



River City Corvettes of Sacramento November 2015 Newsletter

PERFORMANCE CHEVROLET on Madison Avenue is our proud club sponsor.

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 Dec 3, 2015.

President Robert Ramirez' Message

It was a great meeting, with a full house of enthusiastic members. The Ladies Luncheon and our annual Christmas party are coming up, which are always two fun events. Tom Mason honored our sponsors, John and Val McMichael of Performance Chevrolet, with a gift for their gracious support of our club. They were also presented with a special and beautiful canvas wrap photo for the Car of the Month, which will hang in their showroom. Now how cool is that. The holiday season is approaching and it's time we put on our working hats. Our Christmas for Kids charity is gearing up and we need helpers, so don't be shy. The work days are always fun, full of gratification and the families that need a little extra help are always extremely thankful. So come out and lend a hand. One last thought. The rainy season is upon us. The roads are slick with oil and slippery. Be safe, cautious and think defensive. Have a great month and we'll see you all next time.

Robert

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

Hi All, we have two big events coming up. First is the Christmas Dinner on Dec. 5th, cocktails at 5:30 pm. Get back to Patti and let her know if you are coming. The entree's are either Prime Rib or Chicken. The next big event is Christmas for Kids and all of your help will be appreciated and rewarding to see.

Have a great month.

Ron

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (November 5, 2015)

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

Corrections/Additions to Prior Meeting Minutes - Robert Ramirez: Robert asked if anyone had any corrections and/or additions to the October 1, 2015 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Anne Dunbar to recognize and approve the October 1, 2015 minutes as written, with a 2nd by Patti Herberger.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter: The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and was recognized by the membership.

Visitors and New Members - Rosie Bjornsen: Rosie wished a happy birthday to the 18 members having a birthday in November. Rosie introduced first time visitors, John and Cathy Childers, who are friends of member David Bull. The Childers got their first Corvette, a 2008 Burgundy Z06, two weeks ago. Rosie announced there were two former members in attendance and introduced Dave Froehlich, a former member from 1999, and Louis Hampton a former member who originally joined RCCS in 1979.

Don Hess was thanked for bringing pastries to the meeting in celebration of the November birthdays.

Appreciation - Helen Little: Helen thanked the membership for the ongoing cards, letters, and support as she recovers from her health problems.

Club Jackets – Jim Bjornsen: Jim announced he is organizing the purchase of new club jackets. He can order them as a group order, or individually, with minimal, if any, difference in price. He has checked with our normal supplier (Totally Trophies), and a couple of others, and our current supplier is competitive and reputable and they stand behind their work. Their price is \$94.50 plus tax, plus \$1 extra for each X over XL. Roughly, it will cost \$105 - \$110 per jacket. RCCS has agreed to pick up the one-time digitizing fee, thus dropping the cost a bit. The advantage in making a group order is NOT

financial; rather a group order will get better timing and turnaround than with individual orders. Processing time for the new jackets is estimated at 2 - 2-1/2 weeks.

Right now, Jim is confining this to a single order of men's jackets (he said he will do women's later), either black or navy blue, with bright metallic silver thread. This is a Port Authority jacket (go to sanmar.com and search for the Port Authority jacket, item #J730, if you want more details), and this is the same jacket (brand and model) as many of our members have previously ordered and wear from time to time.

Jim had jackets in various sizes at the meeting to show the membership what the new jackets look like and give them a chance to try them on for sizing and fit.

Those interested in ordering need to make sure they pick up a packet with ordering instructions from Jim. Make checks payable to Totally Trophies. Jim will hand-deliver the order and checks to Totally Trophies on Friday, the day after our meeting. The jackets should be completed by the next meeting and Jim will bring the completed jackets to the next meeting and distribute. If delivery at the December meeting doesn't work for you, contact Jim to make other arrangements for delivery.

Past Events:

October 2 – 4, 2015 - Fort Bragg Run – Rick Sutter, Joan Mason: Participants (19 corvettes) met at the Starbucks, 1140 Exposition Blvd, at 8:30 a.m. and departed at 9 a.m. On the way to Fort Bragg, the group stopped for wonderful lunch in Upper Lake at the Blue Wing Saloon and Café. On Friday evening members met for a potluck appetizer and BYOB gathering in the hospitality suite of the Harbor Lite Lodge. Saturday dinner, was at Silver's at the Wharf Restaurant. The run went great and Fort Bragg was lovely. A fun time was had by all.

Raffle: The Raffle Crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Rosie Bjornsen and Sandy Ramirez graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening. There were a total of 22 gifts donated.

Appreciation presentation: Tom Mason presented John and Val McMichael with a certificate of appreciation, card and gift card, on behalf of the RCCS for all their support.

Upcoming Events:

December 2, 2015 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon – Bonnie Bradt and Sandy Ramirez: This event 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. Wine tasting in the Frasinetti Tasting Room will begin at 11:30, with lunch following around noon. Bring two dozen cookies for the cookie exchange. The three lunch choices offered are Chicken Frasinetti, Penne Pasta Vegetarian, and Chicken Cobb Salad. Coffee/tea/soda is included with lunch. No corkage fee will be applied if you drink wine purchased in the Frasinetti Tasting Room. Frasinetti's has requested participants refrain from bringing in wine from any outside source. Cost is \$28 per person. Checks are payable to Bonnie Bradt and must be received by her, along with your lunch selection, before Thanksgiving Day. A flyer was placed on the tables which provided additional information about this event. Call Bonnie Bradt with any questions or to reserve your seat at (530) 205-6081.

December (multiple dates) - Christmas for Kids charity: - Terrie Neil: Terrie asked members to remember to bring their donations (toys, warm clothing, etc.) for the Christmas for Kids charity to the December meeting if at all possible. Terrie indicated the charity and distribution will occur at the same warehouse as in years past; A-All Mini Storage, 6945 32nd Street, North Highlands. This year, Rick, Rod, Jerry, and Tim will be picking up the food boxes on Thursday, 12/17/15, and our distribution day will be Friday, 12/18/15. The warehouse work hours will be from 10 to 2 daily on: Monday 12/07/15, Wednesday 12/09/15, Friday 12/11/15, Tuesday 12/15/15 and Thursday 12/17/15. Friday 12/18/15 work hours will be from 8 to 3. On Friday 12/11/15, Terrie and Jerry will be buying pizza for anyone who volunteers that day. Additionally, Terrie will be collecting toys at the Antelope Wal-Mart on Saturday 12/5/15 from 8 to 4. Terrie passed around volunteer sign-up sheets for the Wal-Mart collection day and warehouse work days. If you did not sign up at the meeting, please check your schedules and contact Terrie to let her know what days you can volunteer.

Robert Ramirez presented Terrie with a check for \$3,000 on behalf of the RCCS for the Christmas for Kids charity.

Terrie thanked everyone for their generosity and continued support of the Christmas for Kids charity and the many needy families that the charity helps. Terrie reported to the membership that last year the charity was able to serve 127 families/ 426 kids. Terrie thanked Patti Herberger for helping by sending out the various emails associated with this cause. She also thanked Carroll Holley for obtaining a \$300 donation from the Knights of Columbus, John and Carol Cicotte for their donation of

\$150, and John and Val McMichael of Performance Chevrolet for their donation of \$5,000. All told, she said it is looking like the Christmas for Kids charity will have approximately \$9,000 to work with this year.

Terrie further reported that Jerry and Tim have gathered 72 bicycles. Ann Petrie has gone over all the applications and there are a large number of requests for shoes. If you want to donate shoes please call Ann to get the sizes that are needed. They are still looking for a source for warm blankets. Connie Gaustad said Costco was having a sale on blankets. Terrie asked her to contact Costco and see if she could work a deal with them.

December 5, 2015 - RCCS Christmas Party – Ron Kayl: The annual RCCS Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2015 at the Dante Club. Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. There will be a DJ with dancing after dinner. Dress is Christmas casual. The meal choices are prime rib or chicken. Dinner for each member (current/dues paid) plus one guest will be covered by the RCCS. Additional guests may be invited at \$40 per meal. Patti Herberger will be sending out an email to all RCCS members with details and RSVP information. Please respond to Patti or your call around person promptly, so we can communicate the correct attendance numbers to the Dante Club by November 21, 2015.

2015-2016 Meeting Location – Robert Ramirez: Robert reported that two new contracts have been signed with the Dante Club. The first contract covers sixteen meeting dates during the period of September 2015 through December 2016. All meetings fall on the first Thursday of the month and will be held in the Sicilian Room (smaller room). The second contract is a special events contract which covers three event dates (Spring Fling 4/2/16, Birthday/Christmas for Kids Fundraiser 8/20/16, and Club Birthday Event 12/10/16). These three events will be held in the Venetian Room (larger room).

REMINDER: Run and event planners please 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. Total raffle intake was \$415. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$200, resulting in a 50/50 drawing prize of \$100, split up into two \$50 prizes. Patrick Butler and Peter Bradt were the lucky winners.

Jokester of the Month - Ed Dunbar: Ed shared three jokes with the membership.

Featured Corvette of the Month – John Klunder: John announced the November 2015 Corvette of the Month winner as John and Val McMichael, and he presented the McMichaels with a stunning gallery mounted canvas of their 2015 Torch Red Z51 Stingray. The canvas included their Performance Chevrolet logo and was prepared in a manner that allows them to display it at their Chevrolet dealership. Congratulations John and Val!!

Robert and Roberta Hinchman volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate December birthdays.

Robert Ramirez reminded the membership that those who volunteer to bring in the birthday treats can be reimbursed up to \$40.

Anne Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Charity Smith. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler, Secretary

Happy December Birthdays. Jason Antonucci 12/28, Lloyd Boden 12/29, Darrell Brunelli 12/9, Bill Crenshaw 12/13, Sandie Glorioso 12/3, Darlene Harris 12/25, Joel Karam 12/14, Teresa Licastro 12/6, Bette Mastro 12/7, Bill (12/7) & Kathy (12/5) Mathews, Hollis McNatt (12/17), Brenda Mounce 12/20, Ralph Pockress (12/30), Joyce Sathre 12/5, William Vasile 12/23, Carol Willett 12/19, Tim Wright 12/30 and Barbara Yates 12/17.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Hess's, Heidi Goodman, Dunbars, McMichaels, Butlers, Sathres, Mounces, Charity Smity, Kayls, Brunellis, Neils, Harris's, Barringtons, Steve Pierce and Klunders.

Thank you to our Phone Tree People... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Rick Sutter, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Roberta Hinchman, Lisa McNatt, Charity & Gary Smith, LaRee Brunelli 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!