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**There is Nothing More Beautiful
Than A Half-Naked Corvette**



Corvettes West
 General meetings
 are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
 at Riverside Elks Lodge
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 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
 delivered to
 George Swift
 or emailed to
 corvettenews@gmail.com
 Email is preferred

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- DAN FLORES..... 02
- HOWARD HOYT..... 08
- RICK MACGILLIVRAY..... 10
- SCOTT RYAN..... 12
- RICHARD PECORARO.....13
- LORI RYAN.....15
- GLENDIA BIEBER.....22
- VIC JENNINGS.....27
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Well this quarantine stuff is starting to wear a little thin on me. I have been watching TV a lot and the quarantine reminds me of Hogan's Heroes. We are confined to our barracks but we do have and escape tunnel, our CORVETTES.

I have been able to escape three times so far is my CORVETTE, 1. A drive to the beach 2. A drive by for George Swifts 80th Birthday party. 3. A double drive by to Howard Hoyt and Vic Jennings and we are now working on a drive by to Janet Currans.

These runs in our CORVETTES are helping break a little of the monotony a bit. As I am writing this article they are also starting to lift

some of the quarantine restrictions so hopefully we will all make it safe through this pandemic and back to a "New Normal" what ever that means.

I am most thankful that we have not had one of our members get this virus thank God. We have decided to be on the side of caution and have our next monthly general meeting on July 2nd at the ELKS Lodge.

We will have a club drive by activity in June, details to follow.

John Blackledge
 President

NCCC GOVERNOR

Its top down weather! Thanks to all the Corvette West Members who turned out for the drive-by to Howard Hoyt and Vic Jennings home with horns blowing and flags waving giving them a change of pace in their daily routine. We sure miss them and hope to see them at our monthly meeting. Of course the "Renna's" had their top down.

The NCCC convention in Indianapolis is still on for July 5th through the 10th. To register go to: <https://www.corvettesnccc.org/convention.html>

The NCCC Competition Committee has made safe environment changes for the NCCC and Regional events, 20 in total. I will have copies at the next Corvette West meeting or call me and I will forward a copy to you.

Thanks to all the Corvette West Members who turned out for the drive-by for Howard and Vic's home, and for John's entertaining informative emails.

Gene Renna
 NCCC Govenor



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From Corvettes West to Tom Bell Chevrolet, be healthy and stay safe.

move to the 2021 models in late May (this month).

I imagine all of us have had the opportunity to see the new C8. Our club president made me aware that my local Chevrolet dealer had a C8 and yours truly went to see. It was white with a tan interior. It was possible to sit in the car and after getting in, I realized my C5 has more room. Pretty Car. I would like to have driven it.

Kerbeck Chevrolet ordered a large number of Corvettes. The #1 color among the Corvettes ordered is Torch Red so far.

Currently our sponsor, Tom Bell Chevrolet, does not have any new or previously owned Corvettes on the lot. They do have 3 new 2020 Camaro coupes on the lot along with 1 previously owned 2015 Camaro Coupe.

I have run across a list of problems with the C8. Aside from production delays, the initial build quality was questioned, a leaky engine bay, transmission problems, stitching problems on the dash, haunted horn that honks on its own or it doesn't honk at all, windows that go up and down for no reason, storage issues in the front and rear trunks, visibility to the rear, understeer, twisting frames on test cars. But it is still a beautiful new design.

When your vehicle needs service, please take it to Tom Bell Chevrolet for service. Tom Bell is our sponsor and they have been good to Corvettes West. And when you do that, 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.

I have also read that the 2020 Corvettes may be limited to just 2,700 units and after that production will

Save the Wave
Bill Dodge
Sponsor's Representative

Helping Hands

Hi everyone & I'm hoping all CW members have remained Covid19 free!

& this time mine went to a patient at the VA Hospital in Loma Linda.

It sure was nice to see everyone during the wave parades - masks & all. It's sort of fun to figure out who is who every now & then. The wave parades were fun for the recipients, but I think lots of their neighbors enjoyed all the Corvettes. Especially during this time.

I've not shopped for Welcome Baskets since the virus, but I will most probably do so within the next week or so.

John has info on our student scholarship donation recipients. Riverside will be holding off until next year, due to the virus. Colton/Redlands/Yucaipa ROP have selected a student. Hopefully, we will be meeting HER soon.

There were 4 of us at the San Bernardino Lifestream donation center on May 16 - myself, Jackie Lyon, plus Jackie's sister & friend. Our next donation date is July 18. They always notify us as to where our blood is used,

Stay safe as things begin to reopen!!
Sharon MacGillivray



Evently Speaking

Kristi Richardson

How are you today? Glad to see sunshine! We are very encouraged by the number of members who came out to our "DRIVE BYS" while we can't have group meetings. It has been a wonderful way to see one another while maintaining social distances, really it's like any other cruise we have done except we can't sit around tables together at the end. It's also great to call and talk to you (we divided the roster up between board members).

We had 16 cars for our run to see our friends in Valle Vista and Redlands, a 90 mile route. I'm sure that was some new territory for some, views of beautiful pastures, farms, cows, Scientology compound (that place still scares me). It appeared that local residents of the areas we paraded through enjoyed seeing all our fun cars. So joy was spread all around two counties.

Continuing on this success, our next cruising event is set for June 9 to say hello to Janet Curran, whom we dearly love and don't get to see very often. Riverside area members meet at 10 a.m. at the El Patron (where we used to meet) off of 91 FWY and Mission Inn Blvd. George will lead us out to join the rest of the group at 10:30 near PLAY TOYS, 32300 Outer HWY 10, Redlands. Dan Flanigan will be heading up those of you for whom that is a closer starting point, at 10:30. We'll parade for Janet, and she'll get in with one of us and we'll go to lunch at Oak Glen Steakhouse Saloon. Go to: <http://www.oakglensteakhouse-saloon.com/ogmenu> to preview the selections.

If you've not heard, we are planning a Big Bear club outing August 21-23. You can come for the whole time or just drive up for Saturday cruise around the lake, dinner, and Trivia Game. This is a club only event as we ease out of at home restrictions. I know many of us have had to give up real vacations.

As always, my number e-mail is Kristirichards325@gmail.com

Phone (951) 545-1006 to call or text.

Please let me know if you plan to attend the drive bys.

Have great summer,

Kristi



CORVETTES WEST TRIVIA

The Answers will be
in next month's
newsletter

1. Originally a Corvette 'Concept' car. The 1955 Chevrolet Nomad station wagon went into production as a 'full size' wagon, rather than a Corvette.

True False

2. When did Corvette introduce the 'Sting Ray'(duck tail) rear end?

1963 1957 1961 1959

3. The first year Corvette paced Indy was _____. Answer: (Year- 4 digits)

4. 1972, the Vette had chrome bumpers, front and rear. In 1974, the Vette was plastic front and rear. In 1973, the Vette had a chrome rear bumper and a plastic nose.

True False

5. The first 'big block' offered in the Corvette was the ...

409 402 427 396

6. Corvette went to "independent rear suspension" in ...

1955 1968 1958 1963

7. In 1963 this 'option' was shown in contemporary ads and press photos, but wasn't available until 1964 (some 1963's got them post-purchase).

sport mirrors

luggage rack

chrome side-pipes

cast-aluminum wheels with tri-spinner knock-off hubs

8. The first production Corvette had 13 'teeth'.

True False

9. The first "coke bottle" bodied Corvette was produced in ...

1968 1970 1966 1974

10. In 1964 the Borg-Warner four-speeds gave way to these "rock crusher" trannys for the Vette.

Top-Flight Super T-10

Muncie Powerglide

Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well another month without much Club News or New Memberships as we are all supposed to be hunkered down. But there were a couple of runs that were a lot of fun being a part of. The first run was a surprise Birthday Drive By to George's house, with signs and balloons wishing him a Happy 80th Birthday on the 5th. Many members left cards and gifts which made this even more special for George. Hard to believe this guy is 80 with all of his energy and his tireless work with the VVA.

Then later that afternoon we had our Clubs First Zoom Board Meeting which I think went very well. I think John liked the idea of Zoom meetings because it kept George from interrupting all the time, as only one person can talk at a time while Zooming! LOL

Then Pres John, came with the great idea of doing several more Drive By's to brighten up the spirits of Howard and Vic, who are nursing medical issues. There were many members who met out at the Museum and then we all headed out to Hemet to visit Howard, with Diane leading the way. A "Shout Out" to Howard and his lovely wife for driving such a long way to attend our meetings. There are several other members who drive a long distance to attend our meetings and they deserve a "Shout Out" also.

Once in the Hemet area the caravan stopped, placed signs on their cars, took tops off and put flags on their cars. As a side note, if Diane Swift ever leads a caravan again we all need to get our cars tuned up, because this lady likes speed and it was almost impossible for all of us to keep up with her.

Once every one got their cars ready we then drove to Howard's house. Once there we circled around his drive way and all wished him well. To see the smile on his face made

this trip very worthwhile, and he was even filming this drive by so we may see this again!

We then headed to Redlands for our next Drive By. I was asked to lead this time since we were going to Redlands and I don't think I did any better leading than Diane did while leading. We were driving on the freeway and I was only going 60 MPH, slow in my opinion, but I was pulling away from the Caravan. I had to slow down to about 55 MPH, and that was barely slow enough for the Caravan to catch up with me! And the craziest thing of all happened when Mr. Swift called and asked me to slow down and he was the speedster on the first leg! So, Go Figure!!

Then once in Redlands we stopped again and put our signs out and flags on and headed to Vic's house. I think Vic had his whole family in his front yard as we drove by honking and wishing him well. And again, what a joy to see a big smile on his face was well as his whole family.

This was just a great day taking our Vettes out for a ride and wishing several members to get well. Makes one proud to be a member of this club.

Lastly, I hope everyone enjoyed celebrating Memorial Day, as it was a day to Thank all of our Service Men and Women who scarified their lives for the freedoms we so enjoy today. GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Keep being safe and healthy and until we meet again.

Dan Flanigan
Vice President



BLOOD BANK



Giving Back!

Everyone, stay healthy and well!

Everyone, stay healthy and well! I say this because I have recently lost 2 friends to Covid19 and I do not wish to lose any more friends.

The Blood Bank does need to see all of us as soon as possible. They are cleaning machines and the chairs that are used for donations. So you are not going to get the virus that way. When you go to the Blood Bank, please wear a facial mask. I wear the mask and rubber gloves also. I need to stay healthy so I can annoy you all about the importance of donation. The Blood Bank also sends out a text to you after your donation telling you what hospital your donation went to. This is new

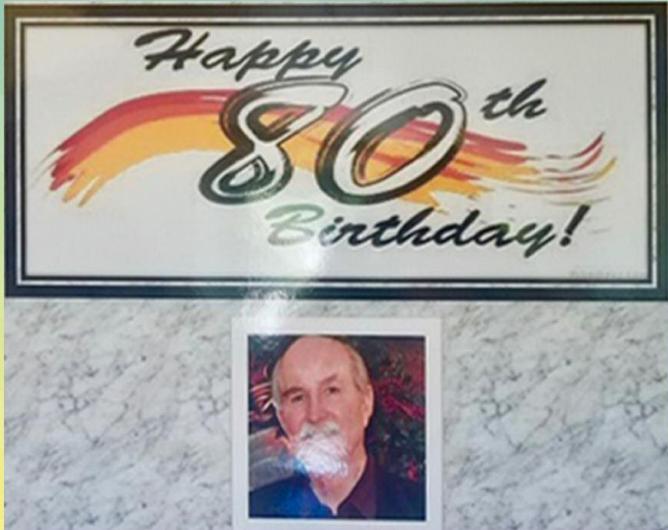
for them to pass this information along to you. The club now has three (3) ladies who are donating, Jackie, Sharon, and LeeAnn who just started donating.

The club donation dates are: July 18th, September 19th, November 21st in 2020 and January 23rd in 2021. You can only donate every 56 days. That's not a lot of time and your donation can save up to 3 lives. So be someone's hero and donate. The need for blood is NOW. Call and make an appointment to donate whole blood. It does not take long and people in the community will benefit greatly from your donation.

Save the Wave by Saving the Waver
Bill Dodge

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- Moreno Valley Mall..... Top Floor, Next to the JC Penney



Just want to say Thank you to those who participated in George Swift's "Drive-by" Birthday parade of Corvettes (& a motorcycle).

He really appreciated the acknowledgement and I appreciated all the effort especially since I could not do anything big for him to celebrate his 80 years here on earth. Corvettes West has been a large part of his life for a long time!

Diane



Thank you to all of our
Corvettes West
members who were
able to participate in
our Howard Hoyt drive
by parade.

To show our support
and best wishes for
a healthy recovery from
his medical issues.



Howard Hoyt Drive By Parade



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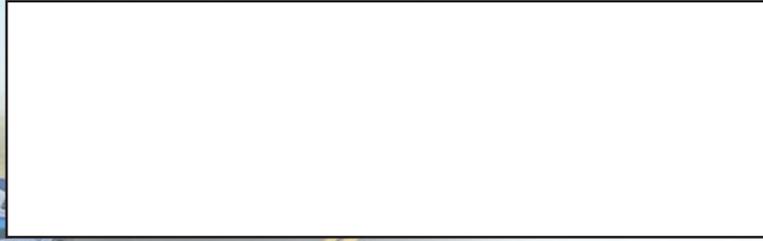
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