



River City Corvettes of Sacramento

April 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 May 5, 2016.**

President Robert Ramirez' Message

We had our Crab Feed Fund Raiser this last weekend. I want to thank all of our hard working volunteers and especially Ron and Jeanie. They spent many hours putting this event together, had it extremely well organized and as a result it was a great success.

Although the election of officers is several months away, I would like to encourage our members to consider running for one of the four positions. At this time Ron Kayl is running for president. However, if you are interested in running for President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer, simply send me an email and let me know which position.

As always, our meetings are fun, full of energy, lots of interaction, upcoming run announcements and new guests. Our jokesters, Bette Mastro and Ed Dunbar, are always one of the highlights of the meeting and, without a doubt, entertaining. Bette, you should have been a stand-up. That's it for now. Have a safe and successful month. Robert

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

Hi All Members,

We had a very good Crab Feed last Saturday. The crab was really good and we had a good number of donations. I think from the comments I got everyone had a good time. Thanks again to all the people who helped. The Cap's lunch was very tasty as always, and the drive to Cap's green and beautiful. We have a number of fun things coming up, I hope everyone can find a run they will enjoy. Have a safe and fun April. Ron

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (April 7, 2016)

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 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 March 3, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Anne Dunbar to recognize and approve the March 3, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2nd by Rick Sutter.

Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter: The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and was recognized by the membership. Rick stated he felt this year's crab feed ran smoother than any other year since he joined the RCCS. He thought it important to mention that most of the work for the crab feed was accomplished by a group of members, all of whom have been with the RCCS for 3 years or less. Rick wanted to commend all involved for a job well done.

Visitors and New Members – Patti Herberger: Patti wished a happy birthday to the 11 members having a birthday in April. Patti introduced first-time visitors/perspective members Mark and Natalya Norton and Ken and Lisa Vernon; second-time visitors/perspective members John and Kathy Cox and recognized third-time visitor/prospective member Bob Blum. Bob was given the opportunity to introduce himself to the club. Bob owns a yellow 2016 Z06 convertible Corvette and is looking for a Corvette club that is really active. A vote of the attending members was taken and Bob was voted in as a new member. Welcome to the RCCS Bob!

Election of Officers for 2016-2017 – Robert Ramirez: Robert reminded the attendees that the election of new officers will be coming up in August 2016. All four officer positions are open for members to consider. If anyone is interested in running for any of the four officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer), please send Robert an email to let him know you are interested and what position you are interested in running for. Ron Kayl has indicated he will be running for the President position, anyone else interested in running for the position is welcome.

Two-for One Runs – Robert Ramirez: Robert reiterated the RCCS' policy as it relates to two-for-one runs. He wanted everyone to know that there is a line item of \$700 in the yearly budget for this and anyone who is planning on putting on a run and would like some financial assistance from the RCCS can submit a request to the President to be considered. In

submitting your request be sure to include all of the circumstances and details of your run and why you are requesting consideration. **Any run approved for two-for-one consideration must conduct a 50/50 raffle during the run to help the club offset some of the funds expended.**

Past Events:

March 31, 2016 – Brentwood Lunch Run – Ron/Jeanie Kayl: Thirty-three Corvettes traveled along the banks of the Sacramento River to the community of Brentwood for a relaxing lunch at Caps Oak Street Bar & Grill. The weather was sunny and warm, the river was running high, the landscape was a lush spring green and the food at Caps was wonderful. All in all, it was a great day and great run.

April 2, 2016 – RCCS Fund Raiser – Ron/Jeanie Kayl: The 2016 RCCS Crab Feed was held in the large room at the Dante Club. 145 persons attended the event. The crab tasted fresh and was plentiful. The alternate meal was a half chicken prepared in a lemon caper and herb sauce. Cocktails started at 5 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. The event included a 50-50 raffle, Chinese auction, dessert auction and a silent auction. The auctions earned approximately \$2,670 for the RCCS. Ron thanked those members who assisted him and his wife Jeanie with all aspects of preparing for and setting up this event. He felt it went very well and was an event to be proud of.

Robert indicated he felt Ron and Jeanie Kayl did an outstanding job organizing the Crab Feed this year and their extensive planning efforts paid off as the event went off without a hitch. Robert congratulated Ron and Jeanie for a job well done. Robert also expressed his appreciation to all those members who assisted with the event.

Raffle – Round One: The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. LaRee Brunelli and Mary Lou Carlisle graciously volunteered to be the “Vannas” for the evening. There were a total of 15 gifts donated.

Upcoming Events:

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). 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. 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. 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). Participants will meet at Wendy's, 1471 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, CA 95832, (916) 391-9891 at 9:30 a.m. and the run will commence at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Ron or Jeanie Kayl at (916) 371-5596 or email at r.kayl@sbcglobal.net.

April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca –Peter Bradt: This is a Thursday-Monday 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.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. 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. 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 about these two events, 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. 25 rooms have been booked. The Best Western is holding 2 additional rooms open in case anyone else is interested. Ocean view rooms @ \$179 per night and standard rooms @ \$144 per night. Some rooms have fireplaces and there are fire pits on the beach. There will be a BYOB 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 group dinner on Monday in the Cavalier Hotel private dining room. The dinner 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 and should be sent to Dan Quigg along with your choice of dinner entrée no later than April 28th.** For additional information contact Kerry/Kathy Greene (916) 769-5114 or Dan/Cathy Quigg (650) 533-3932.

June 4, 2016 – Golden Gate Fields – Robert/Sandy Ramirez: The Ramirez's are again coordinating a Day at the Races at Golden Gate Fields. This run will take place on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 and will include Turf Club Premium Seating, all you can eat at the Turf Club Buffet, valet/reserved parking, official racing program, Winner Circle privileges for 6-8 participants, and a group welcome on the infield tote board, in the racing program and by the track announcer. **Participation will cost \$47, in advance.** Golden Gate Fields is located at 1100 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, California 94710, (510) 559-7300, (www.goldengatefields.com). Contact Robert Ramirez for more information. A flyer containing additional information was placed on all tables.

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. Rick Sutter owns a cabin near the Russian River, an approximate 30-minute drive from Sonoma Canopy Tours and has offered to host a cocktail party there for those participants who would like to stop by after an afternoon of adventure. Rick will provide some beer/wine and asked participants to bring an hors d'oeuvre, if possible. 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 7th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, (877)955-0600, (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 6th Street, Grants Pass, Oregon, 97526, (800) 648-4874, (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 for lunch at Morrison's Lodge. 32 seats have been reserved. **This excursion costs \$69 per person and advance payment is required. Please pay Rick Sutter by May 5, 2016.** A flyer with additional information was placed on all the tables.

July 3, 2016 – Sacramento River Cats vs. the Albuquerque Isotopes – Robert/Sandy Ramirez: This event has been cancelled.

July 17-20, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress: This is a Sunday-Wednesday. Participants will depart Sacramento and travel to Ashland, Oregon where they will stay at the Ashland Springs Hotel. The Ashland Springs Hotel originally opened its doors in 1925, and today this lovely hotel continues to offer first-class hospitality to those who are drawn by business, the arts or the area's natural beauty. The Ashland Springs Hotel is the perfect getaway for your personal retreat or as a home base for regional excursions. The beautifully restored landmark hotel is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a member of the Historic Hotels of America. Nearby attractions and activities include: Oregon Cabaret Theater, Lithia park, winery and gallery tours, skiing and snowboarding, golf, fishing, tax-free

shopping, dining, and pampering at the nearby Waterstone Spa. The hotel is located at 212 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon, 97520, (www.ashlandspringshotel.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, group/contract #801836. **Reservations must be made by June 17th.** On Monday, July 18th, the group will have the opportunity to enjoy a dinner and a theatrical performance of "CHICAGO" at the Oregon Cabaret Theatre, 241 Hargadine Street, Ashland, Oregon, 97520, (541) 488-2902, (www.theoregoncabaret.com) which is walking distance from the hotel and is southern Oregon's premiere theatre and dining experience. **The cost for the dinner/show is \$68 single/\$136 per couple. Reservations must be made by June 17, 2016 and paid in advance.** On Tuesday, July 19th, participants will travel to "the adventure coast" where they will stay at The Mill Casino Hotel, 3201 Tremont Avenue, North Bend, Oregon, 97459, 1-800-953-4800, (www.themillcasino.com). This hotel boasts "million-dollar panoramic" views of Coos Bay, a casino, and five unique dining venues. Room rates are \$145 per night. A block of 28 rooms have been reserved for RCCS participants and **reservations must be made before July 5th.** On Wednesday, July 20th, participants will travel back to Ashland and spend night at the Ashland Springs Hotel. Room rates remain the same as stated above and reservations can be made under group/contract # 801836. A flyer with additional information was placed on all tables. For additional information, contact Ralph Pockress at (916) 251-7237.

July 27, 2016 – Napoli Culinary Academy – Robert/Sandy Ramirez: Robert indicated he is considering putting on a RCCS group event at the Napoli Culinary Academy and requested a show of hands for those who would be interested in participating. Approximately 20-25 people raised their hands. Napoli is home to Café Napoli Restaurant where lunch, pastries and gourmet coffees are served in addition to an Italian Wine and Beer Bar. The Academy also hosts popular cooking classes in addition to Award-Winning Event Catering. The classes begin with a fun demonstration from the head chef. You then put on your aprons and head to the kitchen where you cook up a storm! When you've finished your masterpiece, you are seated in the dining room and the party begins as the staff serve you the fruits of your labor. Imagine sipping your glass of wine, listening to Italian music, while enjoying the gorgeous dining room, which has been ornately decorated to create the atmosphere of an outdoor cafe in Italy. Café Napoli is located at 1401 Fulton Avenue, Suite B, Sacramento, CA 95825, 916-971-0600, www.napoliculinaryacademy.com. Based on the show of interest, Robert indicated he will pursue organizing this event and provide additional information at a future meeting.

September 30 – October 1 - The Great Race II – Lisa/Hollis McNatt: This event has been cancelled.

Raffle – Round Two: The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$300. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$130 resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$65.00. Joyce Sathre was the lucky winner of both drawings winning \$65.00.

Jokester of the Month – Bette Mastro: Bette shared four jokes with the membership. The first was an explanation of why men are like laxatives. The second related the deep discussions between an atheist and a little girl on an airplane. The third was a story about a father listening to his young daughter saying her goodnight prayers and saying timely goodbyes to her grandparents and father. The fourth was about a discussion between Donald Trump and the leader of Iran about their dreams.

Corvette of the Month – John Klunder: John announced the April 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Rudy and Celeste Antonucci. John presented Rudy and Celeste with a wood-framed picture of them with their yellow 2007 Z06 coupe. Rudy and Celeste have been RCCS members since 1995. They are not Corvette virgins as this is their 4th Corvette. This particular Corvette was once used as the official pace car for the Nevada City Bicycle Races and Rudy indicated he has seen 200 mph on the speedometer! The Antonucci's have organized several runs in the past and are currently organizing the upcoming Fall Colors Run scheduled for September. Rudy is a past RCCS President and currently serves on the RCCS Board of Directors. Congratulations Rudy and Celeste!

Robert thanked Kerry and Kathy Greene for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the April birthdays.

Joe and Teresa Licastro volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate May birthdays.

Patti Herberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Dave Gaustad. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 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,

Happy May Birthdays to: Traci Antonucci 5/10, Craig Burnett 5/9, Carolyn Cassidy 5/22, Gary Duncan 5/14, Colleen Gibson 5/22, Kerry Greene 5/10, Patti Herberger 5/28, Bonnie Holley 5/29, Joe Licastro 5/27, Kathleen Reese 5/25, Morton Richman 5/18, Patricia Sabot 5/29, Chuck Sathre 5/14, Ken Sousa 5/2, and Karen Vasile 5/20.

Thanks to Raffle Donors: Don & Susan Hess, Rod & Barbara Stelter, Anne & Ed Dunbar, Joe and Teresa Licastro, Rich & Nancy Whitmire, Jack & Darlene Harris, Chuck & Joyce Sathre, John & Carol Klunder, John & Val McMichael, Jerry Neil & Terrie Hunt, John & Kathy Reese, Tom & Joan Mason, Steve & Colleen Gibson, and Patrick & Janet Butler.

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!!

RCCS - Officers & Volunteers for 2015/2016			
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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!