

# FAST TRACK



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TIME...  
To Put A  
Little  
SPRING  
In Our Step.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

*Dan Flanigan*

2024 ZO6



Well here we are at the end of March and I am just now getting my article to George even after he gave us several extra days because of his Chapter 47 duties last week.

Thanks George for your patience and congratulations on the Standing Ovation you received for your Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran's speech you gave last Thursday. You should be very proud of yourself for such a great job and your dedication to the Vietnam Veterans is greatly appreciated by all us Veterans.

March was a very busy month for us with many Family Birthdays and of course one of my favorite days, St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, where I wore my green! And on the 17th we had a great Corvettes West Brunch at the Le Rendez-Vous Restaurant in Colton which was attended by many who also wore a lot of green and we all had a great time.

Now to talk about some non-Corvette happenings, starting with the Eagles in Big Bear. We both love Eagles and have many Eagle carvings around the house so watching Jackie and Shadow has been exciting, but now not so much, as it is almost guaranteed that their 3 eggs won't hatch as its been too long. It is just amazing to us to see the dedication these 2 birds have to their offspring which makes it so hard to watch knowing that there won't be any this time. I understand they had chicks in 2019 and 2022 so it may be 2025 before this was to happen again, that's a 3-year cycle which is hard to understand.

So, to our current situation and that being regarding Hummingbirds. Several years ago our youngest daughter bought us a Hummingbird feeder. We hung it out on the eve of our Cabana and noticed so many

Hummingbirds trying to feed so we bought two more feeders and then more birds kept showing up. So currently we have 7 feeders and keep seeing more birds.

Well several days ago while sitting in the dining area I heard a loud noise against one of the glass sliding doors so I went outside to see what it was and saw a small Hummingbird laying on the tile floor and not moving. It was the very aggressive bird that was not letting any of the other birds eat so we called him "The Intimidator". Later we found out he was a "Rufous Bird" which is a very aggressive hummingbird but with a beautiful red chest.

So, I picked him up and put him in a shoe box with a small towel in the bottom and left the top open and put it on top of one of our Tiki's which is high off the tile floor in our patio. I was hoping that maybe he was just dazed and would fly off which it didn't. So that night I put some sugar water in the box and put the box in the Casita where it was warm and left the door open so it could fly off.

In the morning I checked the box and the little guy was still in there so he didn't fly away as I had hoped. Thinking he needed to be outside and with the sun out I was hoping that the sun would get him warm and he would possibly fly off. But I noticed he was flapping his wings but not getting air born and he wasn't eating which was a major concern for me.

I knew I needed some help as to what to do so I called Steve and Sharyn as I knew Sharyn was a Hummingbird lover and could help me. And help me she did and gave me the name and phone number of a Wildlife Rehab Center. The Rehab Center gave me the name of a lady, Morgan Bane,

who handles Hummingbird problems and said if we could bring him to her home in Corona she would see what she could do for him. So, we hurriedly drove to Corona knowing the bird needed immediate attention.

Once there Morgan took him and she has been treating him with pain meds and food and has been keeping us informed as to his condition. As of this writing he was doing much better she said but still not flying which could be a problem. Now we have our fingers crossed that he starts flying soon.

We get home and guess what we find, another "Rufous Bird" flying around and intimidating all the other birds and not letting them eat, just like the other Rufous bird did. Maybe they were brothers and if so, now we have the same problem!

So much for our Hummingbird story, and I know this is a Corvette Newsletter but I felt this was worth sharing. And I wonder how many others of us have Hummingbirds in our yards and have feeders for them also?

And lastly, I want to wish everyone a wonderful Easter, with family and friends as it is a Very Special Day! Hopefully April will bring some sunny weather so we can get our Vettes out for a nice drive.

See everyone on the 2nd of April.  
**Dan Flanigan, President**

*If you take a pen and connect everytime Dan mentions a hummingbird or the word bird it makes a picture. Just Kidding!*



# Evently Speaking

*Kristi Richardson*

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Happy Spring time from Land's End. We watch the KCAL weather reports here in Cabo and don't miss home that way. We are here until April 25th so call if you want to catch a plane down to visit a few days, we have an extra room.

A nice group of 28 came out to Le Rendez-Vous for Barb Renna's birthday brunch. The manager did a good job of getting us all taken care of and there were only compliments for the food.

Gene and Barbara Renna have stepped in to lead the April Dine of the Month to Billy Reed's in Palm Springs on Saturday April 20th. (951-367-9057) The meeting place is at the Albertson's parking lot southside of I-10 at Highland Springs in Beaumont at 1 p.m. They will lead the way, the restaurant doesn't take reservations so you will all need to go in together for seating.

If you would like a more scenic drive over Mt. San Jacinto from the 243, contact the Randolphs (Les and Marjorie) (951-317-7643) who will lead that group. It is sure to be a beautiful day this time of year, whichever road you take to get there.

After lunch you may want to drive over by the Palm Springs Art Museum and stop in the indentation on the street in front of the big Marilyn Monroe sculpture. When I did it last year there was a NO Parking Sign, which I ignored as I wasn't parking, just taking a picture of the Corvette with Marilyn, so iconic!

Go online to [WWW.Billyreedsp.com](http://WWW.Billyreedsp.com) to look at a menu. Pies are on the menu along with other desserts. Please sign up at the meeting or contact Gene and Barb Renna, then Marjorie and Les Randolph if you want to take the longer scenic route.

We will see you in May.



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
- ELAINE FLANIGAN .....29
- RICHARD KAPLAN .....29
- KEVIN DANKO .....30
- GLEN MACGREGOR .....30

# VICE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

GEORGE SWIFT

2023 Z06



*It's 1993 and Corvette is celebrating its 40th anniversary. But sales are down because the body style has not changed in 10 years and people are waiting for the new style. General Motors is saying maybe we should not build the Corvette anymore. So they announced the end of Corvette. Well, General Motors got inundated with telegram articles and phone calls from all over the world. So some people at General Motors marketing thought maybe if they could get people to drive the car maybe sales would go up. So they hired a marketing company to put together a "drive and ride" for the Corvette.*

*I had the pleasure of going to a meeting with Dick Guldstrand of Guldstrand Engineering and Jim Perkins, General Manager of Chevrolet. Jim Perkins was the one responsible for saving the Corvette. We put on the "America Dream and Drive" all over the United States in different cities inviting people to come out and drive a Corvette. I did a lot of phone calls to different NCCC clubs all over setting up dates of when the "Dream and Drive" would be in their city for which we would need their assistance.*

*We held this in 1993, 1994, and 1995. And the Corvette survived! In 1995 the C5 came out and it was the most advanced Corvette ever built at that time. Nothing interchanged with the C4. Everything on the C5 was new and the sales skyrocketed. The one man responsible for saving the Corvette was Jim Perkins.*

*At the next General Meeting I am going to pass around a sign-up sheet and ask members to let me know if you want to take one day trips or an overnigher. I have some ideas on some runs that we can do in one day and others that would require us to stay overnight. So please let me know.*

*Just to let you know, Dan Flanigan's article has been approved by the National Audubon Society and is probably up for an award.*

George  
 SAVE THE WAVE

# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Today, instead of going to Tom Bell's facility I made a phone call to Mr. Wilkinson to obtain information. Mr. Wilkinson was rushed but he was able to give me the information I requested.

Basically, the cars the dealership had last month are still on the lot. As for 2024 Corvettes, Tom Bell has three (3) new 2024 Convertibles and one (1) New Coupe.

In addition, the dealership has one (1) 2023 Z06 Convertible 3LT with 997 miles on the clock.

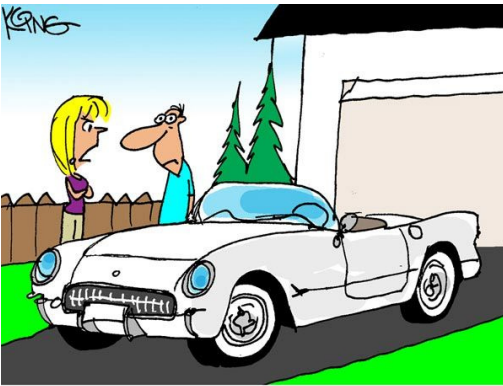
There will be no more new Camaros until the new Electric Camaros come out.

Since the weather appears to be getting cold again, please take your vehicle (s) to the Service Department at Tom Bell. When you do this, please be sure to let the Service Writer, at the time of write up, know you are a Corvettes West member so you will receive the Club discount.

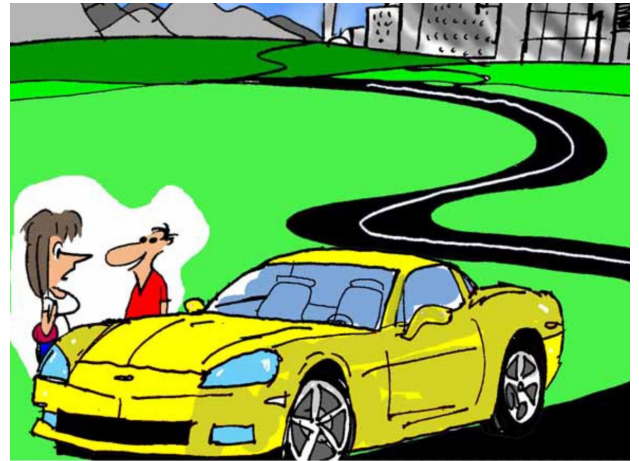
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**Bill Dodge**

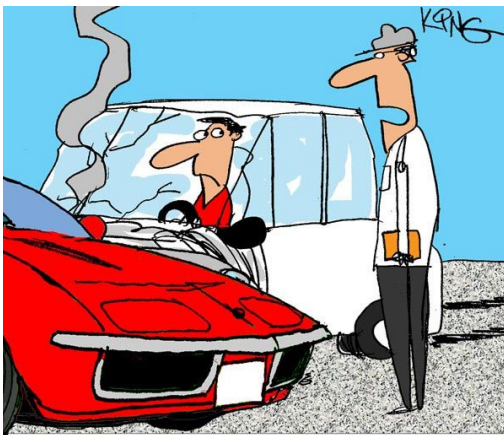
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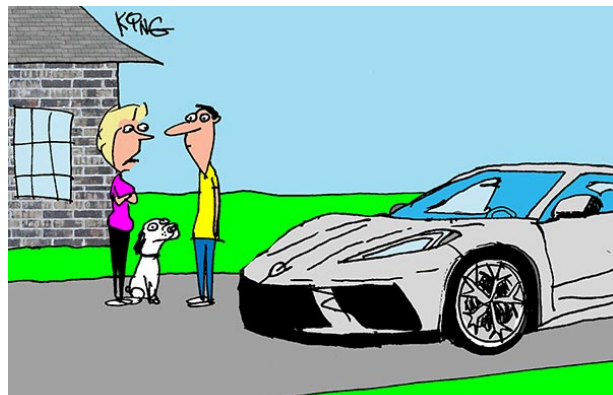
"I realize you love driving your Corvette, but quit driving it to the end of the driveway to check the mail!"



"I realize you don't want cars parking too close to your precious Corvette, but I'm not walking the 10 miles back to the store."



"If you would've hit a regular car I would've given you a ticket. Since you hit a Corvette, you'll get 10 years."



"You remember the year, month, day, hour, minute and second you bought your Corvette, but you can't remember my birthday or our anniversary!"

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



## *Engines (History of the Vroom!)*

**1. What size was the first Corvette engine?**

- 235 verse six
- 255 in-line six
- 230 in line six
- 250 V8

**2 What was the first Corvette engine called?**

- Blue fire
- Blue flame
- Red flame
- Rocket fire

**3 What year did Chevrolet first offer a V8?**

- 1954
- 1955
- 1956
- 1953

**4 Who designed the first V8?**

- Elon Musk
- Dale Earnhardt
- Ed Cole
- Zora Duntov

**5 How long did it take Chevy to design their first V8?**

- Two years
- One year
- One weekend
- Six months

**6 how many cubic inches was the first Chevt V8?**

- 245 cu.
- 250 cu.
- 256 cu.
- 235 cu.

**7 What year did the 283ci v8**

- 1957
- 1958
- 1960
- 1961

**8 What year did fuel injection first come out?**

- 1956
- 1957
- 1958
- 1959

**9 What year was the 327cu. engine first offered?**

- 1959
- 1960
- 1961
- 1962

**10 What was the max horsepower for the first year of 327 cu engine?**

- 300
- 325
- 350
- 360

**Note:** one of the rarest Corvettes is a 1955 six cylinder and there was only approximately six built.

# CW 2024 CALENDAR

APRIL	
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 14th	Pomona Swap Meet Cars and car parts <a href="http://pomonaswapmeet.com">pomonaswapmeet.com</a>
Sat. 20th	Lunch at Billy Reed's in Palm Springs. Headed up by Gene & Barbara Renna. They will have a "meet up" in Beaumont to get there via the 10Fwy. The scenic route will be guided by Les & Marjorie Randolph. if you prefer. ****Please signup at the April General Meeting or see the "Events" article in this Newsletter for contacts and phone numbers****
MAY	
Tues. 7th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
JUNE	
Tues. 4th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 23rd	Pomona Swap Meet Cars and car parts <a href="http://pomonaswapmeet.com">pomonaswapmeet.com</a>
JULY	
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
AUGUST	
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 11th	Pomona Swap Meet Cars and car parts <a href="http://pomonaswapmeet.com">pomonaswapmeet.com</a>
SEPTEMBER	
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
OCTOBER	
Tues. 1st	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 13th	Pomona Swap Meet Cars and car parts <a href="http://pomonaswapmeet.com">pomonaswapmeet.com</a>
NOVEMBER	
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
DECEMBER	
Tues. 3rd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 8th	Pomona Swap Meet Cars and car parts <a href="http://pomonaswapmeet.com">pomonaswapmeet.com</a>



As usual, the Blood Bank needs donors. Nothing new there. The 80 hospitals the Blood Bank services also need donors. It is the same group that both organizations are after. Getting more or new donors is not the easiest thing to do. The Blood Bank's biggest donor base is the school system. When school is out, so is the donor base.

The donor process does not take long. The result is that by donating you might save someone's life.

If you should be retired, how about servicing the Blood Bank another way as a volunteer driver. No, you don't use your own car. You would be use the Blood Bank's vehicles

to deliver blood and blood products to the hospitals serviced by the Blood Bank. If you are interested in being a volunteer drive, call the Volunteer Services office at 909-885-6503 Ext. 210. Ask for Sabrina Rattley ,manager of the program, who can answer your questions.

Save the Wave by saving the Waver. Save a life. Please donate.

**Bill Dodge**

**BLOOD BANK CENTERS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:**

<p><b>San Bernardino .....Phone: 909-885-6503</b>            420 E. Hospitality Lane Suite A7 &amp; A8            New Hours .....Open Sunday-Saturday 7am-2pm            Except Tuesday 6am-1pm and Thursday 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Victorville .....Phone: 760-843-9700</b>            12520 Business Center Drive            New Hours.....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;            Except Thursday 10:30-6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Ontario.....Phone: 909-987-3158</b>            1959 East Fourth Street            New Hours.....Open Sunday, Tuesday-Friday 7am-2pm            Except Mondays 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Murrieta .....Phone: 951-973-7777</b>            40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1</p>
<p><b>La Quinta.....Phone: 760-777-8844</b>            79-215 Corporate Centre Drive            New Hours .....Open Sunday-Saturday 7am-2pm            Except Wednesday 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Rancho Mirage .....Phone: 760-797-8496</b>            42390 Bob Hope Dr., Suite 1B            New Hours .....Open Sunday &amp; Monday 10:30-5:30pm;            Closed Tuesday &amp; Thursday; Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am-2pm</p>
<p><b>Riverside .....Phone: 951-687-2530</b>            4006 Van Buren Blvd.            New Hours.....Open Sunday - Saturday 7am-2pm;            Except Thursdays 10:30-5:30pm</p>	<p><b>Hemet.....909-386-6803 EXT. 181</b>            3377 W. Florida Ave.            New Hours .....Open Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday 7am-2pm;            Except Monday Thursday 10:30-5:30pm; Closed Friday &amp; Saturday</p>



# MARCH

*Drive and Dine*





# Corvettes West

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## 2024 Membership/ Renewal

November 1st, 2023 Through October 31, 2024

Membership dues are \$125.00 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 \$95.00)**

**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, 15910 Rancho Viejo Drive, Riverside, CA 92506**

### MEMBERS' INFORMATION

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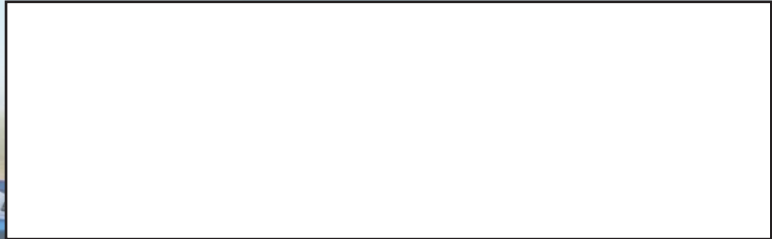
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