



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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Tour of the Dahl Car Collection

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The Vette Set Gazette is a monthly publication of The Vette Set, Inc. Articles from members are always welcome, and are to be submitted to the Newsletter Editor by 6:00 P.M. Sunday, following the general monthly meeting. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum located at 610 Lairport Street, El Segundo, CA 90245. Guests are always welcome to attend any Vette Set event.

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PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



Our Club continues to enjoy a *Fantastic Fall Full of Fun* which began with the 10-day *Corvette Caravan* led by Rob Weimer through Arizona with, give-or-take, ~30 participants and ~17 cars, ending in Prescott for the All-Corvette Car Show Weekend. Thanks to Hal Vatcher for his pre-show party & making all the arrangements for our show arrival. Of the 270 cars entered, our Club took home three (3) awards: Congratulations to Rob & Jeanette Weimer “Judges’ Choice – Best C8”; Tom & Michelle Grogan “Judges’ Choice – Best C6” and Jennifer Walton “Judges’ Choice – Best C5.”

We want to thank our member, Jim Dahl, who opened his beautiful private Car Collection & Museum to 32 members & guests with a narrated tour led by Kim Foster. Even Marilyn & Elvis were in attendance. **And next, we are looking forward to Harry Kenyon’s upcoming fall Oak Glen Apple Tour** on October 28th.

The Election of the 2025 Officers: The voting will take place at the November General meeting. We need volunteers and participation to keep this organization going so I urge each of you to please volunteer and participate in your Club. If you are interested in running for an Office or volunteering for an Appointed position, please contact me. All members are encouraged to take a turn at fulfilling our “Club’s Objectives.”

2025 Membership Renewal & Dues Due: Please return your Renewal Form, Check & Proof of Auto Insurance to Vice President Chuck Hammer by November 7, 2024.

Last but not by any means least, we need a new home for our monthly General Meetings: Sadly, we received notice the day before our October meeting that the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum is permanently closing at the end of October 2024 and we need to find a

new home to meet for our monthly General Meetings beginning in January 2025. Our members are researching every nook & cranny in the South Bay that can accommodate our unique meeting and price requirements. If you know of any locations, please check them out and share what you find. Until a replacement location is found, we will be conducting future meetings by ZOOM.

Next General Meeting: and the Club's last one here at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum is **November 7.**

Dixie Foster

TVS President

“Save The Wave”



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

October 3 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

October 5 -- Special 10am tour of an extensive car collection of 60 classic vehicles owed by club member, Jim Dahl. Address is 1650 228th St in Torrance, nearest to the intersection of Sepulveda and Western. Kim Foster will be assisting the tour and Jim can answer questions. No RSVP necessary.

October 16 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Niko's Pizzeria, 399 W. 6th St, San Pedro 90731, in their newly added extra room. Please bring your well-researched ideas for new club runs or activities.

October 31 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at The Cheese Cake Factory, 605 N. Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. RSVP to Jeanette at (310) 941-7062, Forjweimer@me.com

November 7 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

November 20 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Please bring your well researched ideas for new club runs or activities. NOTE: No Ladies' Luncheon in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 5 -- Annual Vette Set Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at ADM. More details TBA including a 'HAWAIIAN Theme'. Mele Kalikimaka

NOTE: There will be no General Meeting or Activities Meeting this December.

Feb 9-11/12, 2025 -- Las Vegas Club Run led by Jennifer Walton to the new Fontainebleau Resort, dine at Grimaldi's Restaurant and see a show at the SPHERE. Can stay 2 or 3 nights. RSVP ASAP to Jennifer at violinwalton@gmail.com to hold the room reservations. There will be designated parking all together in the structure. We have a committee to help plan this trip, including Dixie Foster, Lee & Dianne Feher, Anton Weijenake, and John LaBella

ONLINE VETTE SET CLUB PRESENCE

1. Visit our Vette Set WEBSITE: <https://www.thevetteset.com/> Email your car photo to our webmaster, Raul at rjrodr@earthlink.net
2. Visit our Vette Set FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/TheVetteSetInc/> **View photos of our runs and activities and leave comments. FB Events are created for the major activities so you may RSVP or comment.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. March 8-16, 2025 -- Pirate Cruise to the Mexican Riviera aboard Carnival's Fun ship. www.corvettepirates.com or call Laurie TEX Schwab at (602) 790-5788.
2. Every Friday -- Garden Grove Car Show held on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove 4-8pm. Entry \$3/car. David Tavares (562) 308-0390 or Jennifer Walton (562) 544-2670.
3. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly Starbucks) & Sizzler.
4. 1st Saturday of the month -- Morning Shift Cars & Coffee at 8am at Porsche Experience Center, 19800 Main St, Carson 90745. All makes and models. Photographers & spectators are welcome. For general info, call (888)204-7474. No fees. Free coffee. Call before going.
5. 1st Saturday of the month -- Cars & Coffee from 7:30-9:30am, at the parking structure near Indian Peak Rd. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com or PenCnC1@gmail.com August theme is Muscle Cars and Hot Rods.
6. **NEW!** 3rd Saturday of the month – Pistons & Brunch Car Show 10-1 at Highway 39 Event Center, 1563 S. State College Bl, Anaheim www.highway39.com **We can be the FEATURED CLUB and get priority parking. Contact ROD DIXON at (562) 505-4677, newgenvettes@gmail.com Custom Trophies by Rod Sexton.
7. Last Saturday of the month -- Manhattan Beach Cars & Coffee, 7:30-10am at 'The Point' Shopping Center, 850 S. Sepulveda, at the corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach. Enter from Rosecrans. Started by two Mira Costa high school students. Lots of C8s, C7s and earlier model Corvettes plus a huge array of other cars including old beaters. FREE.
8. **NEW!** First Sunday of the month – Zuma Cars & Coffee meets at the closed Ruby's Diner parking lot in Redondo beach 9-11:30am on 10/6, 11/3 and again 11/30 with no event in December. This meet up started in Zuma Beach, just north of Malibu and is now in RB. All types of super sports cars show up including Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Ford GT 40's plus Porsches, Ferraris and Corvettes.

Jennifer



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Sept. 6-8: Barber Motorsports Park in Birmingham, Alabama: DXDT Racing competed in the Fanatec GT World Challenge America series. The #63 car raced in Pro Class with drivers Tommy Milner & Alec Udell.

Udell ran in pole position for most of his opening stint in the first race. Then Tommy Milner jumped in and battled the second place BMW to stay in the lead. The two cars ran less than one second apart for most of the last 25 minutes. But Milner pulled it off, finishing in first place.



Photo Credits: DXDT Racing

In race two, the odds of another 1st place victory were beginning to look bleak, as Milner was struck a few times. But he held his position. Then Milner swapped drivers to Udell with 50 minutes left in the race. The pit crew was faster than the lead BMW crew by more than two seconds, which moved Udell closer to the lead car. Udell was set to capture a 2nd place finish when the lead BMW pitted with fuel issues. Luck was on their side with another 1st place finish!

DXDT Racing started campaigning a new Z06 racecar. The new #64 car raced in Pro-Am class with Bryan Sellers & Bryson Morris. In the 1st race, the #64 car advanced from 3rd to 2nd place with Morris driving. With a driver swap to Sellers, the #64 car chased the class

lead car and passed him, with 4 minutes remaining, for the win. Wow! The new car grabbed a 1st place finish on the 1st race! In the 2nd race, the #64 car came up short of a podium finish, ending with a 4th place finish.

Race Results:

Pro class, 1st Race: 1st: #63 Vette, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Acura. There were 5 cars in the class.

Pro class, 2nd Race: 1st: #63 Vette, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Acura. 5 cars in class.

Pro-Am class, 1st Race: 1st: #64 Vette, 2nd: Porsche, 3rd: BMW. There were 10 cars in the class.

Pro-Am class, 2nd Race: 1st: Mercedes, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: BMW, 4th: #64 Vette. There were 9 cars in the class.

Sept. 15: Japan-Six Hours of Fuji: TF Sport ran in the LMGT3 class in the WEC series. Tom Van Rompuy, Rui Andrade & Charlie Eastwood raced the #81 Z06. It was a great start for the #81 car. Rompuy snagged the lead on the 1st corner from the 2nd spot. He led 50 laps in his 2-hour drive. Andrade took over and moved the car back to the lead spot. Eastwood then grabbed the wheel with less than 2 hours to go. The race's 2nd safety period shuffled the cars around. Eastwood was in the #4 position before contact from another car sent him spinning. He was back on the track in 11th position. With 75 minutes left in the race, Eastwood managed to get back to 4th place again in less than 25 minutes. Eastwood's driving skills resulted in Eastwood receiving the Goodyear Wingfoot award for the best stint average.

The #82 racecar was raced by Hiroshi Koizumi, Sebastien Baud and Daniel Juncadella. Koizumi had his best stint of the season driving the #82 car. He pulled into the pits while in 5th place. Then the Vette wouldn't restart in the pit lane. The #82 car lost 10 laps changing the starter. As if that wasn't enough, the race car stopped on the track with a loss of power in the final hour and was forced to retire.

Race Results: LMGT3 class: 1st: Ferrari, 2nd: Porsche, 3rd: BMW, 4th: #81 Vette, 18th: #82 Vette. There were 18 cars in the class.

Sept. 20-22: Indianapolis Motor Speedway: AWA Racing and Pratt Miller Motorsports raced in the IMSA series.

The #3 Pratt Miller racecar ran in the GTD Pro class with drivers Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims. Sims drove the #3 car in the first half of the race with mostly rain and 3 full-course yellow periods. Sim's car was the first to change to wet tires, which gave him the advantage and the lead. Sims did lose some time however, when he switched back to slick tires.

Garcia took the helm and battled the #14 Lexus and the #23 Aston Martin for the last podium spot. A race restart caused Garcia to fall to 5th place. He fought in the last 5 minutes to get to the 3rd spot podium finish!

The #4 Pratt Miller racecar ran in the GTD Pro class with drivers Tommy Milner and Nicky Catsburg. Catsburg led the 1st 15 laps before pulling in for the 1st pit stop. Milner took over the wheel. Unfortunately, the #4 car was assessed a contact penalty. Then Milner was struck by a prototype racer. This meant a lengthy stop to repair damage to the right-rear of the car. All this resulted in an 11th place finish for the #4 Vette.

In the same race, AWA race team ran the #13 Z06 in the GTD class with Matt Bell, Lars Kern & Oray Fidani driving. Fidani and Kern managed to stay out of trouble and turned the car over to Bell while in the 14th spot. Bell moved the car up to 6th place by the end of the race. The AWA Vette managed a 3rd Akin race win. This award goes to the highest-finishing GTD entry featuring a Bronze-rated driver for each race as well as the full-season championship with Le Mans as the ultimate prize.

Race Results:

GTD Pro class: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: Ford Mustang, 3rd: Pratt Miller #3 Vette, 11th: Pratt Miller #4 Vette. There were 13 cars in the class.

GTD class: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Mercedes, 6th: AWA #13 Vette. There were 22 cars in the class.

FINAL RACES FOR THE YEAR:

Oct. 3-6: Eight hours of Indianapolis @ Indianapolis Motor Speedway: Last race for DXDT Racing in the Fanatec GT World Challenge America series.

Oct. 9-10: Road Atlanta @ Michelin Raceway: AWA & Pratt Miller race in the IMSA series

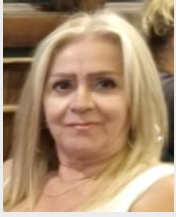
Nov. 2: Eight Hours of Bahrain: Final race for TF Sport in the WEC series

Here is a link to an interesting video on CBS News – Detroit, reporting on a Detroit street Grand Prix, earlier this year, and Pratt Miller racing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYciHwy1kV4>

Until next time, get out there and drive your Vettes everyone!

David



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$60):

Pam St. Cyr

Next month, \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$360 collected):

Sharon Cowley, \$180

TVS Club, \$180



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



October Birthdays



- 10/03 Dennis Chance
- 10/05 Hal Holzman
- 10/05 Ronald Knight
- 10/08 George Person Jr.
- 10/10 Marilyn Amaro
- 10/25 Diane Feher
- 10/26 Cindy Noel
- 10/29 Eddie Lomeli
- 10/29 Jeanette Weimer

October Anniversaries



- 10/09 Linda Tully
- 10/20 Chip Tuvman

Pam



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George M. Person, Jr.



The Zimmerman



Southern California's [Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum](#) will be closing to the public on October 27, the museum has announced in a post to its social media accounts. No reason was given for the closing of the museum, which was founded in 2002 with a mission to “collect, preserve, exhibit and ride in historic vehicles.”

The announcement did not say what would become of the museum's roughly 130-vehicle collection, or the El Segundo building it occupies. In a 2023 GoFundMe fundraiser, it said that with the death of co-founder and principal sponsor Stanley Zimmerman in 2020, the museum had “no sustainable future” and was “in imminent peril of closing.”

“We are saddened to be leaving, and grateful that we made so many lasting connections in the automotive community,” the museum said in its announcement. “We look forward to our last month open, and welcome everyone to come check us out one last time.” The museum will be open from Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and will continue its trademark Sunday Rides every Sunday in October. Event rentals will continue to operate through the end of December, and the Bayside Cafe will remain open on weekends through December 29.



The Vette Set Annual Awards & Holiday Party

Thursday, December 5, 2024
4:30 – 10:00 pm



**The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum
610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA**

Hawaiian Themed-Dress Code

Social Hour: 4:30 – 5:30 pm
Award Presentations: 5:30 – 7:00 pm
Live DJ: 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Dancing & Social: 8:00 – 10:00 pm

Raffle Drawings: All Evening
BYOB & Soft Drinks
Cups, Ice & Napkins provided
RSVP by November 25, 2024

Annual Awards & Hawaiian Themed Holiday Party

Please RSVP by November 25, 2024

Make check payable to: **THE VETTE SET**

Mail or give check to:

Jeanette Weimer

113 E. Maple Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245

Number of guests: _____ x \$55.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Yes, I plan to present a personal award!

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HISTORICAL REPORT

THE VETTE SET ARIZONA CRUISE PALM SPRINGS-PHOENIX-TOMBSTONE-SEDONA-PRESCOTT SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

Day 1, Sept. 21: Gardena to Palm Desert. This club run was led by Rob Weimer to Tombstone, Sedona and Prescott, Arizona. The plans for this run were to participate in Prescott's All Corvette Car Show, a party at Hal Vatcher's home, a poker run and street dance. We met at Krispy Kreme in Gardena before departing. Our lunch stop was at Cabazon's Morongo Casino.



Krispy Kreme group photos before departure. Tom took the chicken for the first day

Day 2, Sept. 22: Palm Desert, CA to Chandler, AZ. While in Palm Desert, we stayed by Embassy Suites at Hilton Palm Desert. Good news: the room included a “free” breakfast in the morning. Chandler is a special place for Chris and Kelly. Thirty years ago, Chris proposed to Kelly there. They had dinner at Rustler’s Rooste Steak House and stayed in a hotel suite with a view of the track where they were racing. On this visit, they reserved a suite at the Gila River Resort and we all went to the Rustler’s Rooste Steak House for dinner.



Sharon & Pat in the Palm Desert lobby before departure.



Check in at the Gila River Resort and Casino in Chandler.



We met Kim’s son and grandson in the Gila River Resort parking lot. Nice C3.



Rustler’s Rooste Steak House for dinner.



Yes folks, live music with dinner.



Chaz, Marci & Gerri



Kelly & Chris

Day 3, Sept. 23: Chandler to Tombstone. We drove 200 miles from Chandler to Tombstone, just in time to have lunch at Big Nose Kate's Saloon. Again, we were entertained with live music.



Even with a torch red stage coach, Tombstone's pace seemed a little slow.



Lunch at Big Nose Kate's Saloon included live music and a showgirl.



Chris & Kelly's room had a cow hide rug and the worlds largest rose bush.



Pat & Sharon's hotel room was used by John Wayne while filming movies.



Christine, Anton, Pat & Sharon went to Tombstone's last Western show of the day. Big mistake. There weren't many audience members present and we were only a few feet from the "stage." So much for sneaking out early. They would have made us part of the show by shooting "blanks" (hopefully) and verbal darts at us.

Day 4, Sept. 24: Tombstone to Sedona. We drove 300 miles from Tombstone to Sedona, the land of the roundabouts (aka traffic circles).



Hey! An actual caravan.



Entering the land of roundabouts.



View from the Best Western Plus Arroyo Roble Hotel.

That night, we ate at the Golden Goose American Grill. After a bit, everyone showed up.

Day 5, Sept. 25: Sedona, AZ. We had breakfast in the hotel and then drove 22 miles to Clarksville for a 4 hour ride on the Verde Canyon Railroad. The Vette Set occupied all but three of the seats in one car. The staff in charge of supplying beverages, etc. for our car were very personable. One asked the passengers if they were happy about anything and had something to share. One of the guys, who was not a club member and about 60 years old, jokingly said he was happy because he just passed his GED. Everybody had a good laugh.

For excitement, the train went through a tunnel and over a bridge. Many of the passengers went outside in an open air car to experience the event. Our speed was 13-15 mph. Wow!



Verde Canyon RR Photo



When the trip was planned, passengers were offered a “small” lunch to be served on the train ride. A larger, carry-on lunch could also be purchased at the depot. In the planning stages, Sharon ordered both for herself, Anton and Pat. It turned out that each person could eat only one of the two lunches. After we returned to the hotel, Anton went to Costco and asked the wine guy what beverage he would pair with day-old sandwiches. He recommended a moderately priced Chardonnay which proved to be perfect.

Day 6, Sept. 26: Sedona to Prescott with a visit to Jerome, NV. After our Best Western breakfast, we made a 39 minute drive to the Jerome State Historical Park. Jerome was the home of Marci’s grandmother for the first 10 years of her life.

We toured the Douglas Mansion, named after James Douglas. This large structure was located above the town and presently houses displays, artifacts and videos of the history of the town of Jerome.



The Douglas Mansion, now a museum, told the history of Jerome.

After lunch, we went to Prescott and checked into our hotels. At 4 pm we were invited for dinner and a party at Hal Vatcher's new house.

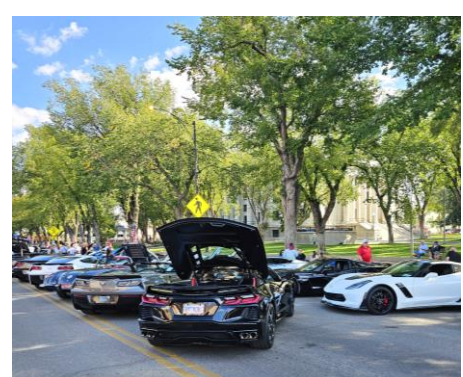


As it became darker, guests moved inside and everyone ended up in the kitchen. Not unlike Hal's annual sunset parties at his former home in Rancho Palos Verdes. Thank you, Hal.

Day 7, Sept. 27: Sedona. We went on a Poker Run organized by Prescott's Vette Sette car club. The route was designed to show the participants the most scenic and historic neighborhoods. In the evening, there was a "Meet & Greet" on Cortez Street sponsored by U.S. Vets' Prescott Chapter. There was dancing from 5-9 pm with music provided by the Whiskey Pistols. There was a beer and wine cash bar and food was provided by two popular food-trucks.



Day 8, Sept. 28: Prescott's All Corvette Car Show. Club members participated in an all Corvette car show sponsored by Prescott's Vette Sette car club. This required every participant to be in downtown Prescott at 7 am to park their cars on three of the four streets bordering the courthouse. As a humanitarian effort, Harry picked up some lady club members so they could arrive at the show around 10 am. Well, it was a long day but three of our club members received awards for their cars: Jennifer's C5, Tom's C6 and Rob's C8.





The judges. Their decisions were final.



Tony, Irene, Bonnie, Santiago & Sharon



TVS winners: Tom's C6, Jennifer's C5 and Rob's C8.



Group photo in front of Jerry's C7.

Dinner. After the car show, there was a 5 pm dinner at the Antelope Hills Golf Course. Music was provided by the Whiskey Pistols. Those that couldn't find room outside, ate inside.



JIM DAHL'S CLASSIC VEHICLES

1650 228TH STREET, TORRANCE, CA
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

Kim Foster gave club members a tour of Jim Dahl's extensive collection of 60 classic vehicles. The tour started outside at 10 am before entering the three buildings housing the collection.



Kim led the tour.



Corvettes were favorites.



Bob's favorite, based on color alone.



Kim with the Zimmer Quicksilver.





The next step was the Peterbilt truck with the two '58 Fords.
(Yes, the truck is part of the collection.)



The German garage features Mercedes, VW and Porsche vehicles.

The workshop with lifts and Jim's favorite vehicle, the VW van.



After leaving the workshop, we entered the grand showroom.





The guys with Marilyn's "Seven Year Itch" pose.

The common denominator for TVS club members is the love of cars, especially Corvettes. We discovered the club members also have an affinity for movie icons Elvis and Marilyn. During the tour, many pictures were taken with the entertainment stars.



Rob helping Elvis with a chord.



The gals "All Shook Up" with Elvis.



Guys and Gals with Marilyn



1933 Chevrolet Coupe.



Dixie, looking presidential, at the Edsel desk.



Was our club "MacGyver" trying to retrieve another set of keys?



Kim wrapped up the tour and recommend lunch places near by.



The sponsor, Dahl's Painting.



Thank you, Jim, for inviting the club to visit your collection.