: 1G1YV3D50V5300023 Stock: N270010  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed

**MSRP: \$124,440**

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### 2027 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1LT



VIN: 1G1YA2D51V5100175 Stock: N270009  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed

**MSRP: \$80,580**

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### 2027 CHEVROLET CORVETTE 1LT



VIN: 1G1YA2D53V5100677 Stock: N270011  
Two-seater Passenger Car  
8 Cylinder Engine 8-Speed Dual Clutch

**MSRP: \$77,974**

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### TORCH RED C8 STINGRAY 2LT COUPE



### SEBRING ORANGE STINGRAY 1LT COUPE



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