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NICE REAR



NICE FRONT END

GUARANTEED TO DISTRACT ANY DRIVER!

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

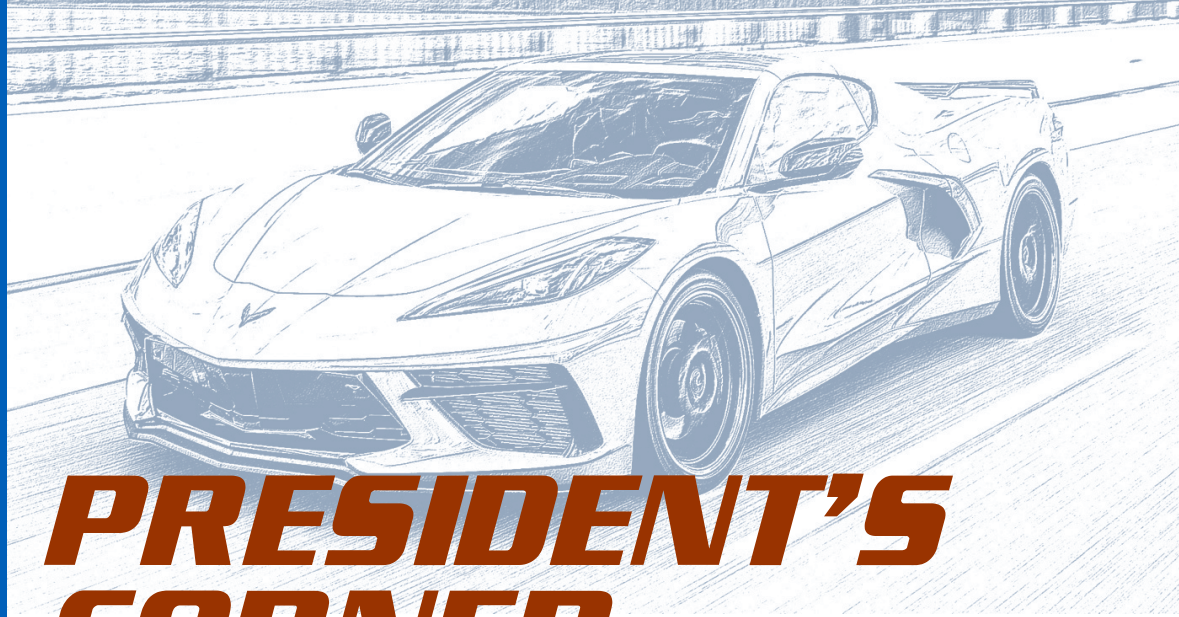
Our Business meetings
 are held on Monday
 before the general
 meeting via ZOOM.

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- MICHAEL MITSCH01
- CINDY MESSICK02
- JENNI CLARK.....04
- RAELENE LAWRENCE05
- ROSEMARIE CLARK08
- MARI VALDEZ.....10
- CURTIS RICHMOND13
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers

Well, summer is officially here and the weather is getting warmer. I hope all the fathers had a great day. I'm sure we all got breakfast in bed, a detail on the Corvette, and a nice foot rub. And then we woke up. Haha.

We had a great run to Joey's BBQ in Chino. Jenni and I were tail in Charlie of the caravan and it was so cool seeing the line of Corvettes going down the 60 freeway. I saw a lot of cell phones out taking pictures. Once we got to Joey's, several people were checking out all of our cars in the parking lot. And the food was just amazing.

And, if I remember correctly, June 30th was Corvette Day. What a great day to celebrate 70 years of our beautiful cars. I really look forward seeing everyone at the meeting and on our outings throughout the summer.

DON'T FORGET – Due to Independence Day falling of the first Tuesday of July, we will have our meeting the following Tuesday, July 11th.

*Happy Cruising,
 Monty*



Why is the LT6 Code Named Gemini?

The Chevy team was inspired by the space program and astronauts' love of Corvettes. Back in the early days of space flight GM offered astronauts deals where they could lease any car for a dollar a year, and most chose Corvettes (duh!).

The Gemini tag also fit the project due to the dual intake plenums, throttle bodies, valve springs, and other "twin" parts. There are 54 hidden Gemini rockets on the LT6, both inside and outside- for example, there are directional rockets on the tops of the forged pistons! We imagine finding all 54 rockets could be quite the scavenger hunt.



Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Happy July Corvette Family! It's been hot lately and I think summer is in full swing. Personally, my favorite time of year. I hope you are all enjoying the weather as well.

We had a wonderful ride and lunch to Joey's BBQ in Chino. The food was so delicious and there was so much of it too. Thank you to John Blackledge for the fabulous request to go there. As we caravanned over, me and Monty were the last car in the line-up on the freeway. I have to say that it looked so cool seeing all our beautiful Corvettes lined up cruising down the road. We had 12 gorgeous Corvettes and 22 people for lunch. Thank you to everyone who came.

For July, I was thinking we should take a drive on the Ortega Highway to San Juan Capistrano for lunch. Saturday, July 22, 2023 sounds like a good day. I am still choosing the restaurant for lunch. I will have decided this by the time

we have the next meeting on July 11. I will send around a sign-up sheet. If anyone has a special place they like to lunch in San Juan Capistrano, please let me know.

We all know that the fun-filled summer party will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the Flanigan's house. We always love the wonderful parties they throw for us. Thanks Dan and Elaine for being the hosts with the most.

Happy Independence Day everyone. Be safe and drive careful. Much love to you all.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni

Event Planner Extraordinaire

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

My monthly trip to our sponsor's facility was somewhat easier this month. Traffic was heavy but moving for a change. Upon arriving at Tom Bell's facility, I caught a glimpse of a very nice looking black C8, which I learned is Mr. Bell's new C8 Z06. What a pretty car.

In talking with staff, I found out that Tom Bell had a car show at the dealership. I was never informed of this show. It was indicated by staff that there were 69 cars in attendance. I was told that Tom Bell has car shows periodically. I requested to be informed when the next show would be so that Corvettes West might have cars in attendance.

Currently Tom Bell has two (2) C8 Corvettes, a 1LT Stingray and a 3LT 70th Anniversary in Carbon Flash metallic. They have no previously owned Corvettes. As for as Camaros go, in transit they have a 2SS Coupe and two (2) LT Coupes.

As always, should you have problems with any of your vehicles, please take that vehicle to Tom Bell's service department. And when you do this, 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 here we are with half the year gone and time is just flying by. I remember my mother telling me wait until you get older, which I certainly am now, and see how fast time goes and was she right!

So even with getting a few extra days to write my article with Chris being out of town this week, I am probably still the last one to submit.

Now I know George doesn't like excuses but I have been very busy these last couple of weeks with our Class Reunion coming up this weekend and me stuck being the MC, and a big Board Meeting with our Time Share in San Clemente with a lot of major decision to be made. So, this is why I am late this month even though George doesn't want to hear my excuses! LOL

Now regarding Corvette news, I guess we have all heard that George's 70th Anniversary Z06 C8 has been confirmed for production. Oh my, I thought my kids got excited at Christmas when they got their presents, well that doesn't come close to George's excitement when he heard his Corvette is now in line for production and was also told it was the last Anniversary being built for 2023!

I know Derek is so excited to finally get George his Corvette so he won't have to be hearing from him every day! He just needs to know that he will be now hearing from me regarding my 2024 C8 Z06. I was lucky enough to be with George when he went in to finalize his order and I was

told to go over my original order as Steve would be contacting me in a couple of weeks to finalize my order. So, I got a little excited also and will be waiting to hear from Steve here soon.

Regarding some Corvette Club news, we had a Great Lunch Outing to Joey's BBQ in Chino, and it was some of best BBQ ribs we have every had. I guess this idea came from the Blackledge's as they used to live close by and eat there a lot and I can see why.

Well we drove home after that great lunch and when I got home I realized all my keys were missing as I found a large hole in my pocket. I searched all over inside our car and looked all over the house with no luck and thought could the keys have fallen out at the lunch? So, I called Joe's and as luck would have it they found some keys on the floor by where we were sitting. I asked the very nice lady to take a photo of the keys and send it to me and yes, these keys were mine, thank goodness.

So, we took a nice trip back to Joe's, and we took both of our dogs with us for a little road trip. When we got there, we thought gee while we are here let's order some of their awesome desserts to go. Elaine wanted the Bread Pudding and I ordered the Peach Cobbler. While I was waiting for our Desserts to take home I got to listen to the Guitar Player Johnny Bennett singing, who John Blackledge had told me about how great he was and that he had all 5 of Johnny's Song Disks.

So in between songs I went up and introduce myself and mentioned that I had a good friend that lived close by years ago and mentioned how great a performer you were and that he had all 5 of your disks. So, I called John and told him we were there listening to Johnny and John told me to have him sing one of John Favorites, Two Cheese Burgers and a Chocolate Shake which he did and the Patrons loved it! This man has been Playing at Joe's for over 40 years if you can believe that, and I can see why as good as he is.

I thanked him for Playing that song and asked about buying one of his disks. He suggested the Disk of songs that he personally wrote which I did and we listened to the disk as soon as we got home, and it was great to hear.

I never realized how losing a set of keys could have turned out to be such a fun afternoon and Thanks to the Blackledge's. I hope everyone had a nice 4th of July with Family and Friends and we will see everyone on the 11th.

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan
Vice President



Corvette Racing

What year marked Corvette's first professional race?

- 1955
- 1956
- 1957
- 1958

How many corvette entered to race in the 1960 24 Hour LeMans Race?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

What year did a Corvette win the 24 Hour LeMans Race?

- 1959
- 1960
- 1961
- 1962

How many races has Corvette won since 1999?

- 57
- 77
- 97
- 107

How many tickets does John Blackledge have because he thinks he a professional racer?

- 1
- 2
- Not as many as Dan Flanigan
- 21

How many Identical Corvettes were produced for the 1988 Corvette Challenge?

- 36
- 46
- 56
- 66

How much did a Corvette challenge car cost to purchase in 1988?

- \$23,000
- \$26,000
- \$33,000
- \$36,000

Why was the 1988 Corvette Challenge Created?

- Corvette got in trouble for cheating
- Corvette was banned from SCCA Racing
- Corvettes Drivers wanted to race each other
- There was a lack of Corvette Race wins.

What Racing Class does Corvette Race in?

- GTLM Class
- LMP3 Class
- DPI Class
- GTD Class

What Year did Corvette First Serve as a NASCAR Pace Car?

- 1958
- 1968
- 1978
- 1988

CW 2023 CALENDAR

JULY		
Tues. 11th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	On the 11th - NOT the 3rd
Sat. 22nd	Drive along Ortega Highway to San Juan Capistrano for lunch Lunch location TBD. More info at the July 11th meeting	Contact Jenni Clark
AUGUST		
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 19th	Annual Summer Party - Dan & Elaine Flanigan have offered to host once again in Redlands - lucky us!	See the flyer in this newsletter
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 (limited seating)	See Monty's article in the April newsletter for information
OCTOBER		
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat 21st	CW Wheels 'n Wings Car Show @ March Air Museum -Proceeds go to Vietnam Veterans Chapter 47 and the March Museum	Please sign up to help with this fun event
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	
FEBRUARY		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
MARCH		
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
APRIL		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



In discussing donation sites, in the last newsletter I mentioned the Press Enterprise newspaper generally lists mobile sites to donate at-except last week they did not list them. In today's paper, the Pres Enterprise listed three (3) sites. The Blood Bank still needs more donors. They still service 80 local hospitals with life saving products (blood products). To do this they need 500 donations daily. Can you be one of the 500 donation people? Please become a donor. You can donate whole blood every 56 days. And your donation can be a life saver.

The donation centers are clean and well kept. The donation time for whole blood is about 15 minutes. And after the donation, you get to spend 15 minutes in their canteen having juice, crackers and if you go on certain days, they have sandwiches. Unfortunately, I do not know which days have sandwiches. I will have that info for you all in the next newsletter.

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

Bill Dodge

BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

- San BernardinoPhone: 909-885-6503.....420 E. Hospitality Lane Suite A7 & A8
- Ontario.....Phone: 909-987-3158.....1959 East Fourth Street
- La QuintaPhone: 760-777-8844.....79-215 Corporate Centre Drive
- RiversidePhone: 951-687-25304006 Van Buren Blvd.
- VictorvillePhone: 760-843-9700.....12520 Business Center Drive
- MurrietaPhone: 951-973-777740365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1
- Rancho Mirage.....Phone: 760-797-849642390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B
- Hemet909-386-6803 EXT. 1813377 W. Florida Ave.



We APPRECIATE Elaine and Dan Flanigan for offering their lovely Home for this event.
As usual the club will provide the meat and drinks and members will bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

If you are not at the August club meeting to sign up, please contact Dan Flanigan at 951-712-6953.

Here are the Details:

CW Summer Party

Saturday, August 19 at 3 P.M.

30838 La Solana Court, Redlands

Bring your pool wear and sunscreen.

Games and frivolity will ensue.

Supper at 5 p.m.

We plan to see you there!

DRIVE & DINE

**AT JOEY'S BBQ
CHINO, CA**



Corvettes West

444 Everest Peak
Beaumont, CA 92223

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 _____

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:

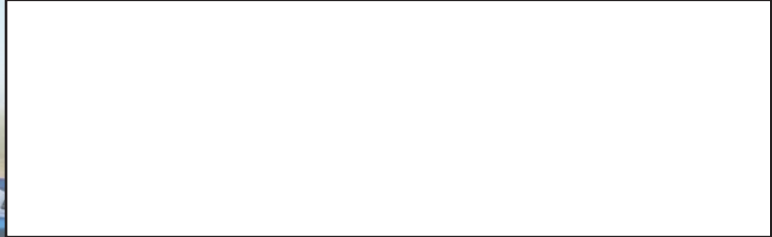


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