



River City Corvettes of Sacramento December 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 Jan 7, 2016.

President Robert Ramirez' Message

I had a great time at this month's meeting testing out our club's new PA system. I received a lot of positive feedback and feel it was a great investment. Remember, it's a club system and for club use. So, if you have a run or event where you might have use for it, just put in your request. On a different note, the holidays are upon us and it's the time we get together to celebrate with family and friends. That usually means we'll be spending more time on the road. It also means we'll be on the road with others doing the same. Keep in mind, there are those who disregard the laws regarding drinking and driving. So, PLEASE be extra cautious. We want all of us to be around for 2016. Be safe and enjoy. Happy holidays!

Robert

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

Hi Club Members,

I hope all of you have a wonderful Holiday Season. If you are traveling make it safe and joyful.

Merry Christmas,

Ron

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (December 3, 2015)

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 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 November 5, 2015 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Rosie Bjornsen to recognize and approve the November 5, 2015 minutes as written, with a 2nd by Jim Bjornsen.

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 19 members having a birthday in December. Rosie also recognized potential new member John Childers who was attending his second meeting. Rosie thanked Robert and Roberta Hinchman for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the December birthdays.

Past Events:

December 2, 2015 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon – Bonnie Bradt/Sandy Ramirez: This event was held at the Frasinetti's Winery and Restaurant in Sacramento. The event included wine tasting, lunch, and a cookie exchange. Bonnie indicated the weather was bright and chilly, just perfect for a Christmas Party. The small banquet room was decorated beautifully. We had a fully-lighted Christmas tree, wreaths, decorated chandeliers and plenty of tables for the 44 participants AND cookies!!! Bonnie and Sandy articulated their thanks to Howard Frasinetti and his crew who took good care of all the attendees. Bonnie indicated she heard lots of compliments to the restaurant on the quality of the food. Bonnie thanked Rosie Bjornsen for the "Rocking Around the Christmas Tree" Word Search game and congratulated Sue Facciola who found 26 words out of a possible 28, and Keri Berkler who was a close second finding 23 words before the time buzzer. Bonnie also thanked Sandy for bringing in the RCCS's newly purchased PA and sound system and entertained the group with lovely Christmas music. Photographs from the event will be sent to the RCCS Webmaster, Bill Vasile, for posting on the RCCS website.

Raffle: The Raffle Crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Bonnie Bradt and Coleen Gibson graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening. There were a total of 23 gifts donated.

Upcoming Events:

December (multiple dates) - Christmas for Kids charity: - Terrie Neil/Ann Petrie: Terrie thanked everyone for their generosity and continued support of the Christmas for Kids charity and the many needy families that the charity helps. She provided copies of the 2015 "Letter of Appreciation" from Sacramento County Sheriff Scott R. Jones. Terrie reported to the membership that the charity will be providing services to 145 families with 495 kids.

Terrie identified and thanked a number of RCCS members for generous cash donations and several members who had made large donations of clothing and blankets to the charity. She reported the Anrak Corporation has donated 19 brand-new bicycles and Ace Hardware has donated 300 large gift bags. She also acknowledged several RCCS members who have been volunteering their time over the last week to assemble all of the bicycles that have been collected for this year's event. Ann indicated she has reviewed 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 needed.

Terrie asked members to remember to bring any further donations (toys, warm clothing, etc.) to the RCCS Christmas Dinner if at all possible. She indicated the charity work 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 **the 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 (Terrie and Jerry will be buying pizza for anyone who volunteers that day), Tuesday 12/15/15 and Thursday 12/17/15. Friday 12/18/15 work hours will be from 8 to 3. Additionally, Terrie will be collecting toys at the Antelope Wal-Mart on Saturday 12/5/15 from 8 to 4. **She needs volunteers to assist her on this day.** 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.

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 is covered by the RCCS. RSVP's were received for 117 participants.

January 16, 2016 – Golf Balls and Meat Balls – Paul Regnier/John Klunder: John invited the membership to participate in the Monster Golf and Meatballs event scheduled for Saturday, January 16, 2016. The event will be held at Monster Mini Golf located (within the Nimbus Winery building) at 12401 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA 95742 (916) 294-0000. Monster Mini Golf is an exciting indoor monster themed glow in the dark 18 hole miniature golf course that offers a host of fun activities at every turn. This is not your average mini golf course! Whether you're visiting for the first time, or the hundredth, you feel the excitement and adventure of playing mini golf among a scary but cool monster décor with custom and animated props at every turn. Golf cost is \$8 per person with a "shot gun" start beginning at 11:30. After golf the group will walk over to the Old Spaghetti Factory for lunch, which is located within the same building. Questions and/or RSVPs please contact Paul Regnier. A flyer with additional information will be presented at next month's meeting.

January 30, 2016 – Bunko – Chuck/Joyce Sathre: Joyce invited everyone to the RCCS Bunco Night event which will be held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge, located at 11440 Elks Circle, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742, (916) 635-8038, on Saturday, January 30, 2016. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Spaghetti Buffet Dinner (spaghetti, salad and garlic bread) will be served starting at 6 pm. Bunko will begin at 7:30 pm sharp. Dinner will cost \$12 per person, Bunco will cost \$7 per person (\$5 for Bunko and \$2 to cover the costs of bartender fees and room cleanup). Dinner/Bunko fees must be paid to Chuck/Joyce Sathre no later than Wednesday, January 20, 2016. Make checks payable to Chuck or Joyce Sathre and they can be delivered in person or mailed to P.O. Box 141, Fair Oaks, CA 95628. There will be no refunds for the Spaghetti Dinner after January 20th. Flyers with Bunco Night information were placed on each table during the meeting.

April 2, 2016 – RCCS Fund Raiser – Robert Ramirez: Robert indicated that work on the 2016 RCCS major fundraiser has begun. The donation letter the RCCS sends out to merchants in the area will be prepared and sent out sometime in January. Robert asked for volunteers to work on a committee to organize this event. If you are interested in volunteering to work on this event please contact Ron Kayl.

April 11-13, 2016 – Monterey Run – Ron Kayl: Ron and Jeanie Kayl are organizing a run to the Monterey area. This run is planned as a Monday-Wednesday run taking in the sights of Monterey. They are looking to get a preliminary idea of the amount of interest in this run. The run may include a tour of former movie sets in the Monterey area and may possibly include lunch at the Tap Room at Pebble Beach. The run is still in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming.

April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Peter Bradt: Peter spoke briefly about all the events going on at the Monterey Grand Prix event including the opportunity to take a peek at the 2017 mid-engine Chevrolet Corvette Zora ZR1, which will be on display during this weekend. This event is still in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming.

July 10-11, 2016 - Ralph Pockress: Ralph announced that he and Bill Abbey will again be organizing the 2016 Ashland, Oregon run. The event will include lodging at the Ashland Springs Hotel and may be extended to 4-5 days. This event did not make the 2016 events calendar so he wanted to make sure everyone knows about it and can add it to their calendar. The event is still in the planning stages. More information will be made available in the coming months.

September 24-25, 2016 – Fall Colors Run - Rudy Antonucci: Rudy is organizing his annual Fall Colors Run and asked for a show of hands of those interested in participating in this event to assist him with determining the amount of lodging he needs to secure. Preliminary itinerary includes travel from Sacramento to Minden, Nevada on Saturday, overnight accommodations will be at the Carson Valley Inn (This location houses a casino and full service restaurant. Rooms will cost approximately \$105 per night), breakfast on Sunday, then travel to the Bridgeport/Twin Lakes area to take in all the fall colors. The participants will enjoy lunch in Bridgeport before heading home. This run is also still in the planning stages and more information will be forthcoming.

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 \$325. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$155, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$75. Glenn Carlisle was the lucky winner of \$35 and John Reese was the lucky winner of \$40.

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

2016 RCCS Member Event Calendars - John Klunder: The calendars are published and available for distribution. John acknowledged and thanked RCCS Club sponsors John and Val McMichael for generously covering the cost of production of the calendars again this year for the RCCS. The RCCS is very lucky to have such wonderful sponsors!! The calendars were distributed to all members in attendance. RCCS President Robert Ramirez will bring the remaining calendars to the RCCS Christmas Dinner on December 5, 2015, in the hopes of getting them to those members who were unable to attend tonight's meeting. Contact Robert if you were unable to pick up your calendar at either event.

Corvette of the Month – John Klunder: John announced the December 2015 Corvette of the Month winners as Chuck and Joyce Sathre. John presented them with a magazine cover type photograph in a beautiful oak frame of their 2003 50th anniversary, torch red, six-speed Corvette. The Sathre's have been RCCS members since 1994 and have been very active as RCCS officers, event chairpersons and sponsors of various events and runs including the infamous Topless Full-Moon run and the annual Bunko Night. Congratulations Chuck and Joyce!!

Mike and Sharon Condon volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate January birthdays. Robert Ramirez welcomed the Condon's back to the RCCS monthly meetings and noted they recently moved back to California from Idaho.

Anne Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by John Klunder. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler, Secretary

Happy January Birthdays. Jennifer Barrington 1/22, Mary Bartella 1/13, John Cicotte 1/21, Ed Dunbar 1/16, Carol Klunder 1/20, Ann Petrie 1/14, Dodie Pockress 1/5 and Robert Ramirez 1/11.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Stelters, Schneiders, Dunbars, McMichaels, Sathres, Mounces, Keri Berkler, Brunellies, Klunders, Masons, Bradts (4), Butlers, Gibsons. Perties and Yates'.

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!