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Congratulations!



Please Note

Summer Party
Will Be

Saturday, Sept 7th
at the Swift House

*(Expect a swift recovery
from having lots of fun)*

Tom Bell Receives National Corvette Museum Lifetime Membership

Corvettes West
General meetings
are held the first
TUESDAY of the month
at Riverside Elks Lodge
#643
6166 Brockton Ave.
Riverside, 92506
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.

They may be
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George Swift
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



The Corvette racing team once again earned another 1st place finish at the 24 hour of LeMans race in France with there #64 car, a C7.R.

The driving team consisted of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Jordan Taylor. To win against Ferraris, Austin Martins, Porches, and BMWs in France makes it extra special for the Corvette team to make it to the TOP of the podium.

Even the European race fans love the distinct sound of the Corvette's small block V8 when it passes by in the pre-race parade around town. Yes the Corvette is loved world wide because it is America's sports car and represents the best of the USA in many ways on and off the track.

Speaking of races, I attended the "Great Race" starting this year at the Mission Inn in Riverside on Saturday the 22nd and traveling to Tacoma Washington WA on June 30th.

This is actually a time speed endurance rally for vintage cars 1974 & older, not really a race as we would think a race would be but it is extremely complex and difficult when you consider these are all old cars.

Just to finish this event without a mechanical problem is quite an accomplishment. A Total of 120 old cars and teams from all over the USA and four other countries' are participating this year including 8 Corvettes.

They have been doing this event 36 years now and they have started or ended this race in California 20 times during this 36-year history. This however is the 1st time they have started and ended on the West Coast. There are a few photos in the back of the newsletter to see.

Don't forget - SAVE THE WAVE

John Blackledge
President

(More article Picture on next page)





GREAT RACE



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Finish Line:
Tacoma, Washington



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JUNE 22 - 30, 2019

SATURDAY, JUNE 22
START: Mission Inn, Riverside, CA - 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
LUNCH: California Road & CC Museum, Woodville, CA - noon
OVERNIGHT: The Boulevard, Lancaster, CA - 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23
LUNCH: Hunter City Park, Berkeley, CA - noon
OVERNIGHT: Lunge Park, Garberville, CA - 5:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 24
LUNCH: S&W Sheet, Corvallis, OR - 11:45 a.m.
PIT STOP: Clear, Theater, Mary Street, Coos Bay, CA - 2:30 p.m.
OVERNIGHT: City Plaza, Downtown Chico, CA - 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25
LUNCH: Roseburg Green Park, Willits, CA - 12:15 p.m.
OVERNIGHT: Owl Street, Old Town, Leavenworth, CA - 5:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
LUNCH: Curry County Fairgrounds, Gold Beach, OR - noon
OVERNIGHT: Southwest El Street, Grants Pass, OR - 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27
LUNCH: Kim Village, Crater Lake, OR - noon
OVERNIGHT: Tower Theater, Wall Street, Bend, OR - 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28
LUNCH: Maritime Museum, Astoria, OR - 12 a.m.
LUNCH: Cornerstone, Astoria, Oregon, WA - noon
OVERNIGHT: Lathrop Collection at Museum, Spanaway, WA - 5:15 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30
FINISH: Lathrop - America's Car Museum, Tacoma, WA - 1:30 p.m.

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NCCC GOVERNOR

We are in to July. Half of the year is already gone, way too fast.

The National Convention coming up on July 7th – 12th in Denver, Colorado.

Curtis Richmond of Inland Empire Corvettes has organizing a caravan if you are interested.

Chevrolet will unveil the 2020 Corvette C-8 mid-engine on July 18th-19th. Please watch the news to see what it looks like or check you Chevrolet Dealer and see when they will have one.

The Nation Corvette Caravan is getting ready for the 25th Anniversary of the Museum, August 28-31, 2019 in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Get on the web-site www.corvettecaravan.com for information. They already have 9,000 registrations signed up. Good luck on getting a parking spot.

The are two low speed autocrosses at the Santa Maria Airport, Santa Maria, CA. put on by the Vapor Trail Vettes. This on Saturday, August 10th. Open to all vehicles.

The 8th Annual Orange County Vettes poker run is scheduled for Saturday, August 10th.

This is a fun run if you want to join in.

Please get out there and enjoy your Corvette and join in with other owners and enjoy the Summer month ahead.

Jim Gillam,
Governor,
CorvettesWest

HELPING HANDS

It sure was nice meeting Angel Baca, the second scholarship recipient at June's mtg. After reading his letter, he's the ideal person to receive a jumpstart to a great career. It's really nice that Tom Bell has plans to show him around the dealership as well.

Well, we're getting really close to 50 welcome home baskets donated to Inland Housing Solutions in just over a year. Wow! Again, thanks to everyone, including the club itself, for making this happen. ...IHS also accepts donations of any household, kitchen, bedding, etc., items you no longer want or need! I can take anything that will fit in our car. They also take furniture & appliance donations, but they have no pick-up service anymore. They had a trailer & a volunteer or two to help, but no longer. If you have a way of transporting something, they'll take it.

Happy 4th everyone!

SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY



Evently Speaking



Dan Flanigan

With a lot of people on vacation and out of town this month I didn't have any outings or events planned. So, I guess I need to get to work and get some things planned for these upcoming months!

Well there was Father's Day on the 16th and hope everyone enjoyed their time with family and friends, as we did. Always great to be with family that's for sure.

So now for July, there is the 4th, which is a great day to celebrate the most Patriotic holiday in the United States. So, let's get out our flags and put on our Patriotic garb for the day's activities, parades and fireworks.

After all the years I have seen Gene Rena wear his awesome Patriotic shirt to our July meetings and complemented him every time, I think I have one that's is almost as nice and will give him a run for his money, so bring it on Gene!! And it would be nice for other members to wear their favorite Patriotic shirts also. Now if one of our members happens to be wearing the same shirt as mine I will politely ask then to remove it! LOL

It should be noted that Barbara Rena on the lady's side, also has a great Patriotic shirt, and how great they look as a couple, when they walk into the room. And yes Gene, you can buy me a drink for these nice compliments, being that they are in print! LOL

Now in an effort to try and put an outing together, and as much as we love the Cracker Barrel, I thought I would

give it one more try by phone to see if things have calmed down at the Rialto store for lunch on a Saturday, and the answer was no. I called and asked about how long to get a group of 20-25 in and they said a minimum of an hour to an hour and a half, so that won't work and they don't take reservations either. So back to the drawing board.

So, I think you can see that I need some help to get some outing planned, as I am still working, or kinda working. Now during desperate time's, we sometimes have to go desperate measures which brings me to my proposition. Whoever can help getting something planned for July and August and remember I will take care of all the final planning, we will take those two couples out to dinner! Now how can you beat that for a deal!

Now I didn't say where we are going to eat because it could be just to a Fast Food place, but you will be with Elaine and myself, so it probably doesn't matter where we go as we are so much fun to be with! Oh, is it getting heavy I know!! LOL

I guess this is enough filler for my article space, so we'll see everyone on the 2nd and wear your Patriotic garb!

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan

Events Coordinator (Reaching Out For HELP!)

Vice with a Voice

Diane Swift



I hope every one's summer is starting off well. The weather seems to be getting more like summer, but where did these morning gray days come from?

Attendance at our June General Meeting was a little light, but that was probably because it was not on the usual meeting day. We are now back on track for the first Tuesday of the month.

I am happy to say that Robert Cain who visited two of our previous meetings this year has joined Corvettes West. Welcome Robert!

Happy Fourth of July to you all. A time to celebrate this great country!
Until next time.....

Diane Swift
CW VP for 2019

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

We are coming to the end of the C7 production run. The final day is June 27th. I am not sure when the C8 begins production but we are going to be seeing the mid-engine Corvette on July 18th. It will be nice to see what it looks like without all the camo on it.

So if you are interested in a new C7, get your orders in now. And speaking of new Corvettes, Tom Bell, our sponsor, has four new 2019 Corvette coupes for you all to check out. They have two 2019 Grand Sport coupes, one 2019 Corvette

Z06 coupe, and 1 2019 Corvette ZR1 coupe. On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has one 2003 Corvette coupe with 71K miles on the clock.

Also on the new car lot, Tom Bell has seven new 2019 Camaro coupes, and on the previously owned lot, they have one 2015 Camaro coupe and one 2017 Camaro coupe. Should you have an interest in any of these fine Corvettes or Camaros, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager, at 909-793-2681, for additional information and pricing.

And as always, when your vehicle needs service, please take your vehicle to Tom Bell's service department. And when you do this, be sure to let the Service Writer know you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive your club discount.

Save the Wave

Bill Dodge

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE



BLOOD BANK



Giving Back!

I know it's tiring to hear me talk about how the Blood Bank needs your arms to donate. Yet on Wednesday, June 13th, the Press Enterprise had an article about how they are out of O+ and O- blood! They are out of it folks. If someone needs it, the Blood Bank needs to get this blood type from some place other than their own blood bank. Part of this problem is school is out and the Blood Bank gets a lot of donations from school kids.

In addition this area only gets 2% of the population to donate. The club has had members who have needed blood and some CW members stepped up to donate. The Blood Bank needs you to come in now and donate- especially if you are O+ or O-."Your greatness is not what you have, but what you give". Show the Blood

Bank your greatness and donate so that others may live.

Donate a pint of blood and save 3 lives. No, there will not be a parade for you. But you will have the satisfaction of knowing you have saved 3 individuals and maybe one would be a fellow Corvette driver. You know, "Save the Wave".

The club has 3 more donation dates for the year, as follows: July 6th, September 7th, and November 9th. Please add these dates to your calendars.

Save the Wave by Saving the Waver
Bill Dodge

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Noteworthy Facts about the Corvette

Corvette Triva. The C1-C3 Corvettes were very popular in the muscle car era, and still are to this day. They're considered by many to be the most beautiful 2-seater sports car ever produced by General Motors.

The Corvette was conceived in 1951 by GM designer Harley Earl and his special projects crew to compete with the European sports cars, in hopes that this new GM sports car would win at the track.



In 1953, the Corvette debuted at the Motorama in New York City. Chevrolet quickly set up a temporary plant in Flint Michigan, where 300 Corvettes were all hand built.

At that Motorama, Zora Arkus-Duntov was among the thousands of people who attended that event. Zora found the car to be visually superb, but was disappointed with the Corvette's power plant. He wrote a letter to Chevrolet chief engineer Ed Cole, stating that he would love to work on such a beautiful car and included technical information on his ideas. Chevrolet was so impressed that they invited him to come to Detroit and start as an assistant staff engineer. In 1954, the Corvette offered more than just one color option and moved its facility to St Louis, MO, producing 3,640 Corvettes.

At this time, the sports car market was so small and many dealers had a hard time selling them— especially with its 155 hp 6-cylinder engine. Zora was well aware of this, and decided enough was enough. He was assigned the director of high performance at Chevrolet and went to work on the Corvette with one mission— turn the car into a red-blooded American sports car with V8 power that would challenge the likes of Porsche, Ferrari, Maserati, and Mercedes-Benz. There were many other people that had a role in the Corvette world as well, such as Larry Shinoda, Bill Mitchell, Bob McLean, Jerry Palmer and Ed Cole.

production-of-the-1953-chevrolet-corvette-the-very-first-corvette

The first Corvettes were produced in Flint, Michigan beginning on June 30, 1953. Only 300 Corvettes were built for that year, all were Polo White with red interiors.

Here are some fun interesting facts about Corvettes-

Just hours before the Corvette's debut at the Motorama show in New York the logo was changed because it contained an American Flag— forbidden on commercial products.

On Tuesday, June 30, 1953, Corvette #1 (serial number E53F001001), rolled off the assembly line. Corvette production had begun! This Corvette was said to be destroyed, but no records to date prove that fact and there were no witnesses to the destruction. This one may show up someday...

Corvette was named for a small fast class of naval ships. Myron Scott, Chevrolet's chief photographer, is credited with coming up with the Corvette name for this famous sports car.

In 1953, Corvettes were offered in any color you wanted...as long as it was Polo White with Red interior.

Luxury amenities such as leather seats, air conditioning, and power steering were first available in the 1963 Corvette. This was also the famous "split" rear window for the first C2 design. The split window coupe has since been called one of the most beautiful and influential designs in automotive history.

Side mounted exhaust systems first appeared in 1965.

1963 was the first year an AM/FM stereo radio was offered as an option. This was also the first C3 design. Many changes took place in 1969.

1974 was the last year Corvette to ran on "leaded" gasoline. This was also the last year for the true dual exhaust.

1976 was the only year Corvette that used a Chevy Vega 4 spoke design steering wheel.

1981: all Corvettes were computer-equipped. This was also the year GM moved Corvette production from St. Louis, MO to Bowling Green, KY.



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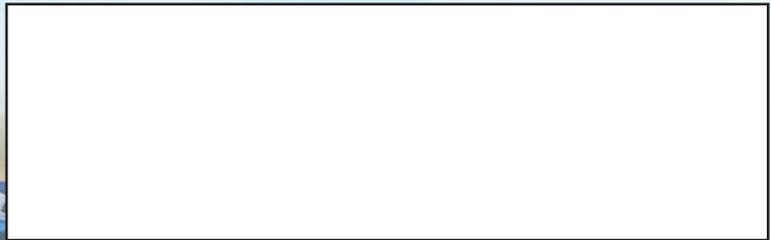
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