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Dan Flanigan

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“JUNE 2026”

Now here we are going into June with not very much to report about for May. We missed the outing to Sherman's Deli and Bakery, and assume it went well, as we had another family matter to attend to. As I reported in my May article, we had gotten very involved after Elaine's sister passed, in helping to resolve some estate issues. So, things are getting back to some normalcy which we are so thankful for. While getting a little breather from this family stuff, I can say that we have finally taken the Corvette out for a few spins which felt so good especially with the top down as the weather has been pretty good.

For those of you who have been to our house, you know how much we love Eagles, owning several large wood carvings. So knowing our love for eagles, we watch FOBBV, Friends of Big Bear Valley, camera that is focused on the nest of Shadow, Jackie, and this year's two offspring. Elaine loves watching the parents bringing fish to their off-spring and how they push each other around to get closer to the parent who is feeding them.

When I am looking for Elaine and can't find her, I know she is in our office watching the young eagles! Going into our office I will also watch from time to time as it has been so interesting to watch the growth of these two beautiful birds and the parents bringing them fish on a regular basis.

They are getting very close to being full grown and leaving the

nest. And this is one of the real interesting things to me is the fact that once they are large enough and ready to leave the nest they are basically on their own. The parents do help them with catching fish, but once they master that they are on their own! We have watched several births and flights out of the nest over the years and it has just been so amazing to watch and especially when it snows. That's when mother completely covers her off spring and sometimes she is totally covered in snow which is just incredible to watch! They will be leaving the nest here soon and then the process will start all over again!

Elaine wanted me to mention that we just bought a 3D machine that can make just about anything in almost any color. I have been having fun making so many things, and even made a Red C8 Corvette. I have made angels (many of them for Elaine's sister's memorial services), jewelry boxes, decorative planter boxes for small plants, as there is no limit to what this machine can do, it's just amazing!

So that's my filler for the month and looking forward to seeing everyone on the 2nd.

Thanks,

Dan Flanigan, President

Corvettes West Southern California

Sunshine Lady

If you know any Former Club Member or Current Member who is/or has been recently sick or ill, contact me.

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Hello Corvettes West members,

Life is good. Even better with a Corvette! I am writing to you from Bowling Green Kentucky. I came here to have the oil changed in my Corvette. Thank you to Campbell Chevrolet of Bowling Green.

And while I was in the area I thought I would visit the National Corvette Museum and assembly plant. While in the assembly plant employee parking area, I met two of the Corvette Engineers, Ray and John. They were very welcoming and friendly, even though they were at the end of their day and heading home. Each of them was driving a 2027 Corvette Grand Sport test vehicle! We spent some time visiting and talking about Corvettes. It was a great time.

May Event Recap: Sherman's Deli & Bakery, Palm Springs. Those of us who went ate well while we traded interesting stories over our meal. Again, good food and great company.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June Event: J. Riley Distillery

420 Oriental Ave., Redlands. Thursday, June 18th @ 11am.

July Event: Kent Browning's Private Museum

This museum is in Cerritos CA. The run will be on Saturday July 11th

More info to come soon.

Event RSVP information

If you wish to attend either of these events please contact me,

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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
delivered to George Swift
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JUNE

Name	Bday	Member Since
BILL BLANKENSHIP	...01	...2023
DAN FLORES	...02	...2006
RICK MacGILLIVRAY	...10	...1996
JOAN REDDEN	...12	...2020
RANDY REDDEN	...15	...2020
LARRY AVELING	...15	...2022
DARLA LLOYD	...17	...2021
LILI BULF	...28	...2017
DAVID CASTALDO	...28	...2018
DEAN AUDIBERT	...29	...1997
ERICKA BARLOW	...29	...2021
DICK HELLER	...29	...2025

RANDY REDDEN VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



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All I have to Do is Dream a Little Dream

The air in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in June 2026, smelled of high-octane fuel, fresh tarmac, and anticipation. For Kevin and Monique, both lifelong enthusiasts, this wasn't just another summer; it was the start of a new era. They were standing in the National Corvette Museum parking lot, surrounded by a sea of C8s, watching the first of the 2026 models arrive, marking the beginning of the "R8C Reunion" in late June.

The 2026 model year has brought whispers of revolution, but seeing it in person was different. Elena's eyes went immediately to a 2026 Stingray in the new, striking Roswell Green Metallic—a color that seemed to hum under the Kentucky sun.

A Redesigned Driving Experience

Later that afternoon, during a sneak peek presentation, they saw the interior changes everyone had been talking about. The infamous vertical "button wall"—once a staple of the C8 cockpit—was gone. In its place was a more driver-centric, open cockpit that felt less like a cockpit and more like a fighter jet command center.

"It's all about connection," a GM designer explained to the crowd. He pointed out the new, massive digital landscape: a 14-inch driver information center that seamlessly merged into a 12.7-inch console display, complimented by a brand-new 6.6-inch auxiliary touch screen. The center console was lower, the HVAC controls were now intuitive toggles, and the wireless charging pad was in the front, making the whole space feel more functional.

The Grand Sport

Next the Santorini Blue Corvette Grand Sport rolled out humming, ready to tear up a canyon highway,

Interstate or even the track. Now this rollout really sparked Kevin's interest. With its Z06 wide-body stance, twin hash marks on the rear fenders, and a roaring 6.7L LS6 V8, the 535 horsepower begged to be unleashed. With a press of the throttle, this American supercar will lunged forward, blurring the apexes. Kevin wide eyed, turned and looked at Monique, with a twinkle in her eye and affirming smile, she returned Kevin's excited gaze and at that same moment a little arm shot straight up out of Monique's arms seemingly excited about what just took place between the two.

The Reign of the Zora

But the real buzz? The 2026 Corvette Zora. The hype around this new hybrid hyper car was palpable. With over 1,250 horsepower combining the twin-turbo 5.5-liter V8 from the ZR1 and the E-Ray's electric drive, the Zora was a whisper on everyone's lips. While she didn't see a Zora driving on the streets, the rumors that the first ones would begin to materialize on track days in late 2026 were everywhere.

The Week of the "Vette"

June 2026 was packed. On June 11-13, the Bloomington Gold show brought the most exclusive Corvettes to World Wide Technology Raceway. And for enthusiasts, like Eric and Sharon, the 2026 R8C Reunion from June 25-27 offered a unique celebration for those taking delivery directly at the museum.

As the sun set on the museum, casting a deep hue across the freshly parked cars, the Flannigan's felt the weight of history. The 2026 Corvette wasn't just about faster laps or sharper screens—it was about keeping that feeling alive, making the dream of the American sports car faster, smarter, and more thrilling than ever. The legend hadn't just continued; it had accelerated.

Confession: The characters in this story are totally fictional. Ehh... but sometimes Dreams do come True.

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



10 Trivia Questions

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Cor-More (Corvette & More)

1 Who designed the first Corvette?

- Zora Duntov
- Harley Earl
- Ed Cole
- Louis Chevrolet

2 Who at Chevrolet created the first V8?

- Zora Duntov
- Ed Cole
- Bill Mitchell
- Keith Black

3 How long did it take to build the first V8?

- One year
- Two Years
- 6 months
- 18 months

4 What was the cubic inch of new V8?

- 250
- 256
- 260
- 265

5 What year did the 283 engine come out?

- 1955
- 1956
- 1957
- 1958

6 Route 66 first year Corvette was used?

- 1958
- 1959
- 1960
- 1961

7 What year did Prince release the song "Little Red Corvette"?

- 1980
- 1981
- 1982
- 1983

8 What year did the 350 engine was released?

- 1965
- 1966
- 1968
- 1969

9 What year did Corvette reintroduce the "STINGRAY"

- 2012
- 2013
- 2014
- 2015

10 What was the first year Corvette offered the LS1 engine

- 1996
- 1997
- 1998
- 1999

Bonus Trivia Facts

It debuted in 1953 at a car show, not a dealership.

Only 300 were built in the first year.

Every 1953 Corvette was identical.

CW 2026 CALENDAR

JUNE

Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 12th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Thurs. 18th	Lunch at J. Riley Distillery in Redlands. 11AM 420 Oriental Ave. Signup at June's meeting or RSVP to Wade either by text 951-312-9946 OR email whill59210@gmail.com

JULY

Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 10th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Sat. 11th	Kent Browning's Private Museum in Cerritos, CA More details to come.

AUGUST

Tues. 4th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sat. 15th	Corvettes West Annual Summer Party @ the Flanigan's
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 14th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

SEPTEMBER

Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 11th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

OCTOBER

Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 9th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm

NOVEMBER

Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 9th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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Welcome to a couple of days past Memorial Day. I hope that some or all of us visited the National Cemetery in Riverside to pay respect to those final donors who gave it all so that we, who I struggle to get to donate blood, can do so in the American way, the safe way.

The Blood Bank needs 360 donations daily to be able to service the hospitals and clinics they are responsible for. They need a constant flow of individuals who are willing to spend an hour or so making sure that blood is available to save the lives of our loved ones.

What can I say about donating blood or blood products? I have donated on a regular basis to the extent of 144 gallons.

Currently, because I take too many meds, I cannot donate. Once off the meds I will go back to donating. It is worthwhile cause. Our club is community related so it is important for us, Corvettes West, to be involved in community affairs. Donating is a community event. In the past, the club has held car shows in the Blood Bank's parking lot in San Bernardino.

Let's support Lifestream, our Blood Bank, by coming out and donating. It's only about an hour of your time but it is worth somebody's life. Besides, you will meet some very nice people you will be donating with.

“SAVE A LIFE, DONATE” Bill Dodge

Reminder to Corvettes West members

Our monthly **Business Meeting** is held via **ZOOM** the **Monday evening** the day before our monthly **General Meeting**. Any CW member can attend this. You will have to let Dan Flanagan know if you would like to attend, so that he can add you to the "**Zoom meeting invite list**" which sends you an email. And you will need to have **Zoom** on your computer or phone.

Just thought we would remind you.



Incredible June Birthday Members

Happy Birthday to our incredible June birthday Members! As Corvette owners, we know age is just a number—what truly matters is the mileage we put on our lives and the passion we drive with.

Whether you are cruising down the Pacific Coast Highway or hitting the track, you bring that signature Vette spirit to every mile. Here are a few quick reminders as we celebrate your Birthdays this month:

- Just like a pristine C1 or C2, you only get better, bolder, and more valuable with time.
- Like a C8, you turn heads everywhere you go and prove that high performance has no age limit.
- At Corvettes West: We are incredibly lucky to share the open road with such an amazing group of friends. Thank you for being the heart of our club.
- Make this next year count, and keep chasing that horizon.

Wishing everyone celebrating a birthday this month a fantastic day and an unforgettable year ahead. Cheers to you!

Helping Hands...

Hi everyone! You may know, or maybe not, that 8 of our members attended the "Evening of Excellence" Awards Presentation of CRY-ROP on the evening of May 13th. This event was held at San Bernardino Valley College in SB. This is when high school students from Colton, Redlands & Yucaipa, who participate in this Regional Opportunity Program, receive acknowledgement from their instructors (in many fields of study), as well as monetary awards from outside donors. We, being a car club, decided to begin giving scholarships to automotive students a few years ago.

I'm including some pictures that may be of interest to you all.

Sharon MacGillivray



CORVETTES WEST CAR CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

The Corvettes West Car Club awards scholarships to students pursuing careers in the automotive field.

Domenick Baeza, Colton High School
John Davenport, Redlands East Valley High School
Levi Faragher Holman, Redlands High School
Angel Gomez Beas, Yucaipa High School
Cristian Lopez Alvarez, Bloomington High School



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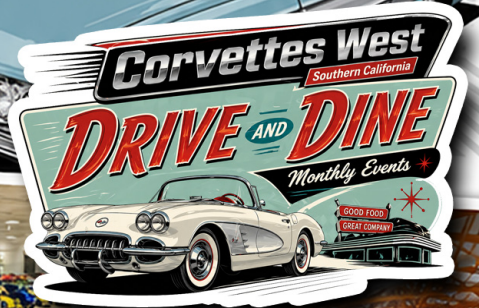


This museum is in
CERRITOS, CA.

—★ WE'LL HAVE A ★—
RUN THERE ON

Sat. July 11th

More information
to come soon.



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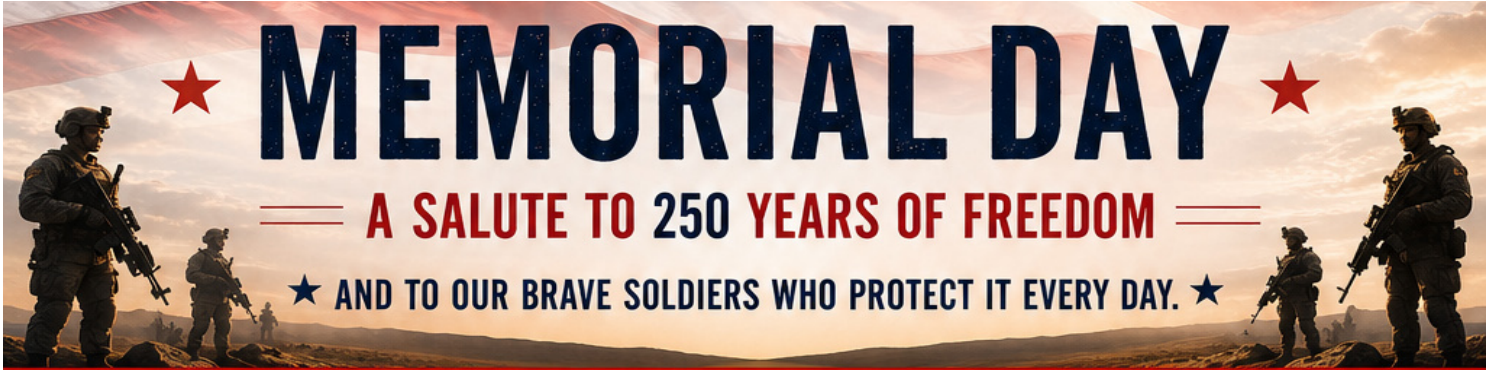
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STOCK#: N260545
 VIN: 1G1YE3D34T5605889

New 2026 Chevrolet Corvette

Z06 Convertible 2LZ Convertible 8-Speed Automatic

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