

# FAST TRACK

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## Corvettes West

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# SUMMER SIZZLE

## LET'S GET TOPLESS!



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

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

LA VONNE DODGE .....03  
GORDIE WOO .....05  
SANDRA GILLAM .....07  
CYNDALEE WAHLSTROM ...07  
DEREK HANSON .....09  
DON HOLTHE .....10  
JOE LAGRECA .....14  
SHARYN GRITTON .....15  
SUSAN BROWN .....20  
MARK SCHIMEL .....23  
TAMI MITSCH .....25  
SHARON MACGILLIVRAY ...29  
JOHN ELWOOD .....31



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

### *Hello fellow Corvette lovers*

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July celebration. It is a great time to reflect on how blessed we are to live in this country. Incredible sacrifices were made to make us and independent and free nation. Since then, we have seen ourselves, time and time again, on the battlefield defending those freedoms that we enjoy today.

From the Baltimore harbor, Francis Scott Key watched as the British attacked. After 24 hours, through all the smoke, he saw the American Flag still flying. Immediately, one question was on his mind. "O, say does that star spangled banner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?"

As a musician, I tend to relate many things to something musical. You can ask Jenni. She will say something and I will start singing a song of the same topic. Well, the month of July is not different. All I can think of is the song, "Feeling Hot Hot Hot" by The Merryman. When it is in the 90's, that is bad enough, but when we get into triple digits, that is just unacceptable. Jenni and I did go out of a few cruises, but it as generally after the sun went down. Hopefully we see the temps start to go on a downward trend over the next couple of months.

I want to thank George Swift for letting me use his lift to change my oil, as well as helping me change out the battery. A few weeks ago I noticed that my "service rear axle" light would come on every once in a while. I did some research online and many people said that an old battery, or loose connections was most likely the reason the warning lights would come on. Well, it seems to have solved the problem No lights have come on since. But, even if they do, I do have the extended warranty so I'm not too worried. As long as I don't go through what I did with my last Corvette.

I am very excited to see that we continue to have new members signing up. That is a tribute to how great this club is. We always have a great time and people see that. If you are one of our newer members, I want to thank you for joining our club. I hope that you forge some great relationships with other members as Jenni and I have. It still amazes me that we have made some many friendships that we wouldn't have had if it weren't for the really cool car that we drive.

Jenni and I look forward to seeing all of you at the monthly meetings and we are very excited to see everyone at the Summer Party.

*Happy Cruising,  
Monty*



# Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Howard Hoyt.....951-269-1720

Hello fellow Corvette enthusiasts. I hope we are all staying well hydrated in these hot and humid days of summer. It's been a doozy of a July. We went from June Gloom to July Fry.

Our Ortega Highway run got cancelled due to the highway being closed for the entire weekend. I had researched and the CHP said it would be open. It was when I called Caltrans that I found out it would be closed for construction. I would still love to do this run. The restaurant sounded really neat, so we will definitely go when the highway is done with construction. Sorry about the last minute cancellation.

Of course, we have the summer party coming up on August 19, at 3:00 pm, at the Flanigan's

house. Make sure you sign up to bring a side-dish or dessert. If you don't get the chance to sign-up, just bring your favorite dish. All food is welcome. It's always a great time at Dan and Elaine's house.

I was thinking of us going to Oak Glenn in September. We had a delicious lunch there last year. I will get the details and a date and give everyone the information asap.

Have a safe August. Drive careful with the top down and feel the hot wind in your hair. Much love to you all.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni

Event Planner Extraordinaire

## SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My visit to our sponsor's facility revealed that they have one (1) new C8 Corvette in the showroom. This is the only new C8 that our sponsor has. This vehicle is a Corvette Stingray Coupe. It's color is white pearl metallic. The interior is ceramic white with red stitching. It is a 70th Anniversary Special Edition. Our sponsor had no additional new or previously owned Corvettes on the lot.

Currently Tom Bell, our sponsor, has three (3) new Camaros on the lot. They have two (2) new Camaro Coupes and one (1) new Camaro Convertible. With the new Camaros, one (1) is a 1LT Coupe and two of the Camaros are 2SS Coupes. One (1) of the 2SS cars is a Coupe and one (1) of the 2SS cars is a convertible.

In addition to the new Camaros, they have two (2) previously owned Camaros. Both cars are Coupes. Both are Automatics. One (1) of the Coupes has 43,519 miles on the clock and the other has 5,534 miles on the clock.

If you have 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





# Vice President CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*



Well here I am again waiting until the last minute to get my monthly article in to George, so I guess he must be used to this by now! One month I am going to be early which will be a total shock to his system! Regarding some Corvette news, well we are all waiting to hear when George's C8 Z06 70th Anniversary will be delivered as there will be a big party for sure. Oh, and Derek with Tom Bell will also be so excited when his Corvette gets here so he will stop getting daily phone calls from George as to when his car will be delivered! LOL

Now to my ordering issue. My original order for a 2023 Z06 Convertible was made last August but since Tom Bell didn't get enough 2023 allocations my order was pushed to a 2024 model which was ok with me since I already have a C8 Stingray. So, I was called to come in to confirm my order for the 2024 model which then was submitted, only not to be accepted for some Interior color selection issue.

Steve tried several different ordering methods and all were not approved. So, he said would contact his GM rep to find out what the problem was with interior color selected and hopefully it wasn't discontinued for some reason! So, I left not in very good spirits after waiting over a year and a half and maybe having to change my interior color which I didn't want to do!

Well the next day I got a call from Steve saying that he got a call from his GM rep and his rep said to resent the order, and this time it went thru! Well that was certainly some good news for sure. I have no idea when I will be getting it and am assuming it may be the end of this year at best and more like the first of next year. So, I am glad that is behind me and now will wait for when the production date is confirmed.

The next order of business is to discuss our annual Summer Party on Augusts 19th, at our house. We will have the sign-up sheet for at the August meeting for what food

you will want to bring and for any of you who missed either meeting and still would like to come please give me a call and let me what food you would like to bring.

Elaine heard from Sandy Gillam and they found a home and are getting settled! And Jim receives the Fast Track monthly so he is keeping up with our club's activities. What great members they were and are really missed.

Lastly, let's keep Joan Redden in our prayers as she had some major surgery and is home recuperating.

See everyone at the August meeting and I hope everyone is trying to stay cool with this very hot weather that doesn't seem to be letting up.

Thanks,  
**Dan Flanigan**  
Vice President

## HELPING HANDS

Well, summer came! Lol We were up in WA for a week, mid- July, & temps were in the low 70s most of that time. Our heatwave was just starting here & it was a rude awakening getting off that plane!

Early in July, we spent a weekend visiting Jackie & Doug Lyon in Paso Robles- their new home. We had a great time & they really like it there. They've joined SLO Vettes ( San Luis Opisbo) just recently.

Blood donations are badly needed, so please consider donating if you're able to do so. For new members, some of us have been donating at any of the Lifestream locations for many years. If you tell them you're from Corvettes West, we get credit so that we're able to access blood for our members if needed.

Happy August, everyone! Stay cool.

Sharon MacGillivray

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



## 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

**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

<b>JULY</b>		
<b>AUGUST</b>		
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 19th	Annual Summer Party - Dan & Elaine Flanigan have offered to host once again in Redlands - lucky us!	See the flyer in this newsletter
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
September	Run to Oak Glen - Jenni is firming up a date	
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
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
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
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Annual Christmas Party	
<b>2024</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Awards Banquet	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
<b>MARCH</b>		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
<b>APRIL</b>		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
<b>MAY</b>		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



The Blood Bank continues their need for more donors. It still needs to continue getting 500 donations a day to keep the 80 hospitals it serves supplied with blood products. To get more donors into Blood Bank Centers, the Blood Bank for July and August will give donors a beach towel. For September and October, donors will get a sock 3 pack and for November and December donors will receive a hoodie. Also, every Friday is sandwich day.

If you are a platelet donor, the promotions change. For 3 platelet donations, you will receive a sherpa blanket. For 6 donations you will receive a neck pillow. For 12 donations you will receive a duffle bag and for 19 donations you will receive a yeti tumbler.

The donation process is not a lengthy process. For whole blood donation time is 15 minutes. For platelets the donation time is longer, but it's been a while since I donated platelets and I don't recall how long it took. I will check into those times and have the times in the next FastTrack.

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

**Bill Dodge**

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

- San Bernardino .....Phone: 909-885-6503.....420 E. Hospitality Lane Suite A7 & A8
- Ontario.....Phone: 909-987-3158.....1959 East Fourth Street
- La Quinta .....Phone: 760-777-8844.....79-215 Corporate Centre Drive
- Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530 .....4006 Van Buren Blvd.
- Victorville .....Phone: 760-843-9700.....12520 Business Center Drive
- Murrieta .....Phone: 951-973-7777 .....40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
- Rancho Mirage.....Phone: 760-797-8496 .....42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
- Hemet .....909-386-6803 EXT. 181 .....3377 W. Florida Ave.





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.

Here are the Details:

## **CW Summer Party**

### **Saturday, August 19 at 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 plan to see you there!*



# 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:

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

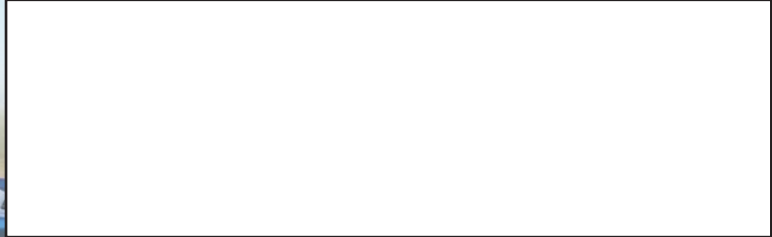


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