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Corvettes West

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Annual Awards Banquet



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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers,

It was quite a rainy January, but I am not complaining. We need all the rain we can get. I just wish we could get more the rest of the year. We also had a few windy days that left the streets littered with palm fronds. Luckily, there were a few nice days to get the Vettes out to blow out the cobwebs. I took Mike Barlow out for a cruise in my "new to me" ZO6 to show him what it could do. I think he really liked it, but I also think it made him more anxious for his new ZO6.

Well, we had a fantastic Awards Banquet this year. The Victory Club did not disappoint. We weren't sure if it was going to rain, but it held off enough for all of us to get our photos taken in front of the club. I think everyone could agree that the buffet was great. I will make sure we have bread next year. (Thank you Kristi) I really appreciate the work that John and Diana Blackledge put into the car show books. And, how about those lamps that George Swift made for the Dynamic Duo, John Blackledge and Randy Redden. But, most of all, I want to congratulate our member

of the year, Les Randolph, and President's Award recipient, George Swift. I know these two gentlemen do not do what they do for the recognition, but they definitely deserve it for all their work.

Speaking of work, John and Randy are already getting started on Wheels and Wings 2023. If you would like to help, please let one of them know. We can use all the help we can get and it is not too early to start. Also, if you have any constructive feedback about last year's show, please let us know. We want to make 2023 even better.

We have some great events coming up in February, but I am going to leave the details to Jenni. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

GO CHIEFS!!!

Happy Cruising,
Monty



Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Hello Corvette family. Happy February! January finished off nicely with the banquet at the Victoria Country Club. The food was fabulous. Good call Monty Clark on having the dinner buffet style this year. It's always so much fun when we all get together all dressed up and eat, drink, and be merry.

Of course, Super Bowl Sunday is our next event hosted by the Flanigan's. That will be on Sunday, February 12 at 2:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. We ask that everybody brings a dish, side or dessert. If you would like to sign up to bring something, and will not be attending the next meeting, you may call or e-mail Dan as he is the one with the list.

On February 16, we will have our annual Valentine's Day Dinner at Napoli Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda. It will be at 7:00 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet for that at the next meeting as well. You don't have to have a significant other to attend. Everyone is welcome. It's just to get together and have a nice meal.

I hope this finds everyone healthy and happy. Much love to everyone. Please drive safe.

EventfullyYours,

Jenni Clark

Events Planner Extraordinaire



Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well another month is already behind us but all of us sure had at a great time at the Awards Banquet on the 29th at the Victoria Club! Monty and John did just a great job running the Event and it was very special to say the least.

There were many awards passed out and Personalized Travel Bags were given as gifts to all those who helped out with the Car Show. Then there was special Thank You given to Diana and John who put together the very special Car Show memory book which was so wonderfully done which took many, many hours to put together and what a great memory we have of that great event.

Speaking of awards, there were two very special awards given out that evening. One was to Les Randolph as Member of the Year, as voted on by the Board and the other was the President's award which was given to George Swift, which were both well-deserved for the all work these men did for the club last year. And the lamps that George made for John and Randy for their help with the Car Show and for Derek and Tom Bell as our sponsors, were just incredibly done. Well done George!!

And another big Thank You goes to Randy Redden who took all the Car Photos outside and most of the interior photos. There were a lot of us who challenged the weather and drove our Corvette's and were rewarded by having our cars photo'd before it rained, which never happened thank goodness. And I noticed most of the convertible cars had their tops down for the photos, which I wish I had done.

Howard was given the evenings off from photos but did step in and help with the large group photos. How his photos ever turned out I will never know as he held the camera high above his head and was not able to look into the lens, and all his photos turned out ok!

Then there was the Buffet, which we all agreed was very well done with a nice section of entries and a wonderful dessert table. Speaking of the dessert table we know that Joe La Greca liked it very much because he was seen visiting the table at least 5 times! Now there were several others who visited the table more than once, and several others who visited more than twice and we have a list of those names if anyone is interested. LOL

Coming up In February, on Sunday the 12th is the Super Bowl Party at our house and if you haven't sign up give us a call or the sign-up sheet will be at our next meeting on the 7th. Then on the Thursday, the 16th will be our Valentine's Dinner which is always a very nice evening.

Before I forget, if you remember last month I found out George somehow was on Santa's "Naughty List", but has since been removed because of all of his good works, now we are just waiting to find out if he will get his Black 70th Anniversary ZO6 before the end of the 2023 ordering year in June or July? Stay Tuned!!

I hope everyone is trying to stay healthy during this cold spell and we will see everyone at the February 7th meeting.

Thanks,

Dan Flanigan
Vice President



U.S. Road Facts

True or False. Can you pass a school Bus When with its flashing red lights on?

- True
- False

How many miles does the United States have?

- 153 million miles of roads
- 203 million miles of roads
- 253 million miles of roads
- 303 million miles of roads

What lane is the passing lane?

- Right Lane
- Left Lane
- Center Lane
- Stay in your lane John!

What city has a upside down traffic light (Reversed - Green on top and red on the bottom)

- Philadelphia, PA
- Springfield, MA
- Trenton, NJ
- Syracuse, NY

What is the Highest Posted Speed Limit in America?

- 70 MPH
- 75 MPH
- 80 MPH
- 85 MPH

What U.S. state is Santa Claus lane located in?

- Alaska
- New York
- Washington State
- Maine

True or False? Stop Signs were originally called Boulevard Stops

- True
- False
- What Stop Sign

What is the longest U.S. Interstate Highway?

- I-95
- I-81
- I-90
- I-5

Where is the longest street in America located?

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Utah
- Montana

How long is the shortest street in America?

- 20 feet
- 520 feet
- 1,000 feet
- 1 mile

What is the most common name for street in America?

- Fast Lane
- Main Street
- First Street
- Second Street

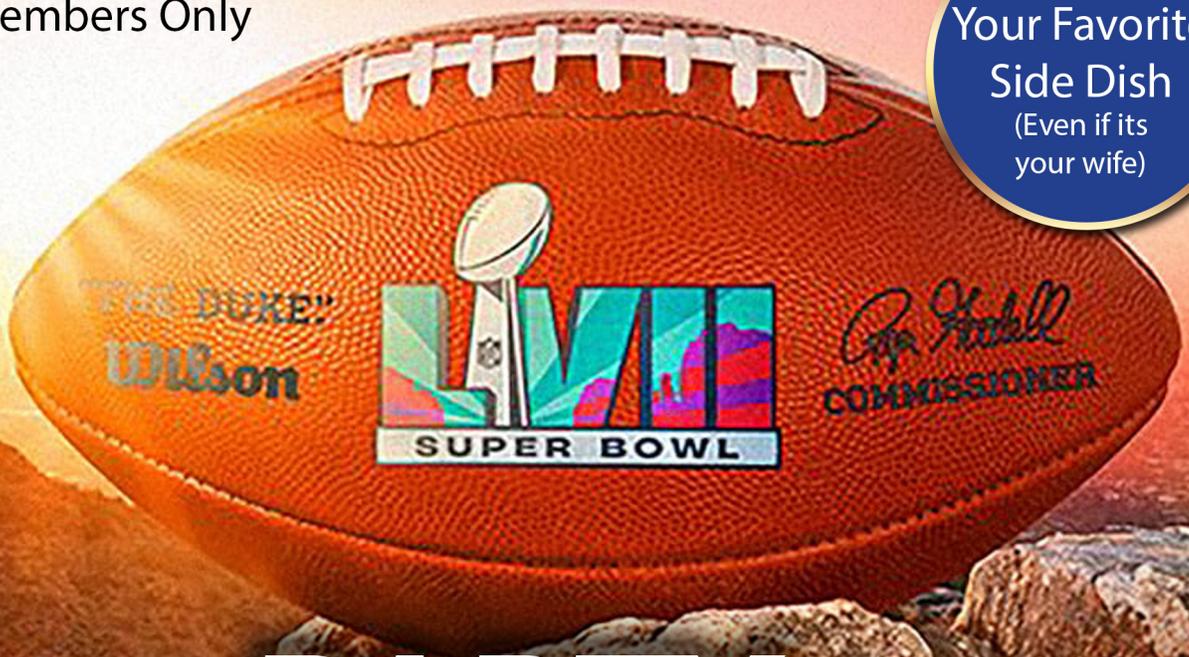
Fun Facts

1 mile of every 5 miles of Interstate Highway must be straight in order to land US Military planes.

SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 2PM

Invitation Is limited
To Club Members Only

Bring
Your Favorite
Side Dish
(Even if its
your wife)



PARTY AT THE FLANIGANS

30838 La Solana Court, Redlands, CA 92373

Dan & Elaine Flanigan

Please RSVP 951-712-6953

(Also Let Us Know What Dish You Will Be Bringing)



I hope everyone got through the holidays safely. The Blood Bank still needs you all to come to one of their facilities or one (1) of their weekly Blood Bank drives on the weekend. The Blood Bank usually has between 4 and 6 Blood Bank mobile buses in the communities for you to go to so you can donate without having to drive too far.

I had stopped donating about a year ago due to problems with my veins. Recently I had contact with a person who used to draw my blood and she asked me to come to a center so she could check my veins. The result was I donated blood and am set up for another donation in 56 days. I am glad I am back donating for

such a good cause. Who knows, I might donate for one of you all.

Please, pick a donation center. Either make an appointment or just walk-in. Be someone's hero. Donate. It does not take long. About 15 minutes. But you will feel good about what you have done.

Help someone to see another sunrise or maybe see the smile of one of their children.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver

Bill Dodge

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- VictorvillePhone: 760-843-9700.....12520 Business Center Drive
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- Hemet909-386-6803 EXT. 1813377 W. Florida Ave.

HELPING HANDS

I'm sure that everyone who attended the Awards Banquet at the Victoria Club on Sunday really enjoyed it. Rick & I sure did. The buffet was a nice idea & the food quality was GOOD.

For those of us who collect can tabs, I found out from our church (which also collects tabs for Ronald McDonald House) that they don't collect cat/dog food tabs, and also not tuna can tabs. I didn't know that. SO, please don't include those from now on - you good can tab savers!

We will be working on selecting our charitable donations for 2023 this month. I know that we were asked for ideas (during the Christmas party) as to where some of our extra money may go this year. If you have any suggestions, please text me or anyone on the board so that we can discuss that at our Zoom mtg on Monday, Feb. 6.

See you at the meeting on Feb.7!

Sharon MacGillivray

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I went to see our sponsor, Tom Bell, to see what new cars they might have. Soon after walking in, Dan Flanigan shows up and then the fun began. It is always nice to talk to Dan and this morning was no different. He talked about Corvettes and the new one he is considering. It was a good fun conversation.

After Mr. Flanigan walked off to talk to Sponsor staff, I learned that our sponsor has 1 new C8 Convertible in Pearl White. They have no previously owned Corvettes. They also have 1 new Camaro Convertible in white. They do have a C8 on order but they had no idea when that vehicle will be arriving.

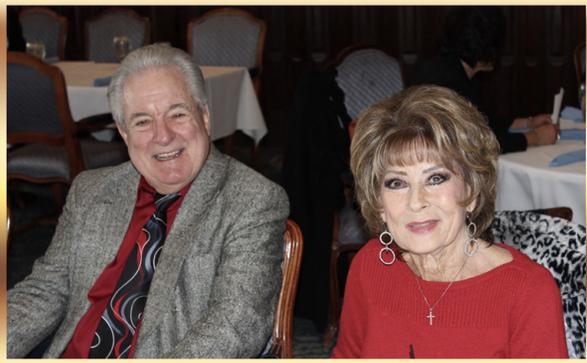
As always, if you need service on any vehicles, please take your vehicle to Tom Bell's service department. And when you do this, please let the service writer, at the time of write up, know you are a Corvettes Wet member so you will receive the club discount.

Save the Wave

Bill Dodge

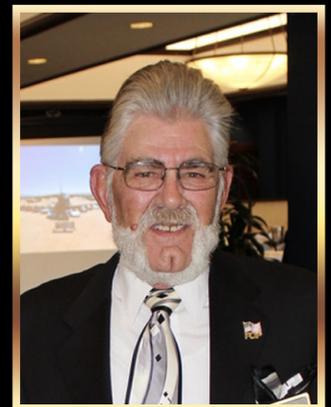
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PHOTO WRAP-UP



**Corvettes
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AWARDS BANQUET
2023



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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:

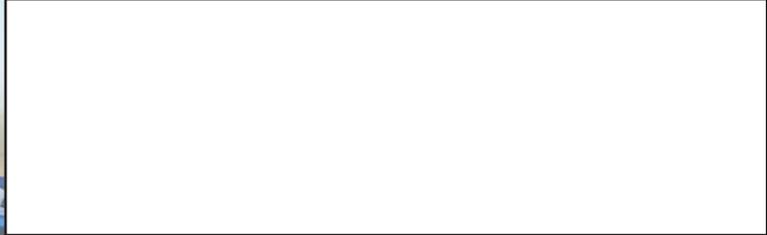


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