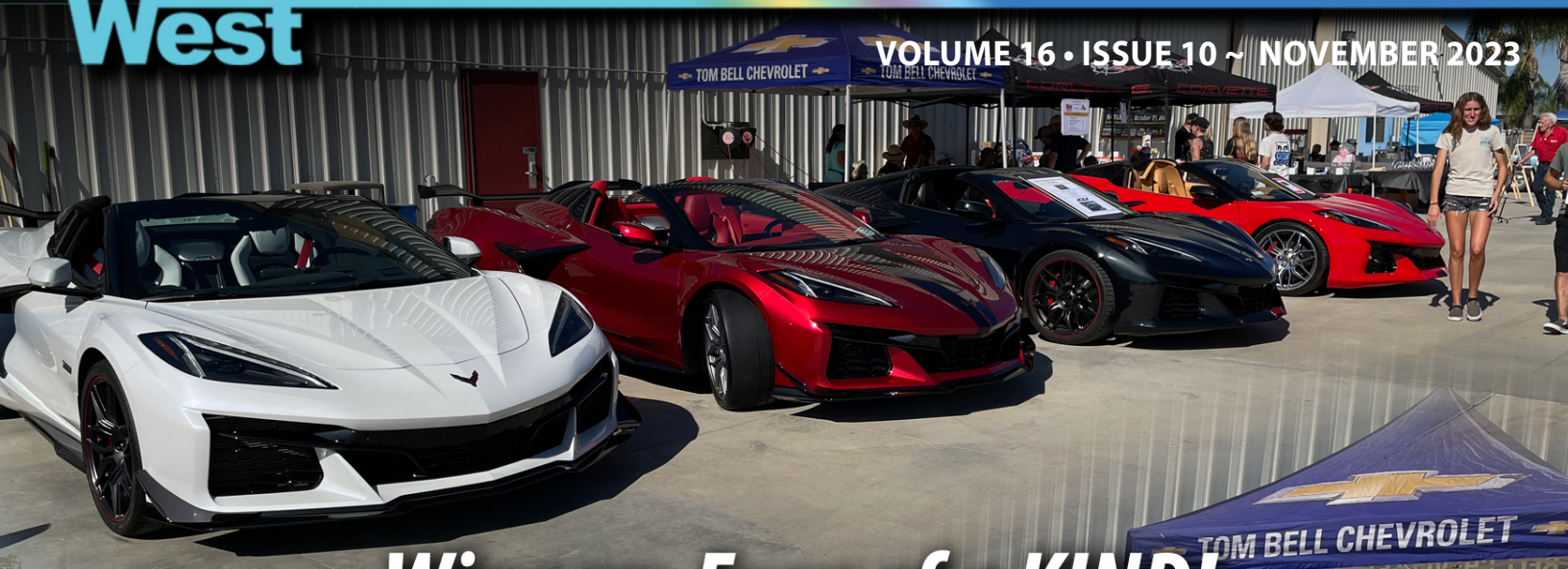


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Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the  
first TUESDAY  
of the month at 6pm  
at Riverside Elks  
Lodge #643  
6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
Dinner 6:00 PM  
Meeting 7:00 PM

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  
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or emailed to  
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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

### *Hello fellow Corvette lovers*

I want to start with a huge THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Wheels and Wings 2023 car show. It was a great success. I truly appreciate the work it took to make it happen. A very special Thank You to John and Diana Blackledge. They spent countless hours organizing the show, making part of the trophies, making signs for all the booths, working with the Habit food truck, and making sure everything ran smoothly.

Also, to Randy and Joan Redden. From securing many sponsors to getting the popcorn, coffee and donuts, their diligence and dedication made a great impact on success of the show. Also to Rick and Sharon MacGiillivray, who ensured all of the entrants had window placards and the "roll in" ran as smoothly as possible.

George and Diane Swift spent numerous hours making the trophies, making gifts for the raffle, and judging. And to everyone else who worked the show in one capacity or another, thank you so much. It takes a village. We can be very proud of this event and what comes out of it, which is a lot of money for our charities. I look forward to being a part of this show for years to come.

As we begin our closeout of the year, I want to remind everyone that there are still opportunities to do more with the club by being a board member or working on our numerous committees.

I want to encourage anyone who has not done this in the past to step up and get more involved. It does not take a lot of time and it is great fun. We need to give some folks that continue to pull double and triple duties a little break. Please come to the meeting and let us know what you would like to do. If you can't come to the meeting, please feel free to email or call me and we can get you signed up. It is such an amazing club and I want to see more of us getting involved.

This month we celebrate Veterans Day. Please take some time and reflect on all the amazing things we enjoy in this country, and know that there has been much sacrifice, by so many, to ensure we all sleep in peace. Freedom is not free.

Jenni and I hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving.

*Happy Cruising,  
Monty*



# Eventfully Speaking

*Jenni Clark*

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Hello to all our fabulous Corvette owners. I hope this finds everyone all well and good. It's hard to believe that it is already November. I can't believe it's time for holiday shopping. The cooler temperatures are quite nice and welcomed.

The car show turned out to be a wonderful event. Thanks to everyone who helped out. I think the more years we do it, the better we get. It's actually fun and not as stressful as it was in the beginning.

November events, as I said previously, we don't have any events in November. It's a month for spending time with family and eating too much turkey. We wish everyone a splendid Thanksgiving. Good luck if you are crazy enough to do the black Friday shopping. I will be asleep in my bed on that morning.

December is Christmas Party month. The Christmas party is on Saturday, December 9th at 12:00 noon. It's held at Ray and Carol Clark's house. Please make sure to sign up for an appetizer or dessert that you would like to bring. Also, don't forget to bring an unwrapped present for all of us to bid on for the charity donation. I think we can all agree that the presents we bid on are always really good.

January we have the banquet at the Victoria Country Club. It's on Sunday, January 28. The time is to be announced. We will have a sign-up sheet for that in the next couple months.

I wish everyone the happiest of Thanksgivings and happiest of shopping sprees. Drive safe and stay healthy. Much love to all our Corvette family.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni

Event Planner Extraordinaire

## Former CW member passing

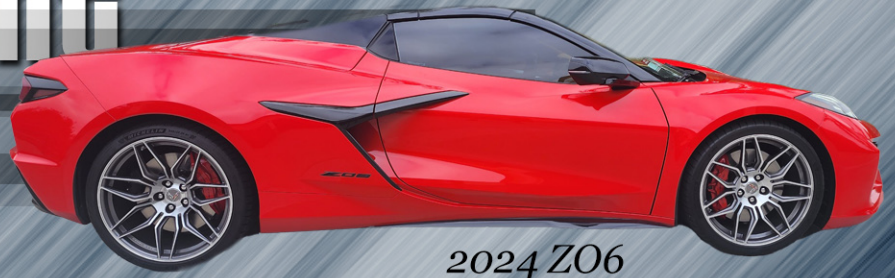
For those who are long time members of Corvettes West we wanted to let them know that former member **Bill Wendt**, born in 1940, passed away on October 9th in Arizona. Bill was the Newsletter Editor for the club for many years. And he and his wife Sally were registration chairs for Big Bear Bash for many many years. May he rest in peace.





# Vice President CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*



2024 Z06

Well October was a very exciting month with a lot of fun things that happened. First, I heard that our 2024 Z06 Convertible was being built on the 4th and was due to ship out on the 9th as I know Derek was trying to get our car here on the 12th which is my birthday. Well we were tracking the car from Bowling Green and saw that the hauler stopped in Texas for two days which was a concern for us, only to find out later that the driver lives in Texas and took a couple of days off to visit his family.

So, he got back on the road again and got into California on the 13th and we were hoping for delivery on Sunday the 15th. The hauler was tracked to Whitewater when we headed down to the dealership to see it arrive. Then it was tracked to east Redlands only a few miles away and we were getting very excited. As we waited to see it arrive, we saw it continue down the freeway and stop in San Bernardino at a truck stop which we assumed was to get gas. After gassing up he went to a motel to rest for the day as we found out and we were very disappointed!

We headed back down to the dealership first thing the next morning to see it arrive and our car being unloaded and the

protective covering removed. It was a special day for sure, to see our new Corvette and we were able to pick it up that afternoon and what a great Birthday Present!

Then on the 21st was our Club's Car Show at March Field Air Museum. What a very busy day that was for a lot of us that helped as many of us arrived at 5:30 am in the morning. A big Shout Out to John, Diana, Randy and Joan for all their efforts in making this happen. Also, another big Shout Out to George who built all those amazing trophies. Great job George! There were many others who worked very hard to make this Car Show such a great success and a big Thank You to all of those who helped.

Finally, for October I hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween.

For November several of us are going to the SEMA Car/After Market Accessorie Show the first week of November, and I am excited as it will be my first time to visit the show.

Now the most important Day in November is the 8th, which will be our 54th Wedding Anniversary and It's hard to believe we

have been married that long. I know that Elaine is thinking what a very lucky lady she is! LOL

On the 11th is Veterans Day and George has several of us scheduled to be in the Veterans Parade in Murrieta. And then afterwards there is a Veterans Dinner at the Elks Club in Redlands so it should be a very busy day.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving as we all have a lot to be Thankful for.

Lastly, I want to Thank my good friend Phil Emerson as he bought our 2022 C8 Corvette Convertible which was an awesome car for us with low miles and I know it has a good home and I will be able to see it at meetings and outings!

Look Forward seeing everyone one on the 7th.

Dan Flanigan, Vice President

Editor's Note:

George's Z06 is prettier.

Just Saying! LOL

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My trip to Tom Bell was interesting today. I was assisted by a young man who did his best to get me the information I was looking for.

On the showroom floor was the only C8 Corvette in the dealership. It is a black coupe. If you are interested in black Corvettes, you should go to Tom Bell and see this beauty. It is the only C8 that the dealership currently has. Staff indicated that there are five (5) more C8s in transit but as usual, a delivery date was not known.

Also in transit are seven (7) new Camaros. Currently the dealership does not have any new Camaros available for sale. They do have one (1) previously owned Camaro, a V6 with 117 miles on the clock.

Also in transit is a Z06 Corvette. Again no date was known as to when this vehicle will arrive at the dealership.

Having problems with your vehicles? Tom Bell's service department is the place to take your troubled vehicle. And when you do this be sure to 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

*Well, the car show is over!  
It was a fun, & very  
successful event, I think.*

(Editor's Note: It was officially a big success)

Personally, Rick & I want to thank all the good people who came out to help us with registration so early on Saturday morning. KUDOS go to: Dave & LeeAnn Northrop, Cathy & Dan Flores, Jenni Clark, & Jacqueline O'Callaghan. Thank you SO MUCH!! Also, thanks to Diana Blackledge for getting all of our supplies together, which made all go smoothly.

Now we can start thinking about the holidays - which are coming up way too fast!

Take care, everyone, and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**Sharon MacGillivray**

## GUESS WHO?

Just For Fun, Here is a photo of two of our members when they were younger.



Hint:  
One of them stills looks good. And its not him.

Last Month's Guess Who?

Answer: **Sharon & Eric Wing**

*Email your younger photos for  
future Guess Whos to 2swiift@att.net*



## Random Facts

**In what year was the first computer installed in a Corvette?**

- 1979
- 1981
- 1984
- 1987

**What year was the first time AM/FM radio offered?**

- 1967
- 1968
- 1969
- 1970

**What color replaced the original polo white in 1953?**

- Owl White
- Bleach White
- Snow Crest White
- Cloud White

**1970 infamous Chevy ad campaign featured all of the following except for one of these?**

- Baseball
- Hot dogs
- Apple pie
- American flag

**How many 1986 Corvettes sent to Lotus in England to be converted to ZR-1 prototypes**

- 20
- 30
- 40
- 50

**As of September 2020, how many Corvettes have been produced?**

- 1 Million
- 1.5 Million
- 1.75 Million
- 2 Million

**How many first produced 1953 Corvettes were destroyed during testing.**

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

**During the 1950's how many European Sportscar were imported to the U.S.?**

- 10,000
- 15,000
- 20,000
- 25,000

**How many Copper Metallic Corvettes were created in 1986?**

- 4
- 104
- 204
- 304

**How many 1983 Pilot Cars were created before they were destroyed?**

- 43
- 53
- 63
- 73

# CW 2023/2024 CALENDAR

<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
Sun. 5th	End of Daylight Saving Time 2am	
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Thurs. 23rd	Happy Thanksgiving!	
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
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	See Flyer
	<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>		
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<b>MAY</b>		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	





Ok, let's see what's new at the Blood Bank. For the first time in a while, the Blood Bank did not have mobile Blood Bank vehicles advertised in the local paper. I'm not sure what that means. Does the Blood Bank not need donors? I highly doubt that. So we should watch Friday's paper to see if it happens again. I would encourage everyone to get out and donate. And if you donate on a Friday, that is sandwich day for those who donate. Now that's a good incentive to get you all out and donating.

The Blood Bank recently lost its top donator with the passing of Larry Blosoma. Larry had donated over 175 gallons and more. So if you can donate, please contact a donation center from the list below and make an

appointment to roll up your sleeve and donate and to save a life. And the life you save may be that of a fellow Corvette driver. Come and join me while we do the right thing for the community and if you do it on a Friday, you get a sandwich to consume while you wait your 15 minutes in the canteen.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver.

Save a life. Donate.

**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
- Rancho Mirage.....Phone: 760-797-8496 .....42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
- Hemet .....909-386-6803 EXT. 181 .....3377 W. Florida Ave.



# CORVETTES WEST CAR SHOW

# WHEELS n' WINGS



## 2023 Photo Wrap-Up





# CORVETTES WEST CAR SHOW WHEELS n' WINGS







**Corvettes  
West**



*Christmas*  
**PARTY**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

12:00pm



Please RSVP by December 5th (909) 795-5253

**Hosted By Ray & Carol Clark**

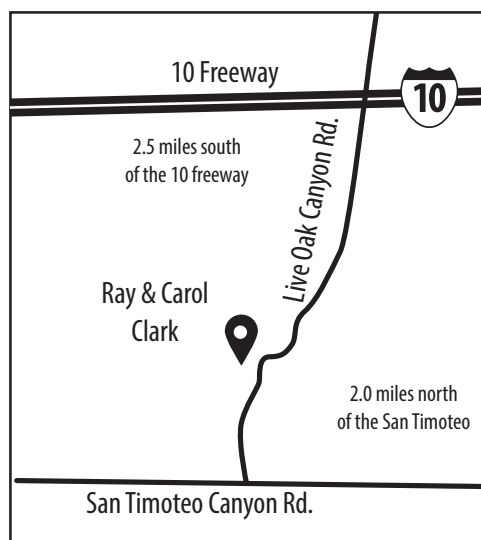
30130 Live Oak Canyon, Redlands

(Look for the “Corvettes West” banner on the fence)

*Let us know what side dish  
you will be bringing to share.*

*Main dish, soda, water  
and coffee will be provided.*

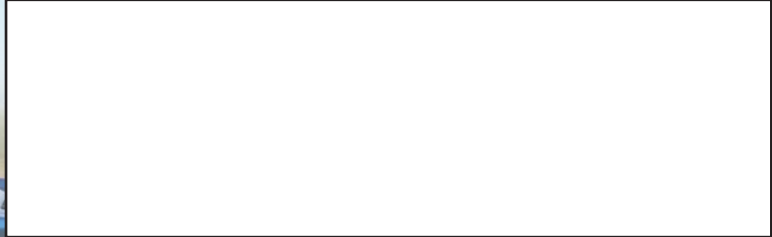
**Remember to bring  
an unwrapped gift  
for the auction.**



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