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## River City Corvettes of Sacramento July 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 August 4, 2016.**

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

Elections are next month and we have candidates for each of the 4 officer's positions. Barbara Stelter is running for President, Tim Write for Vice President, Diana Schneider for Secretary and, last but not least and for the last time, Rick Sutter for Treasurer. Thank you all for stepping up. September 20<sup>th</sup> is our birthday party and fund raiser. So bring your baked goods and crafts for the auction. Until next time, stay safe and have a great month..... Robert

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

Hi RCCS Members, well, it has been an interesting month. What a great time we had on the jet boat trip on the Rogue River. Great trip. More very interesting things coming up for the Club. Hope the weather stays cool and drive safe.....Ron

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (July 7, 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 June 2, 2016 meeting minutes. No corrections or additions were presented. A motion was made by Patti Herberger to recognize and approve the June 2, 2016 minutes as written, with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anne Dunbar.

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter:** The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick and the report was recognized by the membership. RCCS annual dues are due tonight and considered delinquent by the conclusion of next month's meeting. Please make sure you submit you \$100 dues and copies of your driver's license, and insurance cards to Rick Sutter as soon as possible to maintain your membership status.

**Election of Officers for 2016-2017 – Robert Ramirez:** Robert reminded the attendees the election of new officers will be coming up at our next meeting on August 4, 2016. Ron Kayl is no longer running for President. Barbara Stelter has volunteered to run for President, Tim Wright is running for Vice President, Diana Schneider is running for Secretary, and Rick Sutter is running for Treasurer. Anyone else interested in running for any of the four officer positions, please send Robert an email to let him know you are interested and what position you are interested in.

**Visitors and New Members – Patti Herberger:** Patti wished a happy birthday to the 12 members having a birthday in July. Patti introduced first time attendees/perspective members Kent and Terry DeCrescenzo who are Corvette virgins, having just obtained their first Corvette, a silver 1996 C4.

### **Past Events:**

**June 4, 2016 – Golden Gate Fields – Robert/Sandy Ramirez:** Participants met at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant on Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento and headed for Golden Gate Fields in Berkeley. Participants enjoyed valet/reserved parking, Turf Club Premium Seating, 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. The run was very successful and a lot of fun. Robert complemented all the ladies who attended saying they looked lovely in their racing hats and outfits. The run included members and non-members in 18 cars and everyone had a great time.

**June 11, 2016 – Zip Line Adventure Day Run – Dave Bull/Don Hess:** Participants in 9 vehicles met at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant on Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento. The group enjoyed lunch at The Union Hotel in downtown Occidental. Most then headed over to Sonoma Canopy Tours for approximately 2½ hours of zipping over and through majestic Redwood forests while taking in breathtaking views. The rest stayed in Occidental and enjoyed shopping at the quaint shops along the main street. Afterwards, some of the participants joined Rick Sutter at his cabin near the Russian River for cocktails and a BBQ. A spectacular time was had by all.

**June 24-26, 2016 – Rogue River Jet Boat Run - Grants Pass, Oregon – Barbara Stelter/Rick Sutter:** Participants in 8 vehicles met at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant on Northgate Boulevard in Sacramento. The group enjoyed lunch at Hi-Lo Café in Weed, CA and then traveled to The Lodge at Riverside in Grants Pass, Oregon. Rick and Carol hosted the hospitality gathering on Friday evening and Sue played guitar by the pool until they kicked everyone out and closed the pool area. On Saturday, 14 participants embarked on a thrilling jet boat ride up the Rogue River via Hellgate Jetboat Excursions, while others took in the sights and shopping opportunities in Grants Pass. The boat trip lasted 5½ hours and covered 75 miles of the river, from Grants Pass to Grave Creek and back. Lunch was served riverside at Morrison's Rogue River Lodge and included BBQ chicken, pulled pork, salmon and hamburgers, plus all the fixings. All participants joined for a group dinner at River's Edge Restaurant on Saturday evening. The weather was fabulous this year and a good time was had by all.

**Raffle – Round One:** The raffle crew of Don and Sue Hess, Dave Bull, and Heidi Goodman conducted the raffle. Sharon Condon and Margo Henderson graciously volunteered to be the "Vannas" for the evening. There were a total of 18 gifts donated by 15 parties. Don revealed the brand new, custom made, silver, red, and black raffle ticket drum, complete with authentic Corvette accessories which he donated to the RCCS. The new drum should eliminate the regular calls to "mix them up" from the crowd. Thanks to Don and all the raffle crew for a great job this year and for the very cool gift to the RCCS!!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**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 am and head for the Amador Flower Farm, 22001 Shenandoah School Road, Plymouth, CA, 95669, (209) 245-6660, ([www.amadorflowerfarm.com](http://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](http://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. Terrie has made arrangements for parking behind the hotel. This event is limited to the first 30 participants who RSVP to Terrie, and as of this meeting she has 24 persons signed up. Carpooling is strongly recommended as parking is limited in Sutter Creek. A flyer was distributed. Contact Terrie Hunt for additional information at 916-663-6300.

**July 13, 2016 – An Evening at Napoli Culinary Academy – Robert/Sandy Ramirez:** This event has been cancelled.

**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. A flyer with detailed information about the event was emailed directly to those individuals who have indicated a desire to attend. Please contact Sue or Keri if you have any questions or need directions.

**July 17-20, 2016 – Ashland, Oregon Run - Ralph Pockress:** This is a Sunday-Wednesday run. Participants will meet at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant, 3776 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 646-9930, at 8:30 am and will depart Sacramento at approximately 9:15 am on Sunday. Lunch will be at the Hi-Lo Café, 88 South Weed Boulevard, Weed, CA 96094, 530-938-2904. The group will then travel on to Ashland, Oregon where they will stay at the Ashland Springs Hotel, 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. On Monday, participants will enjoy a group 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. On Tuesday, 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](http://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. On Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, participants will travel back to Ashland and spend another night at the Ashland Springs Hotel. 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 one-day run to the Capay Valley with potential stops at the Road Trip Bar and Grill, 24989 State Highway 16, Capay, CA 95607, (530) 796-3778, ([www.roadtripbg.com](http://www.roadtripbg.com)) for lunch, Séka Hills Olive Mill and Tasting Room, 19326 County Road 78, Brooks, CA 95606, (530) 796-2810, ([www.sekahills.com](http://www.sekahills.com)) for a tour and wine/olive oil tastings, and/or gambling at Cache Creek Casino, 14455 State Highway 16, Brooks, CA 95606, (530) 796-3118, ([www.cachecreek.com](http://www.cachecreek.com)). More information and a flyer will be provided at the next meeting.

**August 20, 2016 – RCCS Birthday Party – Ron Kayl:** The RCCS is celebrating its 39<sup>th</sup> year! This event is a fundraiser and will be held in the large room at the Dante Club. Robert Ramirez indicated this year's event will again have a Luau theme so wear your Hawaiian print shirt! Details are still being worked out regarding the menu. The event will include Polynesian dancers, raffles and auctions. Barbara Stelter indicated she is coordinating a dessert auction and she asked anyone bringing a dessert for the auction to sign up with her in advance so she knows who is bringing what. Also, Terrie Hunt indicated there will be a silent auction to support the Christmas for Kids Charity and she asked the attendees to please bring items to include in that auction.

**September 10, 2016 – Cruise Fest on Fulton Avenue – Patrick Butler:** Patrick invited all members to participate in this event which benefits the California Automobile Museum. The event runs 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm and is free to the general viewing (non-cruiser) public. In addition to some absolutely fantastic vehicles, the event includes live music, breweries, vendors, and food trucks. Early bird registration for cruisers is open (and recommended) until July 31<sup>st</sup> @ \$34 per vehicle for museum member/\$39 per vehicle for general public. Patrick has arranged for off-street parking right off Fulton Avenue for all RCCS participant to park in after the cruising portion of the event. Additional information can be obtained on the museum website or by contacting Patrick Butler or by using the following link: [www.calautomuseum.org/product/2016-car-cruise](http://www.calautomuseum.org/product/2016-car-cruise)).

**September 16, 2016 – Full Moon Run – Chuck/Joyce Sathre:** Save the date! Rudy Antonucci announced that Chuck and Joyce Sathre (who are away on vacation) will be hosting this run. Preliminary information is that participants will have a group dinner at Jason's Beachside Grille in Kings Beach, then drive around Lake Tahoe under a full moon. Dessert and a night-cap will be at the Sathre's home in Zepher Cove. They are still organizing the event and are trying to arrange lodging options with Harvey's Lake Tahoe and/or Montbleu Resort Casino & Spa. This run will be limited to 30 participants/15 cars only. More information to follow at upcoming meetings.

**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](http://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, 27 participants have signed up and Rudy suggested anyone interested in attending get their room reservations as soon as possible. If you are interested in attending this run, please contact Rudy. He should have most of the details worked out and a flyer available by the next meeting.

**October 14-16, 2016 – Fort Bragg Run – Joan Mason/Rick Sutter:** This is a Friday – Sunday run. Participants will meet at the Carl's Jr. Restaurant, 3776 Northgate Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95834, (916) 646-9930, at 8:30 am and will depart Sacramento at approximately 9:00 am. Lunch will be at Gott's Roadside, 933 Main Street, St. Helena, CA 94574, (707) 963-3486, ([www.gotts.com](http://www.gotts.com)). The café offers soups, salads, fish tacos, hotdogs and hamburgers. The group will make a pit stop at Anderson Valley Brewing Company, 17700 Highway 253, Boonville, CA 95415, (707) 895-2337, ([www.avbc.com](http://www.avbc.com)), before arriving in Fort Bragg. Lodging will be at the Harbor Lite Lodge, 120 North Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, (707) 964-0221, ([www.harborlitelodge.com](http://www.harborlitelodge.com)). 20 rooms have been reserved as follows: 5 view-ground floor w/queen beds @ \$103.20+tax; 6 view-ground floor w/king bed @ \$111.20+tax; 3 deluxe rooms @ \$143.20+tax. Make your reservation by calling 800-643-2700 as soon as possible. There will be a hospitality suite for the participants on Friday night starting around 5:30 pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer to share. Participants are on their own for dinner if still hungry. The group dinner will be at 6:30 pm on Saturday evening at Silver's Wharf Restaurant, 32260 North Harbor Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437, (707) 964-4283, ([www.wharf-restaurant.com](http://www.wharf-restaurant.com)). Arrangements have been made for separate checks. This year the group will be taking a new route from Sacramento to Fort Bragg which is promised to be "less twisty and more scenic". Those members unable to attend the overnight run are encouraged to join the group on Friday morning for the trip up to St. Helena and enjoy lunch together. Things to do in Fort Bragg include but are not limited to Glass Beach, Skunk Train, Mendocino Botanical Gardens, Point Cabrillo



Lighthouse, Giant Redwoods, shopping in Mendocino or Fort Bragg, and multiple wineries. A flyer was placed on the tables and is available from Joan. Call Joan Mason at 722-7858 or Rick Sutter at 941-0736 for more information.

**Raffle – Round Two:** The remaining raffle tickets were drawn for the final round of donated gifts. Total raffle intake was \$295. The 50/50 portion of the raffle totaled \$125, resulting in two 50/50 drawing prizes totaling \$63. Tom Mason was the lucky winner of a \$32 prize and Carroll Holley was the lucky winner of a \$31 prize.

**Jokester of the Month – Bette Mastro/John Klunder:** Bette shared three jokes with the membership. The first one was about a father's request to his three sons after paying for their college educations; the second was about a barber who was unable to charge for haircuts for a florist, a cop and a politician while serving community service and their responses; and the third was about the seven kinds of sex in today's world (smurf, kitchen, bedroom, hallway, religious, courtroom, and social security). Great job Bette!!

**Corvette of the Month – John Klunder:** John announced the July 2016 Corvette of the Month winners as Tom and Patty Doherty. They have been members of the RCCS since 2001 and Tom takes care of our club hats. John presented the couple with a nicely framed picture of their 1994 silver coupe.

Diana Schneider advised that she had spoken with James Mounce and learned Brenda Mounce is going into the hospital on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for a very serious and complicated open heart surgery. The surgery will be accomplished at Mercy Hospital in downtown Sacramento and she will be hospitalized for a minimum of five days. Diana asked everyone to keep both James and Brenda in their thoughts and prayers.

Robert thanked Don and Susan Hess for bringing two cakes, one chocolate and one vanilla, to the meeting in celebration of the July birthdays.

Jerry Neil and Terrie Hunt volunteered to bring the treats to our next meeting to celebrate August birthdays.

Dave Gaustad made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bette Mastro. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

**Respectfully and humbly submitted by Keri Berkler**

**Happy August Birthdays to:** Nora Benner 8/27; Mickey DeCaro 8/18, Shila Froehlich 8/22, Jack Harris 8/2, Susan Hess 8/6, Carroll Holley 8/16, Stephen Pierce 8/10, and Gary Smith 8/29

**Thanks to the July Raffle Donors:** Don & Susan Hess, Sue Facciola & Keri Berkler, Ed & Anne Dunbar, John & Carol Klunder, James & Brenda Mounce (x4), Rich & Nancy Whitmire, Jerry Neil & Terrie Hunt, Jack & Darlene Harris, Joe & Teresa Licastro, Bob & Diana Schneider, Bill & Karen Vasile, Tom & Patty Doherty, Tom & Joan Mason, and Carroll & Bonnie Holley.

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!