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REMEMBERING DANNY ARANT...

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dan Flanigan

2024 ZO6



“SEPTEMBER”

Well it looks like I will finally be back for the September meeting as my hip isn't healing as fast as I would have liked but I still plan on limping to the meeting. I think getting older may have something to do with this slower healing issue!

I have to say this has not been easy for me as I am not used to hobbling around and not being able to get where I want to go in a hurry! I want to give another BIG THANKS to George for again stepping in and handling these many months of meetings in my absence, as I just can't Thank him enough!

And I also want to Thank so many of you again who have called, sent cards and flowers, which has been so nice to receive. We have made some wonderful friendships with this club over the years and are so grateful for being a member of this Great Club.

I have to say the Summer Party this year was a real treat as the entertainment was awesome, the food was great and there were many Corvettes lined up in our driveway and down the street which was so special to see. Several of our neighbors called later to say how special it was to see so many Corvettes.

I wanted to give a Big Thank You to Diana and Diane for helping out with the food serving that night as things went so well! And thank you to Joanna Woo for help with the cleanup in the kitchen. It was so nice to see so many of our Corvette Friends and I was able to hobble around to say hi to most of them.

Speaking of the Party and the games we had, the ladies took 2 of the three trophies for the Bean Bag Toss, and next time I will have the ladies toss from back where the guys toss from! Kristi won 1st place, and Evelyn won 2nd place and Kevin won 3rd Place.

Then we had the putting contest and we found out there was a sleeper in the group who signed up late and he watched all the others who putted so he saw all the slopes and knew where to putt the ball. Yes, it was Alan Cobb who took the 1st Place trophy and who tried to convince us that he hadn't played golf in years, and none of us who saw him putt didn't believe him! The other sleeper was Kevin who took home another trophy for 2nd place and Eric won 3rd place.

Then the other special event that night was a Baby Shower for Easton Fowler-parents Monique and Kevin- which was planned and organized by Joan. The Living Room was filled with presents and it was such a great turn out for him to be our newest and youngest Corvettes West Member and he is due to arrive around September 17th.

Well I finally took my Corvette out for a drive the other day and how nice it was to put the top down to do a little cruising around town. I was a little slow getting in and out but once in I was good to go!

Just wanted to THANK ALL of you again for your positive thoughts and prayers and I hope to see everyone at our September meeting.

Thanks,

Dan Flanigan, President



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EVENTLY SPEAKING

Alan Cobb

Greetings you fine ladies and gentlemen of the world famous Riverside Corvettes West Club. Hope all is well and your family is having a great summer.

If any of you missed the greatest Summer/Swim party within 100 miles, all I can say is don't miss the next one. More fun, food ,games, and just plain old meet and greet. It doesn't get any better than a Dan and Elaine Flanigan party. Great job Dan and family!

We will be driving to the Bass Pro Shop for lunch in Rancho Cucamonga at on **Saturday September 13th.**

Address: 7777 Victoria Gardens lane.

Phone: (909) 922-5500. Meet there at 11:30am.

No caravan planned. I don't think that the store only sells fishing tackle. Its fish restaurant is known all the way to New York for its fish that is cooked perfectly. Bring your appetite and you will still take a box home.

Try to make this outing since there may be a surprise for everyone. I am still working on it. Also Bass Pro Shop said they will have a special parking area roped off just for us. On a serious note, a few of us car owners participated in a great car show for a great cause last year. It is on October 26th. 7am to 12pm.

It is for Michelle's Place Cancer Resource Center in Temecula CA. It is called Cars for Hope and it is \$40.00 to enter wich includes Commemorative Poster and T shirt. The car show is only a part of the action going at the Promenade of Temecula. All the money raised that day goes directly to Michelle's Place. I will guarantee you will walk away the the best feeling in your heart that you contributed to a Great cause and if you don't feel good at the end of the show I will personally refund your \$40.00 dollars. There are a ton of vendors to browse and shop for that special someone. More to come later.

Thank You

Alan Cobb

2025 CW Events

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

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VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GEORGE SWIFT

2023 Z06



Wow what a great Summer Party
Corvettes West just had at the
Flanigan's. Great band, lots of food
and it was well attended. The "Baby
Shower" for the Fowlers was great
with lots of gifts. Thank you Dan &
Eliane. And guess what? Because you
did such a good job you get the
privilege of doing it next year.

Corvettes West just lost a great
member. Danny Arant. Danny was
very active in the club and especially
at Homecomings and parades. You
could always count on him to be there.
He has some great stories about when
he raced Pikes Peak back in the day.
We will certainly miss him. He is
probably over in the heavens above
racing at Pikes Peak right now.

Well, Corvette finally won in the Z06s
at Virginia International Race Way.
First and third places. Ferrari couldn't
pass the first place Corvette.

Our illustrious president will return
for the September meeting. I can only
apologize that the meetings won't be
as short as mine were.

Don't forget the run on Saturday
September 13th to the Bass Pro Shop
for lunch. And to think some of us
thought they only sold fishing
equipment.

Just a note, some members (actually
numerous people I know) think that I
worked for Caltrans. I never worked
for Caltrans. As a matter of fact, I
never worked for the State of
California at all. I worked for private
sector organizations who had dealings
with Caltrans.

See you for lunch on Saturday,
September 13th!

George

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TOM BELL
CHEVROLET

Tom Bell has 2 new Corvette's available.

Here is a link for the new ones, a 2LT Coupe in Redmist, and a 2LT Convertible in White.

<https://www.tombellchevrolet.com/inventory/new-chevrolet-corvette/>

We have 2 pre-owned C8's, a white 2024 1LT and a black 3LT Coupe

https://www.tombellchevrolet.com/inventory/?make=chevrolet&model=corvette&type=used&ordering=display_price-asc

We have 2 Z06's in stock still.. a white 3LZ Z06 Coupe and still the Hysteria Purple Convertible 2LZ. However they are on stop sale right now due to a Over Fuel Fire Risk...

They have a fix but are waiting for the parts to be built and sent to dealers.. No ETA at this time on when that will happen. The recall specifically applies to the 2023-2026 Z06 equipped with the 5.5L V8 LT6 engine and the 2025-2026 ZR1 with its twin-turbo 5.5L V8 LT7 engine.

The total number of affected Corvette units is 23,656. For 2026 we have 2 1LT C8's waiting for a build date, 1 Corvette E-ray 2LZ and Dereks ZR1 all waiting for build weeks. These 4 are in between 3300 & 3400 stage. I am thinking that because of the fuel issue its delaying all the Corvette builds.

Thank you,

Stevan Wilkinson – Internet/Fleet Manager
909-557-2011 Call/Text

Club Reminder:
Dues Renewal Are
Coming Up
*"Kudos to The Gillams
For Being The First
To Renew"*

The Answers to
trivia Questions
from last month's
newsletter



1. Which year was the first Corvette introduced?

- ☒ A) 1953
- ☐ B) 1960
- ☐ C) 1965
- ☐ D) 1970

2. What was the name of the first Corvette model?

- ☒ A) Stingray
- ☐ B) Roadster
- ☐ C) Convertible
- ☐ D) Nomad

3. Which Corvette model is often associated with its distinctive split rear window?

- ☒ A) C2 Corvette
- ☐ B) C3 Corvette
- ☐ C) C4 Corvette
- ☐ D) C5 Corvette

4. In what year was the Corvette Stingray first introduced?

- ☐ A) 1960
- ☒ B) 1963
- ☐ C) 1965
- ☐ D) 1970

5. Which Corvette model was the first to feature pop-up headlights?

- ☒ A) C2 Corvette
- ☐ B) C3 Corvette
- ☐ C) C4 Corvette
- ☐ D) C5 Corvette

6. Which famous actor drove a Corvette in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?

- ☐ A) Paul Newman
- ☒ B) James Dean
- ☐ C) Steve McQueen
- ☐ D) Marlon Brando

7. What was the maximum horsepower of the original 1953 Corvette?

- ☒ A) 150 hp
- ☐ B) 200 hp
- ☐ C) 225 hp
- ☐ D) 300 hp

8. Which Corvette model was the first to offer a removable T-top roof?

- ☒ A) C3 Corvette
- ☐ B) C4 Corvette
- ☐ C) C5 Corvette
- ☐ D) C6 Corvette

9. What material was the body of the 1953 Corvette made from?

- ☒ A) Fiberglass
- ☐ B) Aluminum
- ☐ C) Steel
- ☐ D) Carbon fiber

10. Which Corvette model was famously used as the pace car for the Indianapolis 500 in 1978?

- ☒ A) C3 Corvette
- ☐ B) C4 Corvette
- ☐ C) C5 Corvette
- ☐ D) C6 Corvette

CW 2025 CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER	
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	Lunch at Bass Pro Shop in Rancho Cucamonga. Meet there at 11:30am. Address: 7777 Victoria Gardens Lane. This run is also in the EVENTS article in this Newsletter. Or call Alan Cobb at 951-990-8822.
OCTOBER	
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
NOVEMBER	
Tues. 4th	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. 14th	Tuxies Cruise night 6030 Magnolia Riverside 5:00pm to 8:00pm
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. Our meal is being catered.



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40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1

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New HoursOpen Sunday & Monday 10:30-5:30pm;
Closed Tuesday & Thursday; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am-2pm

Hemet909-386-6803 EXT. 181

3377 W. Florida Ave.

New HoursOpen Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7am-2pm;
Except Monday Thursday 10:30-5:30pm; Closed Friday & Saturday

I would like to start by telling you that there were two (2) Blood Drives scheduled by the Red Cross. One (1) was in Murrieta and the other was in San Bernardino. Both were listed in the Press Enterprise. Our Blood Bank had nothing scheduled. Why you might ask? The answer to that is "I don't know".

However, the need for Blood and Platelets continues and that means the Blood Bank needs more dedicated donors. As schools reopen for the coming year, the Blood Bank will begin recruiting students 15 years old, with their parent's consent. Setting an example by donating with them will help them become a donor regularly with you. This will help the Blood Bank increase their volume for distribution to facilities in need. So you will not only be helping your community but other communities as well. And keep in mind, this Car Club you belong to has an older group of Corvette drivers.

If you are going to donate and you have chosen a donation center to use, please call the center to confirm their days and operating hours. That helps the Center to make sure they have enough equipment to handle your donation.

Please, consider donating and becoming a regular donor. It is a good feeling to know you are helping someone in need.

Save the wave by saving the donor

Please make donating a priority in your life

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Please RSVP Stephanie Davis 615-948-6187



****Please feel
free to wear
a shirt that
reminds you
of Danny.**

**Aluminum Can Pull Tops
will be collected and
donated in his name**



HELPING HANDS

Just a LITTLE REMINDER, that blood donating is a great charity donation that doesn't even cost money!



You can actually donate at any of the centers mentioned in the other article in this newsletter.

If you choose to donate (some people aren't able, of course), don't forget to say that you'd like to donate to Corvettes West's account. Here is the code # MCRV as well. You will also receive notification as to where you blood went! Pretty cool!

Sharon MacGillivray



2nd Annual Fundraiser Car Show

Saturday, September 20th, 2025 8am - 3pm

Any Classic or Custom Hot Rods, Muscle Cars, Low-Riders, and Trucks are welcome



Elks Lodge #643 Parking Lot

6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA 92506

All proceeds go to support "A Salute to Veterans Parade"

Food and Drinks will be available through the Elks Lodge

Early Bird Registration is \$20 per car / \$30 after August 31st

Limited Vendor Booths available for a \$100 donation

If you want to park as a group, you must show up as a group

Driver Name: _____ (or) Vendor Info _____

Year: _____ Make: _____

Model: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Checks Are Also Accepted And Should Be Payable To: A Salute To Veterans Parade Memo: Car Show

Mail Checks or Cash To: PO Box 51275, Riverside, CA 92517 Please

Contact Erik Perry for any additional questions (951) 533-2071





Corvettes West

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Riverside, CA 92517

2026 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2025 Through October 31, 2026

Membership dues are \$125.00 for a period of one year, due November 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee, and NCCC membership. Renewal dues postmarked after November 1st will be deemed late by NCCC and the member will be assessed an additional \$10.00.

* **If your NCCC membership is through another club, your dues with Corvettes West are \$95.00/yr.**

** **If you become a new member, your first year dues may be prorated. Please ask by emailing: 2swiift@att.net**

*** **You will receive Corvettes West's monthly Newsletter by E-mail. Please provide email address below.**

Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$125.00 or \$135.00 made out to "Corvettes West"
Mail to: Corvettes West C/O Diane Swift, 5963 Copperfield Ave, Riverside, CA 92506

MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ Work (_____) _____

Cell Phone (_____) _____ E-Mail _____

Spouse/Designee _____ Birthday (Month & Day) _____

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:

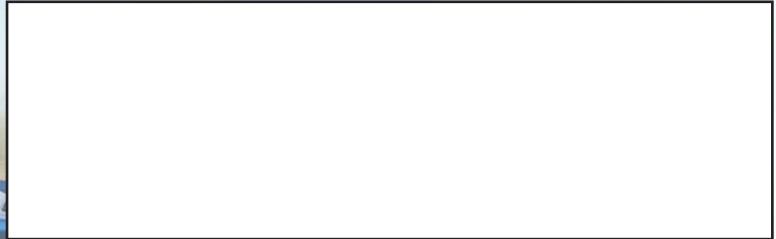


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