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## River City Corvettes of Sacramento March 2016 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 April 7, 2016.**

### **President Robert Ramirez' Message**

It's hard to believe but April 2nd is fast approaching and it is our main fund raiser. As you all know, it's a lot of work and we still could use a little help. If you would like to donate a little time, please get in touch with Ron Kayl. For those artsy folks, bring in your arts and crafts to be showcased. And for our club bakers, your cakes and goodies are always a great hit and can be a great desert for someone's table.

Although we had another great meeting, it had a difficult start. I had to speak to the passing of two great "family" members, Jim Bjornsen and Bill Cassidy. Jim had been a member since 02 and Bill since 09. They will be missed. So, my thought to us all is to not worry too much about the small stuff. Shake your friend's hand and give your honey a big hug, as things can change in an instant. Stay safe and have a great month.

Robert

### **Vice President Ron Kayl's Message**

Hi, the past several weeks have given us all some sad times. The rain, we need so badly, is back and we have some fun events coming up. So let us all put a smile on our faces and enjoy the wonderful world around us.

Ron

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (March 3, 2016)**

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

Robert spoke briefly about the unexpected passing of our friends and long-time RCCS members Jim Bjornsen and Bill Cassidy during the month of February. During these sad times it is important to tell those we know and love how much they mean to us and to cherish all that we have. Rest in peace Jim and Bill, you both will be seriously missed.

Robert expressed to the membership that he is trying to keep the meetings running as efficiently as possible and is ever mindful of the length of each meeting. Having said that, he recognizes that the club is very active and, as a result, the meetings have had a larger number of presenters sharing a significant amount of information about upcoming runs. He will continue to manage the length of the meetings as best as possible, but please bear with the process if the meetings happen to go longer than one hour.

**Corrections/Additions to Prior Meeting Minutes - Robert Ramirez:** Robert asked if anyone had any corrections and/or additions to the February 4, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Patti Herberger to recognize and approve the February 4, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rick Sutter.

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

**Visitors and New Members – Patti Herberger:** Patti wished a happy birthday to the 8 members having a birthday in March. Patti introduced first-time visitors and prospective members John and Kathy Cox, and recognized second time visitor and prospective member Bob Blum.

Chuck and Joyce Sathre advised the membership they had recently spoken with Rosie Bjornsen. Rosie contacted them and asked them to say a few words on her behalf. Rosie wanted to express her gratitude for all the cards, calls and other expressions of sympathy and friendship sent to her and her family subsequent to the passing of her husband Jim. Rosie asked the Sathre's to bring the guest book from Jim's celebration of life and provide the membership the opportunity to sign it if they did not get the opportunity to do so at the service. Joyce acknowledged it has been a very difficult year for

the RCCS family with the passing of several members. She talked about how as long-time members, the RCCS is like a family to her and Chuck, and as a family we need to look out for one another and support each other at times like these.

#### **Past Events: None**

**Raffle – Round One:** The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Connie Gaustad and Roberta Hinchman graciously volunteered to be the “Vannas” for the evening. There were a total of 11 gifts donated.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**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](http://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. So far 24 cars have signed up to participate in this event.

**April 2, 2016 – RCCS Fund Raiser – Robert Ramirez/Ron Kayl:** The 2016 RCCS major fundraiser will be a Crab Feed and it will be held in the large room at the Dante Club. The alternate meal will be chicken breast with a lemon caper and herb sauce. Tickets are \$40 per person. Tables of ten persons cost \$375. **The cutoff date to purchase tickets to this event is March 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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. There will also be a baked goods auction which will be coordinated by Barbara Stelter. Barbara passed around a sign-up sheet and asked all those who will be bringing baked goods to please sign up tonight or contact her so she can add you to the list. 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. If you are paying by check, please make your check payable to “RCCC”. If you are mailing a check please make sure you send it directly to Rick Sutter at his home address and not the RCCS mailbox.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org)). This tour will last approximately 1½ hours. Entry to the Aquarium will cost \$34.95. The behind-the-scene tour will cost an additional \$13. 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](http://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](mailto:r.kayl@sbcglobal.net). Flyers with additional information were placed on each table. So far 7 cars, (14 people) have signed up to participate in this event.

**April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca – Robert Ramirez for Peter Bradt:** This is a Thursday-Friday-Saturday-Sunday event. 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.laurelinnhotel.com/contact.htm](http://www.laurelinnhotel.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](http://www.mazdaraceway.com/sites/main/files/file-attachments/uscc_ticket_prices_11.5.15_web.pdf). A significant amount of information about this run has been posted on the RCCS website. Contact Peter Bradt for more information at (530) 271-1132. Robert advised that if you have purchased tickets, those tickets will be sent out in next week or two. He also indicated there are rooms still available.

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](http://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](http://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](http://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. As of tonight's meeting, there are only one or two rooms still available. Also, if you make your reservations after tonight, PLEASE contact Kerry Greene and let him know you are planning to attend and have booked a room, so he can update his participant's roster.

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. Participants will gather for a banquet dinner on Monday at the hotel. The banquet will offer steak and chicken, steak and salmon or a vegetarian entrée and will cost \$45 per person. Payment for the banquet is required in advance. Cathy Quigg will coordinate the banquet and will bring additional information to next month's meeting. For additional information contact Kerry Greene (916) 769-5114 or Dan/Cathy Quigg (650) 533-3932.

**May 20, 2016 – Mitchell Winery Run – Yates/Petrie:** This event has been postponed. New dates for this event have not been announced.

**June 4, 2016 – Golden Gate Fields – Robert/Sandy Ramirez:** Robert announced he and Sandy are again coordinating a Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. This run will take place on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and will include Turf Club Premium seating, all you can eat at the Turf Club Buffet and reserved parking. Participation will cost \$45, in advance. More information about this run will be provided at the next meeting.

**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](http://www.negrisrestaurant.com)). After lunch, participants will travel to Sonoma Canopy Tours, 6250 Bohemian Highway, Occidental, CA 95465, (888) 494-7868, ([www.sonomacanopytours.com](http://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. Please note on the check which course you want to participate in.

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.

**June 24-26, 2016 – Rogue River Jet Boat Run - Grants Pass, Oregon – Barbara Stelter/Rick Sutter:** This is a Friday-Saturday-Sunday run. Lodging will be at The Lodge at Riverside, 955 SE 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, 877-955-0600, ([www.thelodgeatriverside.com](http://www.thelodgeatriverside.com)). The Lodge at Riverside is located along the banks of the scenic Rogue

River, just 2 miles from Interstate 5, in downtown Grants Pass. The central location is convenient to Hellgate Jetboat Excursions, downtown shopping, Historic G Street and Applegate & Rogue Valley wineries. Day trips to Crater Lake National Park and the Oregon Caves National Monument are easily accessible. The Lodge at Riverside offers oversized guestrooms and suites, most with private patios or balconies facing the Rogue River. All rooms feature pillow top beds with feather duvets, robes, irons and ironing boards, hairdryers, coffee makers, and refrigerators. Complimentary parking, wireless Internet, flat screen cable TV with HBO and local phone calls are also included. All rooms are air conditioned. All accommodations include an evening wine & cheese reception, fresh baked cookies and a full breakfast daily. Sixteen rooms have been reserved for the RCCS, including 8 kings with river view @ \$175 per night, plus tax; 5 kings with no river view for \$137 per night plus tax, and 3 double queen rooms with no river view @ \$137 per night plus tax. Make sure you tell the reservation staff you are part of the RCCS when making your reservations. On Saturday, participants may choose to enjoy a thrilling jet boat ride up the Rogue River via Hellgate Jetboat Excursions, 966 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, 97526, (800) 648-4874, ([www.hellgate.com](http://www.hellgate.com)). This is a 5½ hour, 75-mile round trip excursion from Grants Pass to Grave Creek. The trip back will include a stop lunch at Morrison's Lodge near the majestic Rogue River. 32 seats have been reserved. This excursion will cost \$69 per person, and advance payment is required. Please pay Rick Sutter or Barbara Stelter by May 5<sup>th</sup>, if you plan on participating in this excursion.

**July 3, 2016 – Sacramento River Cats vs. the Albuquerque Isotopes – Robert/Sandy Ramirez:** Robert indicated he had been contacted by the Sacramento River Cats organization about the RCCS attending a baseball game on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and participating in a mini-car show where members would park their Corvettes in a reserved area near the front of the ballpark. This is a night game starting around 5:00 p.m. and includes fireworks after the game. Tickets would cost \$26. Additional information about this event will be provided at the next meeting.

**July 17-19, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress:** This is a Sunday-Monday-Tuesday run with the potential to 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](http://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 \$315. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$145, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$72.00. Terrie Hunt and Darlene Harris were the lucky winners of \$36.00 each.

**Jokester of the Month – Ed Dunbar:** Ed shared four jokes with the membership. The first was about a chicken farmer who went for a drink at the local watering hole to celebrate his fertile hens; the second was about how long it takes to walk after getting circumcised; the third was about the view an ER doctor had after a woman sat on a freshly varnished toilet seat; and the last was about a diagnostic computer at Costco.

**Corvette of the Month – John Klunder:** John announced the March 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Bill and Karen Vasile. John presented Karen with a wood-framed picture of Bill and Karen with their black 2012 Centennial Edition ZO6 on a green computer matrix (Bill is a computer guy and the RCCS Webmaster) with a dragon tattoo. Karen is truly "the girl with the dragon tattoo" and is a Black Sash practitioner of Kung-Fu. She is currently a Nursing Supervisor for Kaiser and a past Secretary for the RCCS. Bill and Karen have been RCCS members since 2009. Congratulations Bill and Karen!

Robert thanked Ralph Pockress for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the March birthdays. It was noted that Dodie is at home recovering from a recent surgery on her shoulder.

Kerry and Kathy Greene volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate April birthdays.

Anne Dunbar made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Gaustad. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 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 April Birthdays to:** Bill Benner 4/15, Dianne Burnett 4/3, Marty Farnetti 4/24, Robert Hinchman 4/7, Carolyn Marchand 4/28, Richard Mastro 4/10, Julie Menzies 4/14, Jan Nelson 4/6, Sandy Ramirez 4/20, Paul Regnier 4/17, and Bess Turrell 4/17.

**Thanks to Raffle Donors:** Don & Susan Hess, Ed & Anne Dunbar, Sue Facciola, Terrie Hunt & Jerry Neil, Chuck & Joyce Sathre, James & Brenda Mounce, Gaylord & Kelly Barrington, Bill & Karen Vasile, Tom & Patty Doherty, Patrick & Janet Butler and John & Carol Klunder.

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](http://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!