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## Corvettes West

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# HAPPY EASTER

*Wishing You  
Egg-cellent Month*





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

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- ANNA HOYT .....01
- SANDY EMERSON .....02
- BETTY RANDOLPH .....08
- LES RANDOLPH .....11
- DEAN CAIN.....17
- TRACIE HANSON .....20
- ILENE TEDESCO .....26
- BARRY VALDEZ.....27
- ELAINE FLANIGAN .....29
- RICHARD KAPLAN .....29
- KEVIN DANKO .....30
- GLEN MACGREGOR .....30



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

*Hello fellow Corvette lovers,*

Hey...we finally had some good weather for some of the days in March. I will admit that I don't mind driving my Corvette in the rain, though. I do make sure I keep plenty of distance from the cars in front of me, just in case they start to get a little squirrely. I drove it down to El Centro, to visit family a few weeks ago. I left Riverside in a complete deluge, and when I was cruising down the 10 I saw some tail lights in front of me going side to side. Luckily, they did not crash, but I bet they had to change their underwear. By the time I got to El Centro, it was a nice sunny day. But for some reason, they have some pretty severe dips going into most parking lots and my ground effects took some scrapes. It was fun taking some of my family members for a ride and watching them squirm.

We had a great St. Patrick's Day lunch at Tartan of Redlands. There were about 25-30 people there and we even signed up a new member from someone that had a Corvette and stopped in to see us. I'm sure Dan will talk more about this, since he knows them. Jenni did a fabulous job getting the event set up. We weren't sure about the parking, since it was in a popular spot, but it all worked out. The staff was amazing. Our server was a Marine, so we hit it off right away. If you weren't able to make it that day, you should try to get down to that area. It is really cool.

I got the following information from Les Randolph about our great friend Shotgun Tom Kelly. It would be great to see a big turn out from our club. It is Saturday, September 23rd. Get the tickets while they last. If you are able to get a VIP

ticket, there is a VIP reception included. You will have to copy and paste the web address below for tickets.

This the info on Shot Gun Tom Kelly being inducted into the California Music Hall of Fame. I thought it might be fun to drive the Corvettes down and show him support for his achievements. Marjorie and I bought the VIP Tickets which I believe there are only 24 left. Tier 2 there are 318 left. If interested You should buy your tickets ASAP.

VIP	\$75.00 per ticket
TIER 2	\$62.00 per ticket
TIER 3	\$51.00 per ticket

**Start time:** 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Golden Bear Theater  
 31555 Rancho Vista Road  
 Temecula Ca, 92591

**Web Address:**  
<https://californiamusichalloffame.ticketspice.com/california-music-hall-of-fame-induction-ceremony>

Should be Fun,

As the weather gets better, I hope you are able to get your Corvette out more and cruise around. Just don't drive too fast. ( I'm talking to myself there) Jenni and I look forward to seeing more of you at the monthly meetings and events.

*Happy Cruising,  
 Monty*



# Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Happy Spring to our Corvettes West family. Aren't we all enjoying the showers? Ok that was a rhetorical question. I hope this finds everyone happy and healthy.

Wasn't the luncheon at the Tartan of Redlands so fun and delicious. I loved that place. The food and service was quite wonderful. I thank everyone who came out. I would love to go there again in the future.

As for April, I don't have anything planned yet. If there are any suggestions out there, please let me know. I welcome all ideas. I do have another message into the Day Family Car Museum in Corona. If they call me back, we could maybe plan

a trip there for the end of the month sometime, but since I have left them several messages and not heard back, I am not holding my breath.

Saturday, May 27, 2023 will be the day of the progressive dinner/poker run. It will start at 3:00 pm at the Blackledge's for hors d'oeuvres and end at the Swifts for dessert. Joan will give all the details at the meeting, since she is planning this event.

I hope everyone has a pleasant Easter. Much love to you all. Drive safe.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni  
Event Planner Extraordinaire

## SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I made my monthly trip to Tom Bell Chevrolet today. Got a new individual to talk to about Corvettes and we also had a conversation regarding electric vehicles. This gentleman indicated he drives a Volt car and gets remarkable gas mileage.

Then we got into the issue of new Corvettes. He indicates Tom Bell has no new Corvettes on the lot. The indication was that they had one (1) new Corvette coming but it was already sold. He did indicate that there are "a couple more" new Corvettes on order but no date was given as to when Tom Bell Chevrolet may see those cars.

It was indicated that they have one (1) previously owned Corvette on the lot. This car is a 2016 Convertible with 79K miles on the clock.

As for Camaros, Tom Bell currently has two (2) new Camaros on the lot. They have one V6 Convertible in white, and a 4 cylinder Coupe. I did not get a color on that one. Tom Bell currently does not have any previously owned Camaros at this time.

As usual, if you need service on any vehicle, please take that vehicle to Tom Bell's service department. And when you do this, please let the service writer, at the time of write-up, know you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the club discount.

*Save the Wave*  
Bill Dodge  
Sponsor's Representative





# Vice President CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*



Well March was a very busy month for us with many fun things that happened along with several sad things.

The first sad thing was the service held on the 11th for my long-time employer Jack Hawkins who passed away at the age of 91. He was one of the finest men I had every know and was one of the mentors in my life and he loved old cars.

On the positive side of things, we had a very fun filled 3 days from the 16th-18th. On the 16th we had a Reunion Dinner at our house celebrating 30 plus years of paying the dice game Bunco, with special friends and sharing some great memories. We don't play anymore but felt it important to get together as we aren't getting any younger as one of our friends had already passed away.

On the 17th we celebrated St. Patty's day, one of my favorite days by the way, with a Dinner and Entertainment at the Burrage Mansion in Redlands. I just love watching the Irish Dancers, especially the younger ones, and how they dance with their arms down by their sides is just beyond me. When I dance my arms are flailing all over if you call that dancing! Now if you want

to see real dancing just watch George and Diane on the dance floor!

Then on the 18th, Jenni planned a nice Lunch Outing at the Tartan in Redlands. How nice that was to have a lunch in our city and a great time was had by all. While there we meet a lady, whose husband owns a Corvette, which was bought for him by this lady who is his wife, stopped by to say hi and maybe joining the club. Then some nice friends of ours, the Blankenship's, stopped by to say hi and shared that they just bought a torch red 2020 C8 and we talked them in to joining our club. So that being the color of the new Z06 Vette I Have ordered I had to step outside and take a look. And it had the same Natural Dipped Interior that I had also ordered so It was nice to see these colors in person. So, it was not only a great lunch but we may have added two new members! Great job Jenni!

Now to the other sad note, due to Jim Gillam not feeling well and Sandy doing some last-minute packing, they weren't able to drive up for a club send off. So along with the Blackledge's and the Swift's, we took the card along with several gifts, down to their house in

Laguna Nigel. They were given a 20-year plaque, a nice card with all Club Members signatures, and George and John made a very special appreciation trophy, as they leave for Virginia the next week. They were very active members for 20 years and Jim served on the board for many of those years. They were Great Members and will be missed.

Now regarding Corvettes, I understand that GM will be giving out allocations to their dealers on the 30th of March for the remaining 2023 car year ending this June. We are all hopeful that George's Black 70th Anniversary Z06 is among those allocated to Tom Bell!

We will not be at the April meeting as we are going to Hawaii for a couple of weeks and leave that Tuesday, but there will still be a raffle. I think Diana will be Vanna, and John may try and be Dan! LOL

See everyone on May 2nd, and hopefully we will start getting some better weather.

Thanks,  
**Dan Flanigan**  
Vice President

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



## Rare Corvettes

**How many 1957 Corvettes were painted with Inca Silver?**

- 50
- 55
- 60
- 65

**What Year was the Rarest Corvette Made?**

- 1968
- 1969
- 1970
- 1971

**Turquoise is the rarest Corvette Color?**

- True
- False

**How many 1963 split window Corvettes were produced?**

- 500
- 1,000
- 1,500
- 2,000

**How many Corvettes can you own before your spouse gets mad?**

- 1
- 2
- More than 3 (if I let them drive it)
- No Limit

**What price did the ultra-rare 1967 L88 Sell at the auction in 2014?**

(remember they made only 20 of these)

- 1.85 Million Dollars
- 2.85 Million Dollars
- 3.85 Million Dollars
- 4.85 Million Dollars

**How many 1971 Corvette Z52 were built?**

- 12
- 15
- 18
- 24

**How much did the ZL1 package cost on the 1969 ZL1 Corvette?**

- \$3,000
- \$4,000
- \$5,000
- \$6,000

**How much did the HotWheels Stingray with grey with orange stripes sell for at auction?**

- \$450.00
- \$475.00
- \$500.00
- \$525.00

**What is the most sought after Corvette year for collectors?**

- 1957
- 1963
- 1967
- 1984

**How many Limited Edition 427 Z06 Corvettes were released in 2008?**

- 405
- 505
- 605
- 705

# CW 2023 CALENDAR

APRIL		
Tues. 4th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Jenni trying to get a call back about a trip to the Day Family Car	Museum in Corona
MAY		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 27th	Progressive Dinner in Riverside-see Joan Redden for details RSVP and information at April and May General Meetings	
JUNE		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
JULY		
TBD	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	Date TBD (1st Tues. is the 4th)
AUGUST		
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Annual Summer Party	
SEPTEMBER		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 23rd	Shot Gun Tom Kelly Induction into the Calif Music Hall of Fame Golden Bear Theater in Temcula CA Web Address: <a href="https://californiamusichalloffame.ticketspice.com/california-music-hall-of-fame-induction-ceremony">https://californiamusichalloffame.ticketspice.com/california-music-hall-of-fame-induction-ceremony</a>	See Monty's article here in the newsletter for information
OCTOBER		
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat 21	CW Wheels 'n Wings Car Show @ March Air Museum	
NOVEMBER		
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
DECEMBER		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Annual Christmas Party	
JANUARY 2024		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
TBA	Awards Banquet	



As I indicated in the last newsletter, I have started donating again only this time it will be whole blood. I have made my second whole blood donation and am waiting for my next 56 days to go away so I can donate again. So how about the rest of you come out and donate for a cause that might save a life? The Blood Bank is still in need of new donors. Remember, they have to get 500 donations daily to be able to service the 80 hospitals in the Southern California area.

Last month I mentioned that the Blood Bank blood storage fridges and freezers are finally wearing out. This equipment is important as that is where blood and blood products are kept. If you are interested in donating cash to help the Blood Bank purchase new equipment, you can do it on line at <https://www.lstream.org/event/2-for-2-campaign/>. This is campaign "2 for 2". If you can do it, you will be helping a good cause.

Pick a Center, call to make an appointment and then donate. Of course, you can just walk in and donate. Either way you will be assisting a very good community resource!

Save the Wave by saving the Waver. Save a life. Donate.

**Bill Dodge**

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- Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530 .....4006 Van Buren Blvd.
- Victorville .....Phone: 760-843-9700.....12520 Business Center Drive
- Murrieta .....Phone: 951-973-7777 .....40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
- Rancho Mirage.....Phone: 760-797-8496 .....42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
- Hemet .....909-386-6803 EXT. 181 .....3377 W. Florida Ave.





## HELPING HANDS

SPRING...where are you?? You peek out now & then, but we're SO ready for your presence more often. Lol

Actually, our lunch run to the Tartan Restaurant in Redlands last month was one of those spring peek out days. It was beautiful on the patio there, & the food was very good.! Good choice, Jenni!

We've completed our decision on donations for 2023, and they are the following:

IHS (Inland Housing Solutions), Guide Dogs of the Desert, Pathway Ministries in Riverside, & CRY-ROP for student automotive scholarships. We decided that local programs are where our monies should go.

Happy Easter & blessings to everyone!

Sharon MacGillivray 😊



# Corvettes West

444 Everest Peak  
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## 2023 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2022 Through October 31, 2023

Membership dues are \$100.00 for a period of one year, due November 1st. This includes a spouse, significant other, or designee and NCCC memberships. Renewal dues postmarked after November 1st will be considered delinquent and member will be assessed an additional \$10.00. New members are prorated. Complete application in its entirety. Do not indicate "same as before." **(If your NCCC is through another club, your dues are \$70.00)**

**Please print. Mail this form and a check for \$100.00 or \$110.00 made out to "Corvettes West"**  
**Mail to: Corvettes West C/O Gene Renna, 444 Everest Peak, Beaumont, CA 92223**

### MEMBERS' INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (Month & Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

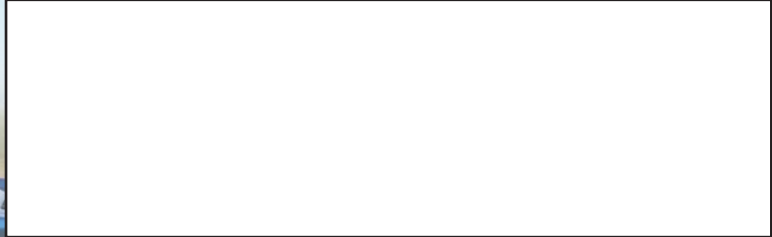


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