



River City Corvettes of Sacramento

June 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 July 7, 2016.**

President Robert Ramirez' Message

May was a great month, and, thanks to the Quiggs and Greenes, we had the San Simeon Run. If you were on it, you know how awesome it was. I think the highlight was our cocktail party. Kerry (as in Greene) and Sue entertained us with great singing and guitar music, and Dan, well... I'll just say he was the late night show.

Betty hit another one out of the park. Her humor, timing and delivery were, as always, impeccable.

Elections will be here soon and **all positions are open.** Should anyone wish to run for one of the four officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer), please send an email indicating which position you are interested in.

If you haven't noticed, it's hot out there. Make sure you hydrate, use your sun screen, and if you're like me, wear a hat.

As always, if you are interested in putting on a run and it's your first time, see one of the officers. We'll be more than happy to assist you with it.

Well, that's all I have for now, so stay cool, stay safe and have a great month. Robert

Vice President Ron Kayl's Message

RCCC Members,

There are a number of fun events coming up. Pick one you will enjoy and have a good time. Enjoy the summer and try to keep cool. Ron

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (June 2, 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 May 5, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Patti Herberger to recognize and approve the May 5, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2nd by Ann Dunbar.

Treasurer's Report – Robert Ramirez: The Treasurer's Report was given by Robert in Rick's absence and the report was recognized by the membership.

Visitors and New Members – Patti Herberger: Patti wished a happy birthday to the 16 members having a birthday in June. Patti introduced Ken and Lisa Vernon, who are perspective members attending their second meeting.

Past Events:

May 15-17, 2016 – San Simeon Run – Dan and Cathy Quigg/Kerry and Kathy Greene: This was a Sunday-Monday-Tuesday run. Participants met at the McDonalds on Pocket Road in Sacramento at 8:00 a.m. The group stopped at the famed Casa De Fruita in Hollister for snacks and then enjoyed lunch at the Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Paso Robles before finally arriving in San Simeon. Lodging was at the Best Western Plus Cavalier Oceanfront Resort. Most participants enjoyed ocean view rooms and many were able to observe porpoises, otters, sea lions and whales along with many different kinds of sea birds just off shore. A BYOB cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception was held at the hotel on Sunday evening, with music provided by RCCS members Kerry Greene and Sue Facciola. Participants gathered for a group dinner on Monday evening in the Cavalier Hotel private dining room. There were 22 Corvettes on the run. The

food was great and everyone said they had a great time. Memorable events included Sue Facciola's joke about a duck in a bar and Dan Quigg's strip act which cleared his outside patio of guests!

Raffle – Round One: The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull, and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Jeanie Kayl and Patricia Sabot graciously volunteered to be the “Vannas” for the evening. There were a total of 10 gifts donated.

Upcoming Events:

June 4, 2016 – Golden Gate Fields – Robert/Sandy Ramirez: 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. The group will make one pit stop at the Hunter Hill rest area on the way. Golden Gate Fields is located at 1100 Eastshore Highway, Berkeley, California 94710, (510) 559-7300, (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 he has one ticket left and Patrick Butler, who has already purchased his ticket needs a ride, as his Corvette is currently out of commission. Robert asked if there are any single participants who can accommodate an extra passenger please contact him so he can make the appropriate arrangements. Robert encouraged all women attending this event to wear their racing hats!

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 8:15 a.m. The run will commence at 8:45 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. Anyone who would like to go on the run, even if they do not want to ride the zip lines, is welcome to join the group for the run, lunch, and the gathering at Rick's.

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). 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. There will be a group dinner at a local riverside restaurant on Saturday evening. Contact Rick Sutter or Barbara Stelter for more information.

July 12, 2016 Amador Flower Farm, Lunch, and Shopping – Terrie Hunt: This is a Tuesday run for the RCCS ladies. Participants will meet at 8:30 am at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant, 3100 Sunrise Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA, 95742. The group will depart at 9:00 and head for the Amador Flower Farm, 22001 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth, CA, 95669, (209) 245-6660, (www.amadorflowerfarm.com). This facility offers over 700 types of day lilies, beautiful grounds with two large ponds, and numerous other plants and succulents. They also have a wonderful gift shop. From there the group will travel to the historic Hotel Sutter, 53 Main Street, Sutter Creek, CA 95685, (209) 267-0242, (www.hotelsutter.com) for lunch and then finish the day shopping in the many quaint stores in Sutter Creek. Lunch will cost \$25 per person. This event is limited to the first 30 participants who RSVP to Terrie. She passed around a sign-up sheet and said she has about 10 spaces left. Carpooling is strongly recommended as parking is limited in Sutter Creek. Contact Terrie Hunt for additional information at 916-663-6300.

After completing her comments about the Amador Flower Farm run, Terrie indicated she was very upset with the flyer put out on the tables regarding the RCCS Birthday Party asking for donations for a 50/50 raffle and not mentioning the silent auction, which, in past years has resulted in all proceeds from the silent auction going to the Christmas for Kids charity. She asked for help from the members since it appeared the charity would not be receiving the \$3000 from the club, because the silent auction fundraiser was not specifically listed on the flyer. Additional comments were made by Val McMichaels who indicated she was concerned with the wording on the flyer, specifically the part that said the funds from “the Raffle is to help offset on-going cost to the Club, such as rent, insurance, dues and 2 for 1 meals”. Val stated

Performance Chevrolet pays the club's rent and suggested if the donations were not appreciated that she may reconsider her donations. Additional comments were offered by Ann Dunbar who indicated that historically the purpose of the silent auction at the Birthday Party event has always been to raise money specifically for the Christmas for Kids charity and that the RCCS should continue to include the silent auction at the event for this purpose. Additional comments from Terrie indicated she has been contacted by several members who have expressed to her their excitement about the upcoming silent auction and that they are already working on items they hope to auction off in support of the charity. She felt it was a disservice to those individuals who have already started working on those projects for the auction to be discontinued. She also felt that if the current event organizers wanted to make changes to how the event was run, that they should have to take their ideas to the RCCS Board of Directors for approval.

Robert responded to Terrie by clarifying first that the RCCS would be making a \$3000 donation to the Christmas for Kids charity, period, regardless of whether or not a silent auction was part of the Birthday Party event. He explained that all monies from all the fundraisers held by the RCCS throughout the year go into the same account and the RCCS has already said that it will be making the \$3000 donation. He apologized if the wording on the flyer caused any confusion. He also apologized to Val McMichaels and assured her that her donations to the RCCS are very much appreciated. Finally, he said that he and Vice President Kayl have been discussing the plans for the upcoming Birthday Party and while they have "kicked around" several ideas about the various types of fundraisers to include, at this point no decisions have been finalized. He said he heard the comments from the membership and that the silent auction will absolutely be included in the event. He thanked everyone for their comments and input and asked the membership to have patience and understanding with the officers/event planners as "we are all doing the best we can" and we sometimes make mistakes.

Sue Facciola stated she read the flyer about the Birthday Party and felt that the whole purpose of the flyer was getting lost in the discussion about what kind of auctions were going to be included. She said she believed the purpose of the flyer was to remind the membership that the event was a major fundraiser and to ask the membership to assist the RCCS by going out and getting donations for the fundraiser event.

July 13, 2016 – An Evening at Napoli Culinary Academy – Robert/Sandy Ramirez: The date for this event has been finalized. The new date is Wednesday, July 13, 2016. If he gets a minimum of 25 participants he can book/reserve the whole restaurant. Cost will be approximately \$35.00 per person and the first glass of wine is included with the meal. Sandy Ramirez passed around a sign-up sheet. 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.

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. The participation cap has been reached. A flyer with detailed information about the event will be sent directly to those individuals who have already sent in their RSVP.

July 17-20, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress: 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 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 another 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.

August 11, 2016 – Capay Valley Run - Tim Wright/Jerry Neil: Save this date! Tim and Jerry are planning a run for the Capay Valley with potential stops at the Road Trip Bar and Grill, Séka Hills Olive Mill and Tasting Room and/or Cache Creek Casino. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

August 20, 2016 – RCCS Birthday Party – Ron Kayl: The RCCS is celebrating its 39th year! A flyer for this event was placed on the tables. No presentation was made at the meeting, because of the comments noted earlier. This event is a fundraiser and will be held in the large room at the Dante Club. The event will include dinner, Polynesian dancers, raffles and auctions.

September 24-25, 2016 – Fall Colors Run - Rudy Antonucci: Rudy is continuing to organize the details of his annual Fall Colors Run. Preliminary itinerary includes travel from Sacramento to Minden, Nevada on Saturday. Overnight accommodations will be at the Carson Valley Inn Casino, 1627 U.S. Hwy 395N, Minden, Nevada, 89423, (775) 783-6629 or (800) 321-6983, extension #1; (www.carsonvalleyinn.com). A block of 25 non-smoking/king bed rooms have been reserved. Room rate is \$105. Participants will enjoy a buffet style lunch at the Carson Valley Inn Casino on Saturday. On Sunday, the group will travel to the Bridgeport/Twin Lakes area to take in all the fall colors and grab lunch in Bridgeport before heading home. So far, 25 participants have signed up and Rudy asked if anyone else was interested in participating so he knows if he needs to reserve any more rooms. If you are interested in attending this run, please contact Rudy as soon as possible.

Raffle – Round Two: The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$341. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$156, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$76.00. Diana Schneider and Richard Whitmire were the lucky winners of \$38 each. (There was a shortage of \$1.00 bills, or the prizes would have been \$39 each.)

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 also welcome.

Jokester of the Month – Ed Dunbar/Bette Mastro: Ed would like to take a break from telling jokes next year. Bette wants to continue but would like to share the responsibility with someone else. John Klunder volunteered to assist Bette next year.

Bette shared three jokes with the membership. The first one was a discussion of the results of a survey regarding how women feel about their “asses.” The second was how to respond to a negative person trying to rain on your vacation parade, and the third was a discussion of the most functional word in the English language.

Corvette of the Month – John Klunder: John announced the May 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Robert and Roberta Hinchman. John presented the couple with a nice oak-framed picture of their 2015 Shark Gray Z51 Stingray Coupe. John also announced the June 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Tim and Kathy Wright. John presented the Wrights’ with a nicely framed picture of their 1959 red and white convertible Corvette coupe.

Robert thanked Heidi Goodman and Dave Bull for bringing chocolate cake and cookies to the meeting in celebration of the June birthdays.

Don and Sue Hess volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate July birthdays.

John Klunder made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2nd by Joyce Sathre. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler

Happy July Birthdays to: Gaylord Barrington 7/26, Cheryl Duncan 7/20, Steve Gibson 7/22, Jeff Glorioso 7/23, Diana Johnson 7/8, John Klunder 7/31, Justine Sanchuk 7/22, Paul Schmalz 7/11, Diana Schneider 7/31, Bob Tarter 7/15, Brenda Tarter 7/19, and Nancy Williams 7/9

Thanks to Raffle Donors: Don & Susan Hess, Sue Facciola & Keri Berkler, Ed & Anne Dunbar, John & Carol Klunder, Chuck & Joyce Sathre, Patti Pierce, Ralph & Dodie Pockress, Gaylord & Kelly Barrington, Patrick & Janet Butler, and Bob & Diana Schneider.

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!