



River City Corvettes of Sacramento September 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 Oct 1, 2015.

President Robert Ramirez' Message

I want to thank everyone for giving me the chance to be your president for this upcoming term. I promise that you will get my very best and I will work hard to make it full of fun and excitement. I want to thank Ron Kayl and Keri Berkler for stepping up and running for the Vice President and Secretary positions, respectively. They are both very talented and hard working. I also want to thank Rick Sutter for serving as treasurer for another year. He's great and has already made my job easier.

This last Saturday was our luau. It looked like everyone had a great time. Some of the ladies went up on stage and did the hula with the pros and looked like they knew what they were doing. Then, some of us guys went up. Well, we tried, but need a lot of work. That's all I'm going to say about that.

Raffle sales were up this month from last. I think having tickets was a great benefit; Great job raffle team.

Don't forget that next month is our planning meeting. Put on your fun hats and come prepared to get those runs and events on our calendar. Let's make it the best year of all times. So, until next time, that's it.

Robert Ramirez, President

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

I look forward to the coming year. Your team, Robert, Keri, Rick and I, are going to make this year fun and full of events. We're starting to put the calendar together for next year, already have many fun trips planned. If you haven't put on a run in the past, consider maybe your favorite place to have lunch that we would all enjoy.

Looking forward to the planning meeting in October.

Ron Kayl, Vice President

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (September 3, 2015)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Robert Ramirez.

Introduction of New Officers: *Robert introduced Ron Kayl as the newly elected Vice President, Keri Berkler as the newly elected Secretary, and Rick Sutter as the re-elected Treasurer. Robert told the membership how happy he was to be their President and indicated the newly elected officers had already been very busy meeting with the Board of Directors, various club members, and others affiliated with the club to learn about all aspects of the club. He indicated the officers will be working hard to make this year fun. Robert said he is here to represent the membership. If you have problems or suggestions, please bring them to one of us. If you are not comfortable coming to one of us, please see Patti Herberger and she will be happy to pass your concerns on to Robert.*

A motion was made by Robert Ramirez to recognize and approve the August 6, 2015 Minutes with a 1st by Patti Herberger, and 2nd by Bonnie Bradt.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Ramirez: *The Treasurer's Report was given by Robert and was recognized by the membership. Robert provided additional information on the funds collected as a result of the Birthday Party-Luau on Saturday, August 29, 2015.*

Visitors and New Members- Rosie Bjornsen: Rosie introduced and welcomed one new member; Ron S. Edsall. Ron said he had a wonderful time at the Birthday Party-Luau and especially enjoyed dancing with the Polynesian Dancers. Ron said he is looking forward to being a member and participation in meetings and club events. He currently has a Velocity Yellow 2014 C7, which is his 4th Corvette. He also has an affinity for rum cake!

Rosie wished Happy Birthday to 15 members having a Birthday in September.

Terrie and Jerry were thanked for bringing the frozen yogurt treats and root beer floats in celebration of the September Birthdays.

Heidi Goodman and Dave Bull volunteered to bring the treats to celebrate the October birthdays to next month's meeting. Starting next month Rosie will be putting placards on the table to help everyone remember to bring new members, potential members, or guests to her attention, so she can be sure they are recognized and welcomed during the meetings.

Past Events:

August 29th, 2015 - Birthday Party-Luau - Tom Mason: Tom briefly discussed the Birthday Party-Luau. The party started with a no-host bar at 5:30 p.m. followed by Polynesian Dancers at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The event also included a silent auction. The event was successful in raising funds for the club and the club's charity Christmas for Kids. The Polynesian Dancers were a big hit and he thanked all for attending.

Raffle: The Raffle Crew: Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Don Hess contributed \$50 to the 50/50 raffle because he felt bad about the mix up last month. Bonnie Bradt and Margo Henderson graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening.

Upcoming Events:

September 13th – Woodbridge Brunch Run and Berghold Winery Tasting – Ed Dunbar: Ed said he planned a brunch run to the Woodbridge Crossing at Woodbridge near Lodi followed by a wine tasting at the Berghold Winery. The gathering for the run will be at 8 a.m. and leaving at 8:30 from Carl's Junior at Sunrise and Whiterock Road. The brunch menu was provided to the membership via a flyer placed on the tables. Patti will be doing a call-around for participation and menu selections. The Berghold Winery has a unique boutique and wine tasting which costs \$10 per person with that amount reimbursed if you purchase wine. While at the Berghold Winery our member Kerry Greene 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 that those participating may enjoy viewing. Ed indicated this event is a Buy one - get one. The cost is \$30 per couple/ \$15 single, payable at the meeting place. There will also be a 50/50 raffle. He needs attendance numbers and menu selections by tomorrow, if possible.

October 2nd – 4th Fort Bragg Run – Joan Mason: The meeting place for this run will be at the Starbucks, 1140 Exposition Blvd, next to the COSTCO gas station, off of Exposition Boulevard at 9 a.m. and leaving at 9:30 a.m. 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. Joan is trying to finalize the numbers for lunch on Friday, so if you are going to attend and have not done so already, please let her know you are attending. 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. Eighteen rooms have been booked and there are still a couple of rooms available. 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. 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.

Ron Kayl advised he had made contact with the operator of the Skunk Train, located at 100 West Laurel Street, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, (707) 964-6371, and was advised the train will be running two tours on Saturday. He said he thinks the times are 10:00 and 12:00.

December 2, 2015 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon - Bonnie Bradt and Sandy Ramirez: Bonnie indicated the date of the Ladies Christmas Luncheon has been moved to December 2, 2015. It will be held at the Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant, located at 7395 Frasinetti Road, Sacramento, CA 95828, (916) 383-2444. Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant is Sacramento's oldest family owned and operated winery established in 1897. Blending old world traditions with improved methods of the present, Frasinetti's offers a combination of good food and wine in a rich, historical setting. The event will include wine tasting, lunch, and a cookie exchange. More information will be forthcoming and they will start to collect funds to cover the cost of the event at next month's meeting.

May 15-16, 2016 – San Simeon Run – Kerry Greene: Kerry indicated he will be working with Dan and Cathy Quigg to organize the San Simeon run next year. This is a Sunday-Monday run, as the hotel rates are much better. They are working with the Best Western Plus Cavalier Oceanfront Resort, located at 9415 Hearst Drive, San Simeon, CA, 93452, (805) 927-4688 and wanted to get some indication (by show of hands) how much interest there would be in the run. There appeared to be sufficient interest and he indicated they will book a block of 20 rooms to start with. They are anticipating stopping for lunch on the way down, sharing hors d'oeuvres at the hotel on Sunday evening and probably arranging for a banquet for dinner on Monday. The Best Western Plus Cavalier Oceanfront Resort is a destination for discovery and unbelievable natural beauty, where classic luxury and gracious hospitality ensure a memorable stay. It is located on California's scenic Highway 1, arguably the world's most beautiful roadway and a gateway to the natural migrating Gray Whales, California Sea Otters, and some of California's finest vineyards and wineries. Initial information from the hotel suggests the price for rooms will be approximately \$179 for a deluxe and \$154 for a standard room. Some rooms have fireplaces; there are fire pits on the beach. More information to come.

October 1, 2015 - Event Planning - Robert Ramirez: Robert reminded the membership that next month's general membership meetings serves as the event planning meeting for 2016. Anyone interested in putting on a run or an event needs to bring preliminary information to the meeting so the run/event can be included on the 2016 calendar. If possible, please email Vice President Ron Kayl with your information prior to the meeting. We want to try and put as many events/runs as possible on the calendar, even if the dates end up changing later on. Even if you are not ready or able to put on a run, bring your ideas and maybe someone else will be able to organize the run or someone will volunteer to help you organize it. Because this meeting tends to go long, there will not be a raffle. Terrie Neil asked if anyone was interested in doing a brunch of the month. It has been suggested before.

October 14, 2015 - Hooked on Driving Corvette Tour – Maxwell to Thunderhill Raceway and October 15, 2015 Thunderhill Raceway 3 Mile Hooked on Corvettes – Glenn Carlisle: Glenn said Rick Sutter asked him to remind the membership of the upcoming events co-hosted the Western States Corvette Council (WSCC) and Hooked on Driving. The October 15, 2015 event is an annual track event now in its 7th year, which is totally focused on Corvettes. This event is in support of the National Corvette Museum and the WSCC. Further details and registration information can be found at www.hookedondriving.com.

Joan Mason reminded the membership to remember to provide copies of run/event flyers to Bill Vasile, the Webmaster, so he can get the information about your run/event on the website.

Raffle - Round Two – The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. The raffle brought in \$230. The 50/50 drawing prize totaled \$115, which was split up into \$57 prize and a \$58 prize. Sue Facciola held the winning number for the \$57 prize and Celeste Antonucci was the lucky winner of the \$58 prize.

Jokester of the Month - Ed Dunbar: Ed shared three jokes with the membership. The first was titled "Serious Drunk" and had something to do with an old drunk meeting a woman in a bar that looked and sounded just like his wife. The second was titled "The Old Man and The Beaver" and was about the odds of shooting a beaver with a wooden cane, and the third was titled "Time is Like a River" and involved the ramblings of a male bagpiper who played his heart out for a septic tank.

Featured Corvette of the Month – Charity Smith: Charity announced the September 2015 Car of the Month winners as James and Brenda Mounce, and presented the couple with a beautifully framed picture of their 1958 and 2007 Corvettes. The couple was described as a multi-Corvette family currently driving their 4th Corvette. They have been members of the RCCS for 33 years. Congratulations James and Brenda!

T-Shirts - Jim Bjornsen: Jim provided information on how members can obtain clothing with the RCCS insignia and other Corvette related designs and logos. The RCCS works with Michele Mitchell at Totally Trophies, located at 6300 Almond Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662, (916) 726-0512. This company has a number of digitized RCCS logos already made up and/or can digitize almost any picture into a logo for a shirt or jacket. If members want to purchase a shirt or have questions please give Jim a call and he will help you out. If there is enough interest he will work with Totally Trophies to have another batch of shirts made.

Closing Comments - Robert Ramirez: Robert advised the membership the Dante Club has enacted a new policy which disallows the bringing in of outside food items. The only thing that is allowed is a birthday cake or cookies. Those members volunteering to bring in the monthly birthday treats need to bring them in a "cake-like container."

Rudy Antonucci made a motion to close the meeting with a 1st given by Heidi Goodman and a 2nd by Charity Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler, Secretary

Happy October Birthdays to: William Abbey 10/12; Jim Bartylla 10/16; Bonnie Bradt 10/27; Dave Bull 10/23; Vince DeCaro 10/31; Roberta Hinchman 10/17; Jeanie Kayl 10/15; Val McMichael 10/8; Lisa McNatt 10/18;

Mary Powell 10/31; Cathy Quigg 10/3; Curt Van Hooser 10/16; Rick Sutter 10/10; Patty Vassilopoulos 10/4; Paul Willett 10/19; Sue Facciola 10/24; Kathy Wright 10/19 and Ran Yates 10/26.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Herbergers, Bjornsens, Neils, Dunbars, Hinchmans, Sathres, Hess's, Keri Berkler and Sue Facciola, Mounces, Bradts, Barringtons, Matthews's, Licastros, Brunellis, Harris's, Dohertys, Vasiles, and the Masons.

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 for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!

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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!