



## River City Corvettes of Sacramento May 2015 Newsletter

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**Business Meetings start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Dante Club. Food is not served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close to the Dante Club. Next meeting is June 4, 2015.**

### **President Tom Mason's Message**

Last night was a different type of meeting. First of all everyone should know by now that Marge Sutter passed away early Wednesday morning. Our Corvette family has lost three members this year, and that folks is three too many. I was supposed to mention last night that Molly Barnes sent us a Thank you note for all the cards and thoughts on the passing of George. Sorry I forgot it. Rick Sutter has asked that please no cards or flowers, but if you want to do something please donate to Christmas for Kids. I thought you would like to know we raised \$545 last night on the raffle and donations and all of the net raffle proceeds are being donated to Christmas for Kids.

Last night we also reported on the Brentwood Run and the Horse Races Runs. Both runs were fun and had good turnouts. Also they were put on by newer members, and they deserve a big Thank You for their fine efforts. We also have room for more runs later in the year. The Dante Club is having a Wine, Olive Oil and Craft Beer tasting event next Sunday the 17th at the Dante Club from 1 – 4 pm. If anyone would like to join me and Paul Regnier next Sunday let me know. The California Auto Museum (CAM) is having a Vets for Vettes and muscle car show on May 25. It is sponsored by Performance Chevrolet. For more info see attached sheet. Bob Hinchman says the Horton Iris Garden and High Hand Nursery Lunch Run is also for MEN because High Hand serves BEER. So come on down and enjoy the Garden and have a BEER. June 7th it seems Ed and Jerry have teamed up for a two for one lunch and an interesting stop afterwards. Ed needs to know if you are going by May 20th so let him or Patti know. June 19th we have a run to The Old Five Mile House Lunch Run put on by Steve and Colleen Gibson. Sounds like fun like it was last year, and be sure to let them know you want to go. June 26 to 28th is the Rogue River Run which is always a fun run and a chance to drive and exercise our cars. July 12 will be the Ashland Run with lots of things planned and always a scenic drive and fun run. August 29<sup>th</sup> is our Birthday Party and is free with paid membership. This is the party we as club members get to show off our talents by making items that other members of the club may not know about BUT are crafty enough that they would want to purchase for gifts. Remember the proceeds from this party help support our charity Christmas for Kids.

Next a couple of administrative things. Annual membership dues of \$100 are due on June 1, and delinquent on August 1. Please remember we need to see your driver's license and a copy of your insurance. Also, ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP FOR NEXT YEAR WITH NOMINATIONS IN JUNE AND ELECTIONS IN JULY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE CLUB OR THE WAY IT IS RUN GIVE SOME THOUGHT TO RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE OR AT LEAST LET ME KNOW SO I CAN TRY TO HELP YOU. That's it for now please see attached flier on Vets for Vettes.

**Tom Mason, President**

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (May 7, 2015)**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Tom Mason.

April Minutes were recognized and approved.

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter** - The Treasurer's Report was given by Tom Mason and was recognized by the membership.

**Visitors and New Members- Rosie Bjornsen** –Joan Mason, standing in for Rosie, welcomed second time visitors Jo and Theresa. Joan announced thirteen May birthdays.

Gary and Julie Menzies were thanked for bringing the birthday goodies for the May meeting. Connie and David Gaustad volunteered to bring birthday goodies for the June meeting.

**Tom's Part:**

- Tom made the sad announcement that Marge Sutter had passed away and in memory of Marge all proceeds from tonight's raffle would go to the RCCS charity fund, Christmas For Kids.
- With the new year coming Tom shared that the RCCS board is encouraging all members, new and long standing, to consider volunteering to take on one of the club's officers positions, President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary. If there is competition for a position, there will be a vote by the membership. Let Tom know if you are interested.
- Again, with the new year coming, Tom reminded members that membership dues were due and payable on June 1<sup>st</sup> and will become delinquent August 1<sup>st</sup>. Tom requested that when making your dues payment to be prepared to show proof of a valid driver's license and proof of current insurance. These documents will be recorded this year. Dues cannot be accepted without the required documentation.
- Tom announced the club's annual Birthday Party is August 29<sup>th</sup>. To celebrate there will be an outside Luau at the Dante Club. There will be a silent auction and raffle to raise money for the River City Corvette Club charity, Christmas for Kids. Tom said the club had a great turnout for the annual crab feed with many donations from members and the community. Now it is time to start donating Christmas presents, warm clothing, and personal items for boys and girls, infants to teenagers, as well as items to be used in the silent auction to raise additional funds for food and needed gifts. Tom acknowledged that there are many talented people amongst our members with diverse abilities to make things that could be donated to the silent auction.
- Due to new water conservation laws, Tom advised members that the Dante Club will no longer be providing pitchers of water and glasses at each table. There will be a few water pitchers and cups on a table in the back of the room.
- Tom shared a flyer with two events:
  - o On May 17<sup>th</sup>, a scholarship fund raising event, the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Viva Vino Festivities, will be held at the Dante Club. There are approximately 300 people expected to attend. Club members are invited to show approximately 12 cars. If interested you are directed to call Dennis Zan at 916-508-1207.
  - o On September 27<sup>th</sup> members are invited to participate in a car show charity event at Red Hawk Casino sponsored by Capital City Cruisers, Red Hawk Casino and Gifts from the Heart. For those wanting more information or wanting to show cars, contact Rex Roden at 530-748-6181.

**Nash's Part:** Nash introduced past and future events.

**Past Events:****April 9<sup>th</sup>, Brentwood Run – Ron and Jeanie Kayl**

Ron and Jeannie reported that they had twenty cars and forty people on this Run. They had great weather, the river was beautiful and the lunch was good. Jeannie said that as a first timer to put on a run, it turned out to be pretty easy.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>, Day at the Races – Robert Ramirez and Peter Bradt**

Robert reported that twenty-four cars and forty-eight people participated in the Day at the Races run. He said everyone seemed to have a good time and with several winners. Many of the ladies came with festive hats. Robert said he was worried, because it had started to rain in the early morning. He said he received several calls from drivers asking about driving generics. But luck was with the group as the rain stopped and it turned out that everyone drove their Corvettes. The fields had reserved parking area for the Corvettes. A group of about eight attendees were able to go to the "Winner's Circle" and have their picture taken with the fourth race winning jockey and horse. Robert said he would send out a copy of the picture. It turned out to be a very good day.

**Upcoming Events:****May 25<sup>th</sup>, Vettes for Vets and Muscle Cars – Tom Mason**

Tom said this should be a fun day as an event put on by the CAM. It will be held outdoors under the shade of the freeway. There will be a car show registration fee which includes some goodies and a free all day access pass to the Automobile Museum. There is a suggestion for a Rosie the Riveter dress theme. There will be a Huey Helicopter and a 1943 Jeep to view, games and many activities for young and old. Tom said, one of our members, Keith Little, won an award in a past Vettes for Vets and Muscle Cars show. He said bring your cars, show off a little and have some fun. Contact Tom for more information or check out the CAM web site for more event details at: [www.calautomuseum.org](http://www.calautomuseum.org)

**May 29<sup>th</sup>, Horton Iris Garden/High-Hand Nursery Lunch – Bob and Roberta Hinchman**

Plan to wear walking shoes. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. – depart 10 a.m. at the McDonald's at 4211 Sierra College Blvd., Rocklin, Hwy 80, Exit 109, Sierra College Blvd. **First stop:** High-Hand Nursery, Loomis. Meander around then we will have lunch in the High-Hand Café at 11:30. There is no restriction on how many people can attend. The café allows two tables of ten seats each to be reserved, but other nearby open seating is available should the 20 reserved seating be exceeded. Order off the menu and pay for your own lunch. Credit card payment is available, but cash payments would speed up the payment process. **Second Stop** Horton Iris Garden, Loomis. We will start with a short informational

presentation and then you can go on a self-guided walking tour around gardens to see blooming Irises. Iris bulbs can be purchase for pick up in August or potted iris plants are also available for purchase.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> Elkhorn Saloon, Country Bar and Grill Brunch and the Reiff's Gas Station Museum Run – Ed Dunbar, Jerry Neil** Ed and Jerry announced that flyers were distributed on the tables during the meeting, which included a list of meals choices available to order for the brunch. Ed said he needed a true head count and the meal choices by May 29<sup>th</sup> so the restaurant can be prepared. When you hear from Patti/or your Call-Around Person, let them know what you want to order. The cost for the brunch is \$20 per couple payable to Ed Dunbar during the gathering meeting at Carl's Junior at Northgate and I-80. Plan to arrive at Carl's Junior at 9:30 a.m. and leave at 9:35 a.m. Jerry said he was having a garage sale, everyone must go, just kidding. After brunch, Jerry said that those who are interested can follow him and Terrie on to Reiff's Gas Station Museum in Woodland. The admission fee is \$7 per person. There will be no time limit in viewing the collections inside, outside and in the back patio. At this point you are on your own. Jerry said Reiff's has an amazing collection of gas pumps, signage and collectables. Jerry said that those interested can shop on Woodland's Main Street and advised that there are a couple great bars as well.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, Old Five Mile House Lunch Run – Steve and Colleen Gibson**

Steve and Colleen were not present. This information is from the April minutes. Steve and Colleen provided flyers in April for the Old Five Mile House Lunch Run located at Nevada City. Parking is available for 45 cars. Lunch is to be ordered off the menu and paid individually. Meet at Rocklin Wal-Mart off Highway 80 and Sierra College Blvd. at 10 a.m. leaving at 10:30 a.m. Contact Steve and Colleen if you have questions at 1-916-517-3684 or email: [vetteman03@wavecable.com](mailto:vetteman03@wavecable.com)

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, Rogue River Run – Rick Sutter with Rod and Barbara Stelter**

Barbara and Rod reported that the Lodge at the Riverside has only one room left with a queen size bed under the rooms reserved for this run. Barbara said she was collecting the \$67 dollars from those who plan to take the Rogue River 5 1/5 hour, 53 mile, white water run on a 32 passenger boat. The group will be staying at the Lodge at Riverside, 955 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass, Oregon. Call 1-877-955-0600 for lodge reservations; make sure to say the reservation is under the River City Corvettes.

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Ashland – Brandon – Fort Bragg?? Run - Ralph Pockress and Bill Abbey**

Bill addressed questions he had received about paying for the Oregon Cabaret Show in Ashland by informing the group that Ralph Pockress would be taking payment after he returns on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Bill reviewed the flyer saying there were possibly three options on this run. Option 1 Ashland, Option 2 Brandon and a possible Option 3 to Fort Bragg. This run starts Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Carl's Junior at Northgate at approximately 9 a.m. They plan two nights (July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) at the Ashland Springs Hotel 1-541-488-1700. Rooms are \$169 per night plus tax. There will be a dinner/desert show July 13<sup>th</sup> that costs \$60 per person with an advance payment for this show (eventually) to Ralph Pockress. The show will be held at the Oregon Cabaret Theater, presenting the show "Cabaret". On July 14<sup>th</sup> those participating will head to Brandon Oregon, about 3 hours away, staying one night to the Brandon Inn 1-541-347-4417. Rooms are \$138.68 with tax.

Brandon, Oregon is on the coast looking down at the bay and crab boats. Plans are to visit a Zoo south of Brandon. It is recommended you wear closed walking shoes. Bill said they have visited the zoo each time they have made the Ashland Run and each time they have had the amazing opportunity to hold baby animals. They have held a baby lion, another time a baby tiger and the third time they got to bottle feed a baby bear. Contact was made with the Zoo and they will have a baby African Caracal cat, a baby bear and a baby fox to see during our visit this year. Bill said Brandon also has a world class golf course. 15 rooms have been reserved at both the Ashland Hotel and the Brandon Inn. Make your reservations as soon as possible. Let both hotels know you are with the River City Corvettes Club. More information on the Option 3 Fort Bragg will be provided. A further developed flyer will be coming, too. Let Bill Abbey know if you plan to go on to Brandon and if you are interested in going on to Fort Bragg by contacting him at 1-530-268-6939 or by email at: [abbeybil@yahoo.com](mailto:abbeybil@yahoo.com)

**Featured Corvette of the Month – Charity Smith**

Charity gave clues to the members and presented two "Car of the Month" photos; one was given for March to Kerry and Kathy Greene and one was given for May to Bill and Kathy Mathews.

**Raffle - Robert and Sandy Ramirez, Peter and Bonnie Bradt-** Our "Master" Raffle Leader, Robert, announced the two winning tickets for the 50/50 cash drawing. The lucky winners of \$55 each were Kerry Greene and Barbara Stelter. Robert thanked tonight's "Vana Ladies", Charity Smith and Margo Henderson for delivering all the raffle prizes. Robert reported that 29 raffle gifts were donated by members resulting in \$545 worth of raffle tickets being sold. A total of \$490 went to Christmas for Kids, which included Kerry and Kathy Greene donating their \$55 50/50 winnings right back to Terrie Neil to the Christmas for Kids fund. Robert gave them a special thank you for that, and he also expressed a special thank you to Connie and David Gaustad for their generous donation.

Tom Mason proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting with Anne Dunbar providing a 1<sup>st</sup> and Charity Smith providing a 2<sup>nd</sup> approving the motion.

**Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hinchman, Secretary.**

**Happy June Birthdays to:** 6/10 - Rudy Antonucci; 6/2 - Keri Berkler; 6/30 - Peter Bradt; 6/18 - Heidi Goodman; 6/7 - Janet Butler; 6/30 - Patrick Butler; 6/20 - Carol Cicotte; 6/22 - Gayle Crenshaw; 6/20 - Anne Dunbar; 6/20 - Sharon Karam; 6/24 - John McMichael; 6/4 - Gary Menzies; 6/8 - Chuck Sanchuk; 6/15 - Rod Stelter; 6/5 - Nancy Whitmire; and 6/7 - Don Williams

**Thanks to Raffle Donors:** The Greenes, Mounces, Sathres, McMichaels, Dunbars, Neils, Mort Richman, Stelters, Hendersons, Yates, Paul Regnier, Kerri Berkler and Sue Facciola, Masons, Sanchuks, Heidi Goodman, Kathy Matthews, Petries, Abbeys, Pierces, Karams and Bradts.

Thank you to our **Phone Tree People**... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Roberta Hinchman, Lisa McNatt, Charity & Gary Smith, LaRee Brunelli, Marge Sutter and Chuck Sanchuk. These people really help us coordinate our events!!

**A SPECIAL NOTE to support our fellow members that have businesses selling goods and/or services;**  
**Check our web site [www.rivercitycorvettes.org](http://www.rivercitycorvettes.org) for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!**

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Birthday Desserts	Rotating	Rotating	Rotating

**SAFETY NOTICE:** We have nice cars in our club and some of us like to drive very fast, but it's very important to put **SAFETY FIRST!!!** If you are not comfortable going fast, especially on a club run, please stay within your speed comfort zone. Stay

toward the back of the pack, or volunteer to run with a slower group, if possible. It's better to show up at the next location a little late, than to drive faster than you feel safe!