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(Celebrating Back to Back Victories Daytona and Sebring)



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

Our Business meetings
 are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
 at 4:30 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
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 or emailed to
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The New Corvette

Hope all is well with you and yours. This virus does not seem to want to go away anytime soon.

As we all know The new Chevrolet Corvette represents a huge change for the most famous American Sport car we all love. While the reason for the new design may not be immediately obvious to most people who are not into Corvettes, it will enable GM to unveil more powerful versions of the company's flagship sports car in the next couple of years.

GM has not officially announced anything yet, but there's no question that there will be faster, more powerful Corvettes to come. And these machines could take GM into the realm of true supercars, like Lamborghini and Ferrari.

The new Corvette C-8R is already winning at the track. The last race at Sebring two weeks ago the #3 Car came in 1st and #4 car came in a close 2nd in the GTLM class way ahead of the next best team Porsche.

With today's new base model, the 495-horsepower Stingray, there are advantages to the Corvette that were not available in the C-7. The new "rear mid-engine" layout, for example, it shifts the car's weight, changing how the car handles in curves and making it quicker in a straight line since there's more weight over the back

wheels where the power goes.

It also puts the driver closer to the center of the driving experience. The driver's body is now near the engine, where the car's weight is concentrated. And the driver sits farther forward in the car, closer to the front wheels that steer the car. Also, the hood is lower -- since there's no engine under it -- providing an unimpeded view of the road ahead

This will enabled engineers to create versions of the car with much more power and the ability to handle it.

It's not as if the last-generation Corvette was a poor excuse for a sports car. The base model -- the Corvette Stingray -- had a 455-horsepower V8 engine mounted under the hood. It was frequently cited as one of the world's great sports car bargains, providing performance on par with a Porsche 911 -- but for \$30,000 less. Added to that, the Corvette was eminently practical for a two-seat sports car. It even got decent fuel economy considering its power output. The bottom line is new Mid Engine Corvette will open performance opportunities the front engine could not achieve.

I can't wait to drive one

John Blackledge - President



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SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I hope that all Corvettes West members are in good health and enjoying their time at home. I also hope all Corvette drivers everywhere are following good health procedures.

I did manage to see a C8 on the road recently. I probably would have missed it but it was red and it had a large black wing so it would have been difficult to miss.

Our sponsor, Tom Bell has one
(1) new 2020 Corvette Coupe

On the previously owned lot,
they have a 2014 Corvette Coupe.

They also have one
(1) new 2020 Camaro Coupe.

And on the previously owned lot, they have
one (1) 2010 Camaro Coupe,
one (1) 2013 Camaro Coupe,
one (1) 2016 Camaro Coupe and
one (1) 2019 Camaro Coupe.

As always, should your vehicle need service, please take your vehicle to our sponsor, Tom Bell. And when you do that, be sure to let the service writer know at the time of write-up, that you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the Club discount.

Stay safe and stay healthy, wear a mask, and rubber gloves when you go out.

Save the Wave

Bill Dodge

Sponsor's Representative



Eventually Speaking

Kristi Richardson

Hello Corvette Fans! For activities in the month of August... I've got nothing. This pandemic is sucking a lot of fun out of life but at least we're still hanging in there, right?

We can get in our cars and take a nice drive around the neighborhood, pick up a meal at a drive through, wash the car on the driveway, sit on the porch or patio. We've set up our front porch so we can cook our Beyond Meat burgers on our George Foreman grill and pretend we're on a picnic.

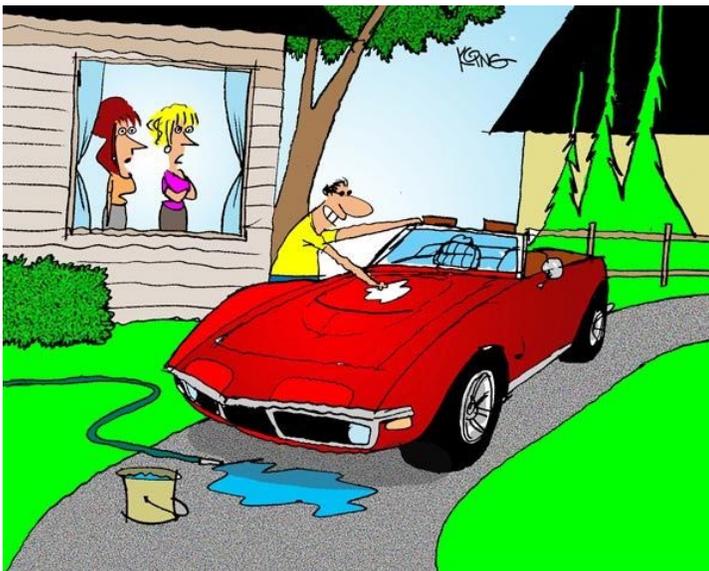
Then we can go out back in the hot tub and enjoy the starry sky and pretend we're at a resort. We are

fortunate to live in an area where even the hottest of days have nice evenings. This is far better than being in an ICU (several of us have been there and done that) or having to stay in bed full time.

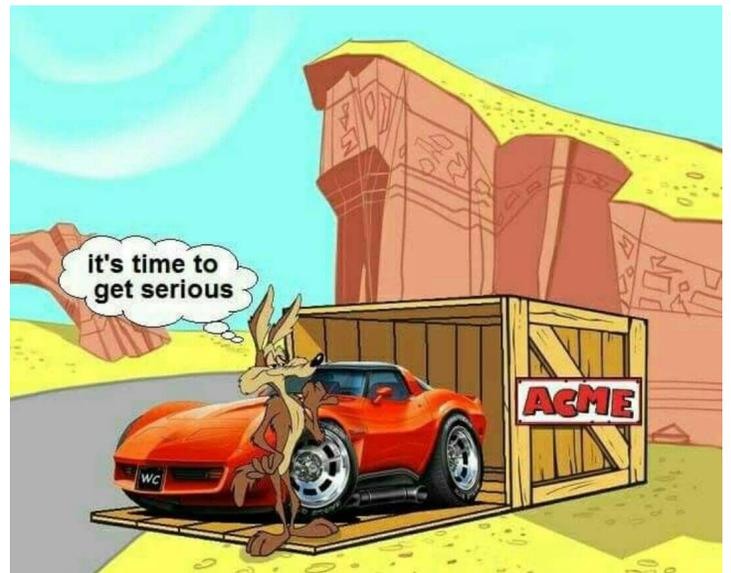
But we do miss seeing you all. When we get back to real life I'm sure club meeting and events will be near 100% attendance! So keep your faith and be thankful for each sunny day and starry night and we hope to see you in September!

To your HEALTH!

Kristi & Ron



"Maybe if I gained 2,000 pounds and painted myself red, he'd actually spend some time with me."



Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Not a lot of Corvette stuff to talk about this month but I did want to mention a couple of things. First I wanted to apologize to George for not getting my article in last month. I wasn't feeling very well and just couldn't muster up the energy to do much of anything.

Speaking of not feeling very well, I wanted to Thank all of you who sent get well cards and called to wish me well, which really meant a lot to me. I have said this many times, this Club has such great people who care a lot about each other. I never knew that by

owning a Corvette and joining this wonderful club, could introduce me to so many awesome people, and many of which have become very close friends. And I am proud to say that I am a member of Corvettes West.

Lastly, I am sure anxious for us to meet here soon and see everyone so I just hope and pray that this Virus calms down so we can do so.

Dan Flanigan



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in next month's
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**1. What was the first year that
Corvette hand cranked windows?**

1954 1955 1956 1957

**2. What year did the Corvette offer both
a 6 and 8 cylinder engine options?**

1954 1955 1956 1957

**3. What was the last year
Corvette had hidden headlights**

2003 2004 2005 2006

**4. What was the first year
for the LS 3 engine?**

2005 2006 2007 2008

**5. What year did Corvette
first offer T-Tops?**

1967 1968 1969 1970

**6. What was the first year Corvette
offered the paddle shift
automatic transmission?**

2004 2005 2006 2007

**7. What year was the
50th Anniversary of Corvette?**

2002 2003 2004 2005

**8. What year did Corvette
introduce the C6 model?**

2003 2004 2005 2006

**9. What year did Corvette
introduce the C7 model?**

2011 2012 2013 2014

**10. What year did Corvette
celebrate its 60th Anniversary?**

(John...just add 10 years to your previous answer)

2011 2012 2013 2014

Bonus Question:

**What year did Corvette first offer
a 4-speed manual transmission?**

1956 1957 1958 1959



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Giving Back!

“FIND THE HERO IN YOU”

This saying comes from a high school in North Dakota. It was their rallying statement and it worked for them. Would it work for us? Well, so far it has not worked. You who donate are heroes to those who are benefitting from your donations. You may not view yourself as a hero but to that somebody who received your donation you are a hero.

What is a hero? Heroes are many people who do things other people will not do. Such as donating. It is a short period of time that donating takes. The Blood Bank is constantly being cleaned. When a person finishes donating, one of the staff quickly is cleaning the chair just vacated. The heros in the Blood Bank are the nurses and staff who are in constant contact with

people who come through the door wanting to donate.

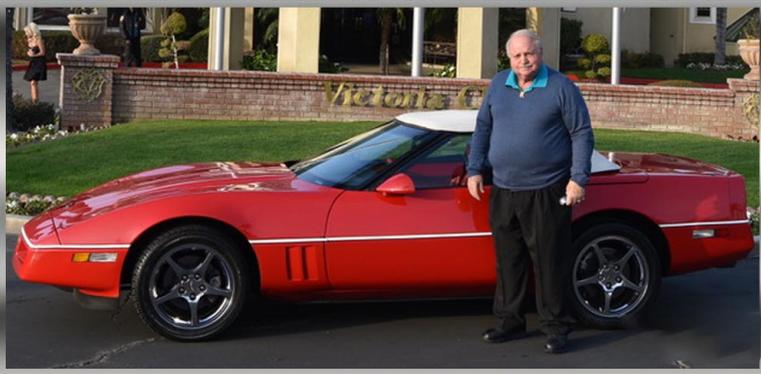
Find the hero in you and drag him/her out of bed and to the Blood Bank so you can be someone’s hero. The Club has two more donation dates this year, September 19th and November 21st. These dates are both Saturdays. The time is 8:30am at the San Bernardino location. What follows is a list of Blood Bank facilities and contact numbers.

Once you have donated, you get to eat cookies, peanuts, chips and drink coffee, juice, or hot chocolate. And on your way out, you can schedule your next appointment. Be someone’s hero and DONATE.

Save the Wave by Saving the Waver
Bill Dodge

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October 1st, 2020 Through September 30, 2021

Membership dues are \$100.00 for a period of one year, due October 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee and NCCC memberships. Renewal dues postmarked after November 15th 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."

Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$100.00 or \$110.00 made out to "Corvettes West" to: Corvettes West, P.O. Box 56837 Riverside, CA 92517.

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Spouse/Designee _____ Birthday _____

Current NCCC# (Yours) _____ (Spouse/Designee) _____

CORVETTES Year _____ Color _____ Coupe/Conv. _____

Year _____ Color _____ Coupe Convertible

Year _____ Color _____ Coupe Convertible

Year _____ Color _____ Coupe Convertible

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1. _____ NCCC# _____

2. _____ NCCC# _____

(If your NCCC is through another club, your dues are \$70.00)

INTERESTS? List events or activities that would be of interest to you:



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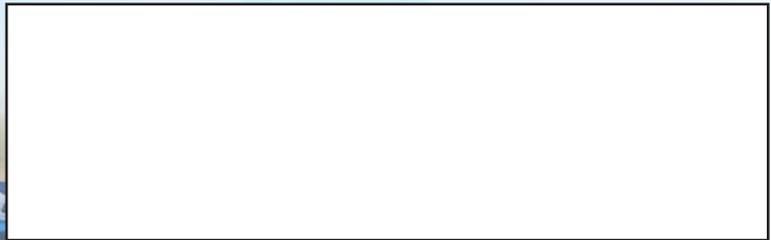
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