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Club Newsletter Featuring America's Favorite Sports Car

Corvettes West

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Merry Christmas

Kicking Up A Season of Fun!



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

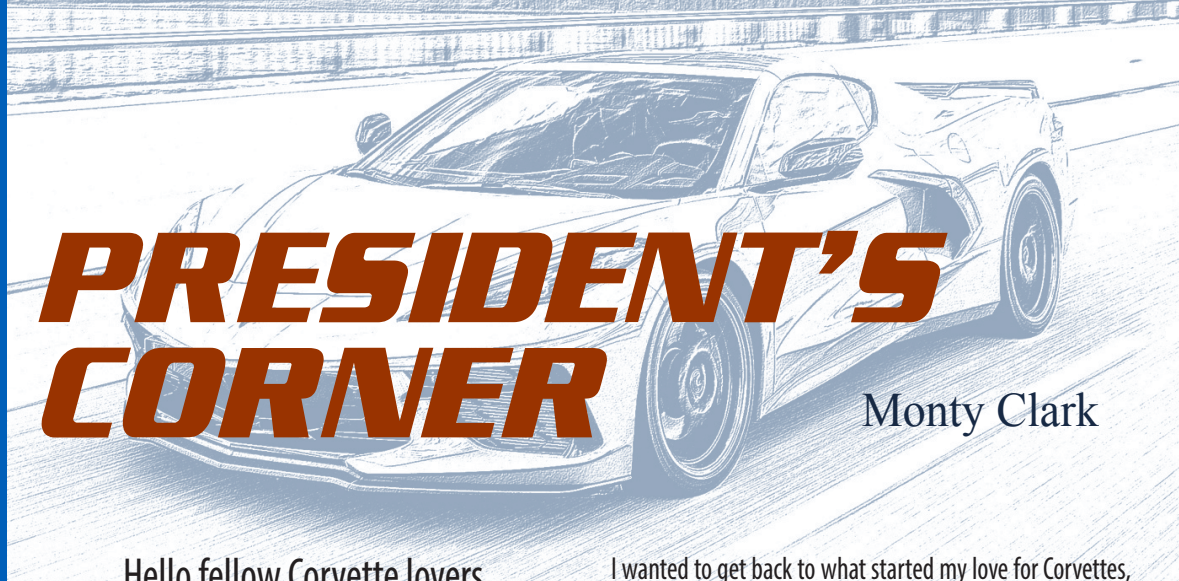
Our Business meetings
 are held on Monday
 before the general
 meeting via ZOOM.

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- FRAN WEAVER7
- MIKE BARLOW10
- HERMAN ZEITLOW13
- PHIL EMERSON16
- DOUG LYON17
- DANNY ARANT20
- VANDELINA CASTALDO23
- JANET CREGG30



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Monty Clark

Hello fellow Corvette lovers

As I sit and write my last newsletter article as the President of Corvettes West, I get bitter sweet feelings. I have so enjoyed being your President, however, as we all know, there is a cost. Most certainly worth it, but a cost non the less. It takes a lot of time and dedication to the do it right. It sure has been a fun ride.

We started out in 2021 hoping we were out of the Covid woods. Well, that wasn't quite the case. It was touch and go with masks, events getting planned, then cancelled, then planned again. Meetings were tough to have as we did not want to expose anyone to potential illness. We decided not to have a car show due to all the unknowns. With all of that, we still had some events and made it the best year we could. Hoping 2022 would start out a little more normal we started making out plans. But plans had to change. Covid was not going away and we had to cancel some meetings and postpone our Awards Banquet for a second year in a row. We were able to have more events later in the year and we even had the Wheels and Wings car show.

2023 finally seemed normal. We were able to get back to our January Awards Banquet and our meetings grew in population. We saw a great increase in membership, too. I am truly grateful to have been President, but more so, I am blessed with all of the friendships Jenni and I have made in this club. And I know these friendships will continue to grow. Now for a fun story. How to start? For anyone who has been in the club at least as long as Jenni and I, you know we've been through a few Corvettes. I started out with my 75, and then on to an 06, then a 15, then finally a 17 Z06. All of the newer ones had one issue or another here and there. Well, recently, I had to make a tough decision to sell the Z06. Being "Corvetteless" for just 1 day was rough, so I started shopping.

I wanted to get back to what started my love for Corvettes, the C3. I joined a Facebook group for C3 owners and those selling them. There were many beautiful cars for sell and I did go look at a couple. But as you may know, the pictures online don't always tell the whole story. Then, one day, my brother-in-law told me I should try to buy back my 75.

Her name was Charlize (named after the actress Charlize Theron). I laughed and said she was long gone. Well... one day at work, I was scrolling through Facebook and suddenly, there she was. FOR SALE!!! And better yet, she was in Bakersfield. So, I called the guy and let him know I was the original owner of that car. We shared stories of how we loved the car, all the looks, thumbs up and pictures that other people took while we drove down the road. I thought, "man, the stars have aligned." I could not believe how this all happened. Then, to put the icing on the cake. He told me that he renamed her. And, believe it or not, he named her Jenni. I about wrecked my car when he told me. He could not believe that my wife's name is Jenni. That was the "shut up and take my money" moment. I drove up last Saturday, and "Jenni" is back in my garage where she belongs. What a great way to finish off the year and my time as President.

I look forward to seeing where the club goes under Dan's leadership and I will still be a very active member.
 Happy cruisin'

Monty





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HELPING HANDS

As the end of 2023 approaches, I'd like to go over the ways Corvettes West has helped our local community. As a club we've contributed to many charities, and we should be proud & happy about that. We don't JUST have fun & "play with our cars".

This year we've done as follows:

- Provided scholarships for automotive students from ROP
- Money to purchase equipment for the training of one dog at Guide Dogs of the Desert.
- 24 "Welcome Baskets" for new residents in the Inland Housing Solutions program.
- Monetary donation to Pathway of Life Ministries in Riverside.
- Car Show profits given to Vietnam Vets & March RFB Museum.

Last but not least, we will be donating the profits from our Christmas

Auction (at our annual CHRISTMAS PARTY on SAT., DEC.9 at the Clark's home) to a charity that will be chosen after the event.

SO, on that note.... MERRY CHRISTMAS, and HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

Sharon MacGillivray

Eventfully Speaking

Jenni Clark

Hello Corvette Fam. Happy Christmas shopping! Yay! I'm actually joking, I'm not a huge Christmas shopping fan. I'm also a last minute shopper, so I haven't bought anything yet. I hope everyone is well and enjoying the cooler weather.

December is Christmas party month. It will be on Saturday, December 9th at 12:00 noon. Ray and Carol Clark host it every year and they do an amazing job. Make sure to sign up to bring your favorite side dish. Also, don't forget to bring an unwrapped present to be auctioned off for our charity donation. Much thanks to Ray and Carol for hosting this annual event. It's always so much fun.

January 28th, we will have our annual banquet at the Victoria Country Club. We will send around a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. Please look at the flier included in this issue for more details.

As we close out 2023, I would like to express my

gratitude for all of the Corvettes West members who have made me feel that my event planning was appreciated. There were times when I couldn't figure out something fun for us to do. Then there were other times that I was so pleased with all the people that participated.

I truly thank you all for being so kind as to tell me that I was doing a good job. That really touched my heart. As I am not going to be the Event Planner Extraordinaire for 2024, I welcome with open arms Kristi Richardson to the throne. She was an awesome cruise director before, I'm sure she will be awesome again. Thanks again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Sending you all much love and warmest wishes.

Eventfully Yours,

Jenni Clark

Event Planner Extraordinaire

Vice President CORNER

Dan Flanigan



2024 Z06

Well here I am writing my last article as Vice President and I am sure I am last again submitting it to George. But this month I have credible excuses! First, our youngest daughter and her family stayed a few days with us to celebrate her Birthday, which was just great fun. Then secondly, So Cal Edison did some work in our neighborhood yesterday and the power was off all day. So here I am frantically trying to get my article written and submitted before George calls and rakes me over the coals for being last again!

During the first few days of November I had the pleasure of going to my first SEMA Show with George and the Richardsons in Las Vegas. There was so much to see that it's hard to see everything in a few days. The real treat for me was seeing several of the car guys that I enjoy seeing on TV, and had pictures taken with them. There was Jay Leno, Wayne Carini, Dave Kindig, and Ian Roussel, all of which I watch on TV.

Then there was the special treat to meet and take photos with Phil Swift the lead guy with Flex Seal products as seen on TV, who George says is his Cousin, LOL! After the photos both George and I were asked if we would be interested in being interviewed for a possible TV ad with Phil and we both said OK. So we need to keep a look out for future ads with either George or myself in them.

Regarding family stuff, on November 8th we celebrated our 54th Wedding Anniversary, which was a special time, and we know there are several members of the

club who have been married much longer as the Rennas just celebrated 60 years of wedding bliss, and they don't even look 60!

Then on the 10th, several of us, led by George, attended the Riverside Veterans Parade where Civic Dignitaries rode in our cars. And on the 11th, actual Veterans Day, we went to the Murrieta Veterans Parade which was a great parade attended by many thousands of cheering people. Several of us were very lucky as we got to ride in the Huey Helicopter along the Parade Route. This was very special to me as I made over 150 air assaults in this Huey while serving in Viet Nam.

Then later that evening, along with George we attended the Veteran's Dinner at the Elks Clubs in Redlands. It was a Fund Raising event with a Blind Auction along with several other Fund Raisers. Looking over the Blind Auction of gifts I noticed a gift basket with some nice stuff in it that was donated by the Viet Nam Vets of America Chapter 47, which I found out was prepared by George and Diane, as he is the President of the Chapter.

So, seeing all this I had to buy this basket. Well there was this lady who also wanted to buy this Basket as she kept trying to outbid me but she didn't realize that wasn't going to happen. So I hung around the basket and every time she came by and increased the bid I was right behind her and increased my bid even more. So after several of my large increases she finally gave up.

Thanksgiving this year was great as we had most of our kids and Grandkids over for dinner and it just reminds us of how lucky we are that everyone is well and all the kids are doing good in school.

For December we have the Redlands Christmas Parade on the 2nd, which George is coordinating, our Club Meeting on Tuesday the 5th and then our Club's Christmas Party on Saturday the 9th. Remember to bring a gift for the auction and just a warning if I want one of your gifts please don't try to outbid me, LOL!

I want to wish everyone a Wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Look forward seeing everyone on the 5th as this will be my last meeting as Vice President. At the January meeting I will be the new incoming President, which will be a hard act to follow after George's 6 years, John's 3 years and Monty's 3 years! I am hoping I can make it thru one year!

Lastly and speaking of Monty, I want to congratulate him on somehow being able to buy back his white C3 which is an incredible story which will be in his President's article I am sure.

Happy Holidays!

Dan Flanigan

Vice President



SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and a Happy Thanksgiving.

Today's visit to Tom Bell Chevrolet was enjoyable and informative. The dealership has two (2) C8s on the showroom floor. One is a Z06 but it is already sold. The other C8 is a 3LT Z51 with 1,411 miles on the clock. It was indicated that the dealership has C8s in transit. However it as also indicated that those vehicles in transit are already sold. There are no previously owned Corvettes on the lot except the 3LT Z51 indicated above.

As far as Camaros go, the dealership has 6 new Camaros and 2 previously owned Camaros on the lot. The previously owned Camaros are both Coupes and both have manual 6 speed transmissions.

The remainder of the new Camaros are Coupes with one (1) Convertible.

Of the new Coupes, 2 are 1LTs, 1 is a 2LT, 1 is a 1LT. Three are ZSS Coupes. Seven of the Coupes have 10 speed automatics.

Need to get one of your vehicles serviced? The service department at our sponsor's business is the place to take that vehicle. When you do this, 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.

Save the Wave

Bill Dodge

Sponsor's Representative

Homecomings 2023

Thank you to all who helped with Homecomings this year. Wing participated the most but Redden is close behind!

Arant	LaGreca	Swift	Wing
Hoyt	Rivera	M Clark	Flanigan
Renna	Barlow	MacGregor	Powley
Audibert	Lane	Wilcox	Hilliard
Johnson	Schimel	Emerson	Redden
Richardson	Blackledge	OCallaghan	
Aveling	MacGillivray		

Once again thank you on behalf of your homecoming event team of Diane and George Swift

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



Just Trivia

In what year did Corvette moved its production to Bowling Green, Kentucky?

- 1975
- 1977
- 1981
- 1983

True or False

Did Dave McLellan design the 4th generation Corvette in 1984?

- True
- False
- Who is Dave McLellan?

How much was the 1984 Corvette List Price?

- \$19,800.00
- \$20,800.00
- \$21,800.00
- \$22,800.00

What year did they re-introduce the Corvette Convertible?

- 1984
- 1985
- 1986
- 1987

What top speed did the ZR1 reach in 1990?

- 165 mph
- 175 mph
- 185 mph
- 205 mph

How many ZR1's in 1990 were sold?

- 3,000
- 5,000
- 7,000
- 9,000

What year did Corvette discontinue the pop headlight feature?

- 1998
- 2000
- 2002
- 2004

In 1990 the most expensive Corvette was sold for?

- \$38,995
- \$48,995
- \$58,995
- \$68,995

What was the first year Corvette offered the headsup dashboard display?

- 1990
- 1994
- 1995
- 1998

What was the first year that all Corvette parts were made exclusively only for Corvettes?

- 1980
- 1987
- 1990
- 1997

What year was the only year that Corvette would sell you a Corvette without an engine?

- 1980
- 1987
- 1990
- 1997

CW 2023 CALENDAR	
DECEMBER	
Sun. 3rd	Pomona Swap Meet
Tues. 5th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sat. 9th	Annual Christmas Party Hosted by Ray & Carol Clark (See Flyer)
CW 2024 CALENDAR	
JANUARY	
Tues. 2nd	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun 28th	Awards Banquet @ Victoria Club in Riverside (See Flyer)
FEBRUARY	
Tues. 6th	CW General Meeting @ Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave, Riverside, CA Meeting @ 7pm Come early to eat
Sun. 11th	Superbowl Party @ Dan and Elaine Flanigan's (See Flyer)
TBA	Valentine's Dinner
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
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
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



Photos from SEMA

Above: George & Jay Leno discussing 2023 Z06

Below 1: Dan, Jay Leno, George and Ron

Below 2: George, Phil Swift and Dan

Below 3: Jerry Britner and George, Jerry is the past NCCC President.





Does the Blood Bank need more donors? The answer to that question is you bet they do. Keep in mind that because the Blood Bank is based in San Bernardino does not mean the local area is the only area they collect blood for. The Blood Bank services 80 hospitals in the Southern California area. 80 hospitals get their blood and blood products from our local Blood Bank. How do they do this? Well, their biggest source of donors are schools. So when schools are out, the Blood Bank relies on people like you and me. I donate whole blood but can only do that every 56 days. If I could donate platelets, I could donate every two weeks.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you can donate blood or platelets, please use the list below to choose a center that is convenient for you and make an appointment or just walk in and donate. As a donor, I have had Club members ask if I could donate for their family, which I will do because it is the right thing to do. People, donate. The person you might be donating for may be a fellow Corvette driver.

This past weekend, the Blood Bank had two (2) mobile donation sites. One in Chino Hills, and one at Farmer Boys in Elsinore. If you use the center in San Bernardino on Hospitality Lane on a Friday you can get a sandwich after you donate and while you are spending your 15 minutes in the canteen.

I would encourage you to check the Inland Valley newspaper every Friday which is where you can find out if the Blood Bank is planning on having Mobile sites, and where the sites are going to be.

Let's make sure the Blood Bank has enough blood to cover their obligations to the 80 hospitals they serve as well as having the blood should Club members need it.

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.



**Corvettes
West**



Christmas
PARTY

Saturday, December 9, 2023

12:00pm



Please RSVP by December 5th (909) 795-5253

Hosted By Ray & Carol Clark

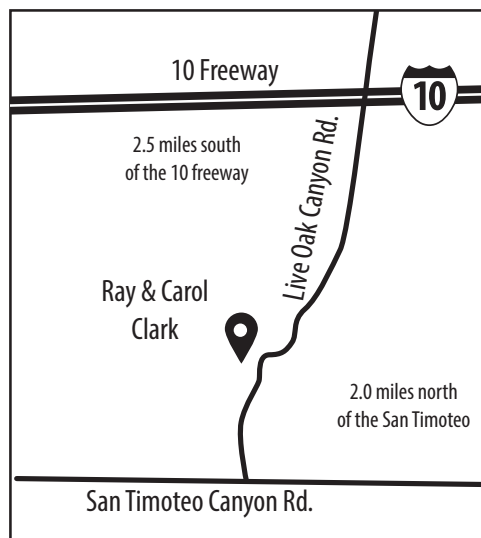
30130 Live Oak Canyon, Redlands

(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.*

**Remember to bring
an unwrapped gift
for the auction.**



Corvettes West

AWARDS BANQUET 2024



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024
12 NOON

Victoria Club ~ 2521 Arroyo Drive, Riverside

\$50 PER PERSON SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BUFFET
STYLE DINNER

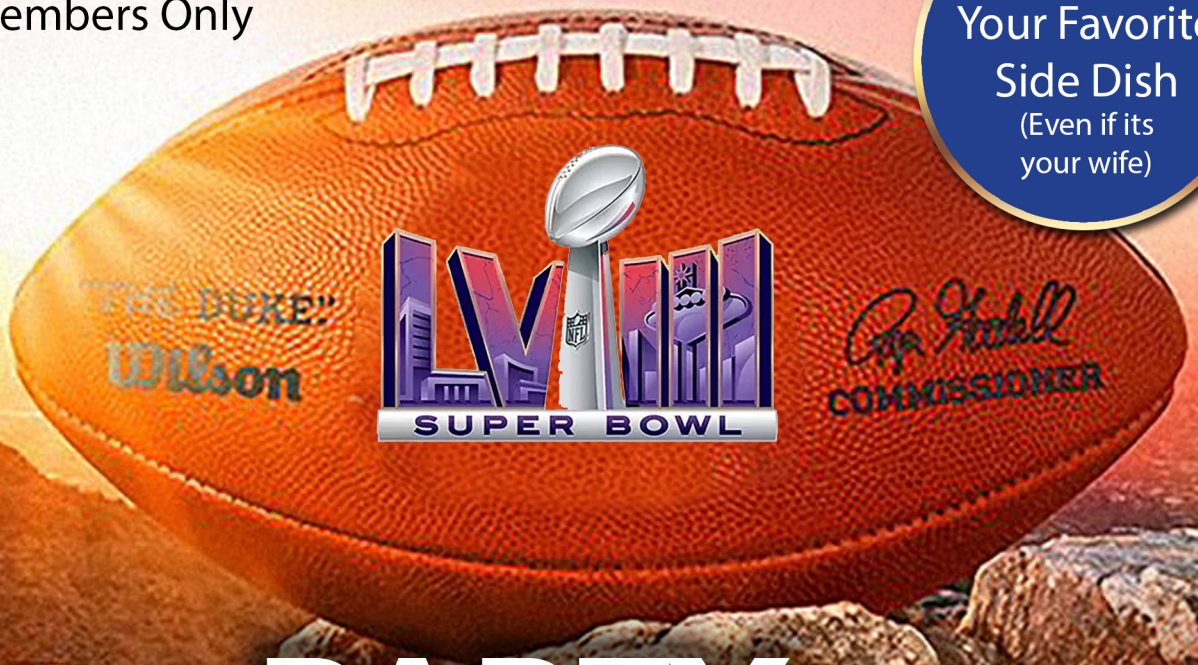
IF YOU BRING YOUR OWN WINE
THERE WILL BE A \$6.00 CORKING FEE

Please RSVP by January 25th Kristi Richardson (951) 545-1006	12-1 PM.....Pictures of Corvette & Couple
	1 PM - 2 PM.....Attitude Adjustment
	2:00 PM.....Dinner

SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 2PM

Invitation Is limited
To Club Members Only

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



PARTY AT THE FLANIGANS

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Dan & Elaine Flanigan

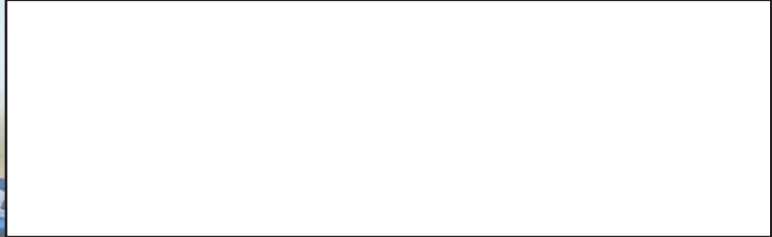
Please RSVP 951-712-6953

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

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