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Racing Towards Summer



*Summer 2023
Wants You!*

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



PRESIDENT'S CORNER Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers,

The weather is getting nicer by the day and the days are getting longer. That sounds like a recipe for cruisin' in the Vette. Jenni and I have dropped the top a few times and enjoyed the scenery around Riverside.

I love watching her squirm around looking for something to grab on to when I hit the gas pedal. And as we have been out, we're seeing more and more C8's on the road. It truly is an amazing site. I sure hope you all are taking advantage of this beautiful SoCal weather, too. The only down side is when we have to pull into the gas station to fill up. Paying up to \$5.49 a gallon makes me take it easy a little more and drive in economy mode instead of sport mode.

It has been great to see all of the new members that have joined the club this year. At last count, I think I saw 12 new members. That is great!! I hope to see you new members at our events. They are always a lot of fun and it is great just seeing everyone enjoying each other's company and our wonderful cars.

I highly encourage you to get involved in the club and even volunteer as a board member or chairperson when nominations come this fall. If you have any questions about being more involved in the club, feel free to ask any of the board members for more information.

Let's not forget that Memorial Day is May 29th. I know for most of us, we don't need a special day to remember those that paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the rest of us can sleep at night in freedom. Please take some time that day to reflect on those individuals and be thankful for the lives we are able to live because of them.

Well, not much else to say at this time. Jenni and I look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and our upcoming events, and we want to wish all the mothers a Happy Mother's Day! Stay safe.

Happy cruisin'
 Monty

*Happy Cruising,
 Monty*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- JERRY OCALLAHAN03**
- RAY CLARK.....05**
- GEORGE SWIFT05**
- KAREN HOLTHE9**
- LYNETTE KAPLAN13**
- RON RICHARDSON14**
- GREG MESSICK22**
- RON BROWN28**



Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

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Greetings Corvettes West family. I think we are all enjoying the beautiful warm weather. I know I am for sure. It makes driving with the top down so much fun. The flowers that have bloomed are absolutely gorgeous. The purple ones are my favorite.

April was a busy month for me, so event planning was difficult. I am having heart issues so I have been undergoing a lot of tests. The stress from it rendered me in a non event planning mood. Thanks for your patience.

May will be fun. We have the progressive dinner on Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 pm. Flyers and maps will be passed around at the May meeting. Joan will give any details that are needed. She is planning this event and I thank her immensely.

As for June, we will be going to the Day Family Museum in Corona on Saturday, June 24, 2023. We have not determined the time yet. I was finally able to set up a visit with them thanks to our club member Eugene Montanez. Thanks Eugene, you are awesome. We will probably do lunch too. It will be a fun time.

Happy Spring everybody. Don't forget to drive safe with your top down! Stay healthy and happy. Much love to you, our Corvette family.

Eventfully Yours,
Jenni
Event Planner Extraordinaire

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I made my monthly visit to Tom Bell Chevy today. As usual, I had a pleasant meeting with one of their sales staff. Currently Tom Bell does not have any new C8 Corvettes. It was reported that they have one yellow 2015 Corvette with 25K miles on the clock. There were no other C8 Corvettes coming as of today's date.

As far as Camaros go, Tom Bell does have one new LT1 Coupe that arrived the day I was at the dealership. The car is white with a 6 speed. In transit Tom Bell has a 2SS Coupe, red in color with a 6 speed.

Tom Bell does have one previously owned Camaro on the lot. This is an LS Coupe with a 6 speed and 22,452 miles on the clock.

Should you need service on 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. receive the club discount.

Save the Wave
Bill Dodge
Sponsor's Representative



Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



Well we were on vacation in Hawaii for the first two weeks in April so we don't have a lot of Corvette stuff to share but we did have some nice weather compared to what it was when we left. We do have to give a big Thanks to John being Dan, and the 3 Vanna's for Elaine, Diana, Joan and Diane, for their help with the Raffle that night. I understand everything went well which was to be expected with that team.

Regarding Corvette News, I understand that GM had extended the production date for the new Z06's 2023 models to the end of September. So hopefully that will guarantee George will get his long awaited 70th Anniversary Z06. Diane hopes that will calm things down around the Swift household as George has been sleeping with a Black Z06 70th Anniversary Model car by his side for weeks now! LOL!

Regarding member news, we all understand that the Swifts are major dog lovers and have been without a

dog for some time now but I understand they just got a new Maltese Dog which they named Calli, who is a very beautiful female. So, I guess the main question is, will the Z06 model car stay at his bed side or will Calli be sleeping next to George? We will have to see who wins out, the model car or the dog! LOL

Knowing about the productions issues for the Corvette and GM trying to get the '23 models out by the end of September, I can wait for my Z06 until the 2024 models are produced which I really like better anyway.

You can see that I am looking for filler material for my page in the fast track and I am running out of stuff. Well for those of you who have been to our house know we have a lot of Hawaii Art and we had a great Art experience while we were over there. There is an art studio named Moana Glass who allows people to make their own blown glass art which was really amazing thing to

do. So, all of us made a glass art piece, where I made a fish and Elaine made a vase which was a very unique and gratifying experience which are now on our mantle.

Lastly for filler, we stayed at a house on the beach in Maui where there was cave near the house where we saw over 40 Sea Turtles in the cave and we took many photos as it was an amazing site to see.

Don't forgot it sign up and join us our Progressive Dinner on May on the 27th which should be another fun Corvettes West experience.

Thanks,
Dan Flanigan
Vice President

SEE FLYER ON PAGE 8

The Answers to
trivia Questions
from last 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

MAY		
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 27th	Progressive Dinner & Poker Rally in Riverside RSVP by May 23rd \$\$\$ PRIZES (you can buy extra cards) More Information at May General Meeting	Joan Redden 949-202-6048 OR joan.redden@yahoo.com
JUNE		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	
Sat. 24th	Day Family Car Museum in Corona & most likely lunch	
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
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 (limited seating)	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 21st	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	
FEBRUARY		
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat	



“Giving Back” How about just “giving”. The Blood Bank does need more donors as they have a requirement to supply blood and blood products to 80 local hospitals in the So Cal area. And what can we do to help the Blood Bank? Well, that’s simple. We can all go to a local Blood Bank site and donate.

I started donating about the time I arrived in his lovely state and I started with whole blood. Then Blood Bank staff asked me to start donating platelets which at the time was a 2 arm process. Then back to whole blood and then back to platelets which had become a one arm process. I enjoy donating especially when I know who I am donating for. And yes, I have donated for friends and club members and their families. Recently in speaking with a friend’s wife, she reminded me that I had donated for her. That’s when donating really makes you feel good.

The Blood Bank has 8 donation sites, plus on weekends there are an additional 2 to 3 mobile sites. Pick one of the sites closest to you and give donating a try. People in the community need you to help keep them alive.

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
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- Hemet909-386-6803 EXT. 1813377 W. Florida Ave.

Don't forgot it sign up and join us for our

Progressive Dinner on May on the 27th

which should be another fun Corvettes West experience.

HELPING HANDS

Ahah, "Spring has Sprung"!!
Isn't it lovely?

We're looking forward to the Progressive Dinner (on May 27) as a super event for our club! Gosh, I don't remember when the last one was. It'll sure be something different, & will probably be good for new members to really interact with everyone. (That was my thought anyway.)

Hopefully, we'll have an opportunity to meet our student scholarship recipients soon. In any case, there will be a CRY-ROP AWARDS presentation in May, at the Redlands ROP. At that time, they will present our scholarships to the automotive students from Corvettes West. Rick & I attended last year, along with the Northrops. It was really great to be there for our club, when students, teachers & some parents thanked our club for our donations. (It made us proud !)

Enjoy these great, sunny days before the heat gets too bad. Lol Have a great Menorial Day at the end of this month, too.

Sharon MacGillivray

Corvettes West Progressive Dinner & Poker Run—May 27, 2023

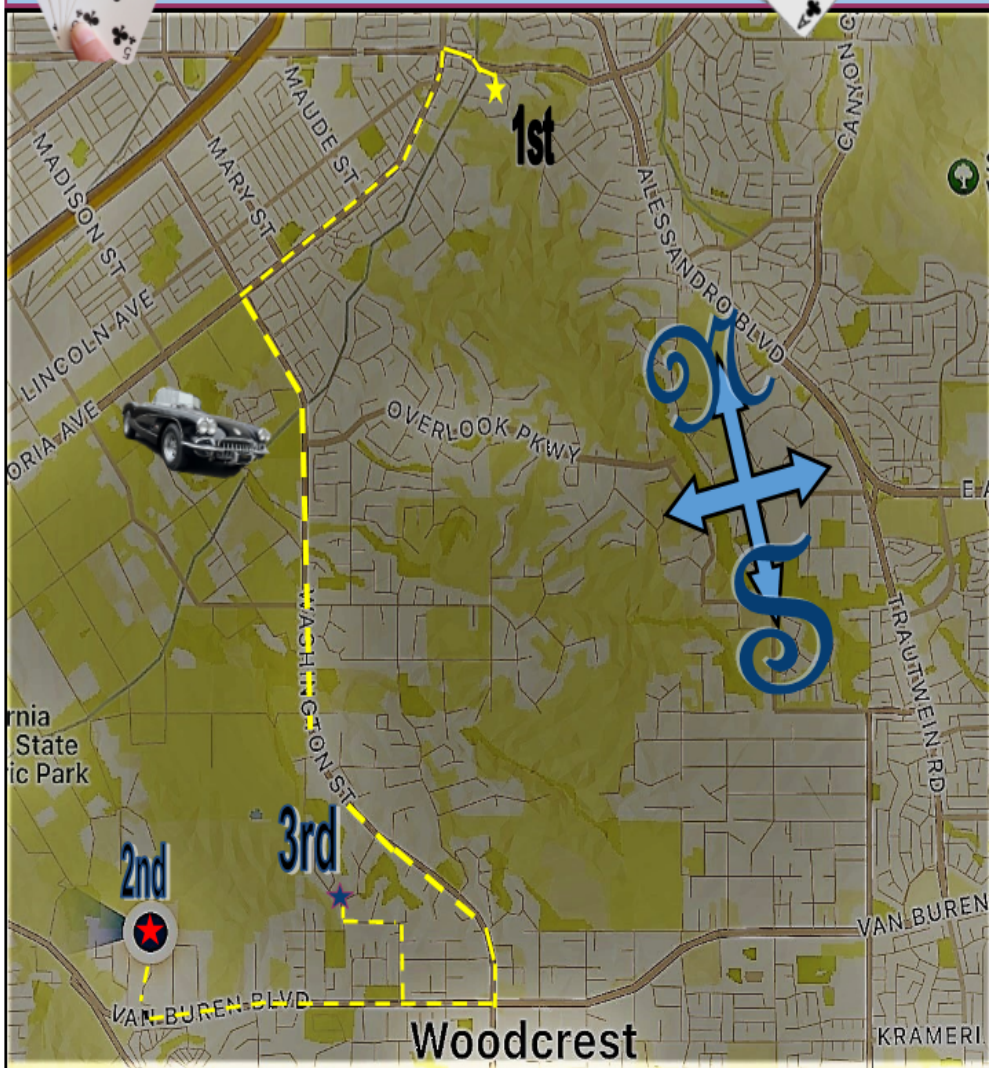


Route Map In Riverside

- First location— Hors-d'oeuvre - John and Dianna's Humble Abode ★ 2434 Chauncy Place
- Second location— Main Course—Randy and Joan's Pad ★ 16025 Constable
- Third and Best of All, Desserts & Awards - George and Diane's Joint ★ 15910 Rancho Viejo Dr

In case you can't follow a map and get lost, the call list: 1st - 951-317-9346, 2nd - 951-776-0235, 3rd - 951-776-0936

Just follow THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD



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:

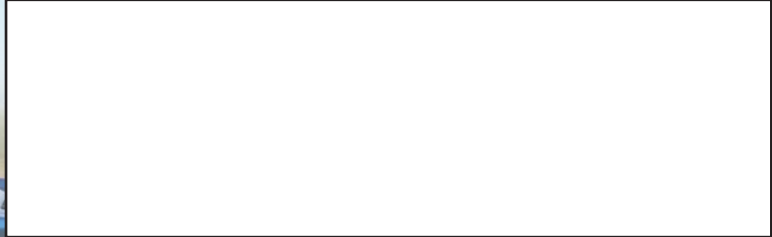


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