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# River City Corvettes of Sacramento

## May 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 June 2, 2016.**

### President Robert Ramirez' Message

The weather is warming up, our cars are, of course, clean and shiny, and we're going on great runs. April had Monterey and Laguna Seca, and May has San Simeon. All are good times for all.

At this time, I'd like to remind everyone that if you have an idea for a run and it's your first time or you would rather have someone else put it on, bring it to the attention of any one of the officers. We'll connect you with someone who can do it or work with you to put it on. It's really easy and a good way to get more involved with the club. It's a win - win for all.

As a reminder, elections are held at the August meeting. Ron Kayl has put his bid in for president, but all positions are open to everyone. If you are interested simply send me an email and let me know which position.

That's it for now, so stay safe and have a great month. Robert

### Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

Setting at my desk watching the rain coming down, beautiful! I will be willing to get my Vette wet for more rain.

Robert mentioned that if anyone has an idea for a run and needs a little help putting it together, get in touch with me. I will help and we will have a little fun along the way.

San Simeon coming up soon to enjoy, and spring is here. Ron

### RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2016)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 April 7, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Patti Herberger to recognize and approve the April 7, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Klunder.

**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 15 members having a birthday in May. Patti introduced Dave and Shila Froehlich. The Froehlich's were members of the RCCS back in 1999. They sold their Corvette and moved from the area. They have returned to the area and would like to re-join the RCCS. They are the proud owners of a Magnetic Red 2015 Corvette Stingray. As former members they are eligible to be voted into membership without having to attend multiple events. As such, a vote was taken and the Froehlich's were granted new membership. Welcome back to the RCCS!

**Election of Officers for 2016-2017 – Robert Ramirez:** Robert reminded the attendees 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. Ron Kayl has indicated he will be running for the President position, anyone else interested in running for the position is welcome.

### **Past Events:**

**April 11-13, 2016 – Monterey Run – Ron Kayl:** Participants in 13 Corvettes departed Sacramento at 10:00 am and stopped at Casa de Fruita for lunch before arriving at the Casa Munrus Garden Hotel and Spa in Monterey. The Kayl's hosted a spirited hospitality hour which included wine, fruit, cold cuts, cheese and guitar music by Sue Facciola. On Tuesday, participants enjoyed either a bus tour provided by Monterey Movie Tours, which included a private lunch at the Tap Room at Pebble Beach, or a behind-the-scenes tour through the famed Monterey Bay Aquarium. On Tuesday evening the Kayl's hosted a group dinner at The Sardine Factory. A notable event occurred on this event; while sitting in the hotel lobby before dinner, Patti and Don Herberger saw Clint Eastwood walk right by them, through the hotel lobby and out to his vehicle.

**April 28- May 1, 2016 – Continental Tires Sports Car Challenge at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca –Peter Bradt:** Participants in 15 Corvettes departed Sacramento early Saturday morning and enjoyed lunch at the Dona Ester Mexican Restaurant in San Juan Bautista before arriving at the Laurel Inn and Conference Center in Salinas. The group met for a "Pot Luck Meet & Greet" Thursday evening. Friday was an open day at the track, Saturday was a big race day, and most of the participants were able to get their Corvettes on the track for some parade laps. Chevrolet put on a big lunch on Saturday. Chevrolet had a big raffle on Saturday and another big raffle on Sunday. Several members of the RCCS group won significant prizes. Glenn Carlisle won a hat autographed by one or more of the C7R drivers. Richard and Anne Petrie won a one-year membership to the Corvette Museum and two passes to go into pits during the races, one of which she passed on to Rick Sutter, because she could not go in with the open-toed shoes she happened to be wearing. Bill Mathews won a 2-day competitive driving course at Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain (\$2,500 value). Peter charmed some of the vendors for 15 S.W.A.G. items (shirts, hats, gift bags, etc.) that he then brought to tonight's meeting to be raffled off to the attending RCCS members.

**Raffle – Round One:** The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Bonnie Bradt and Jeanie Kayl graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening. There were a total of 18 gifts donated.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

**May 15-17, 2016 – San Simeon Run – Dan and Cathy Quigg/Kerry and Kathy Greene:** This is a Sunday-Monday-Tuesday run. Participants will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday at the McDonalds, 8940 Pocket Road, Sacramento, CA 95831, (916) 399-1011. The run will commence at 8:00 a.m. The group will stop 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)). 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 evening 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.** 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:** This run will take place on Saturday. Participants will meet at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant, 3776 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 646-9930 at 10:00 and depart at 10:30. Golden Gate Fields is located at 1100 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, California 94710, (510) 559-7300, ([www.goldengatefields.com](http://www.goldengatefields.com)). Participants will enjoy valet/reserved parking, Turf Club Premium Seating, all you can eat at the Turf Club Buffet, 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.** Robert indicated that as of tonight, 36 members have signed up for this event. Robert encouraged all women attending this event to wear their racing hats! Contact Robert Ramirez for more information.

**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. 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 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 in downtown Grants Pass. 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 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 10, 2016.** There will be a group dinner at a local riverside restaurant on Saturday evening. A flyer with additional information was placed on all the tables.

**July 16, 2016 – Summer BBQ and Dance – Sue Facciola:** Sue and Keri are hosting a summer BBQ and dance party at their home on Saturday July 16, 2016. This is a RCCS member/spouse only event. Because of limited space, they are limiting participation to 75 guests. RSVP is required no later than July 1, 2016. Please contact Sue Facciola at (916) 202-3456, or email her at [kbsf286@frontiernet.net](mailto:kbsf286@frontiernet.net). Additional Information will be provided at a future meeting.

**July 17-20, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress:** (Ralph placed flyers for this event on the tables but was unable to stay for the meeting. This information is being included in the minutes so it is available to the membership even though Ralph did not actually make a presentation during the meeting.) This is a Sunday-Wednesday run. Participants will depart Sacramento on Sunday 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 continues to offer first-class hospitality to those who are drawn by business, the arts or the area's natural beauty. The hotel is located at 212 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon, 97520, ([www.ashlandspringshotel.com](http://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 17<sup>th</sup>.** On Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.themillicasino.com](http://www.themillicasino.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 5<sup>th</sup>.** On Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 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. For additional information, contact Ralph Pockress at (916) 251-7237.

**July 27, 2016 – Napoli Culinary Academy – Robert/Sandy Ramirez:** Robert indicated he is continuing to organize the details of this event, including confirming the date. He will provide further details at a future meeting. 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](http://www.napoliculinaryacademy.com).

**Raffle – Round Two:** The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$340. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$180, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$90.00. Peter Bradt and Jeanie Kayl were the lucky winners of \$45 each.

Robert Ramirez announced that new member Bob Blum has volunteered to handle club shirts and jackets for the RCCS. Thanks Bob! The club appreciates your willingness to take this responsibility on.

Robert acknowledged that Doug Campbell was in attendance at tonight's meeting, just a couple weeks after undergoing open-heart surgery. Doug thanked the RCCS membership for all the cards, emails, and flowers sent to him.

Robert encouraged the new members to consider organizing a run for the organization. He said the RCCS needs fresh ideas and new event opportunities. Robert also encouraged newer members to get involved in the many RCCS activities.

If you don't want to do it yourself, bring your ideas to a board member and we can partner you with someone who has experience in organizing a run to walk you through the process, or if you don't want to organize the run, bring your idea for a cool run forward and maybe we can get someone else to organize it.

**Jokester of the Month – Ed Dunbar:** Ed shared three jokes with the membership. The first was a letter to Dear Abbey written by a clueless woman about her problem husband; the second was about a couple who argued with a police officer writing parking citations on a vehicle with "Vote for Hillary" bumper sticker, while they were waiting for the bus; and the third was about a man who found a magic lamp in the sand while walking on the beach and his crafty way of asking to live forever after the genie told him he was prohibited from granting wishes for "eternal life."

**Corvette of the Month – John Klunder:** John announced the May 2016 Corvette of the Month winners were unable to attend tonight's meeting, so he will make a double presentation at next month's meeting.

Robert thanked Joe and Teresa Licastro for bringing cookies to the meeting in celebration of the May birthdays.

Dave Bull and Heidi Goodman volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate June birthdays.

Patti Herberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Dunbar. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57p.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 June Birthdays to:** RudyAntonucci 6/10, Keri Berkler 6/2, Peter Bradt 6/30, Heidi Goodman 6/18, Janet Butler 6/7, Patrick Butler 6/30, Carol Cicotte 6/20, Gayle Crenshaw 6/22, Anne Dunbar 6/20, Sharon Karam 6/20, John McMichael 6/24, Gary Menzies 6/4, Chuck Sanchuk 6/8, Rod Stelter 6/15, Nancy Whitmire 6/5, Don Williams 6/7

**Thanks to Raffle Donors:** Don & Susan Hess, Ron & Jeanie Kayl, Dave Bull & Heidi Goodman, James & Brenda Mounce, Sue Facciola & Keri Berkler, Ed & Anne Dunbar, John & Carol Klunder, Chuck & Joyce Sathre, Bill & Kathy Mathews, Rich & Nancy Whitmire, Tom & Joan Mason, and Richard and Ann Petrie.

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!