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## River City Corvettes of Sacramento August 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 Sep 3, 2015.**

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

Thanks to Ralph and Bill for the info on their run, it sounds as fun was had all. A big THANKS to all who stepped up to run for office and all of you that voted either by being there or by absentee. Congratulations and Welcome to Robert as our new President. I still have a couple of things on my agenda. First the Birthday party and Luau. You have heard enough about this, but if you are able to make something or supply something for the raffle, Please bring it to the Luau. The main thing is to attend. Let Patti know you are coming to enjoy Hula dancers and the Luau feast. This party is FREE to all members that are paid up. On Sept 13th. Ed Dunbar and John McMichael are putting on a Brunch run with a stop a a winery afterwards. This winery has a bunch of unique, let's call them cabinets, that contain musical instruments that all play. Also if you need a conversation piece for your bar, this winery produces a wine called Crankcase. The label looks like the grill shell from a Bugatti. There is still time to join us for the run to Fort Bragg on Oct. 2-4th. I know my wife likes twisty roads, but there are some straighter roads that are around that some of you may prefer. Anyway, come and join us. This is my last Pres. message. First for my Cabinet and First Lady, THANK YOU for sticking with us this year. I personally want to thank the whole club for all the help and participation throughout the year and support with the Crab Feed and now the Birthday party and Luau. Thanks for listening to me through all the different meeting rooms. And as always, Blue skies and Green lites.

**Tom Mason, President**

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (August 6, 2015)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Tom Mason.

A motion was made by Tom Mason to recognize and approve the July Minutes with a 1<sup>st</sup> by Patti Herberger and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Klunder.

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter** - The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and was recognized by the membership. Rick thanked Mort Richman for preparing taxes for the club. Rick said that Mort's fee was \$0.01, so Rick said he gave him a \$1. Thank you Mort!

**Visitors and New Members- Rosie Bjornsen** –Patti Herberger acted in Rosie's place. A new member named Ron Edsell was welcomed to the meeting. Two new members were voted in, Brian Barrington and Jennifer Fredrichs with a Black 2006 Z06, as well as, Kathy and John Reese with a Velocity Yellow C6. John Kevin was also introduced and welcomed as a visiting friend of Bob and Brenda Tarter. Patti wished Happy Birthday to seven members having a Birthday in August. Patti said, unlike Rosie, when she wishes people Happy Birthday, they are all in attendance!!

Ed and Anne Dunbar are thanked for bringing the birthday goodies for the August.

Terrie and Jerry Neil will be bringing the yogurt mobile to help celebrate the September Birthdays. Thank you Terrie and Jerry, what a nice treat!!!

**Tom's Part:**

**Raffle:** The Raffle Crew, Don and Sue Hess and Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman, with the assistance of Terrie Neil, started the meeting with a new way to conduct a raffle. It made for an interesting raffle night!! Lots of great member-donated gifts were raffled and won by some very lucky people. Tonight's volunteer "Vanas" were Keri Berkler and Sue Facciola. Don thanked them both.

**Tom Mason introduced past and future events.**

**Past Events:**

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

Ralph and Bill said they had a great run with about 14 cars. Ashland was fun with great meals and a very entertaining dinner show at the Cabaret. The drive to Bandon and Fortuna was uneventful, except for a missed potty stop. The group had another great dinner in Bandon and a visit to the Animal Park where members were able to hold and or touch a baby African cat, a baby bear, and other small animals. On the drive home from Fortuna, the group stopped for lunch at the Blue Wing Saloon and Café in Upper Lake. Ralph said he already got a call from the Ashland Hotel asking if they were coming back next year, so he said he guessed he had to do another Ashland Run next year!

**John Klunder:** John gave a short announcement about a book about Social Security Benefits.

**Elections:** Ballots were distributed without notice and were collected.

**Elections:** Tom introduced Charity Smith and Robert Ramirez as candidates for the position of President.

Since the ballots had already been distributed and were being collected, both Charity and Robert gave shortened speeches. There were no late write-ins named as a candidate for either President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer. Tom made a motion to close the entry of candidates and the ballots were closed with a 1st given by John Klunder and a 2<sup>nd</sup> given by Patti Herberger

The ballots were counted with the following results:

President: Robert Ramirez  
Vice President: Ron Kayl  
Treasurer: Rick Sutter  
Secretary: Keri Berkler

**Raffle:** The remaining raffle tickets were pulled for the remaining raffle gifts.

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 29<sup>th</sup> – RCCC's 38<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Luau –** Tom had Terrie Neil speak about the club's charity, in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department, called Christmas for Kids. Terrie said the funds raised during the silent auction and the generous donations made by RCCC members goes toward buying food, clothing, bicycles, hygiene products and toys for families in need. Terrie also reminded members that food sources in the past, like Campbell Soup, were no longer available for the club to purchase food items for pennies on the dollar. She asked members to let her know of any sources known where the club charity could purchase discounted food, clothing, hygiene products and or toys. Last year the club's charity served 129 families and 462 children. These families are identified through the Sheriff's Department as well as through local schools as families in need and deserving of assistance. Terri also encouraged members to bring desserts to be placed in a separate silent auction with the proceeds going to the club. Terrie and Tom asked members to donate their craft items to the silent auction to benefit Christmas for Kids. Tom said it was a good way to show your skills and abilities to other members.

Tom Mason repeated and updated that the Club Birthday Luau Dinner and Club Charity Fund Raiser saying the Luau will be held in the BIG 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. Attire is casual and members are encouraged to wear Hawaiian themed apparel. The party starts with a no host bar at 5:30 p.m. followed by Polynesian Dancers at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. in the BIG room. Tom asked Patti to do a call around the Monday before August 29<sup>th</sup>. "If you say you are coming and don't show, you will be charged \$35 per person." Last, but not least, Tom said to sign up for desired auction items early and often, if you want to win.

**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 8 and leaving at 8:30 from Carl's Junior at Sunrise and White Rock Road. Ed said he will have more information coming on the brunch menu choices and asked for a call-around for participation and brunch choices to follow. The Berghold Winery has a unique boutique and wine tasting which cost s \$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**

A change in the meet up place was announced to be at the COSTCO off of Exposition Boulevard at 9 a.m. and leaving at 9:30 a.m. The run may include a Poker Run. On the way to Fort Bragg lunch, on separate checks, will be in 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 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: 5 view ground floor rooms with queen beds at \$135 plus tax, 6 view second floor rooms with a king bed at \$143.20 plus tax, with 9 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!! On the way up there will be two routes to choose from, a "twisty" route and a second route that would be more relaxed and easier on passengers. Rick said that he was disappointed that the Abalone Festival would not be on this weekend as he had hoped. Rick is hopeful we will be able to guess the right weekend and get to attend the Abalone Festival on one of the annual trips to Fort Bragg.

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Vette Magic – October 3-4, 2015 - Glenn Carlisle** – Glenn shared information on the WSCC sponsored event called the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Vette Magic Car Show on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to be held at the Sacramento Marriott's, 11211 Point East Drive, Rancho Cordova and the October 4<sup>th</sup> Bowtie Drags to be held at the Sacramento Raceway, 5305 Excelsior Road, Sacramento. The car show is open only to the Corvette Community. The Bowtie Drags are all Bowtie Cars, no SUV, vans or pickups. Glenn said this was a fun event and to contact him for more information.

**Raffle - Round Two** – The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts.

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

As one of the candidates for President, Charity graciously congratulated Robert Ramirez as the newly elected President. Charity gave an impromptu guessing game to identify the recipients of the Featured Corvette of the Month saying they were owners of large "sheep dog" type dogs. The owners were quickly guessed as Patrick and Janet Butler. Charity presented them with another of her nicely framed photos of the Butlers with their two dogs standing by their Corvette.

**In Closing – Tom Mason**

Tom Mason asked for input via email on the table configuration specifically arranged by the Dante Club for tonight's meeting. Tom thanked members for their support during the last year. He also wanted to remember those three members who had passed during the last year and to welcome the new members who have joined RCCS during the year. Tom made a motion to close the meeting with a 1<sup>st</sup> by Anne Dunbar and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Mason.

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

**Happy September Birthdays to: Roger (9/22) and Hope (9/11) Bickford; Patty Doherty 9/7; Dave (9/2) and Connie (9/30) Gaustad; Kathy Greene 9/27, Clarke (9/27) and Margo (9/25) Henderson; Helen Little 9/18; Chuck Marchand 9/4, Tom (9/15) and Joan (9/12) Mason; James Mounce 9/15 and Charity Smith (9/11).**

**Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Dunbars, McMichaels, Neils, Mounces, Stelters, Sathres, Whitmires, Keri Berkler, Schneiders, Antonuccis, Dave Bull & Heidi Goodman, Klunders, Masons, Pierces, Butlers, Vasiles, Petries, Harrises and Dohertys.**

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!