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Hi everyone,

Hope you had a great month. I know many of you were still working on getting your health back during February, and I hope you are all feeling better now. If not, please let us know.

We had a lot going on in February: the Super Bowl party on 2/4 hosted by Dan & Elaine Flanigan, the Olympics, our Club Valentine Dinner on 2/10 at Napoli's hosted by Ron & Kristi Richardson, the Blood Bank donation day which is spear headed by Bill Dodge on 2/17, the Mecum Auto Auction at Pomona Fair grounds on 2/16 & 2/17, and the Seven Oaks Dam tour hosted by Howard Hoyt on 2/21. Did I miss anything??

March will begin with two events. The 1st weekend March 2-3 is the Temecula Rod Run and a Track Day at Willow Springs. CW meeting on 3/6 at Law's and two Auto Cross events at the Indio Fairgrounds. Our "Dine of the Month" for March will be announced by Ron/Kristi Richardson at the March 6th meeting. Great job by all who make these events possible. We really appreciate your time and effort to set these up for all of us.

CORVETTE NEWS

The all new Corvette Generation EV with 800 horsepower & 700 pound-feet of torque debuted at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. The car test runs included a top speed of 209 mph. It also hit a standing mile record speed of 190.4 mph and this is just the proto type. If you're interested in owning one of these babies, they are planning on building only 75 of them at a price of around \$750,000 each. Check with Derek at Tom Bell Chevrolet. LOL

In case you did not see it, a pair of Corvettes including the first 2019 ZR1 & and the 2018 Corvette Carbon 65 Edition sold for 2.3M at the Barrett Jackson auction in Scottsdale, AZ. This was for a charity supported by President George W. Bush. President W. Bush also signed this car.

Rick Hendrick also bought the 1st 2019 Corvette ZR1 for \$925,000.

The ZR1 is available in either a coup or convertible. It has 755 hp & 715 pound-feet of torque. The Carbon Fiber Edition will be the exclusive model. It can be ordered in either a Z06 or a Grand Sport but they are only planning on building 650 world wide and only one will have the signature of former President George W. Bush.

At the National Corvette Museum, the last remaining car slated to be restored from the sink hole 4 years ago has been completed. On February 12th the very special 1962 Tuxedo Black was returned to the museum. The sink hole swallowed eight very special Corvettes total, but only three of them were deemed restorable. The other 5 will continue to be displayed along with the three cars that were restored. You can go on line to the National Corvette Museum and browse through their WEB CAMs and see all of these and much more.

Have a great month – Remember to Save the Wave and to carry a CW club card to pass on to a fellow Corveter you may encounter this month.

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.

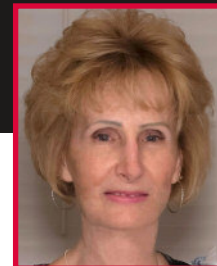
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March BIRTHDAYS

SKIP MORRIS 02
MYRON KOZA 10
BARBARA RENNA 17
DAVID BULF 20
CAROL CLARK 25
KRISTI RICHARDSON 25
JOY CHEATHAM 28
TEE JENNINGS 29
MARK GUIZLO 31
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Editor's Notes

CORNERS & *Curves*



On to the 3rd month of 2018. Looks like Winter is finally here. The calendar does say it is Winter. Sometimes we Californians get too used to our warm weather...

February was a busy month. But busy keeps you young, right? Howard our Historian is certainly keeping busy with taking pictures at our events! So much so that you will have to bear with me since I seem to be a bit behind on getting all event pictures in the most "appropriate" edition of our FastTrack.

To our newest members, as well as long time members, I am always open to putting a "Bio" in our newsletter. We of course know of your love of Corvettes, but everyone has other interesting facts about their lives also.

Until next time.....

Diane Swift

Fast Track Editor 2018

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HOMEcomings & PARADES

For the second month in a row,
we have nothing lined up at this time.
If you hear of any groups/parades inquiring about cars and
drivers, give me a call.

951-776-0936 OR 2swift@att.net

George Swift

Save the wave

OUR VICE'S VOICE



Dan Flanigan

My goodness it's March already, and how time flies when you're having fun. Speaking of having fun, I hope everyone enjoyed Valentine's Day with your significant other, and for those of us who attended the Napoli's Dinner, it was such a great time. And a big Thank You to Ron Richardson, who bailed us guys out when he brought roses for us to give to our wives!

Another fun get together was our Super Bowl Party. The food and desserts that everyone brought were outstanding. The big winners of the Football Pools that night were Gordy, Carol and Debbie, and oh yes, Skip won one also....so what else is new!

With March here, all of us Irish folks will sure be enjoying St. Patty's day on the 17th, and others of you are welcome to join us!

I will be presiding over our March meeting, as President John and his lovely wife Diana, will be in Arizona enjoying some baseball spring training games, so I hope everyone is going to be in a good mood and ready for some fun.

As we all know there were a few hiccups at our last meeting due to various reasons. So, a few of our board members decided to meet with one of Law's managers to discuss these issues, and we feel a lot of positives came out of this meeting. We will discuss this in more detail the

next time we meet. I will say that I'm very impressed with how Law's is trying to improve our dining experience by ensuring our club is pleased with the meals and service.

With Ron's help, we are also working on improving our sound system. We hope to add an additional speaker towards the back of the room along with some other improvements. So please be patient until we get all this



worked out, as we are at a new location and it may take some time to get things sorted out.

As a reminder in closing, please wear your name tags to all of our meetings if you want to get a show-up ticket. Last month I allowed a lot of hastily made up name tags (that were very interesting to say the least) and especially Linda Johnson's who also used her name tag as a napkin, but I'm not sure those ingenious name-tag attempts will qualify going forward.....

Looking forward to seeing you at our March meeting.

Dan Flanigan
Vice President

HELPING HANDS

Last month I posted a picture in our newsletter of one of the Welcome Home baskets we've given to Inland Housing Solutions (6 so far). We need more baskets, of course, so your help in this endeavor would be SO appreciated. Here are ways you could help: Make a basket on your own, give me money to make up a basket for you (\$30 will do a nice one), or give me any of the products needed for a basket. Anything will help!!

Here's a list of things I've put in each basket:

dishwashing liquid, dish cloths & towels, sponges, dish drying mats, Comet or toilet bowl cleaner, Windex, paper towels, all-purpose cleaner (spray or not), bar soap, wash cloths, shampoo/conditioner combo, and small laundry detergent. Everything will fit into a laundry basket. (I found sturdy baskets for only \$4.64 at Walmart).

These items are things I've chosen.

You are welcome to "do your own thing"!

SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY



As our weather has been less than optimal lately, Ron decided to postpone the Dine of the month at Palm Springs Tram to May. Instead, on March 10th, Saturday, at 6 p.m. we will go to Sayaka Japanese Restaurant at 1060 S. Mount Vernon in Colton.

be right, and you will see it, in the vicinity of the Walmart.

The restaurant is fun as we sit around the grill, or if you'd rather, go to the Sushi bar. The manager said they would accommodate up to 40 of us. We'll take a count at the March meeting. If you are not there just drop us an email or call. 951-789-1322

Stay Warm, sounds like March will come in like a Lion. We hope it quickly becomes a lamb.

Ron & Kristi

From the 215 Fwy either direction, Washington St. is the exit. Go to the west side of 215 and turn north, which will

NCCC GOVERNOR

National Council of Corvette Clubs is growing in membership. That is always a good thing since it helps maintain our benefits with them. A significant change NCCC made recently is that they have decided to use "Go Daddy" for their web service. This seems to be working out well for them.

The new web address for NCCC is:
CorvettesNCCC.org

I have included in this month's article, a couple of pictures of a model Vette that I was given many years ago. The "Corvette Indy", also known as "CERV II", was a concept car produced in 1986. There was also a full size real one on display in San Diego at "America's Cup" in 1992.

If you look at the most recent pictures of the C8 mid-engine Corvette, they

look very similar! I for one am sure looking forward to the new C8!

George Swift

Save the Wave





Welcome to March. How many of you have made a resolution to come out and donate blood this year? The blood bank is in need of more donors as they currently are having difficulty meeting their obligations for the hospitals they service. This morning, February 17th, the club's first donation date for the new year, we had two (2) members come out and donate and these were members who are always there on our donation dates. So, where were the rest of you? Did you sleep in, did you have other, more important things to do or did you just not put the club's donation dates on your calendars?

Well, get with it folks. It's time to move donating up the list of things to do this year. This is important to the community and it is important for you to come out and find the hero in you. Your donation has the ability to save the lives of three (3) people. That makes you a hero to those who benefit from your life saving donation. No, you will not get a Christmas card from someone your donation saved but you will have a sense of pride knowing you have done something not enough people do to help others.

You all have listened to me tell you how important donating is but not enough of you have responded, so I have asked the Blood Bank to send speakers to the March meeting to give you more information about donating with the hope that more of you will listen to the Blood Bank speakers and come out and donate. The next donation date is April 21st.

For those of us who might have a low iron count, the Blood Bank is willing to help you increase your iron levels by giving you iron pills to fix the problem. The iron pills are free but they

can only be had at the San Bernardino center. You will have to ask for the pills and a nurse will give you all the details. They are doing this to get more people to be able to donate. Come out. Give the Gift of Life. And keep making appointments to come back and donate again and again. I am at the Blood Bank every 2 weeks and I have been for a long time. Please, come and join me. You will not regret doing this. Find your HERO and 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
384 West Orangeshow Road

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

"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

The weather is getting better and there seems to be a lot more Corvettes on the road. With the many colors the Corvettes come in, the traffic is a whole lot brighter and more fun to look at.

Keeping that in mind, our sponsor, Tom Bell, has one (1) new 2018 Corvette coupe on the new car lot. They also have one (1) 2007 previously owned Corvette coupe with 65,430 miles on the clock. In addition, they have 14 new 2018 Camaro coupes and they have one (1) new 2017 Camaro available. In addition, on the previously owned lot, they have one (1) 2010 Camaro coupe and (1) 2015 Camaro coupe.

If you have an interest in any of these fine vehicles,

please contact Derek Hanson General Manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information and pricing. Please keep in mind that Tom Bell is our sponsor and they have been good to Corvettes West. It is important that we support them by purchasing vehicles from them as well as using their service department.

When you do use the service department, at the time of write up, please let the Service Writer know that you are a member of Corvettes West so that you will receive the club discount. And as always, when you use their Service Department, please let me know about your experience.

Bill Dodge

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

Sunshine

We are happy to say that Sandy Gillam is greatly improved now from her bout with pneumonia. Also, Herman Zietlow ended up in the hospital with pneumonia right after the Super Bowl party. He is also home and doing much much better. In the mean-time, Herman's friend Harriet was battling bronchitis, but is better now.

On a sad note, we have heard from Wally Napolski's wife that Wally passed away on February 21st. Wally and Carol have not been very active with the club for a while, but have always kept up their membership in Corvettes West. There is a celebration of his life for Wally on March 4th in Beaumont.

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

Diane



GW Corvettes West

Events Calendar

MARCH	EVENT	CONTACT
Fri.-Sat. 2-3	Temecula Rod Run in historic Old Town	For more info: 951-240-4268
Sat. 3	A day of racing at Willow Springs Raceway	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Tues. 6	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 10	"Dine of the Month" @ Sayaka Japanese Restaurant @ 6pm 1060 S. Mt. Vernon, Colton	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Sat.-Sun. 10-11	19th annual non-sanctioned autocrosses at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio, CA Palm Springs Corvette Club	go to ncccwregion.org
APRIL	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
TBA	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322
Sat. 21	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino ~ Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge Blood Donation Coordinator
Thurs.-Sat. 19-21	21st Gambler's Classic ~ Laughlin, NV Corvettes of Bakersfield	Flyer is in your Feb. FastTrack or go to ncccwregion.org
Sat. 28	43rd All GM Beach Classic at Ruby's Diner Redondo Beach The Vette Set, Inc.	Flyer is in your Feb. FastTrack or go to ncccwregion.org
MAY	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 1	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Fri.-Sat. 4-5	NCCC National Meetings ~ St. Louis, Mo.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorismv@aol.com
Sat. 12	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	More info to come
Sat. 19	Regional NCCC Governor's meeting Location to be determined. Meeting at 1pm. Come early to eat.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000 amorismv@aol.com
JUNE	EVENT	CONTACT
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
Sat. 12	Two low speed autocrosses at Santa Maria Airport Vapor Trail Vettes	More info to come
Sat. 23	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino ~ Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge Blood Donation Coordinator

HISTORIAN

George has given me the perfect job in Corvettes West. As your Historian, taking pictures of Corvettes and their owners is a lot of fun. The challenge is being at the right place at the right time with the right lens on the camera and the sun in the right direction.

As Ansel Adams said, "If you take a lot of pictures, some will turn out." My current challenge is learning PowerPoint to display your pictures at our meetings.

Corvettes West's year has started out with a bang. After having a great Christmas party, we went onto our Awards Banquet, the Super Bowl party, and our club Valentine's dinner. WOW, fantastic cars, people and hosts. Thank you George, for letting me have so much fun.

Howard

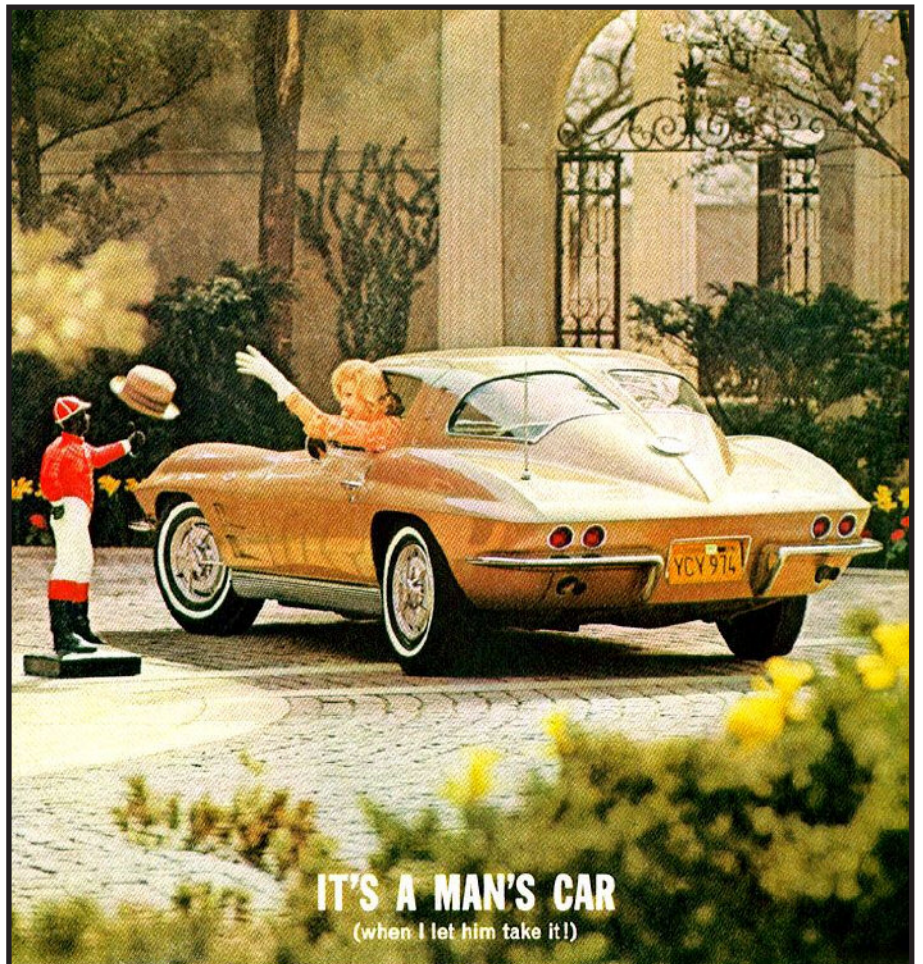
PRODUCTS

We will have a new Products Coordinator. I will continue be be Corvettes West NCCC Governor, but I will be passing the Products position on to a new member. Monty Clark is very enthusiastic about our club and has expressed interest in helping out. Yea Monty!

Because we are only three months into 2018, Monty will have to be nominated and voted in, but we can do that at our March 6th General meeting.

Thank you Monty for stepping up!

George



Since when were a car's elegant looks and confident performance off limits for the female sex? Mind you, this new Corvette Sting Ray is only for a certain kind of woman. One who instinctively adds savoir-faire to every facet of her life. Who shuns the commonplace. Who seeks out people, places, things that complement this flair.

Are you this kind of woman? If the Corvette sparks your imagination, yes! But its appeal is more than emotional. For instance, did you know that the Corvette is one of the world's most comfortable personal cars? Its finish and attention to detail rival much larger, more expensive but far less exotic cars. It has color-keyed deep-

twist carpeting. Foam-cushioned bucket seats. Clock, ash-tray and a lighter. Illuminated glove box. Courtesy lights. And a generous list of extra-cost options such as automatic transmission, radio, power steering and power brakes. Let's not overlook what many women find most intriguing of all about the Corvette: it's a two-passenger car (with ample luggage space). Perfect for impulsive, get-away-from-it-all jaunts. Just the two of you.

Want to drive a Corvette? Use a little psychology. Have him call your Chevrolet dealer for a demonstration. Then he'll think *he* thought of it. . . . Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit 2, Michigan.

NEW CORVETTE STING RAY BY CHEVROLET

Corvettes West 2018 Awards Banquet



John and Diana



Dan and Elaine



Mike and Doreen



Bob and Debbie



Karen and Tom



Skip and Nancy



Rick and Sharon



Joe and Dottie

Corvettes West 2018 Awards Banquet



Dannv and Kathy



Jim Gillam



Howard and Anna



Frank and Kathy



Craig and Rosemarie



Bruce and Pam



Gene and Barbara



Fernando and Kim

Corvettes West 2018 Awards Banquet



Dave and Sandra



Ron and Kristi



Gordie and Joanna



Ray and Carol



Eric and Sharon



Herman



Gordon



Cathy, Dan, Gail, Carolyn

Corvettes West February 2018 Events



Ray & Carol Clark handing Sgt. Angola of the Riverside Police Canine Unit a check from the proceeds of the Christmas Auction- with our 2017 President standing by at our February General meeting.



Day trip to 7 Oaks Dam in Mentone. Eric, Gordie, George, Ron, John were some members who went.

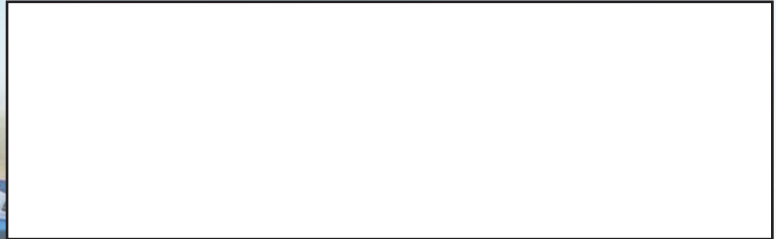


First picture from our CW Valentine's meal at Napoli Italian Restaurant. More to come next month.

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