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I hope you all had a great holiday season, Merry Christmas, and are working on a Happy New Year.

For those of you who missed last month's meeting, I'll just say this, it was eventful. When I arrived at El Patron's, just before five on that rainy night, they were locked up tighter than a drum and

completely dark. They had posted a note on the door, "closed for renovations". They had done the same thing the week prior on Tuesday night (I just happened to be

meeting friends there that night), so I called them on Wednesday and Friday to confirm our meeting on the second Tuesday for our January meeting, and they said no problem. After that, no one ever called to let me know they had another problem so we were left hanging.

My buddy Dan Flanigan pulled up at El Patron, and then he went over to the Spaghetti Factory to see if they could accommodate us on such short notice. He did a great job of setting it up. We steered everybody over there who showed up at El Patron. I also called as many people as I could while I was standing there. Diana came to relieve me in front of El Patron's with two signs that she made. She posted them on the outside of the building about Corvettes West meeting across the street that night. the rainy weather they weren't coming to the meeting anyway. With all this happening we still ended up with almost 40 people at our January meeting – with four new members joining that night! All's well that ends well.

Quite a few people had already called or

emailed me that they were sick and with

Don't Forget To Join Us For The Seven Oaks Dam Tour

By the time you read this we will have had our Awards Banquet at the Victoria Club which I'm sure is going to be another great night.

George has done a great job as our President for the last six years and again a great job planning this event for us.

Next month we have the Seven Oaks Dam tour, our Super Bowl party at the Flanigan's and a Valentine's day dinner on the 10th. I am Looking forward to all of these events and hopefully will see you there.

Save the wave



Corvettes West General meetings are held the first TUESDAY of the month at Law's Restaurant 9640 Indiana Ave., Riverside, CA 92503 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 Diane Swift or emailed to 2swiift@att.net Email is preferred

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Editor's Notes CORNERS & Curves

January has gone by in a flash. And with a new year, some times change comes. We have a new President this year, John Blackledge, who already seems to be "on it" with sending out emails to keep us all posted. Our new 1st Tuesday of the month meeting place is now Law's on Indiana Ave. in Riverside. Hope to see you all there!

We just had our annual CW Awards banquet on Sunday the 28th. It was a bit windy, but what great weather! I hope everyone enjoyed it. Howard, our Historian was sure taking pictures! Many of these will be published in the March newsletter.

Our 2017 CW officers and committee chair people were given very nice button

down shirts for their "thank you" for serving for the year. I must say that I was truly surprised to receive the President's Award this year. Now I know George can keep a secret!

To our newest members, I am always open to putting a "Bio" in our newsletter. We of course know of your love of Corvettes, but everyone has other interesting facts about their lives.

Until next time.....

Diane Swift

Fast Track Editor 2018 2swiift@att.net

HOMECOMINGS & PARADES

We have nothing lined up at this time. If you hear of any groups/parades inquiring about cars and drivers, give me a call 951-776-0936 OR 2swiift@att.net

> George Swift Save the wave



I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year. Well, here we are in the New Year and it's the end of January already!

I have to say that John did a great job handling his first meetings in January, even as hectic as it was! The El Patron gave him no notice of being closed and he only realized the issue when he drove up and saw the closed notice on the door. So, he had to do some quick thinking and thought, "what about eating across the street at the Spaghetti Factory?" He asked me to go over and try to get us a room, which we were lucky enough to get.

It was noisy but the meeting was fun and we brought on two new couples as members. It was a heck of a way to start off his Presidency but he handled it very well. As he said, "it can only get better from here!"

Speaking of the meeting issue, I am excited about our new meeting place at Law's Restaurant, in Riverside. It's actually only a few minutes farther down the road from our last place, and it has a much bigger parking lot, which was one of the major complaints at the prior place.

Lastly, Elaine and I were asked if we wanted to host the Super Bowl Party this year, and we were very excited to accept, as we love getting together with friends, and especially our Corvette Club members. So, we are looking forward to having some fun and hopefully watching a good game.

For those of you who haven't been to our house, our address is 30838 La Solana Ct., Redlands. I will be out in the driveway directing the parking of our Corvettes, so we can get as many cars as we can in our driveway. For those of you who haven't signed up as yet and still want to go, please let us know with an e-mail to me at dan@flaniganconstruction.com, or a phone call to the house at 909-793-9532.

In closing, we are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Awards Banquet on the 28th at the Victoria Country Club, and then seeing some of you at the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 4th at our place. George is handling the Football Pools, so bring some extra money!!!

Thanks.

Dan Hanigan Vice President

HELPING HANDS

Here's a picture of one of the Welcome Home baskets that the club has provided for Inland Housing Solutions. I took 3 baskets there today & they were SO appreciative.



SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY



Fun events for everyone this time of year!

Recently 3 CW Corvettes were on display at the Corvette Corral at the Pomona Automotive Swap Meet. I was surprised to speak with members who had never been to this famous So. Cal Car Culture event! There are certain clubs, VW's, Lowriders, other groups, who set up barbeques and have outings for the day at the swap meet. Our goal is to clean out the garages and set up as vendors in October. We've not done that for years, as evidenced by the overflow at our house.

Superbowl Party is being hosted by the Flanigans at their wonderful home in Redlands. Please let them know if you plan to come and bring a side dish.

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 30838
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For the early Valentine's Dine of the month we're going to Napoli Italian Restaurant in Loma Linda. 5 p.m. Saturday February 10th.

Please call Ron at (951) 789-1322 to join that party as the restaurant gives us a banquet set up.

PLANNING AHEAD:

March: Possibly the Cracker Barrel in Victorville. April: Top of the Tram, Palm Springs.

Up for consideration: Weekend Day train trip from Riverside to San Juan Capistrano. Dine at the newly rebuilt Proud Bird by LAX, Sayaka Japanese Grill, Bucca di Beppo, If you know of any special restaurants for Dine of the Month please let us know. If you would like to lead out in a special trip please speak up! We're always looking for interesting places to go and things to do!

Ron & Kristi

GOVERNOR

I did not make it to our January general meeting, but I hear even with the rainy weather the turnout was surprisingly good. We are committed!

Howard Hoyt and I went to the first Regional NCCC Governor's meeting of 2018 on January 20th in Escondido. It was a great turnout. January is the month that the region awards trophies to the event winners for the prior year. Although, Corvettes West is not one of the clubs that typically participates regionally. This next meeting will be in May with the location to be forthcoming.

George Swift

Save the Wave



First, I would like to thank all the Corvettes West members who donated or tried to donate during the 2017 year. Your donations were important in saving lives within the community. I hope that the example you set will result in more members deciding to come out and donate during 2018. I would like to see the number of members donating double during 2018. That means more people are going to have to find the Hero in Them and to make the time in their schedule to donate 6 times this year. The dates are already scheduled and they were in the most recent newsletter. Put those dates on your calendars and show up to donate or to support those who do donate.

You all have listened to me talk about the importance of donating. So, I am going to try something we have tried in the past. I am going to have a member of the Blood Bank(BB) staff come to a meeting and let them talk to you about donating and the importance it has for the community. I have not set that in place but I will have it ready for either the February or March meeting. You will hear more from me on this speaker and the date.

The BB is ready to help you out if you are having problems with iron levels being low. They will set you up with iron pills so that your iron level will be good enough for you to donate. They do this during the initial screening. It does not add to your time at the BB but it will help you donate. And it is a free program offered only at the San Bernardino center. High School kids in North Dakota came up with my favorite phrase, that being Find The Hero in You. They did it to encourage their friends to donate and it worked for them. Let's let it work for us. The dates for the club to donate are as follows: February 17, April 21, June 23, August 25, October 27 and December 29. Put the dates on your calendars and bring your arm to the BB and donate.

> Save the Wave by Saving the Waver. Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood. Bill Dodge

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"Give Hope, Give Life, Give Blood"

SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

As we enter the new year, our sponsor, Tom Bell, has some new Corvettes for us to consider. They currently have 3 new 2018 Corvette coupes on the lot. In addition to the 2018 cars, they also have a new 2017 Grand Sport coupe and a 2017 Corvette coupe. Currently, they do not have any previously owned Corvettes on the lot.

They have a nice selection of new 2018 Camaro coupes including a ZL1 coupe. They also have a new 2017 Camaro coupe for our consideration. On the previously owned lot, they have a 2016 Camaro coupe with 25K miles on the clock and a 2014 Camaro coupe with 95K miles on the clock. Keep in mind, that Tom Bell is our sponsor and that they have been good to Corvettes West. So, if you are thinking about buying a new vehicle, Tom Bell is the place to go. And if you need additional information on any of the vehicles they have, please call Derek Hanson, General Manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information and Pricing.

We can show Tom Bell that we appreciate them by having our vehicles serviced there. And when you bring your vehicle for service, please let the Service Writer know, at the time of write up, that you are a Corvettes West member so that you receive the club discount. When you have your vehicle serviced at Tom Bell, please let me know about your experience.

Recently, Doug and Jackie Lyon purchased a new red truck from Tom Bell. It is a pretty truck but then again, it is red after all. If any member purchases a vehicle from Tom Bell, please let me know so I can publish your purchase.

Bill Dodge SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

PRODUCTS

Sorry I missed the January meeting. I will have some sample shirts at the February general meeting on Feb. 6th. I also will have CW hats, which have been a really good seller.

Just a reminder that the club furnishes a license plate frame and a CW name badge to new members. This was voted on by the board this past December. But I can always order a club shirt by request-for a fee. The "Club" color is navy blue, but many members order a shirt that matches their Corvette. We also sell a pair of flags that you can mount above the visors of your car which looks really nice if you help Corvettes West with Homecomings and Parades. If you are interested in products, please contact me at 951-776-0936.

SUNSHINE

I was happy to see the following at the Awards Banquet, which means they are well now, or at least doing much better: Carol Clark, Kathy Clark, Nancy Morris, and Joann Mac Kewen.

Jim Gillam was at the banquet, but Sandy was at home, with oxygen, recovering from pneumonia, after spending time in the hospital. Sandy, please get well!

As we all know, this is an extremely bad flu season this year.

If anyone has anything they would like to share with "Sunshine and Shadows", please call Gail Flores @ 626-221-1229.

George

Diane

Corvettes West

Events Calendar

FEBRUARY	EVENT	CONTACT		
Sun. 4	Corvettes West Super Bowl Party Hosted by Dan & Elaine Flanigan	Dan or Elaine 909-793-9532 See Flyer		
Sun. 4-11	Corvette Pirate Cruise	go to ncccwcregion.org		
Tues. 6	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346		
Sat. 10	Corvettes West Valentines Dinner @ 5pm Napoli's Italian Restaurant 24960 Redlands Blvd., Loma Linda, CA 92354	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322		
Sat. 17	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator		
Thurs. 22	7 Oaks Dam Tour in Mentone (Limited space)	Howard 951-269-1720		
FriSat. 23-24	NCCC National Meetings St. Louis, Mo.	Allen Morris 949-367-9000		
MARCH	EVENT	CONTACT		
Tues. 6	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346		
SatSun. 10-11	Two non-sanctioned autocrosses at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio, CA	go to ncccwcregion.org		
ТВА	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322		
APRIL	EVENT	CONTACT		
Tues. 3	CW General Meeting @ Law's Restaurant, 9640 Indiana Ave. Riverside @ 7pm • Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346		
ТВА	"Dine of the Month"	Ron Richardson 951-789-1322		
Sat. 21	"Corvettes West" donates at the Blood Bank in San Bernardino Join us at 8:30am	Bill Dodge our blood donation coordinator		
ThursSat. 19-21	21st Gambler's Classic Laughlin, NV Corvettes of Bakersfield	go to ncccwcregion.org		
Sat. 28	43rd All GM Beach Classic at Ruby's Diner Redondo Beach The Vette Set, Inc.	go to ncccwcregion.org		

HISTORIAN

On January 20th George Swift and I drove down to Escondido to attend our West Coast regional NCCC governors meeting at Mike's BBQ. Read details about our meeting in George's article. My job as your Historian was to take pictures, which I did. I took lots of pictures. We had a great time as George drove down and back telling each other sea stories about Submarines and Tin Cans*. We also talked about Corvettes. I learned a lot about different "C" numbers from George. Two old salts loose in a Corvette, wow, it was lots of fun.

On our way home, we visited the Victoria Club in Riverside at about 3pm. We wanted to scout out the best outside area there to take pictures of those coming to the Awards Banquet. John Blackledge, George and myself wanted to take pictures of our Corvettes West members arriving in their Corvettes. So, by the time you get this newsletter the Awards banquet will be complete. I will have the pictures printed at Costco and distribute them to you at our February meeting at Laws Restaurant on Indiana Ave. Howard

*Tin Cans are Navy Destroyers.

Both George & Howard are proud Navy veterans. For the unanimated, the difference between sea stories and nursery stories is: Sea stories always start out with "Listen up, this ain't no bull." Nursery stories start with "Once upon a time."



Howard



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New members: Monty & Jenni Clark

Hello fellow corvette lovers. I'm Monty Clark and this is my beautiful wife Jenni. We have 4 children between us. I have 2 boys named Drew and Colten and Jenni has 2 girls named Samarah and Hailee.

We also have 1 grandson, Karson. We have a 1975 white Stingray named Charlize (after actress Charlize Theron, also a 1975 model). I fell in love with the C3 when I was in high school. I worked for my dad at his gas station in Eskridge, Kansas, population 610. The girl that worked at the grocery store had a '78 Vette. She would have me fill it up, wash it, then take it out and dry it off. What a thrill for a 16-yearold. Ever since then I was bound to own a Corvette.



After high school, I joined the Marine Corps as a musician. Throughout my career I traveled the world performing in places like Australia, Japan, South Korea, Canada and all over the United States. In addition to my musical duties I also served as a Drill Instructor training new recruits and an advisor to Iraqi soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom. I retired from the Marine Corps after 22 years of service and moved to Indiana for my first civilian job as the parts manager for Conn-Selmer Inc. But, alas, I still had no Corvette.

My wife-at-the-time convinced me that it was not practical and I didn't need one. Well, she became my X and I became a Corvette owner! That's when my life really started to improve. Jenni saw my Corvette on Facebook and asked me if I would take her for a ride. So, in 2016 I got divorced (so did Jenni), quit my job, sold my house (so did Jenni) and all my furniture, and moved to California to give her that ride. Still in 2016 I bought a house, we got married and are living happily ever after.

My sweet Italian Princess, Jenni, was born and raised right here in Riverside. In addition to being my co-pilot, Jenni owns her own beauty salon where she is the manicurist and has 3 hair stylists. Jenni and I are very excited to be part of Corvettes West and we look forward to meeting everyone.

National Council of Corvette Clubs January Meeting





NCCC Governor George and CW Historian Howard jetted to Escondido in the Hennessy.





January is when awards for NCCC participation are handed out for the prior year. There was a pretty good turn out.

Next month you will see many pictures from the Corvettes West 2018 Awards Banquet published here in your FastTrack.





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