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*Who Are We!  
We're a social club  
with a Corvette problem!*

**Corvettes  
West's  
Valentines  
Dinner**

**Wednesday  
Feb 13th @ 6 pm  
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Looks like the first month of the year is just about history.

The NCCC National Meeting is on February 22-23 in St. Louis, Mo.

We have a Regional Governor's meeting on February 2nd at the Marie Callendar's Restaurant in Victorville, CA. If you want to attend and see what the regional meetings all about, you are more than welcome. If you want lunch, be there at 12:00 noon or the meeting starts at 1:00 p.m.

On March 9-10 there is the 20th Annual Spring Fling Autocross at the Riverside County Fairgrounds in Indio, CA.

On March 23 – Two low speed autocross at the Santa Maria Airport, Ca. Sponsored by the Vaper Trails Vettes.

The Super Bowl party at Dan Flanigan's house in Redlands is on Sunday, February 3rd.

**Jim Gillam,**  
Governor,  
CorvettesWest

# CLUB HISTORIAN

We have survived 2018 and Corvettes West is entering a new and exciting year. My problem as your Historian, the excitement has not happened yet. It soon will!!!

affair. Suits & ties are recommended for men. Party dresses are recommended for our women.

We did have our "Red Moon" eclipse which happened two days ago. I shot the moon from Desert Hot Springs with a 1000 millimeter Meade mirror telephoto lens. The moon filled the frame. Well, it doesn't count if clouds are in the way. Better luck next time.

On February 3rd we will meet at Elaine & Dan Flanagan's home to have a great time as we scream at the Super Bowl LIII (53) game. We had a great time at Elaine & Dan's home for last years Super Bowl game. Let's do it again. Any excuse for Corvettes West to have a party, is a good excuse.

As I write this our Corvettes West Awards banquet is only days away on January 27th. We will arrive around 3:00 p.m. to repeat last years shoot of our Corvette West members standing next to their Corvette parked in front of the Riverside Country Club. This is a dressy

I look forward to publishing many GREAT Corvettes West pictures in our March Fast Track.

**Howard Hoyt**



Corvettes West  
General meetings  
are held the first  
**TUESDAY** of the month  
at Riverside Elks Lodge  
#643  
6166 Brockton Ave.  
Riverside, 92506  
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  
George Swift  
or emailed to  
corvettenews@gmail.com  
Email is preferred

## February BIRTHDAYS

Juanita Rasmussen .....4  
Jan McKee .....5  
Jo Ann Mackewen .....9  
Monty Clark .....21  
Bill Dodge .....23  
Ruben Rasso .....25  
Jacquiline O'Callaghan ....26

# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President of Corvettes West this past year and I hope you all agree that it had been a fun filled year for our club. We have a great group of people enjoying our cars and our friends together.

I am looking forward to another great year in 2019. We have many ideas on what to do and are always looking forward to more impute to enjoy our cars and friends together. Just remember, you are driving the only true American Sports Car and the car that leads the top of the list as most American Made Car today.

We have started the year off by revising our Corvette West webpage with a new look and our updated officer's.

We have also added many photos of our

2018 events to the web page and we will be showing these photos as a slideshow at the awards Banquet. By the time you read this we will have already had annual awards banquet at the Victoria club in Riverside and our Super Bowl party at the Flanigan's home in Redlands. George Swift and Dan Flanigan are currently working on a run to a newly reopened cavern in the desert, and a stay in Laughlin for one or two nights and a trip back route 66 through Victorville and the Route 66 museum.

They should have the details and a sign up sheet at the next meeting.

See you there.

Remember to: Save the Wave

**John Blackledge**



### CORVETTE FOR SALE - 2015 Z06

Under 30,000 miles

Arctic White with black trim & interior

This Vette is being shown at Tom Bell Chevrolet \$61,000

*(Owner is a Corvettes West member who loves it dearly)*

# Evently Speaking



*Dan Flanigan*

My Goodness it's that time again! I want to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year, and look forward to another great year for the Club.

Well as far as Events go for this year we have two coming up that may have happened even before you receive the Fast Track. The Annual Awards Banquet, at the Victoria Country Club, on the 27th, which is always a fun evening, and then the Super Bowl Party, at our house on February 3rd, which should also be a fun time whether your team wins or not!

The Super Bowl Party will have a new and exciting pool this year, thanks to Pres John, with 30 winners this time and some will win even before the game is started! This should be a lot of fun along with playing some slot machines and other games that evening.

Regarding possible upcoming Events, I have been contacted by Howard Hoyt and he suggested a visit to the

Palm Springs Air Museum, which sounds like a fun trip. Then George Swift, I and several others, are planning a trip to Laughlin, to plan that weekend outing for sometime this year, which should be a lot of fun also. Now you could play the slots at my house for free or take your chances in Laughlin! LOL

So at the February meeting I would like to determine the interest in going to the Air Museum and get that possibly scheduled, and then get some more ideas for events and outings for the year. Hopefully we can get several months more planned here soon. I will also bring up additional suggestions that I was given by Pres. John and see if that might interest other members.

Thanks,  
Dan Flanigan, Events Coordinator

**Dan Flanigan**

## EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun. 3	Corvettes West Super Bowl Party Hosted by Dan and Elaine Flanigan	More information to come
Tues. 5	CW General Meeting ~ Riverside Elks Lodge 6166 Brockton Ave. Meeting @ 7pm ~ Come early to eat. Business Mtg. @ 5:15pm prior to General Meeting	John Blackledge 951-317-9346
JULY	EVENT	CONTACT
Sun.-Fri. 7-12	60th NCCC National Corvette Convention in Denver Colorado	ncccwregion.org

# Vice with a Voice

*Diane Swift*



We had a good turnout for our January General meeting. Newer member Pat Dingman brought a guest. John and Diana Blackledge had a prospective CW member, Randy Lindgard with them.

And we have new members Jim and Carol Raver, who bought Mark and Dee Dee Guizlo's 1990 Convertible, join that night. Welcome Jim and Carol!

By the time you see this issue of our newsletter, we will have had our annual Awards Banquet.

Always great food and a fun time.

Then, on to the CW Super Bowl party at the Flanigans' on February 3rd. Hope to see you there.

Thanks, **Diane Swift**

Vice President 2019

## HELPING HANDS

You may have read John's email regarding our plans to donate scholarships to two automotive students, with the funds from our Christmas auction. So far, I've contacted the ROP of Redlands/Yucaipa/Colton, and the person in charge of this type of thing was ECSTATIC with our idea. By the time of our Feb. meeting, I will have also contacted ROP of Riverside with the same offer. ( The board was thinking one student from each of those places.) So, I'll have all the info on the process of selecting the students, etc.

***We're up to 32 baskets  
for Inland Housing Solutions!  
Thanks to your good hearts!!***

By next meeting we'll know who won the Super Bowl! Speaking of football games, a young teacher friend of

mine, along w her husband & 2 kids, flew out to Kansas City for the KC vs Patriots game. They're diehard KC fans. Well, they were a bit depressed when they left the stadium, of course.

When they got to the parking lot, just as they were approaching their car, a man collapsed to the ground from an apparent heart attack. My friend's husband is a fireman, so he immediately administered CPR. He saved the man's life. Needless to say, that made them happy with that outcome!!

That was a very nerve wracking game for sure!!

**SHARON MAC GILLIVRAY**



# BLOOD BANK



*Giving Back!*

Give the gift of life to someone in your community needs what you have are you willing to share what you have and of course you know what you have to share, is blood.

That stuff that flows through our veins and arteries is the stuff of life and could very well save someone's life in the community.

Corvettes West has a dedicated group of donors who make all the club donations dates and we would love to have you join this group and donate, our next donate days will be March 10th, May 4, July 6, September 7 and November 9 add these dates to your calendar and save a life or three.

Anyone interested in taking a tour of the blood bank please contact me and I will arrange a tour for you. When you donate to the blood bank you will receive a gas card, movie ticket, food cards, etc as a thank you.

**Bill Dodge**

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40365 Murrieta Hot Springs Road, Suite 1

## Products

Hello fellow Corvette lovers.

Sorry I missed last months newsletter. Jenni and I have been pretty busy fitting in our new real estate business. We're through our initial training now and are ready to start helping people buy or sell their homes.

We still have lots of coffee mugs that would love to make their way to your kitchen. Also, if you don't have a flag set please let me know. I have a few in stock, but they are very easy to order too. If you are

interested in doing parades the flags are a must have. If you are interested in any apparel with the Corvettes West logo let me know and I'll let you go through the catalog. Additionally, you can always bring me any shirt or jacket and I can take it to the embroidery shop to have them put the logo on. Jenni and I look forward to seeing all of you at all of our upcoming events. the time. Thank you baby.

**Monty Clark**

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# SPONSOR'S REPRESENTATIVE

Welcome to the new year I hope all of you had a safe and sound new year. As we enter the new year don't lose sight of the fact Tom Bell is our sponsor and they have been good to Corvettes West our way of demonstrating our thanks to Tom Bell is by using their service department and of course by purchasing new vehicles from them.

Currently our sponsor has some fine vehicles for our consideration they currently have two new 2019 Corvettes one a Grand Sport and one a Z06. On the previously owned lot they have a 2015 Corvette Z06 coupe with 29,000 miles on it. Tom Bell also has a nice selection of Camaros which include 13 new 2019 coups and one new 2018 convertible on the previously

own lot they have one new 2018 coupe and one 2015. Should you have any interest in any of these find vehicles please contact Derek Hanson general manager at 909-793-2681 for additional information. When you take your vehicle to Tom bill for service please let the service writer at the time of write up that you are a Corvette West member and you will receive the club discount.

Save the Wave

*Bill Dodge*

SPONSORS REPRESENTATIVE

## Editor's Notes CORNERS & Curves

January has been a very busy month for our president John Blackledge he has been busy putting together the awards banquet and what a great job he did.

Congratulations to all the members who received recognition and awards including some who did not want to be recognized like a Dan Flanigan.

John needs to be congratulated on outstanding year of hard work John has taken this club to another level and we really are fortunate to have as our president. As always, Bios are always welcome! **Until next time.....**

**George Swift**

Fast Track Editor 2019

2swift@att.net

**Don't Forget**

**The Pomona  
Cars & Part Swap Meet  
is Sunday, March 3rd  
Doors Open 5:30am**

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**Call Me if you want to meet  
up with us.**



**GW** Corvettes West

# Christmas Party





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