

# FAST TRACK

Club Newsletter Featuring America's Favorite Sports Car

## Corvettes West

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# SPOOKY FAST

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*Designed To SCARE You!*

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



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

## *Hello fellow Corvette lovers*

We have had some great weather to get out and get some sun while cruising in our awesome Corvettes. Unfortunately, we have not had great gas prices. Dan Flanigan said he had his fist \$100 fill up. With premium prices as high as \$6.50 a gallon I have definitely taken less evening cruises with Jenni. I heard that gas went up \$.79 a gallon just in September and there is no sign of it going back down anytime soon.

Well, enough bad news. Our Wheels and Wings car show is rapidly approaching. I did see some new names on the list for people working. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! It takes a lot of work to make this a success and when that work is divided by many people it really makes it better. If you haven't volunteered to help, please reach out to John Blackledge or Randy Redden to see where you can contribute. Even if it just sitting at the popcorn booth, every little bit helps.

With the car show approaching, we cannot forget that nominations for our 2024 Officers will be coming soon. If you would like to do something, but you are not sure what, feel free to talk to any of the officers and we'll tell you about the different positions. We shouldn't have to rely on the same people every year to bear the load.

Homecoming season is in full force. We've had a great time so far. We even had Ralph Johnson show up in his Corvette at Arroyo High School in San Bernardino. He made a bee line to me and wanted to make sure Jenni knew he did actually have a Corvette. She has been giving him a hard time because she had yet to see him with a Corvette. It was pretty funny. Thanks for coming out, Ralph, it was great seeing you there. And it is also really great seeing the young girls so excited to ride in our beautiful Corvettes. They have all been very respectful of the cars and very polite.

We had eleven people show up for the run to Sayaka Japanese restaurant. Our chef put on quite a show, and we found out that we had an honorable chef in our group. Dan Flanigan once got to do so chef work at Benihana. Dan was front and center, keeping a close eye on our chef's moves ensuring he stayed on task. Luckily our food was being prepared in front of us or the chef might have done something to it. LOL.

Well, hang on tight because this fall is going to fly by like it's driving George's new ZO6.

*Happy Cruising,  
 Monty*

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- SHARON WING .....02
- JACKIE LYON .....10
- DAN FLANIGAN .....12
- DIANA BLACKLEDGE .....15
- DOTTIE LAGRECA .....17
- JOHN BLACKLEDGE .....19
- CRAIG CLARK .....22
- LEEANN NORTROP .....26
- CAROLYN MILLER .....28
- JIM CREGG .....29



# Eventfully Speaking

*Jenni Clark*

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

Happy Fall Corvette family! The weather has been so much cooler lately, I've actually had to wear a jacket while driving in the evening with the top down.

To start off, thank you Kristi Richardson for planning the event for September. We had a wonderful time at Sayaka Japanese Restaurant. It's always fun to see those chefs cook the food and throw it at people. Dan couldn't catch it in his mouth for nothing. That was very entertaining for everyone. The food was quite delicious as well.

October is a big month for us, car show coming right up. October 21st is the big day. Wheels 'n' Wings Car Show at the March Air Museum. Please sign up to help, we need everybody to make it a huge success like it was last year. If you haven't registered your car to be in the show, do that very soon also. Pre-registration makes entry go a lot smoother on the morning of the show. Let's have a great show everybody!

We don't usually do any events in November. We recoup from the car show and enjoy too much turkey and pie on Thanksgiving.

As for December, we have the Christmas Party on Saturday, December 9th at Ray and Carol Clark's home. Make sure to sign up to bring your favorite side-dish or dessert at the next meetings. Don't forget to bring an unwrapped item to be auctioned off for our charity donation. Another fabulous event at the Clark's. Their beautiful garage is so big, I think our whole house would fit inside it. Thank you two for hosting, we really do appreciate it.

In closing, I would like to wish my wonderful husband, Monty Clark, a happy seven year anniversary. You make me so very happy every day. You truly are the man of my dreams. I love our happily ever after.

Much love Corvette family.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni

Event Planner Extraordinaire



# Vice President CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*



Well here we are starting the last quarter of 2023 and October is the month we start thinking about new Officers and Board Members for the coming 2024 year.

We would like to ask those new members to think about looking at getting more involved as becoming Board Members which we will be discussing more at the October meeting. For me becoming a Board Member really helped me to get to know more members and becoming closer friends with many of you and it doesn't take that much of your time. So new members please give this thought when nomination are discussed. And longtime members that haven't been Board Members, please give that some thought also as I know there are several of you that would be great additions to the Board.

Regarding Club Events, we want to thank Kristi for helping Jenni for our recent outing at the SAYAKA Japanese Restaurant in Colton, on the 16th. We

all had a great time as the food was great and prepared on the Teppanyaki Grille with a great Cook/Entertainer. Now I did have to show the cook a few things that I learned while I was a server at Benihana's several years ago at a family event.

I have photos to prove that I was a food preparer on a Teppanyaki Grille if anyone was to question me! And I did so well I was asked if I wanted to work their part time, and I had to decline as I was very busy with our Construction Company!

Now coming up on the 21st of October, is our Wheels 'n Wings Car Show at March Air Force Base, which is the major Fundraising event for our Car Club this year. John and Randy are doing a great job handling this event and I know they can use more help. So please contact either one of them if you can spare few hours on the 21st.

Lastly, I received a text from Derek this week noting that my 2024 Z06

Convertible still shows production of next week but not sure what this strike may due to that schedule. So as much as I would like to keep my 2022 C8 Convertible and have two C8's in my garage I will be selling it. So, anyone that might be interested to call me as would like to keep it in the CW family. It's a 3LT with only 3,800 miles, with the Cilajet Coating, Chrome Wheels and Tinted windows.

Lastly, Lastly, October has a lot of members Birthdays including mine, as I will be 47 on the 12th but I sure feel a lot older! LOL

I hope everyone had a nice summer and we will see you members on the 3rd.

Thanks,  
**Dan Flanigan**  
Vice President

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My most recent trip to Tom Bell Chevrolet indicated that they have no new C8 Corvettes on the lot. Staff indicated that they have ordered 3 new C8s but they had no idea when they would see these cars.

Tom Bell does have one (1) new Camaro coupe on the lot. It was indicated that they have a new Camaro in transit but again they have no idea when this vehicle might be arriving. It was indicated that there are no Camaros on the used car lot.

As always, if you are experiencing difficulties with any of your vehicles, Tom Bell's service department is the

place to take your trouble 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.

Enjoy the open road in a safe manor.

*Save the Wave*

**Bill Dodge**

Sponsor's Representative

## GUESS WHO?

Just For Fun

Here are two photos of our members when they were younger. You can email your guess to [2swiift@att.net](mailto:2swiift@att.net)



Hint:

She's still beautiful and him, well, not so much.  
(Ladies always age better) LOL.

## Homecoming 2023

Date	School	P or H	# Cars
10/13	Montclair	Half time	5
10/20	Linfield	Half time	10
10/20	Colton	Parade	25

**Contact George Swift For More  
Information: (951) 743-1917**

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



## *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 CALENDAR

OCTOBER		
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Fri. 13th	Montclair High School Homecoming -1/2 time - 5 cars	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 20th	Colton HS Homecoming Parade - afternoon - 25 CARS!	George: 951-743-1917
Fri. 20th	Linfield High School Homecoming - 1/2 time - 10 cars	George: 951-743-1917
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
NOVEMBER		
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!	
DECEMBER		
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>		
JANUARY		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Awards Banquet	
FEBRUARY		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
MARCH		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
APRIL		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
MAY		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



The Blood Bank lost its greatest donor, Larry Bloemsmas passed away on September 19, 2023. Larry has donated over 175 gallons of blood. He is an Air Force Veteran who will be interred at Riverside National Cemetery. God bless him. He was a pleasant man to talk to and dedicated to his donating. I will miss him as will the Blood Bank.

The newspaper for Friday listed two (2) mobile locations for this past weekend, one (1) at Calstate San Bernardino and the other at Habitat For Humanity in Pomona. These locations will vary from week to week. So check the Press Enterprise for each week's locations and please use these locations if you can not get to a Blood Bank Center.

The Blood Bank continues to need more new donors. The vacation season is winding down and schools are the Blood Bank's biggest source of donors. The donating process is not long. But think of the individual who gets your donation and what your donation means to them. Help the Blood Bank save lives. We all may need blood at some time so let's make sure the Blood Bank has enough blood. DONATE!

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.





**Corvettes  
West**



*Christmas*  
**PARTY**

Saturday, December 9, 2023

12:00pm



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

**Hosted By Ray & Carol Clark**

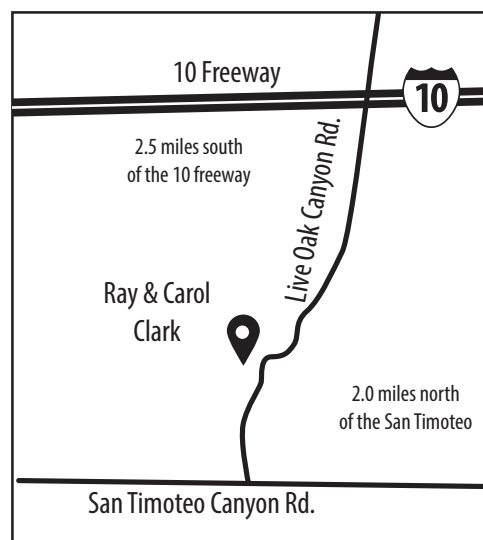
30130 Live Oak Canyon, Redlands

(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.*

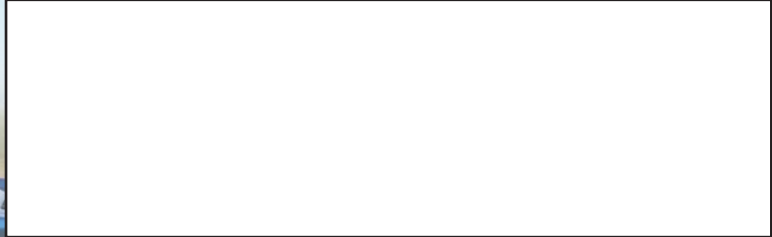
**Remember to bring  
an unwrapped gift  
for the auction.**



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