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HELPING HANDS

Rick & I attended the graduation at Guide Dogs of the Desert (one of our longtime charities) on May 12th. It was a very heartwarming experience as 4 people received dogs after having completed 28 days of training.

We're up to 17 baskets for Inland Housing Solutions, thanks to CW members!

Blood donation day at the Orange Show Rd. Lifestream is June 23rd. But, remember you can donate anytime!

We're going up to WA for our yearly summer trip with our RV on June 3, so we'll miss the June meeting. See you in July!

SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY

**THE POSITION OF
EVENTS COORDINATOR
IS NOW OPEN**

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**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR
BOARD MEMBERS**



PRESIDENT'S PAGE

corvettes
West



Corvettes are all over the news these days in spite of all the other performance cars coming out to challenge the long reign of the popularity of this wonderful American symbol. You all know the old saying, Base Ball, Hot Dogs, Apple Pie and Chevrolet – most think of the Corvette when this saying comes to mind, I know I do. Everyone will always love the classic Corvettes, mid years and just about any Corvettes simply because the Corvette is the true American Sports car. This tradition and legacy continues on with the new C7 Stingray, the Z06, the Grand Sport, the new ZR1 and yes the long awaited Mid Engine will be here soon.

Jay Leno owns many cars as we all know including many Corvettes. After taking delivery of his new 2019 ZR1 and test driving it over 200 miles per hour he said "the ZR1 is the greatest high-performance bargain of the century." Motor Trend and other car magazines test high performance cars yearly to rate them against one another. The Corvette costing a whole lot less than any of these other high priced competitors always comes out the best car for the money by far, beating each of them in different tests given.

We are all proud of the cars we drive because they are a symbol of good old American ingenuity that continues to meet the challenges of all competition. As Jay Leno puts it, "the greatest high-performance bargain of the century."

We had some fun this month with our cars on a trip to the Palm Springs Tramway. It was a beautiful drive getting there and riding up the mountain, put on by Ron & Kristi Richardson. We also participated in a car show supporting the Pathways ministry fund raising event. Some of us met with a past Corvettes West member, Pete Erickson. He lives in Washington and was back here visiting. Great to see him again.

We have had more than our share of health issues as a club this year. Currently Ron Richardson is dealing with heart issues and a stroke, - Howard Hoyt, heart surgery recovery, - Elaine Flannigan, eye issues, - Janet Curran, dealing with Parkinson's. I understand that Lavonne Dodge and Sandy Gillam are continuing to improve. George Swift is continuing to work hard recovering from his heart surgery and doing great. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all our members who are dealing with health issues.

My message to you this month is:

***Stay Healthy
Save the Wave & enjoy the ride!***

Look forward to seeing you
at the next meeting.

John Blackledge

Corvettes West
General meetings
are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
at Law's Restaurant
9640 Indiana Ave.,
Riverside, CA 92503
Dinner 6:00 PM
Meeting 7:00 PM

Our Business meetings
are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
at 5:00 PM just prior to
the general meeting
at the same location.

Fast Track articles
are due by the 18th
of each month.

They may be
hand delivered to
Diane Swift
or emailed to
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Email is preferred

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We are coming into the end of the first half of 2018. Amazing how time flies. I am so sorry to hear about Ron Richardson and his health. I also feel for Kristi since I am sure both their worlds have been turned up-side-down. Our thoughts are with them.

Thanks to Kristi Richardson and John Blackledge for getting pictures to me of the run to the tram in Palm Springs and the Path of Life car display. I'm hoping someone will get some pictures at the Funkana put on by Pacific Coast Corvettes at the end of June. I hear several of our members will be going and once again I will not be there to get pictures for the newsletter-I will be in Monterey helping a friend from high school celebrate her birthday.

As always, Bios are always welcome!

Until next time.....

Diane Swift

Fast Track Editor 2018

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HOMEcomings & PARADES

Saturday June 2nd
The Cherry Festival Parade in Beaumont
11 cars needed

If you hear of any other groups/parades
inquiring about cars and drivers, give me a call.
951-776-0936 OR 2swift@att.net

George Swift - Save the wave

PRODUCTS

Hello fellow Corvette lovers.

I just got back from a week-long trip to China and am ready to get back behind the wheel. As I said in last month's meeting, I am going to start sharing the information of different companies that offer parts and services for our Corvettes. Since Tom Bell Chevrolet is our sponsor I thought it fitting to start with them. I just got off the phone with Jr. in the service department and he let me know of the following:

All Corvettes West members receive a 10% discount on all parts and labor for any of their services. They offer the standard services one would expect at a dealership. They also offer free diagnostics, so if you are having issues that you can't figure out, they may be able to assist you. Now, it is the diagnostic only that is free. Any work required after that will receive the 10% discount. In addition, they are running a special for oil change, tire rotation, and full inspection for \$49.95.

It is with their synthetic Dexos oil. Mobil 1 would cost a little more. Their contact information is below.

Tom Bell Chevrolet
800 Alabama St, Redlands, CA. 92374
909-283-0690
www.tombellchevy.com

I am going to order some coffee cups and key chains - due to my multiple work trips last month, I failed to get that done. I will get on that right away. Take care and drive safe.

Monty Clark
574-514-9068
Montyclark0911@gmail.com



NCCC GOVERNOR

The West Coast Region along with some clubs are having a few good events, such as the Funkana being put on by Pacific Coast Corvettes on June 30, 2018. It should be a great event so, signup! Then there is the upcoming O.C. Vettes Poker Run on August 18th, 2018. And of course, Corvettes West Car Show, headed up by Bill Dodge, on August 25th at the San Bernardino Blood Bank.

On a sad note, a fellow Corvettes West member and very personal friend of mine is down with a stroke. I am happy to say that Ron Richardson is doing better every time I visit him. We just pray that he will heal back to his good old mild mannered self that we all know.

George Swift

Save the Wave

OUR VICE'S VOICE



Dan Flanigan

Vice-President's Corner

Mercy, another month has gone by and here I am scrambling again to get my article in on time!

Well an update on Elaine's eye problem. Just when it seemed things were getting a little better, well you heard it right, she fell and received a mild concussion. This happened while walking home from a Grandkid's performance at school, which is just around the corner from our house. Really hard to complain too much about Elaine's eye problem, when thinking about what our good friend Ron Richardson has gone through here lately. Let's all of us keep both Ron and Kristi in our thoughts and prayers.

Well on the brighter side, I have to give our President John, a big "shout out" for getting our club involved in the "Pub and Grub" event again this year. For having our cars there for a Corvette Car Display, we were able to eat and drink as much as we wanted, and that included some fine desserts also! That was such great fun, and I can't wait until next year, but there was one problem that I wanted to share with everyone.

After most of us had arrived, gotten set up for the car show, and starting enjoying some nice conversation, we spotted a Camaro coming through the gate and heading towards our

Corvettes. Several of us said, "Who is that and what is that car doing here?"

Well before we could get up and confront this intruder, the driver got out of the car and headed our way, and guess who it was? None other than the Movie Car guy Ralph Johnson and his lovely wife Linda! Well, we all know Ralph must have at least a dozen or so Corvettes at his ranch, including a new C7, but he decides to bring a Camaro. What's up with that?!

So, after sitting down with us and being chastised for many minutes for not bringing a Corvette, Ralph looked up at all of us and calmly stated, "Camaro owners have feeling too!" After hearing that emotional plea, George stands up and starts singing the song "Feelings", and everything went downhill from there! Did I say George was singing? Well I guess that might be a great exaggeration, maybe it was an attempt to sing. But Ralph got the message!

Hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day, and remember Father's Day is coming up here soon as well.

Thanks,

Dan Flanigan

Vice President



BLOOD BANK

Giving Back!

To make a difference in someone's life, you don't have to be brilliant, rich, beautiful or perfect. You just have to CARE. How do we care, by donating blood among other things. The Blood Bank(BB) is coming into its most difficult time of the year. Vacation time. People go away and forget about donating. Schools are graduating students who may be going off to college and are not available donors. People on vacations can get into car accidents and require blood. And there are those individuals who have an ongoing need for blood and blood products. And the BB itself has needs, as it supplies hospitals in the Southern California area. At our last club donation date, we did not have a very good turnout. Our next club donation date will be June 23rd at 8:30am. Please add this date to your calendar and make it a priority to go to the BB and donate.

As I have mentioned previously, if you have a low iron level and maybe have been told you can't donate because of this, the Blood Bank has an answer for your problem. At the San Bernardino center, and only there, they are giving away iron pills to help people get their iron levels up so they will be able to donate. This is a free service that the BB has to help get more donors. To take advantage of this freebie, you only have to ask for it and talk to one of the BB's RNs and you will walk away with a bottle of iron pills. Please take advantage of this for your benefit.

The BB is planning to have a car show on the August club donation date. The date will be August 25th and it will be held in the BB parking lot. You do not have to donate but the BB sure would like to see some donors step up and find their hero and donate. I will have more information for you as the BB gets going with this. They are going to be calling Corvette clubs all over So. California to make this a success. Please put August 25th on your calendar and get to work making your Corvette shiny as there will be plaques for winners. Plan to come to the

BB parking lot, right in front of the facility, and help make that lot look very nice with all our cars parked there.

The donation dates for the remainder of the year are as follows: June 23rd, August 25th, October 27th, and December 29th. Please add these dates to your calendars and plan on donating. If you cannot donate come and support those that do donate.

**Save the Wave by Saving the Waver.
Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood.
Bill Dodge**

BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

San Bernardino.....Phone: 909-885-6503
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1959 East Fourth Street

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79-215 Corporate Centre Drive

RiversidePhone: 951-687-2530
4006 Van Buren Blvd.

VictorvillePhone: 760-843-9700
12520 Business Center Drive

"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The weather is getting to be more and more Corvette weather. As a result, I am seeing more and more of that beautiful car on the roads. And in spite of the fact that I wave, I guess some Corvette drivers do not get the Save the Wave concept. But I still keep waving. Tom Bell, our sponsor, has 4 new Corvettes for our consideration. They currently have a new 2018 Corvette Z06 coupe, a new 2019 Corvette coupe, and 2 new 2019 Corvette Grand Sport coupes. At the present time, they do not have any previously owned Corvettes on the lot.

Tom Bell also has a nice selection of 8 new 2018 Camaros in a variety of colors. They are all coupes. On the previously owned lot, they have 3 vehicles. One is a 2013 coupe with 42K on the clock. There is also a 2015 coupe with 73K on the clock and a 2017 coupe with 16K on the clock. Should you have an interest in any of these fine

cars, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing. Keep in mind that Tom Bell has been good to Corvettes West and the way we can show our appreciation is to take our vehicles to Tom Bell when they need service or repair. When you do take your vehicle to Tom Bell for service, please, at the time of write up, let the Service Writer know that you are a Corvettes West member so you will get the club discount. And as always, let me know about your experience at Tom Bell.

Save the Wave

Bill Dodge

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

Sunshine and Shadows

May was another month of 2018 that had not such great health news for club members. I am sure most of you have heard that Ron Richardson has had a stroke. Fortunately, Kristi woke during the night hearing Ron's breathing was unusual. She called 911 and got him to the hospital. He is now in rehab in Riverside. Elaine Flanigan took a tumble while walking and is recuperating from that.

We are all aging, so please be careful and take care of yourselves!

If anyone has anything they would like to share with "Sunshine and Shadows", please call Gail Flores @ 626-221-1229.

Take care everyone!
Diane



Corvettes West

EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE	EVENT	CONTACT
Sat. 2	Cherry Fest Parade in Beaumont 9 cars needed	See info in the Homecoming article
Sun. 3	Pomona Swap Meet and Car display	Pomona Fairgrounds
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat.	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 9	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	Register at MotorsportsReg.com
TBA	"Dine of the Month" We'll have a date and place at the General Meeting on June 5th.	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 23	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator
Sat. 30	"Challenge Trophy Funkana" hosted by Pacific Coast Corvettes at Saddleback Church 1 Saddleback Pkwy, Lake Forrest, CA 92630 Driver's meeting 8am	See flyer in this newsletter OR go to MotorsportsReg.com
JULY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun. 1	Pomona Swap Meet and Car display	Pomona Fairgrounds
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
TBA	"Dine of the Month"	
Sun.-Fri. 15-20	59th annual NCCC national Convention at Best Western Plus Landmark Hotel & Suites in New Orleans, LA	2018 NCCC Convention web site
Sat. 21	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	Register at MotorsportsReg.com
AUGUST	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 7	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat.11	7th Annual OC Vettes Poker Run	
Sun. 12	Pomona Swap Meet and Car display	Pomona Fairgrounds
Sat. 18	Corvettes West annual Summer Party-Redlands Hosted by Jerry and Jacqueline O Callaghan	More information to come
Sat. 25	"Corvettes West" at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us - Blood Donation and Car Show at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator

EVENTS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 4	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Fri.-Sat. 7-8	NCCC National Meetings - St. Louis, MO	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorrismv@aol.com
Sat. 22	19th Annual Cruisin' For A Cure for prostate cancer at the Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA	Cruisin' For A Cure web site
Sat. 29	Regional NCCC Governor's meeting. Marie Calender's 12180 Mariposa Rd., Victorville Meeting at 1pm. Come early to eat.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorrismv@aol.com
Sun. 30	Ronald McDonald Annual Car Show	
OCTOBER	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 2	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 13	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	Register at MotorsportsReg.com
Sun. 14	Pomona Swap Meet and Car display	Pomona Fairgrounds
Sat. 20	People's Choice Car Show hosted by Corvette Super Sports Sanctioned show @ Hooters in Anaheim, CA	
NOVEMBER	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 6	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Fri.-Sat. 9-10	NCCC National Meetings - St. Louis, MO	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorrismv@aol.com
DECEMBER	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 4	CW General Meeting 7pm - Riverside Location to be announced - Come early to eat 5:15 pm Business Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 15	Corvettes West Christmas Party Hosted by Ray and Carol Clark	More information to come

The 10 Corvette Commandments

- 1 Thou shalt blow out carbon with a high-speed run at every and all opportunities available**
- 2 Thou shalt not feed thy Corvette cheap gas**
- 3 Thou shalt keep thy Corvette clean and waxed at all times, yet thou shalt not bring thy Corvette to an automatic car wash**
- 4 Thou shalt maintain thy Corvette in perfect working order yet thou shalt not bring thy Corvette to Jiffy Lube for an oil change**
- 5 Thou shalt park thy Corvette in such a manner as to protect her tender fenders and never park it in a "Wal Mart" parking lot!**
- 6 Thou shalt not expose thy Corvette to less than perfect weather conditions**
- 7 Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow Corvette owner**
- 8 Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress without offering aid**
- 9 Neither friend, nor foe, nor even thy spouse may drive or ride in thy Corvette without first showing proper reverence**
- 10 Thou shalt not acknowledge a Porsche, Camaro or Mustang as being a True Sports Car**

*Thanks to Carolyn Miller
For Passing This Along*

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Pacific Coast Corvettes
invites you to join our West Coast
Region Challenge Trophy Funkhana



What: Timed event, lowest time wins, 5 mph speed limit

Course includes:

Blind Parking
Trash Can Toss
Tennis Ball Challenge
Balloon Pop
Noodle Squeeze

Four Classes:

All Male Team
All Female Team
Mixed with Male Driver
Mixed with Female Driver

When: Saturday, June 30th, 2018 , Drivers' meeting at 8:00 am

Who: Open to NCCC members

Where: North Parking lot of Saddleback Church, 1 Saddleback Pkwy, Lake Forest, CA 92630

Registration: www.motorsportreg.com

Cost: \$15 per car

Event Chairperson:

Bob Rose

Phone: 702-755-7334

Email: bobhaswings@yahoo.com



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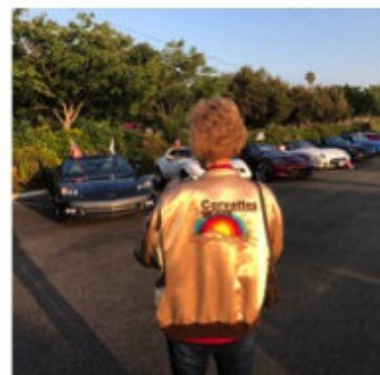
Corvettes West Events

May 12th trip to the Palm Springs Tram



Corvettes West Events

Path of Life Car Display May 19th



Guide Dogs of the Desert Graduation



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