



River City Corvettes of Sacramento

February 2016 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 Mar 3, 2016.

President Robert Ramirez' Message

We had another great meeting with lots of interaction. We had 7 presenters discussing great runs, ranging from zip lining to running your mighty stallions on the Laguna Seca race track. Now how cool is that? I want to welcome John & Jan Nelson and Pat Sabot as they were voted in last night. When you see them, introduce yourself and give a big RCCS welcome. Keep our fund raiser in mind. When you are out getting your hair cut, back cracked or nails done, ask your person if they would like to donate their services to our club. Every little bit helps. So, until I see you again--- stay safe and have a great month!

Robert out

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

Hi Fellow members. At the meeting there was a lot of information about all the fun runs coming up. If anyone has any questions about the run you may be interested in contact the sponsor of the event or get a in touch with me for answers. Looks like a very fun spring. Drive safely,

Ron

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (February 4, 2016)

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 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 January 7, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Patti Herberger to recognize and approve the January 7, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2nd by Jim Bartylla.

Robert then recognized and thanked Secretary Keri Berkler for her outstanding work both during the meetings and afterwards in documenting all the information put forth at the monthly meetings and for her timely preparation of the final minutes which she forwards to Jim Bjornsen for editing/publishing. Robert also recognized and thanked Jim Bjornsen for all his dedication and hard work facilitating the production, editing and distribution of the monthly minutes to all our members in a super timely manner. These two individual put in a significant number of hours making sure everyone is kept informed and I want them to know their work is appreciated.

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 5 members having a birthday in February. Rosie introduced prospective members John and Jan Nelson, who currently own a 2002 Corvette and previously had a 1995 Corvette. John and Jan are both retired. In addition to their love of Corvettes, they also are active RV'ers and own a Harley Davidson trike. They have attended prior meetings and participated in the Golf Balls and Meatballs and Bunko events held earlier this month. A vote for membership was taken and John and Jan were welcomed as new members. Rosie also introduced prospective member Patricia Sabot who has a 1964 Corvette convertible. Patricia is retired, owns horses, and recently moved to the Sacramento area from Brentwood. She has attended prior meetings and also participated in the Golf Balls and Meatballs event. A vote for membership was taken and Patricia was welcomed as new member of the RCCS. Rosie also recognized first time visitor, Bob Blum, a friend and guest of John and Carol Cicotte, who has a brand new 2016 Race Yellow Corvette Z06. Finally, Rosie thanked Jim and Mary Bartylla for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the February birthdays.

Ed Dunbar announced that he has been in contact with Diana Schneider and she is recovering from her emergency gall bladder surgery earlier this month. Ed read a short letter Diana wrote to the RCCS membership expressing her appreciation for all the cards, well wishes, and the beautiful flowers the RCCS sent her after her surgery.

Past Events:

January 16, 2016 – Golf Balls and Meat Balls – Paul Regnier/John Klunder: This event was held at Monster Mini Golf in Rancho Cordova, and featured an exciting indoor, monster themed, glow in the dark 18 hole miniature golf course. After golf, the participants enjoyed a group lunch at the Old Spaghetti Factory. There were 31 participants at this event. Bill Vasile and Mike Condon tied for the lowest scores for the men and Mary Bartylla earned the lowest score for the women. Prospective member Jan Nelson was recognized for earning the high score of the day.

January 30, 2016 – Bunko – Chuck/Joyce Sathre: The RCCS Bunco Night event was held at the Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge. The 65 participants enjoyed a buffet spaghetti dinner before playing five rounds of Bunko. Four people tied for having the most “Bunkos” and after a dice roll-off, Rich Whitmire was deemed the over-all winner. Sandy Ramirez was recognized for having earned the highest score. Cash prizes were given out to several high scorers and a bottle of wine was given to Joan Mason, the person with the lowest score. Joyce expressed her appreciation to all those who brought tables, helped set-up and/or take down, and to those who brought desserts to share with everyone.

Raffle – Round One: The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Jeanie Kayl and Sandy Ramirez graciously volunteered to be the “Vannas” for the evening. There were a total of 17 gifts donated.

Upcoming Events:

February 20, 2016 – Bowling & Pizza – Jerry Neil/Terrie (Hunt) Neil: The event was CANCELLED due to a lack of interest.

March 31, 2016 – Brentwood Lunch Run – Ron/Jeanie Kayl: This is a Thursday run. Participants will meet at Wendy's Hamburgers (in the Home Depot parking lot), 1471 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832, at 10 a.m. The group will travel along the banks of the Sacramento River to the community of Brentwood for a relaxing lunch at Caps Oak Street Bar & Grill, 144 Oak Street, Brentwood, CA 94513, (925) 634-1025, (www.capsrestaurant.com). Caps Oak Street Bar & Grill is a landmark in the community of Brentwood noted for timeless elegance, great cuisine and superior service. Lunch options include a choice of Angel Hair Pasta Pomodoro, Chicken Picatta, Tri-tip or Salmon. Lunch includes bread/butter, house salad, coffee or tea. Cost for lunch is \$20 per person including taxes and gratuity. Payment for lunch must be received by March 15, 2016. Contact Ron or Jeanie Kayl for more information (916) 371-5596. Flyers with additional information were placed on the tables at the meeting.

April 2, 2016 – RCCS Fund Raiser – Ron Kayl: Ron advised the 2016 RCCS major fundraiser will be a Crab Feed and it will be held in the large room at the Dante Club. Robert advised the crab will be fresh, not frozen. The alternate meal will be chicken breast with a lemon caper and herb sauce. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tables of ten persons will cost \$375. Cocktails will start at 5 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. The event will also include a 50-50 raffle, Chinese auction, silent auction and a live auction. For additional information please contact Ron Kayl (916) 371-5596 or Robert Ramirez (925) 348-1915. To obtain tickets for this event contact Rick Sutter (415) 999-5511. Ron recognized Glenn and Mary Lou Carlisle, Darrell and LaRee Brunelli, and John and Kathleen Reese and expressed his sincere appreciation to them for addressing, stamping and mailing 252 letters soliciting donations from business in the area. Jerry & Terrie (Hunt) Neil announced they will be donating a television to the event. Flyers were placed on the tables.

April 11-13, 2016 – Monterey Run – Ron Kayl: This run is planned as a Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday run. Lodging will be at Casa Munras Garden Hotel and Spa, 700 Munras Avenue, Monterey CA, 93940; (831) 375-2411, (www.hotelcasamunras.com). Located in the heart of picturesque Old Town Monterey, the historic Casa Munras Garden Hotel & Spa holds the distinction of being the first hotel in Monterey. True to its Spanish heritage, the hacienda-inspired design of this charming property embraces the California outdoors with relaxed, expansive grounds, creating a captivating environment for warm, welcoming accommodations. The hotel has carefully woven historical elegance with modern day services and amenities which include the Esteban Restaurant, full-service Day Spa, Spa Garden, heated outdoor pool, fitness facility, DVD library, and free high-speed wireless throughout the facility. The facility is also pet friendly. Room rates will run \$157.23 per night (including taxes and fees). Participants will have two options for group-oriented fun on Tuesday. The first is a bus tour provided by Monterey Movie Tours, (800)343-6437, (www.montereymovietours.com). The tour will wind through Monterey, Pacific Grove and Carmel and include stops along the stunning 17-MILE DRIVE® in Pebble Beach. The three-hour adventure takes place aboard a customized luxury motor coach with high-back seats, overhead video screens and personal headsets. As you glide past sites made famous on the big screen, you'll hear behind-the-scenes stories of Hollywood glamour. This tour will also include lunch at the Tap Room at Pebble Beach. The cost of this tour is \$73 per person and must be paid in advance. There are only 33 seats available and participation will be on a first come/first serve basis if more than 33 people express interest. Pick up will be at 10 a.m. and it is expected the tour will end at approximately 2:15 p.m. The second option will be a behind-the-scenes tour through the famed Monterey Bay Aquarium, 886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA, 93940, (831) 648-4800, (www.montereybayaquarium.org). This tour will last approximately 1½ hours and will cost approximately \$60 per person. The Kayl's have also planned a group dinner at The Sardine Factory, 701 Wave Street, Monterey, CA 93940, (831) 373-3775, (www.sardinefactory.com) and they have made arrangements for round-trip transportation between the hotel and the restaurant for 33 participants at \$15 per person. If you have any questions or require additional information about this run, please contact Ron or Jeanie Kayl at (916) 371-5596 or email at r.kayl@sbcglobal.net. Flyers with additional information were placed on each table.

April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Peter Bradt: This is a Thursday- Friday-Saturday-Sunday event. Peter said this is a first-time official RCCS run and it is expected to be a “gearheads delight”. Participants will meet at the McDonald's Restaurant, 8940 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA, 95831,

9:00 a.m. The group will depart at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be at the Dona Ester Mexican Restaurant, 25 Franklin Street, San Juan Bautista, CA, 95045, (831) 623-2518. Lodging will be at the Laurel Inn and Conference Center, 801 West Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA, 93906, (831) 449-2474, (www.laurelinnmotel.com/contact.htm). Room cost is \$85 per night and includes a continental breakfast. There will be a "Pot Luck Meet & Greet" (BYOB and munchie to share) at 5:00 p.m. Ticket pricing/information can be found at www.mazdaraceway.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/uscc_ticket_prices_11.5.15_web.pdf. Peter passed out a flyer containing a significant amount of information on all of the scheduled events happening on all four days, including dates, times, locations, pricing, and contact information for each event. Contact Peter Bradt for more information at (530) 271-1132.

Rick Sutter announced the Western States Corvette Council has announced there will be two additional events on Monday, May 2, 2016, at Laguna Seca. The first is a "Taste of the Track" which will cost \$100 per person and include 2 spirited 20 minute sessions on the track and lunch for the driver. The second, sponsored by Hooked on Corvettes, will cost \$309 per person and consist of five 20 minute hot laps in groups designated for beginners, intermediate and advanced drivers and lunch for the driver. For more information, contact Rick Sutter (415) 999-5511.

May 15-17, 2016 – San Simeon Run – Dan and Cathy Quigg/Kerry and Kathy Greene: This is a Sunday-Monday-Tuesday run. Participants will be stopping at the famed Casa De Fruita, 10021 Pacheco Pass Highway, Hollister, CA 95023, (408 842-7282), (www.casadefruita.com) for shopping and snacks and will enjoy lunch at the Firestone Walker Brewing Company, 1400 Ramada Drive, Paso Robles, CA 93446, (805) 225-5911, (www.firestonebeer.com), before arriving in San Simeon. Lodging will be at the Best Western Plus Cavalier Oceanfront Resort, located at 9415 Hearst Drive, San Simeon, CA, 93452, (805) 927-4688, (www.cavalierresort.com). This 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. A block of 25 rooms are reserved which includes ocean view rooms @ \$179 per night and standard rooms @ \$144 per night. Some rooms have fireplaces and there are fire pits on the beach. When calling for reservations make sure you tell them you are with the RCCS. If there is any question, tell them it is at the AAA rate. Downstairs rooms have been requested, but you can make changes if you would like at the time you make your reservation. There will be a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception at the hotel on Sunday evening. Monday is open for the participants to take in the many sights in the area including Hearst Castle, the town of Cambria, the coastline and many wineries. It is anticipated participants will gather for a banquet dinner on Monday. Contact Kerry Greene (916) 769-5114 or Dan Quigg (650) 533-3932 for additional information about this run. Flyers with additional information were placed on each table.

June 11, 2016 – Zip Line Adventure Day Run – Dave Bull/Don Hess: Participants will meet at the Carl's Jr. restaurant, 3776 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 646-9930, at 8 a.m. The run will commence at 8:30 a.m. The group will enjoy lunch at Negres Original Occidental Italian Style Family Restaurant, 3700 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA 95465, (707) 874-0301, (www.negrisrestaurant.com). After lunch, participants will travel to Sonoma Canopy Tours, 6250 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA 95465, (888) 494-7868, (www.sonomacanopytours.com) for approximately 2½ hours of fun, zipping over and through majestic Redwood forests while taking in breathtaking views, all the while fitted with a specially designed harness attaching you to a zip line. Sonoma Canopy Tours offers two levels of zip lining thrills; the Classic Course (recommended for first-timers) and the Challenger Course, which contains the longest zip line and multiple bridges and rappel options. There is a 250 weight limit for zip line participation. The cost is \$90 per person. A minimum of 8 participants is required to facilitate this run. In order to secure reservations, payment must be received by Don Hess at or before the RCCS meeting on Thursday, April 7, 2016. Make checks payable to Don Hess. If mailing, send checks to Don at 2142 Gold Claims Court, Gold River, CA 95670. Don (916) 631-7288. Flyers with additional information were placed on each table.

Rick Sutter owns a cabin near the Russian River approximately 30 minute drive from Sonoma Canopy Tours and has offered to host a BYOB cocktail party there for those participants who would like to stop by after an afternoon of adventure. Rick's cabin is located at 10401 Colfax Avenue, Guerneville, CA, 95446, (707) 604-7481.

July 17-19, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress: Ralph announced that the dates for this run have changed. The run was originally scheduled for July 10-11, 2016. The anticipated dates of the run are now July 17-19, 2016. The run may be extended to 4-5 days. A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at the Ashland Springs Hotel, 212 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon, 97520, (www.ashlandsspringshotel.com). Toll free reservation line is (888) 795-4545 and the group booking number is (541) 488-1700. Room rates are \$179 for a king bed and \$159 for a queen bed. Be sure to tell them you are with the RCCS. Reservations must be made by June 17, 2016. This event did not make the 2016 RCCS events calendar so make sure you add it to your calendar. The event is still in the planning stages. More information will be made available in the coming months.

Raffle – Round Two: The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$335. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$165, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$82. Richard Whitmire and Sue Facciola were the lucky winners of \$41 each.

Jokester of the Month – Betty Mastro: Betty shared three jokes with the membership. The first was about a couple who wanted to get married in heaven and it took Saint Peter 3 months to find a priest, the second was about a husband

caressing his wife's body while looking for the remote control, and the third was a lengthy discussion on the scientific and not-so-scientific names of common drugs, with a specific concentration on those drugs related to erectile dysfunction.

Corvette of the Month – John Klunder: John announced the February 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as John and Carol Cicotte. John presented the couple with a Valentine themed Corvette of the Month photo picturing their 2010 Crystal Red Grand Sport against a background of puffy pink, red and white hearts in a cream-colored frame. This car, which they picked up at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, was a replacement for their 2005 red coupe. When asked what modifications they've made to the car, John said he bought a Toro blower, (which he uses to blow-dry his Corvette after washing it!) John and Carol have been RCCS members since 2005. Congratulations John and Carol!

Ralph Pockress volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate March birthdays.

Anne Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Patti Herberger. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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.

REMINDER: All persons who would like to make presentations or discuss upcoming events and/or runs during the general membership meetings need to contact Patti Herberger the week prior to the meeting allowing her time to add them to the agenda prior to the meeting date.

Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler, Secretary

Happy March Birthdays. Doug Campbell 3/5, Mary Lou Carlisle 3/26, Sharon Condon 3/8, Ron Edsall 3/22, Jerry Neil 3/1, Gary Johnson 3/13, Keith Little 3/15 and Cyndee Reed 3/4.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: the DeCaros, Mounces, Hinchmans, McMichaels, Carlisles, Bradts, Sathres, Butlers, Harris's, Whitmires, Dohertys, Masons, Klunders and Neils.

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!