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Due By
Nov. 1st**



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dan Flanigan

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VETTE-TOBER 2026

Not a lot to report on this month but here we are starting the last quarter of the year and it's Board Nomination time. Hopefully we can get a few members who haven't served on our board to fill a position this year, as several of us will be cycling out in order to get other Members involved.

Sorry we missed the Run to the Tom Day Family Museum as we had several things previously committed to for that day that we couldn't get out of and I heard it was a great outing.

Now regarding Corvette stuff, I noticed in the Corvette Magazine, December issue, a little article called "C9 Rumor Mill", which gave a little idea about the look of the next generation Corvette, something looking like CX Concept.

What I thought was interesting was the comment "that a fully electrical model looks increasingly off base". So, for us purest Corvette lovers that was great to read and hope it holds true!

George and myself just purchased extended warranties on our C8's to cover the next 5 years, so it looks like I will have this Vette for a while longer as it only has 2,700 miles on it. Although the C9 has got my attention if it stays gas powered.

Congratulations to George for being chosen to go on an "Honor Flight for Veterans" trip to Washington DC last week. I know that it can take years to be chosen to go on this trip. I hear he (along with his son-each veteran had to have a guardian) had a fantastic time and I look forward to hearing more about it at our upcoming meeting.

October is a busy month for our family as we have 4 Birthdays this month including mine and it looks like most of the parties will be at our house. Then of course there is Halloween the last day of the month which is always fun for all the kids, and for some grown kids also!

So not much more to share this month and hope to see many of you at our next meeting on the 6th of October.

REMEMBER, CORVETTES WEST MEMBERSHIP GOES FROM NOVEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 31st each year, so "guess what time it is"? For those of you coming to our October 6th meeting at the Elks' Lodge, that's a perfect time to bring your dues for the new year!

The new membership form is in most of our monthly newsletters.

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan
President



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EVENTLY SPEAKING

Wade Hilliard

Hello Corvettes West Members,

I'm writing to you from Morro Bay California where the day time temperature is in the low 70's. I'm here to participate in the "Lighthouse Century" bicycle ride.

I've always loved this area, and the bike ride on Pacific Coast Highway from Morro Bay to the lighthouse, just north of Hearst Castle, is beautiful, about 75 miles round trip. I've done this ride for at least five years, maybe more. This year is a first for me. I registered for the ride but did not participate. Last month at Bike the Bay in Coronado, I was involved in a bicycle crash. A guy on a bicycle hit me from behind. The crash broke the frame on my bike and it requires four to six weeks to repair. I'm here with another older bike which I discovered also needs repair, last minute issues.

September I also participated in the 39th annual Silver State Classic Challenge hosted in Ely Nevada. I completed the race in my class, Grand Sport, but did not make a podium. I had fun blowing my hair back between 135 and 165 miles an hour for 90 miles.

I was not able to attend the September trip to the Tom Day Museum. I hope all who participated in the event had fun. Thank you Krystle for that excellent idea.

****For our October Run I'm looking at a short train ride to downtown Los Angeles, to the home of the original French dip sandwich, "Philippe's". It is located at 1001 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles 90012. Philippe's was established in 1908 and has been in its current location since 1951. ****

****We will meet at and leave from the Metro Link station/park and ride in Fontana on Sierra and Orange Way (actual address: 16777 Orange Way, Fontana) at 8:30am Saturday October 17th. The train is scheduled to arrive at this station at 8:55am. The ride is about 90 minutes to Union station in L.A. Philippe's is a short walk (approx. a block and a half away).****

Any questions, give me call. And we will have a signup sheet at our October Meeting at the Elk's Lodge.

If you plan to attend our "Run to Phillippe's",

Please let me know,

Wade Hilliard by text 951-312-9946

or email: Whill59210@gmail.com

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

OCTOBER

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SHARON WING 02 2017

DAN FLANIGAN 12 2005

DIANA BLACKLEDGE ...15 1998

DOTTIE LaGRECA 17 1998

JOHN BLACKLEDGE 19 1998

PAM DUCAS 25 2024

LEEANN NORTHROP ...26 2002

CAROLYN MILLER 28 2000

JIM CREGG 29 2002

RANDY REDDEN VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Corvette Milestones in October

Greetings my fellow Corvettes West members, reporting to you, your favorite V.P. Correspondent, Redden. This month I decided to do a little research (actually I do that every month) on what if any major Corvette events and or milestones, have over the decades, taken place in the month of October. Well it appears that, for whatever reason, October has been quiet the month for major milestones in the life of our beloved chariot.

Hence, I provide to you all for your reading pleasure the following outline of those critical turning points in Chevrolet Corvettes history, from shaping its survival (concept debuts and engineering shifts), pop culture presence, to motorsport legacy.

• **October 15, 1954:** Zora Arkus-Duntov wrote a famous memo to GM executives warning that the early Corvette was viewed as a failure, urging management to form a dedicated development department rather than cancel the car.

• **October 7, 1960:** The TV show "Route 66" premiered on CBS, featuring two young men driving a 1960 Corvette across America and cementing the car as a cultural icon.

• **October 13, 1962:** The 1963 Corvette Sting Ray production models made their official racing debut at the Los Angeles Times Three-Hour Invitational Grand Prix in Riverside, California. Equipped with the legendary Z06 package, driver Doug Hooper took home the victory, famously outlasting the debut of the Ford-powered Shelby Cobra.

• **October 5, 1965:** The second Mako Shark II concept car debuted at the Paris Auto Show in France. Unlike the first non-running design study, this historic version was fully drivable and packed a massive 427-cubic-inch V8 engine, heavily inspiring the upcoming C3 generation design.

• **October 4, 1973:** General Motors shocked the automotive world at the Paris Automobile Salon by premiering the Corvette Four-Rotor and Two-Rotor prototypes. These mid-engine experimental vehicles featured cutting-edge Wankel rotary engine technology.

• **October 26, 1988:** The heavily modified Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette achieved a monumental engineering milestone by reaching a record-breaking top speed of 254.76 mph at the Transportation Research Center in Ohio.

• **October 2, 2019:** Chevrolet officially introduced the C8 Corvette Convertible to the world. This marked the first time a production Corvette featured a retractable hardtop, heavily shifting the vehicle's engineering paradigm alongside the introduction of the C8.R race car.

Well that seems to be it for this month, hence I'm signing off until next month. *Keep your engines warm and tuned, and as George says "Save the wave".*

Frankly I have no earthly idea why George says that, but he says it. I'd prefer to say "Keep the Peddle to the Metal" but some of you guys might just take that seriously, and I'd be blamed for your ticket!

Have a great October, And "Save The Wave"
R.R.Redden,VP

Editor's Note: I added the "Save The Wave" to help Randy out. George

CORVETTES WEST TRIVIA



The History of "SAVE THE WAVE"

A lot of Corvette owners today don't know what "the wave" is so I will explain it to you along with how it got started.

In 1954 there was a gentleman at Chevrolet by the name of Joe Pike. He was very enthusiastic about the new Corvette. He bought a new one and he drove it all the time. It was like his daily driver.

Because of his enthusiasm, he was promoted to the Brand Manager position for Corvette, also known as the National Promotion Sales Manager.

He started the National Council of Corvette Clubs, which is known as NCCC and he started a magazine called Corvette News. When Joe was out driving his car, if he saw another Corvette, he would wave at the driver. And in some cases, follow them until they pulled into a parking lot of a business or store. Then he would talk to them about becoming a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs, explaining to them that it was run by Chevrolet.

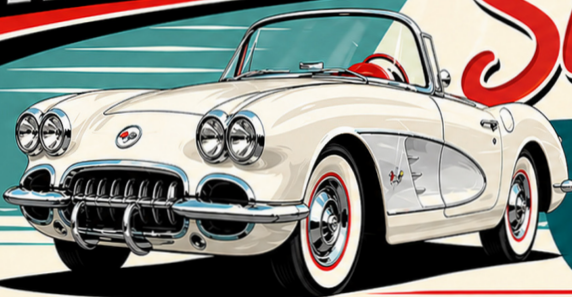
That is where "Save the Wave" began. When I started driving my first Corvette, I had Corvette drivers wave at me all the time and to this day I still wave at them.

So Randy Redden here's the explanation you asked for and I thought it would be a great sharable moment of our history as Corvette Lovers.

"Save The Wave"

George

C W 2026 C A L E N D A R	
OCTOBER	
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Target on Arlington-parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Thurs. 1st	Carter High School Homecoming Halftime
Fri. 2nd	Ontario High School Homecoming Halftime
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Fri. 9th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Sun. 11th	Pomona Swap Meet 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA
Fri. 16th	Montclair High School Homecoming HalfTime
Sat. 17th	Train to Los Angeles to have a meal at Phillipe's. See Events & Flyer.
Fri. 23rd	Colton High School Homecoming Parade
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. 13th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
DECEMBER	
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Dec. 6th	Pomona Swap Meet 1101 W. McKinley Ave. Pomona, CA
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
Sat. 12th	Corvettes West Christmas Party. Riverside Elks Lodge. 5pm Flyer to come.

Sunshine Lady

If you know any Former Club Member
or Current Member who is/or has been
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Gail Flores
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3377 W. Florida Ave.

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September was a long month for people in the Twin Towers. Yes, I know that the Twin Towers are no more and that 2,900 something people no longer exist. But that does not help the families who have suffered losses.

If you like to read, please read "Unmeasured Strength" by Lauren Manning. Ms. Manning survived the 9-11 tragedy. For those who don't know me, I am a New Yorker, born and raised on Long Island. And educated there also. From Long Island we could see the results of the 9-11 episode. I lost friends in the Twin Towers. I learned to cry again. But I also learned to become a blood donor, not to support the friends I lost but because it was to help fill a need, to assist people in surviving.

In writing this, it brought back a bunch of memories, some of which I tried to forget. This club, Corvettes West is a great group of people who respond to requests for help. Please please do not lose your desire to help others. Donate as often as you can. There is always a need for whole blood and blood products. Read the book "Unmeasured Strength".

May the Good Lord take care of all of us.
Make donating a priority.

Bill Dodge

OCTOBER

Dine & Drive

For our October Run I'm looking at a short train ride to downtown Los Angeles, to the home of the original French dip sandwich, "**Philippe's**".

Philippe's was established in 1908 and has been in its current location since 1951.



MEET AT FONTANA METRO LINK PARK AND RIDE

16777 Orange Way,
Fontana
(Sierra and Orange Way)



8:30 AM
Saturday
October 17th

We will meet at and leave from the station at 8:30am.



TRAIN ARRIVES 8:55 AM

The train is scheduled to arrive at this station at 8:55am.



RIDE TO UNION STATION IN L.A.

About 90 minutes



SHORT WALK TO PHILIPPE'S

Philippe's is a short walk (approx. a block and a half away).



Philippe's 1001 N. Alameda St.
Los Angeles 90012



Before I get into "business", I just want to mention that Rick & I, along with Bill & Debby Blankenship, joined up with SLOvettes Corvette Club for an event in August. We met up with their club in Solvang. Once there, we had lunch, participated in a fun poker rally, met for dinner, and attended a play called BEEHIVE (60s music). We spent the night at Corque Hotel, & the next morning we had breakfast, then got back on the road for home.

SLOvettes is a fun, very congenial group of people.

Just to keep members aware of our charity commitments, I thought I'd take a picture of one of the baskets that I take to IHS, Inland Housing Solutions,

monthly. I take 2 baskets, containing items that folks might need when moving into a home or apt. IHS is a charity that CW has supported for well over 30 years!

The mission of IHS is to give families the ability to regain financial independence when they've experienced "hard times". New members are welcome to question me, or others, as to what the organization does to achieve their goal.

Now that Fall is here, cooler weather should be just around the corner!

Sharon MacGillivray

DRIVERS NEEDED



As your Homecoming/Parade representative, I am writing to discuss this year's homecoming season.



The season is typically all of September and October and generally on Friday evenings. There are some on Thursdays also. We will usually meet somewhere local to caravan to the school, however, if the meet-up location is out of the way for you, you can meet the group at the school.



I ask that you send me an email at montyclark0911@gmail.com or a text/call at 951-502-9050 and let me know if you can commit. You do not have to commit to all the dates, but the more you can, the better.

★★ So far for 2026 Homecoming Season ★★

Date	School	CORVETTE!!!
Fri. Oct. 2nd	Ontario (1/2 time)	5
Fri. Oct. 16th	Montclair 1/2 time)	5
Fri. Oct. 23rd	Colton (Parade)	20

★ Thank you for supporting our schools and community! ★

LET'S MAKE 2026 A SEASON TO REMEMBER!

TOM DAY FAMILY MUSEUM PHOTO WRAP UP





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Home Phone () Work ()

Cell Phone () E-Mail

Spouse/Designee	Birthday (Month & Day)
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Current NCCC# (Yours) _____ (Spouse/Designee) _____

How did you hear about us? ☐ Website ☐ Event ☐ Member ☐ Other

Have you owned a Corvette before? ☐ Yes ☐ No. If so, how many? _____

Current Corvette(s): Year _____ Color _____ ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible

Year Color ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Year Color ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Year Color ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible Do you still own: ☐ Yes ☐ No

OTHER CLUBS? Name(s) of other Corvette clubs to which you belong:

1. _____ NCCC# _____

2. _____ NCCC# _____

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

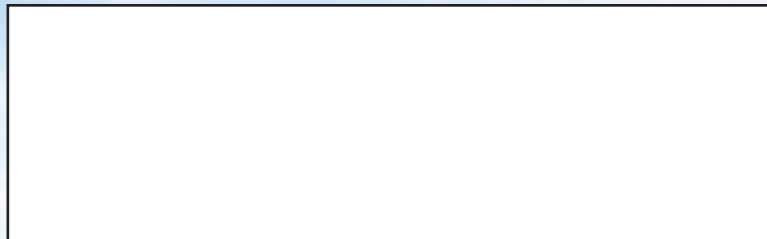


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