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(See Flyer Page 11)**



Corvettes West  
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 are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
 at Riverside Elks Lodge  
 #643  
 6166 Brockton Ave.  
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 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  
 hand delivered to  
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## December BIRTHDAYS

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# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Our Car Show at March Field Air Museum was a big success. We had over 140 cars there in spite of three other big car shows the same day.

Thanks again to all of you who helped get parts, clean the parts helped make the wooden Trophy bases, helped put the Trophy's together and helped make it all come together on show day. We had a total of around 40% of our membership involved to making this all happen and that was great. When you have that many people helping out, it make's it easier for everyone involved.

After asking everyone at the last meeting on a feedback form ,what they thought about the show, it was unanimous that we should do it again and we sent out a list of all thoughts and suggestion that were shared by everyone. If you did not get this and would like a copy pleas let me know and I will bring copies at the next meeting on Tuesday December 3rd.

This is my last newsletter for this year, 2019 and I want to say thank you for the privilege of being your president again this year. It has been very rewarding to represent our club on your behalf and I have enjoyed it a great deal. I do think it is important for a club like ours have new blood and new ideas to progress forward as time moves on so I would like to see someone step up to the plate to lead this great club of ours next year at this time for the year 2021.

In the meantime I am so looking forward to our Christmas Party once again at Ray & Carol Clarks home on December 7, 2019. The sign up sheet will be at the next meeting and remember, along with your side dish, please bring a unwrapped gift to the party for the CHARITY AUCTION and some `extra money to bid on something you just cant live without. Speaking of something you can't live without The highlight of the auction so far is a donation from the Flanigan's and the Blackledge's.

It is a FABULOUS ORNAMENTAL CORVETTE CHRISTMAS TREE, everyone should have one of these. It is 12" tall with lights, CORVETTES and or Corvette sounds, battery operated. It will have a minimum bid so it ain't cheap, but we will be the auctioneers and are flexible if you know what I mean.

Every year we use ALL this money for a great charitable donation so please help out and participate.

Reminder, Our annual Awards Banquet will be at the beautiful Victoria Club again this year. The sign up sheet will be at the meeting but if you are not going to make the meeting just send me a e-mail or phone call and we will add you to the list.

Remember  
 Save The Wave  
**John Blackledge**  
 President



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We have made it through most of the year. Just one month left until it's time for TAXES!, and a good party to deaden the pain.

We had a good turnout for the Car Show in November and we are finished with the NCCC Renewal process.

There are no events scheduled for the first of the year. The Regional Governor's meeting is on for early February in Pomona. I will have the exact location and date at the January meeting.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and looking forward to the Christmas holidays.

I will be retiring from the board at the end of the year but Sandy and I will still be members of Corvettes West, the best club in the entire Region.

**Jim Gillam,**  
Governor,  
CorvettesWest

## HOMECOMINGS & PARADES

**Saturday, December 14**  
**Yucaipa Christmas Parade - 10 Cars**

### *Thank You To Those Who Helped*

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If you hear of any other groups/parades inquiring about cars and drivers, give me a call. 951-776-0936 OR 2swift@att.net

***George Swift - Save the Wave***



# Evently Speaking



*Dan Flanigan*

## Events Coordinator's Corner

My Goodness where has 2019 gone as here we are in December already! November is always a busy month and the major event for the month was our 1st Wheels n' Wings Car Show, and with the help of so many members it was a big success. And because of the huge success we are already planning to do it again next year! Kudos to John and George for all their hard work putting this major event together.

The next week on the 9th was the annual Riverside Veterans Parade, which many of our members participated in, several having Purple Heart Recipients ride in their cars which was very special. Then afterwards the Elks Club held a nice luncheon for the Veterans, which include some wonderful entertainment.

On Monday the 11th, Veterans Day, The City of Redlands had their annual Veterans Day Parade, which was attended by several of our club members. After the parade there was a nice celebration in the Park for all the Veterans who were in attendance. From there then to the Redlands Elks Club for very nice Dinner, with great raffle prizes and entertainment. It was a great day to be a Veteran.

As you all know, Thanksgiving was week later this year, and I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with Family and friends, as we all have a lot to be Thankful for.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our meeting our Club Meeting on the 3rd. On Saturday the 7th we have our Annual Christmas Party, again Hosted by the Clark's, and a big Thank You for doing this again this year! Remember to bring an unwrapped gift to be auctioned off for a selected charity.

I want to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Here's to a great 2020, and seeing a lot of C8's on the road and hopefully I will get to drive one!!

In closing, this will be my last Events article for this year, as I was elected to be Vice President next year, so I have some big shoes to fill following Diane. I do want to Thank those of you who helped me with ideas for Events this year. I am sure our new Events Coordinator Christi will have a lot more events planned for the upcoming year, as she is very creative with ideas.

Thanks,  
Dan Flanigan, Events Coordinator

# Vice with a Voice

*Diane Swift*



Wow! How did 2019 fly by so fast! Thanksgiving will be here in a few days and Christmas, Hanukkah and the New Year will be here in a flash!

I want to thank all those who helped with Homecoming parades and half times this year. It was great to get some new members involved. I know the schools, parents and students are always happy to have the Corvettes there. Also, thank you to all those who signed up, as well as those who just showed up to help with our Wheels n' Wings Car Show on November 2nd. The Corvettes West Board is always appreciative for help from our

membership when putting on an event. The March Field Air Museum and Vietnam Veterans Chapter 47 were both very happy to receive a donation from proceeds of the Car Show. The museum said they were extremely pleased about how smoothly our event went. (Kudos to CW.)

Onto our annual Christmas Party, again hosted by Ray and Carol Clark. (What would we do without their huge temperature controlled garage?) Please remember to bring your unwrapped gift to auction off. As always, the proceeds will be donated. And REMEMBER THAT THIS YEAR'S

PARTY is 2pm-7pm! On Saturday December 7th.

For the 2020 year, I will act as Secretary for our club so this will be my last article in the FastTrack. Dan Flanigan will be back to serving as Vice President, which means you will always have an interesting article from him!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone and their families! Stay safe!

DianeSwift  
CW VP for 2019

## SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I am still waiting to see that beautiful Mid-engine Corvette in person. There is much to read about it and the coming convertible. In case you have not been following this car, Chevrolet took a coupe out on a snowy road and guess what, the driver spun it out causing damage to the car. They need to be more careful of who they let drive these beautiful cars!

Tom Bell, our sponsor, does have some nice cars for our consideration. Currently they have a new 2019 Corvette Coupe and a new 2019 Corvette ZR1 Coupe. On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has a 2001 Corvette Coupe, a 2005 Corvette Convertible, and a 2010 Corvette Convertible.

Also, Tom Bell has one new 2020 Camaro Coupe and one new 2020 Camaro Convertible. On the previously owned lot, Tom Bell has one 2016 Camaro Coupe. So if you have an interest in

any of these fine vehicles, please contact Derek Hanson, General Manager at Tom Bell.

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for more information and pricing.

When any of your vehicles needs service, please take your vehicles to our sponsor, Tom Bell, for service. And when you do this, please let the service writer, at the time of write-up, know that you are a Corvettes West member so that you will receive the Club discount.

Save the Wave

*Bill Dodge*

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE



# BLOOD BANK



*Giving Back!*

The 2nd Annual Blood Bank Car Show was held on November 16th. There was not a large number of cars registered. There were approximately 18 cars at the show. Corvettes West did not make much of a showing with only 5 cars registered.

We did have people registered who did donate voluntarily. I do not recall if any Corvettes West members donated. It was a nice day for the show. The Blood Bank supplied lunch and they had a shaved ice booth that was also free. The Blood Bank will be having a meeting soon to discuss having another show next year. I will have more information in the next addition of FastTrack.

Yes, the Blood Bank does need to see your arm for a donation. Schools are back in session now so the Blood Bank has a source of young arms that are waiting to donate. Especially since it does get them out of class for a while. But as a community oriented club, members need to make an effort to donate and support club members who are already doing their part.

In addition to the centers listed below, the Blood Bank is opening two (2) more centers. I will have the information for next month.

Save the Wave by Saving the Waver  
**Bill Dodge**

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Murrieta .....	Phone: 951-973-7777 .....	40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1

# HELPING HANDS

Big THANK YOUS to the cars from our club and IEC who attended the Discover Highland Day on Nov. 16th at Lowe's in Highland. Richard Pecoraro (sp), Herman Zietlow, Curtis Richmond, Craig Clark, and us were from Corvettes West.

Then Curtis was able to get 6 cars from IEC to join us. The bad thing was, the Corvettes were the only cars there. I think it was a little boring for most of the guys (including Rick), so most of them didn't stay for the whole

event. I thought it was going to be a little more interesting than it was. So, I do so appreciate them coming to the event!!

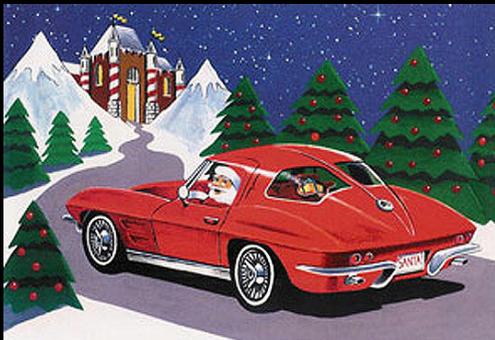
We're all looking forward to the Christmas Party on Dec. 7, aren't we? See you all there.

Sharon MacGillivray

# Upcoming Events



Date	DECEMBER
3	Corvettes West Meeting @ Riverside Elks Lodge 6pm Dinner/7pm Mtg.
7	Corvettes West Christmas Party at Ray & Carol Clark's home
8	Pomona Swap Meet
14	Yucaipa Christmas Parade
Date	JANUARY 2020
7	Corvettes West Meeting @ Riverside Elks Lodge 6pm Dinner/7pm Mtg.
26	Corvettes West Annual Awards Banquet - Victoria Country Club



HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR



## 25 Corvette facts that every enthusiast should know

by Scott Oldham // July 24, 2018 - Part 2

### The all-aluminum ZL1 427

First Corvette with a functional hood scoop: Functional ram air systems, drawing air from outside the engine compartment to feed the engine cooler and denser air, became popular on muscle cars in the 1960s, and most systems used a hood scoop. The first Corvette with a functional hood scoop was the 1967 model with the L88 427 engine option. Only 20 were produced. The stinger scoop on the other big-block Corvettes looked the same but was not functional.

First Corvette without a trunk: It's funny to think about now, but from 1963–82 the Corvette did not have a trunk. The small cargo area behind the seats, a very tiny area in the convertibles, had to be accessed from inside the interior. Today such an inconvenience would not be tolerated, but it was for many years. On the 1982 Collector's Edition model, Chevy finally hinged the glass rear window for better access. The design remained through the C4, C5 and C6 generations.

First Corvette with a transaxle: To better balance and improve the handling of the fifth-generation Corvette, which debuted in 1997, Chevy engineers moved from a traditional transmission location, which is bolted to the engine, to a transaxle design that moves the gearbox to the rear of the car. The design has remained through the C6 and C7 generations.

First Corvette with 17-inch wheels and tires: When the C4 generation debuted in 1984, it became the first Corvette with 16-inch wheels and tires. Its Goodyear Eagle Gatorbacks (255/50ZR16) were at the time the widest tire ever fitted to a Corvette, but it wasn't long before Chevy increased the Corvette's wheel diameter to 17 inches. In 1988, Corvettes with the Z51 and Z52 suspensions and all 35th Anniversary models wore 17 x 9.5-inch aluminum wheels, which were significantly larger than the 16 x 8.5 wheels on other models. Tire size jumped to 275/40ZR17.

### 1990 Chevrolet Corvette ZR-1

First Corvette with DOHC: There has been only one production Corvette with a double overhead cam engine. That was the ZR-1 produced from 1990–95. The 5.7-liter V-8, developed by Lotus and constructed by Mercury Marine, debuted with 375 hp, but quickly increased to 405 hp.

First Corvette with more than 700 hp: Today's 2019 Corvette ZR1 (no hyphen) is the first production Corvette with more than 700 hp. Its supercharged 6.2-liter V-8 is rated 755 hp at 6300 rpm and 715 lb-ft of torque at 4400 rpm, making it the most powerful Corvette of all time. It's also the most expensive, with a base price of \$119,995.

First Corvette over \$20,000: With a base price of \$22,537.59, the 1982 Collector Edition Corvette became the first Corvette with an MSRP higher than \$20,000. Incredibly, when the C4 Corvette debuted two years later, it cost less than the CE with base price of \$21,800.

First Corvette Rally Wheels: Chevy's Rally Wheels became a fixture on C3 Corvettes for many years, and they are still popular today. But Rally Wheels actually debuted on the C2. In 1967, they made their first appearance on the Corvette as the standard wheel. The aluminum bolt-on wheel was optional.

### 1969 Chevrolet Corvette

First Corvette with four-speed transmission: Interestingly, Corvette's first four-speed manual transmission, the T-10 manufactured by Borg Warner, was a \$188.30 option in 1957—exactly the same price as an optional two-speed Powerglide automatic. But it was worth it. Because Chevy added it to the option list late in the year, only 664 Corvettes got the four-speed. The standard transmission was a three-speed manual.

First Corvette aluminum wheels: Although the cast-aluminum knock-off wheels appeared in the promotions for the all-new 1963 Corvette, a manufacturing problem kept the wheels from being produced until 1964, when they became an option. Hubcaps over steel wheels remained standard equipment until the introduction of the Rally Wheel in 1967.

First Corvette with hideaway headlights: Designed by Larry Shinoda and Peter Brock, under the watch of GM Styling Chief Bill Mitchell, the 1963 Corvette became the first with hideaway headlamps. The feature became a fixture on Corvettes until the C6 generation debuted in 2005.

### The LS9 Engine from the 2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1

First supercharged Corvette: Superchargers have been used on the Corvette since the 2009 ZR1. That year the LS9 6.2-liter V-8 made 638 hp and was the most powerful American car up to that time. It was also the first Corvette with more than 600 hp. Today the Corvette Z06 and ZR1 models have supercharged engines.

First Corvette Indy 500 pace car: A Corvette has paced the Indianapolis 500 an incredible 14 times, more than any other car. But the relationship wasn't fully formed until 1978, the Corvette's 25th year of production. Chevy sold 6502 Pace Car Editions that year, and black and silver two-tone classics continue to rise in value.

First Corvette to race at Le Mans: In 1960, Sportsman racer Briggs Cunningham, a man who would eventually built and race cars of his own design, took three Corvettes to the 24 Hours of LeMans. Dressed in the traditional American racing colors of white with blue stripes, only one of the near-stock Corvettes finished, winning the big-bore GT class and placing eighth overall.

# ★ ★ CORVETTES WEST CAR SHOW ★ ★ WHEELS n' WINGS



# ★ ★ CORVETTES WEST CAR SHOW ★ ★ WHEELS n' WINGS





# Corvettes West Christmas Party December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

## Party Starts at 2:00pm

Please RSVP by Dec. 4th  
@ (909) 795-5253  
*If you did not sign-up at a meeting.*

But, Ray would like us there about  
1:30pm for pictures  
*Ray & Carol Clark hosting*

30130 Live Oak Canyon, Redlands  
(Look for the "Corvettes West" Banner on the fence)

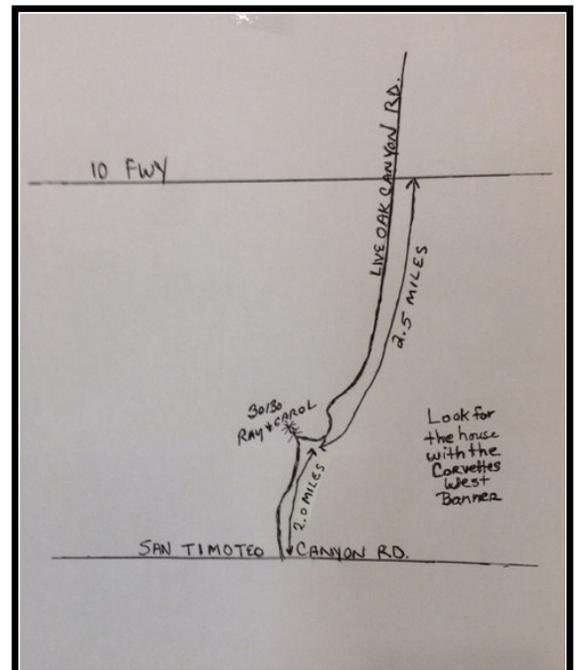
\*Let us know what side dish you will be bringing to share\*  
Main Dish, soda, water and coffee will be provided.

For more information: 909-795-5253

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