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WHAT A
BEAUTIFUL SEASON
AND A
GRAND SPORT
NEW YEAR IT'S
GOING TO BE



ARTIST CONCEPTION - FINAL STYLE MIGHT VARY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dan Flanigan

2024 ZO6



“DECEMBER”

I know we are a Corvette Club but I had several members call and ask how little Kalea was doing after her stroke last month so I thought I would give a little report. Well she was doing much better until a few days ago when she started having trouble walking straight and she got over that after a while. But then several days later she got bad shakes while in bed which really bothered me. So, we are taking her back in for more tests and just hope things are ok.

November is the start of the Holiday Season and it is a special month starting with our 56th anniversary on the 8th. Then on the 11th was the Veterans Day Parade in Redlands which several of our Club Members participated in. I was selected as the Grand Marshall which was such an honor and a very emotional event for me to be part of as I know there were other Veterans that were as deserving. Then afterwards there was a celebration at The Elks Club in Redlands where all Veterans and their Family members were treated to a very nice dinner. It was a very special day for sure.

Then on the 27th was Thanksgiving which is such a special day to be with Family and Friends. All the

work that goes in to preparing the meal and it's gone within an hour or so. Such a great time to be with family and sharing about how Thankful we all are for our health and to be so grateful for all the things we have. It was so nice to have all of our grandkids share what they are so grateful for as it brings tears to your eyes.

I want to thank all the Executive Board Members, most of whom stayed on for another year and all the Committee Chairpersons for also staying on for another year as I am looking forward to another fun year with all your help.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our club meeting on the 2nd and then our Annual Christmas Party at the Riverside Elks Lodge on the 13th. And don't forget your unwrapped gift to auction off if you are joining us for the party.

*And Lastly, I want to wish everyone
a Wonderful Christmas
and a Happy New Year.*

Happy Holidays,

Dan Flanigan, President



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EVENTLY SPEAKING

Alan Cobb

Greetings fellow Corvette owners,

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I hope no one over ate! I for one only had one piece of pumpkin pie until everyone left the table. By then the dog was eying the last piece so I had to keep him from getting sick. So I ate it to save his life.

This month we are not having a Drive 'N Dine but we are having the annual Christmas Party on Dec. 13th. Be sure and sign up. You do need to RSVP by Dec. 5th. I promise that you will have a great time. And if you attend remember to bring an unwrapped gift to auction off.

I would like to take this time to thank everyone that helped me along the way to understanding this new-to-me job for the club. I could not have done the job without all of your input.

A special thanks to John and Diana who did a tremendous amount of work to help me with the sign-in sheets and calling people and making sure things ran smoothly. And the a big thank you to George and Diane Swift. George made sure I was meeting my dead lines for this monthly article, made good suggestions about ideas of where we should have a run to, and helped in planning the events. Without these two families I could not have made this happen.

This club is very important to all of us and I did not want to mess up the works.

I appreciated all the club members who would come up to me with good ideas of where to travel on our events. So in closing I would like to say this job was rewarding and fun but I can tell you that you havent seen the last of me as I will continue to help out and volunteer where needed. Thank you one and all. Wade will be your 2026 Events Chair.

Thank You
Alan Cobb

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

DECEMBER

FRAN WEAVER7

MIKE BARLOW10

PHIL EMERSON16

VANDELINA CASTALDO23

JANET CREGG30

VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GEORGE SWIFT

2023 Z06



Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with family and friends.

GM has now introduced the new small block engines. One is 5.7L and the other is a 6.6L. The 5.7L will be used in the trucks and the 6.6L will be used in the Corvette - except for the Z06 and the ZR1. The Z06 and ZR1 will continue to use the 5.5L.

It is pretty clear now that Corvette is bringing back the Grand Sport. Don't know if it's going to be a 2026 or a 2027 but the Grand Sport has been a big seller for Corvette and they brought out the ERAY thinking that would sell even bigger but it didn't. It was a flop. The C6 and C7 Grand Sports out sold the Stingray.

Don't forget the Christmas party on December 13th at the Elks Lodge in Riverside. We need your RSVP by

December 5th to Diane Swift 951-333-5363. If you do attend please make sure you bring an unwrapped gift to raffle off. Proceeds from the raffle go towards our charities and scholarships.

**Also, make plans for the
Annual Awards Banquet on
Sunday. January 25th.
See Flyer in this newsletter.**

Well, this is my last article as Vice President. It has been great serving you for the last couple of years and I congratulate Randy Redden for stepping into this position as your 2026 VP.

**George Swift
Save The Wave**

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



10 Trivia Questions

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Transmissions & Differentials Part 1

1 What transmissions was available for the 1953 & 1954 Corvette?

- ☐ 3 speed
- ☐ 4 speed
- ☐ Powerglide
- ☐ Powerglide & 3speed

2 What year was the 3 speed transmission standard on a Corvette?

- ☐ 1954
- ☐ 1955
- ☐ 1956
- ☐ 1957

3 What was the first year 4 speed transmission an option on a Corvette?

- ☐ 1955
- ☐ 1956
- ☐ 1957
- ☐ 1958

4 What was the first year the "positraction" rear end available on a Corvette?

- ☐ 1956
- ☐ 1957
- ☐ 1958
- ☐ 1959

5 What was the first year did the "Positraction" become standard on the Corvette?

- ☐ 1968
- ☐ 1969
- ☐ 1970
- ☐ 1971

6 What was the first year of the 3 speed Turbo Hydra-Matic transmission?

- ☐ 1966
- ☐ 1967
- ☐ 1968
- ☐ 1969

7 What was the first year of 4 speed Manuel Trans, Close ratio Heavy Duty (M22)?

- ☐ 1962
- ☐ 1963
- ☐ 1964
- ☐ 1965

8 What was the first year the Manuel trans was not available in California?

- ☐ 1974
- ☐ 1975
- ☐ 1976
- ☐ 1977

9 What year did Corvette not offer a Manuel Transmission?

- ☐ 1979
- ☐ 1980
- ☐ 1981
- ☐ 1982

10 First year for 4 speed Automatic transmission?

- ☐ 1980
- ☐ 1981
- ☐ 1982
- ☐ 1983

Did You Know...

One of rarest production engines Chevy ever produced was the 427 Z11 V8 480-525 HP estimated Torque 525 ft lbs Only 57 were ever built only available in 1963 Chevy Impala

CW 2025 C A L E N D A R

DECEMBER	
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 12th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Sat. 13th	Annual Christmas Party. This year at the Riverside Elks's Lodge @ 1pm. Our meal is being catered. See flyer in this newsletter. Need your RSVP by Dec. 5th
CW 2026 C A L E N D A R	
JANUARY	
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 9th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Sun. 25th	Annual Awards Banquet at Victoria Club-Riverside @ 1pm. See Flyer.
FEBRUARY	
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 13th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
MARCH	
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 13th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
APRIL	
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 10th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
MAY	
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Every Sat	Cars N Coffee @ Harvest Church parking lot Riverside 6:30am to 10:00am
Fri. 8th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm



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Except Thursdays 10:30-5:30pm

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I'm hoping everyone had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner and enjoyed time with family and friends.

Getting back to business, this is a giving time of year. This is when we go shopping for our Christmas gifts. However, not all gifts can be as great as one amazing thing. What is that gift? You already have it to share. That is whole blood. When someone is in need, whole blood is capable of extending life. Now that's a GREAT giving gift!

I got on the idea of blood donation being a gift after being notified by the Blood Bank that a Mobile Donation took place on November 24th. At that time they were giving away a \$30 gift card to Target while supplies lasted. The notice of a Mobile Donation is generally found in the Sunday edition of the local Press Enterprise.

Not in all cases does the Blood Bank have give-a-ways. It is their way of getting people to come to their centers to donate. The centers are located at the top of this page. Please call your chosen center to find out what days and times they are open.

My wife, La Vonne, and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and sane New Year. See you next year.

Save the wave by saving the donor

Please make donating a priority in your life

DONATE AND BE SPECIAL TO SOMEONE.

BILL DODGE



**Corvettes
West**



Christmas PARTY

Saturday, December 13, 2025

1:00pm



Please RSVP
by Friday, December 5th
Diane Swift (951) 333-5363

Elks Lodge #643

6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506

**Lunch is provided by Corvettes West
With Unlimited Soft Drinks, Water & Iced Tea**

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

Corvettes West

AWARDS BANQUET 2026



SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026
1 PM

Victoria Club ~ 2521 Arroyo Drive, Riverside

\$50 PER PERSON

BUFFET STYLE DINNER
(DRESS ATTIRE: DRESSY CASUAL)
Collared Shirts & No Jeans

If you bring your own wine there will be a corking fee

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM.....Pictures of Corvette & Couple and Socializing

1:30 PM.....Dinner

Please RSVP by January 19th ~ Diane Swift (951) 333-5363

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Tom Bell Corvettes:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Corvettes West Club Members! We appreciate your passion and support. We've got some incredible Corvettes ready for you—including four stunning Z06s. They may not fit under

the tree, but they'll look fantastic in your garage! Thank you,

Stevan Wilkinson

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Used 2021 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray 3LT



New 2026 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray 1LT



New 2026 Chevrolet Corvette
Stingray 2LT



Used 2024 Chevrolet Corvette Z06
3LZ



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MERRY CHRISTMAS



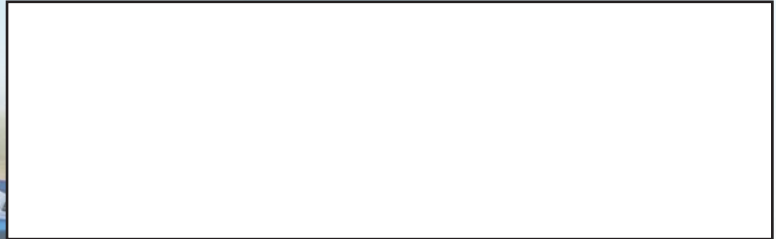
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