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## River City Corvettes of Sacramento July 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 Aug 6, 2015.**

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

We all know that Ed's and Jerry's run to the Elkhorn Saloon and Rieff's Garage was loaded with good food and lots of unusual gas station and car stuff. Steve and Colleen did a great job on their run to the 5 Mile House, and all had a great time. Rogue River run was hot BUT the boat ride was COOL and the stop for brunch was filling. July 12th Ralph and Bill Abbey will be taking a group to Ashland and beyond, hopefully with cool weather. And on September 13, Ed and John McMichael have a brunch and winery run for us. I have been to this winery and it is worth going to just to see all the interesting things the owner has on display. On October 2-4 Joan and Rick Sutter will be doing their annual Fort Bragg run. Nice cool weather and some twisty roads to try your Corvette on if you want. This does not mean that you have to drive the twisty roads as another route is also planned.

PLEASE NOTE that our RCCS election of officers will be at next month's meeting. If you will not be able to make the meeting there is a MAIL-in ballot attached to this newsletter. Just fill it out and either mail it to the club's mail box at PO Box 67 Citrus Heights CA 95610 or e-mail it to me at [toms cars@surewest.net](mailto:toms cars@surewest.net). NOTE that absentee ballots **must be received August 4, 2015**. Our annual club Birthday party will be on August 29 and there is no charge for this party, if your dues are paid up. I know we have many club members who are expert at building things or doing craft items. Also if you are cruising around and see something that you feel someone would want and would like to buy it, please do so and donate it to the silent auction. Also you bakers we are having a Bake sale. ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SILENT AUCTION GO TO THE CLUB'S CHARITY, CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS.

That's it for now; Blue skies and Green lights and How about some cooler weather.

**Tom Mason, President**

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (July 2, 2015)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Tom Mason.

June Minutes were recognized and approved, 1<sup>st</sup> by Anne Dunbar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Bartylla.

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter** - The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and was recognized by the membership. Rick thanked everyone for their kindness and for those who attended the memorial for Marge.

**Visitors and New Members- Rosie Bjornsen** – Rosie welcomed back and held membership votes for Hope Bickford, Tim and Kathy Wright, Ken Sousa, and Joe and Teresa Licastro. All were voted in by the membership without opposition. Rosie then announced 13 July birthdays.

Ralph and Dodie Pockress were thanked for bringing the birthday goodies for the July meeting.

Ed and Anne Dunbar volunteered to bring birthday goodies for the August meeting.

#### **Tom's Part:**

Tom announced the resignation of Nash Dhillon, Vice President, from RCCS in order to concentrate on his business efforts, and that Nash had already sold his Corvette.

Tom provided some critical information to members from an article he had found about how a man and his dog died from heat exhaustion, because he could not open his Corvette door due to a dead battery which kept the electronic door handle from working. Tom encouraged members who own electronic door opening Corvettes to be sure they are familiar

with the emergency exit directions contained within their owner's manuals. In most cars, there are levers on both the driver and passenger sides as well as in the trunk, which will open the doors or trunk. Additionally, it was noted that most late model Corvettes have easily removable roof panels, which could also be used as an emergency exit access.

Tom shared the latest information on the current room rates at the Dante Club. He said the larger room at the front of the building in which past club meetings and parties were held has jumped in cost to \$600 per night with the smaller side room at the front as well as the smaller room at the back now renting for \$500 per meeting or party. By negotiating, Tom said he was able to rent the front smaller meeting room for \$350 per meeting or party without a contract.

Other locations, such as the Carmichael Elks, all want to have a guaranteed bar purchase of \$175 per event plus the cost of the room rent. Other locations are still being investigated by Tom and RCCS Board Members. Tom shared that the Dante Club has refurbished all of the meeting rooms and has continued to have great meals for our dinner parties and has improved their wine offerings. Tom said we will continue to have meetings and parties in the smaller front room. HOWEVER, Tom also reported that the Annual (38<sup>th</sup>) Club Birthday Party Luau, scheduled for August 29<sup>th</sup>, will be held inside in the BIG ROOM and will be free to paid members.

Tom announced the nominees for club Officers: Robert Ramirez and Charity Smith are running for President; Ron Kayl is running for Vice President; Rick Sutter is running for Treasurer; and Keri Berkler is running for Secretary. Voting will be held at the August 6<sup>th</sup> club meeting. Absentee ballots will be sent out with the July Newsletter and must be received not later than August 4<sup>th</sup> club meeting to be counted in the vote.

**Raffle:** Peter Bradt introduced the new Raffle Crew Don and Sue Hess and Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman, and at that time the new raffle crew did the first round of raffles. Tonight's Vannas were Charity Smith and her sister Hope Bickford who just renewed her RCCS membership.

Tom introduced past and future events.

#### **Past Events:**

**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 said the 70 people attended the run saying the food was good. He said the restaurant ran out of champagne, but rectified it by running out to get more. He said after lunch they went on to Reiff's Gas Station Museum, which according to Ed, had more junk than Jerry's garage with a huge amount of memorabilia. A question was asked about how all the items were dusted and the answer was that they used a leaf blower!!!

**June 19<sup>th</sup>, Old Five Mile House Lunch Run – Steve and Colleen Gibson** Steve said 22 cars attended the run. He said it turned out to be a beautiful day and that everyone had a good time. Steve thanked those who attended.

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

Rick said that it was unfortunate that Barbara and Rod ended up not being able to go on the run. They had an uneventful run up, but it was very hot day at 109 degrees. Lunch on the way up was at the Hi-Lo Café in Weed. They had a hospitality gathering that evening with no expenses spared for the Margarita Bartender, Rick's grandson. Rick said due to the high heat the Bureau of Recreation shut down the white water brunch run to 36 miles. The high-speed boat ride was great with a second boat helping to make the river water splash over the boat riders with the winner for the "most drenched/drowned rat award" being given to our very own Jeanie Kayl. Dinner was great with Cathy Quigg providing a floor show. Rick said he hoped everyone attending had a great time, because he and his grandson sure had fun.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**July 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Ashland – Bandon – Fortuna Run - Ralph Pockress and Bill Abbey**

The group will depart July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Carl's Junior at Northgate and I-80 at approximately 9:30 a.m. Ralph and Bill said there would be handouts during the drivers meeting with the itinerary and directions. They said they have 14 rooms booked at Ashland with approximately 13 cars ending at Fortuna. Ralph said it may be hot in Ashland and much cooler in Bandon and Fortuna. When making room reservations for each hotel, be sure to say you are with the River City Corvette Club. The run will start in Ashland for two nights (July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>) at the Ashland Springs Hotel 1-541-488-1700, where rooms are \$169 per night plus tax. A group dinner is planned for the first night and on the second night there will be a dinner/dessert show for \$67.50 per person or \$135 per couple. Make checks for the dinner/show payable to Ralph Pockress. The show will be held at the Oregon Cabaret Theater, presenting the show "Cabaret". The third day (July 14<sup>th</sup>) the group will go on to the town of Bandon (108 miles from Ashland) staying at the Bandon Inn for one night with rooms at \$138.68 with tax for a queen with bay view or king bed at \$157.94 with taxes. Call 1-800-526-0209 or 1-541-347-4417 for reservations. While in Bandon a visit is planned to a special Zoo and later there is another group dinner. On the fourth day (July 15) the run will go to Fortuna (Fortuna is 4 hours from Bandon or Bandon to Sacramento through Ashland is 8

hours) staying at the Fortuna Best Western Hotel for one night at \$107.90 for one king bed or \$119.99 for two queen beds. Call 1-888-554-1206 for room reservations. There is another planned group dinner in Fortuna at the Eel River Brewery. Fortuna to Sacramento is an 8 hour drive.

As an aside, Bill talked about some of the great room rates and show deals going on in Reno as long as you have a "players" card for the casinos such as the El Dorado or Peppermill. He also said drinks at the Silver Legacy are going for \$2 with a player card. He said the individual "player" cards can be obtained on line from each casino.

**August 29<sup>th</sup> - The Club's 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Luau** – Tom Mason repeated that the Club Birthday Luau Dinner and Club Charity Fund Raiser will be held in the smaller front room at the Dante Club and will be at no cost to paid members. Friends and family are encouraged to come at \$35 per person. Tom said information flyers about this event were on the tables at tonight's meeting. Attire is casual and members are encouraged to wear Hawaiian themed apparel. The party starts with a no host bar at 5:30 followed by Polynesian Dancers at 6 with dinner being served at 6:30. Tom reminded members that this event is a fund raising event for the club's charity, "Christmas for Kids". Tom encouraged members to donate items, especially hand crafted items, to be placed in the silent auction to help raise funds. Tom also asked members to donate desserts for a dessert silent auction. The event handout said there would be a call around and went on to say, "If you say you are coming and don't show, you will be charged \$35 per person."

**September 13<sup>th</sup> – Woodbridge Brunch Run and Berghold Winery Tasting – Ed Dunbar**

Ed said he planned a brunch run to the Feed and Fuel at Woodbridge near Lodi followed by a wine tasting at the Berghold Winery. The gathering for the run will be at Carl's Junior at Sunrise and Whiterock Road. Ed said he will have more information coming next month on the brunch menu choices with a call-around for participation and brunch choices to follow. The Berghold Winery wine tasting cost is \$10 per person with that amount reimbursed if you purchase wine. While at the Berghold Winery our member Kerry Green will be playing piano and entertaining the group. The owner of Berghold will also be providing a presentation on some of his collection of extremely rare armoires turned into wine cases. Ed said the winery also has a million dollar fire place those participating may enjoy viewing.

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Fort Bragg Run –Joan Mason and Rick Sutter**

This run will be meeting at Carl's Junior at Northgate and I-80 at 8:30 a.m. and leaving at 9 a.m. Lunch, on separate checks, will be at Upper Lake at the Blue Wing Saloon and Café. They offer a choice of chicken Caesar salad, burgers, lime chicken quesadillas or fish and chips. Joan encouraged members who just want a one day run to follow the group to lunch and then head home on their own. Friday evening will be a 5 p.m. pot luck appetizer and BYOB gathering in the hospitality suite of the Harbor Lite Lodge. You are on your own for dinner Friday, if you are still hungry!! Saturday dinner, on separate checks, will be 6:30 p.m. at Silva's Wharf Restaurant located down the hill from the Harbor Lite Lodge at 32260 N. Harbor drive. Contact the Harbor Lite Lodge TODAY (be sure to say you are with the River City Corvette Club) at 1-800-643-2700 for one of the 20 rooms reserved for this run: Five view ground floor rooms with queen beds at \$135 plus tax, six view second floor rooms with a king bed at \$143.20 plus tax, with nine deluxe rooms already reserved and booked. Call Joan Mason at 722-7858 or Rick Sutter at 941-0736 for more information. Joan said this is a true Corvette run with many twisty roads!!

**Raffle - Round Two - 50/50 (Blue) and Raffle Prize (Red) Tickets** – Total income from the raffles was \$350 (\$160 for the 50-50, and \$190 for prizes), less \$80 for 50/50 winners, for net RCCS income of \$270. Both of the two 50/50 prizes of \$40 each were won by Terrie Neil – lucky lady!!!

**Jokester of the Month - Ed Dunbar** – Ed told some very funny jokes. One was something about an "Ass Size Contest" with the wives each saying, "... they didn't care, because he was a good man ..."; another was something about men in two lines in heaven with one man in the line for "head of household, as God created" and the other, a mile long line of men, who were not "heads of their households" as God intended. When God asked the one man why he was the only man standing in the as God created line, he said because his wife told him to. Did there seem to be a theme to these jokes???

**Featured Corvette of the Month – Charity Smith** Congratulations to Cathy and Dan Quigg who drove 3 – 4 hours to get to the meeting, for being selected as recipients of the "Corvette of the Month" award. Dan happily reported this is the second time they have been selected for this award, and that they very much appreciated it.

Tom Mason proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting with David Gaustad 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 August Birthdays to: Nora Benner 8/27;, Mickey DeCaro 8/18; Jack Harris 8/2; Carroll Holley 8/18; Stephen Pierce 8/10; Susan Hess 8/6 and Gary Smith 8/29.**

**Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Bradts, Hess's, Hinchmans, McMichaels, Butlers, Stelters, Mounces, Neils, Dunbars, Brunellis, Masons, Harris's, Doherty's, Turrells and Heidi Goodman**

*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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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!