



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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The Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser was held at the Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center

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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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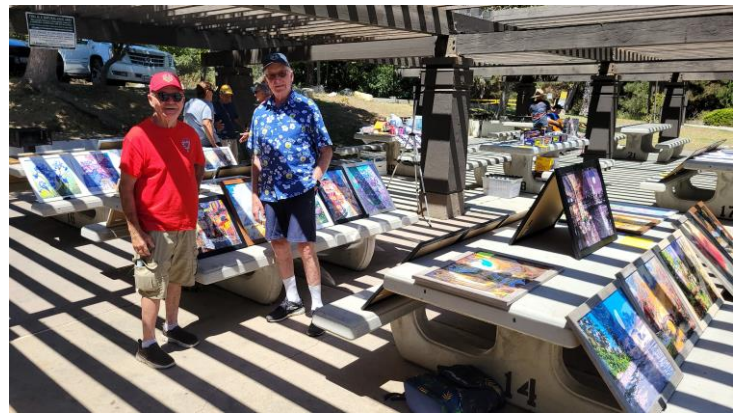


PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



WOW! How can it be that summer is “unofficially” over? However, before it ended, the *Club* came together for its annual Picnic & Yard Sale...this year at a new location at the Deane Dana Friendship Park in Rancho Palos Verdes. The group enjoyed a beautiful summer’s day with a great view of the L.A. Harbor while we ate our picnic lunches, listened to the sounds of live music from several of our members and even generated \$150 income from the yard sale items.



I hope everyone had a great Labor Day Weekend...and, now that summer is ending, let’s get ready for a *Fantastic Fall Full of Fun*...beginning with our 10-day *Corvette Caravan* through Arizona with, give-or-take, ~40 participants and ~20 cars, ending in Prescott for the All-Corvette Car Show Weekend. I would like to thank Rob & Jeanette Weimer & Chris Donlou for co-hosting this trip and for the incredible task of organizing this event-filled road trip.

The election of the 2024/2025 Officers will take place at the November General meeting due to there being no December General meeting. We need volunteers and participation to keep this organization going so I urge each of you to 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 continuing our “Club’s Objectives.”

Next General Meeting is **OCTOBER 3rd**

Dixie Foster

TVS President

“Save The Wave”



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

September 5 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

September 14 -- Planning Meeting 3pm at the Weimer's home to discuss the Arizona trip.

September 18 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Belle Epoque, 265 Avenida Del Norte, Redondo Beach, CA 90277, in the Riviera Place Shopping Center, near Rebel Republic.

NOTE: There's a FREE comedy night there starting at 8pm. You may stay if you wish! Please bring your well-researched ideas for new club runs or activities.

September 26 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at The Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle, Torrance 90503. RSVP to Jeanette at (310) 941-7062, Forjweimer@me.com

September 21-29 -- Club Run led by Rob Weimer to Tombstone, Sedona and Prescott, Arizona. Includes participating in the All Corvette Car Show, a party at Hal Vatcher's home, a poker run and street dance in Prescott, AZ. More details TBA. So far, there are 35 going!

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 Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle, Torrance 90503. 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 wellresearched 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 -- Las Vegas Club Run led by Jennifer Walton to the new Fontainebleu 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, John LaBella and anyone else who's interested.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. Cruise at the Beach (formerly Ruby's Diner Car Show) -- 22nd Annual Car Show runs from 3-7pm, June 7-Sept 6 at the Redondo Beach Marina, 811 N. Catalina Ave, RB 90274.
2. September 14 -- 2nd Annual Cruisin' to College Car Show, presented by Fullerton College. All vehicles welcome. Cars \$25, Bikes \$15. Roll-in time 8-10am and drive-ups welcome. 321 E. Chapman Ave, Fullerton, 92832. There's food and entertainment. All proceeds go to scholarships for Fullerton College students. Register at <https://bit.ly/FCCruisinToCollege> or call (714) 992-7250
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly Starbucks) & Sizzler.
6. 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.
7. 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 PenCn1@gmail.com August theme is Muscle Cars and Hot Rods.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.



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 iactivities so you may RSVP or comment.

Jennifer

	<h2>RACE REPORT</h2> <p>David Tavares</p>	
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Aug. 2-4: Road America @ Elkhart Lake, Wis.: AWA and Pratt Miller teams raced in the IMSA series, GTD PRO class. The No. 3 Pratt Miller Vette ran with drivers Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims. The No. 4 Vette ran with drivers Tommy Milner and Nicky Catsburg.

The first unlucky break was when the 2nd place No. 3 Vette, with Alex Sims driving, was struck by another GTD Pro car and spun out onto the gravel. The recovery crew quickly pulled Sims back onto the track to continue the race. The 2-hour, 40-minute race was plagued with 6 full-course caution periods. Two yellow flags in the final hour worked against the Corvettes as they were planning on a good fuel strategy to give them an edge at the end. But the caution periods gave all the teams a chance to refuel. The No. 3 Vette finished 5th in the GTD PRO class with the No. 4 Vette right behind them.

The AWA race team ran the No.13 Z06 in the GTD class with Matt Bell & Oray Fidani. Bell and Fidani gained 16 positions overall and 10 in their class. The No. 13 Corvette matched the Pratt Miller results for their best GTD finish of the season.

GTD Pro Race Results: 1st: Ferrari, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Aston Martin, 5th: #3 Vette, 6th: #4 Vette. There were 10 cars in the class.

GTD Race Results: 1st: BMW, 2nd: Ferrari, 3rd: Acura, 5th: #13 Vette. There were 15 cars in this class.

Aug 16-18: Road America @ Elkhart Lake, Wis.: DXDT Racing competed in the Fanatec GT World Challenge America series. The No. 63 car raced in Pro Class with drivers Tommy Milner & Alec Udell. The No. 8 car raced in Pro-Am class with drivers Bryan Sellers and Bryson Morris. Milner started in the class pole position and drove for the 1st 40 minutes, handing the car over to Udell. Udell moved up to the lead position on the 1st turn and stayed there.

Meanwhile, Morris in the No. 8 car moved up to 2nd place overall and 1st place in the class. The two Corvettes completed the final race of the weekend with a 1st & 2nd place overall finish!!

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

Race Results: 1st Race, Pro-Am class: 1st: BMW, 2nd: Porsche, 3rd: Porsche, 8th: #8 Vette. There were 8 cars in the class.

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

Race Results: 2nd Race, Pro-Am class: 1st: #8 Vette, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Mercedes. There were 8 cars in the class.

The first-year Z06 GT3.R has had 8 race victories since its debut in January and this was the 2nd 1-2 finish!



Photo Credit: DZDT Racing

7/14 – Six Hours of Sa Paulo (Brazil): TF Sport raced in the WEC series in the LMGT3 class. Tom Van Rompuy, Rui Andrade and Charlie Eastwood raced the #81 Z06 racecar. Hiroshi Koizumi, Sebastien Baud and Daniel Juncadella raced in the #82 Z06 race car.

Von Rompuy started in the 8th spot in the #81 Vette and moved up two places in the first ten minutes. Then the Vette was struck by one of the GT3-class Porsches and spun off the track. He came back in 14th place and made his way to 8th place by the end of the race.

Koizumi in the #82 Vette moved up to 9th place from his 13th place starting position. When Baud took over, the car had to serve a drive through penalty. Soon after that, the car had a mechanical problem which sidelined the car for the rest of the race.

Race Results: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: Aston Martin, 3rd: McLaren, 8th: #81 Vette. The #82 Vette did not finish. There were 18 cars in the class.

7/19-7/21 – Virginia International Raceway: DXDT Racing ran 2 cars in the Fanatec GT World Challenge America series. The DXDT team spent 2 days of testing & practicing before the race. The #63 car raced in Pro Class with drivers Tommy Milner & Alec Udell. The #8 car raced in Pro-Am class with Bryan Sellers & Scott Smithson.

In the 1st race, the DXDT team executed perfect pit strategy resulting in another 1st place finish in class and overall, for the Z06 GT3.R Corvette!

In the 2nd race on Sunday, the #63 Vette had another 1st place in class & 2nd place overall.

Meanwhile, the #8 car racing in the Pro-Am class had a 6th place finish in their 1st race on Saturday. This team also managed a 3rd place podium finish on Sunday!

Race Results:

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

1st Race, Pro-Am class: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Mercedes, 6th: #8 Vette. There were 8 cars in the class.

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

2nd Race, Pro-Am class: 1st: Mercedes, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: #8 Vette. There were 7 cars in the class.

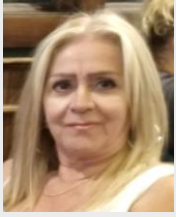
The new Z06 managed to get 5 podium finishes in July! Wow!!

8/2-8/4 - Road America @ Elkhart Lake, Wis.: This will be the next race for **AWA & Pratt Miller** racing in the **IMSA** series.

8/16-8/18 – Road America @ Elkhart Lake, Wis.: This will be the next race for DXDT Racing in the Fanatec GT World Challenge America series.

8/30–9/1 - Lone Star Le Mans (Austin): This will be the next race for TF Sport race team in the WEC series.

That's all I have for this month. Until next time, get out there and drive your Vettes everyone! *David*



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$40):

Nathan Guillory, not present

Next month, \$60

50/50 Drawing (\$360 collected):

Karen Dahl, \$180

TVS Club, \$180



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



September Birthdays



- 9/2 Jerry Ockerman
- 9/7 Paul Toth
- 9/11 Nico Palmieri
- 9/12 Ed Lesnansky
- 9/13 Dave St. Cyr
- 9/13 Jack Walter
- 9/15 Nathan Guillory
- 9/17 Bonniegay Bacon
- 9/18 Lee Williams

September Anniversaries



- 9/10 Chris & Kelly Donlou
- 9/15 Charlie & Gerri McManis
- 9/19 Marilyn & Oscar Amaro
- 9/20 Lynda & Paul Toth

Pam



NCM AMBASSADOR & SPONSOR RELATIONS

George M. Person, Jr.



I am first going to remind club members that back in April I will resign as the NCM & Zimmerman ADM Ambassador. I have been the NCM Ambassador since 2010. At that time I was asked if I would accept the position after the member who helped to establish this position had to leave the club. That is what makes the Vette Set what it is to step up to fill all of these positions. I think that there is value in having these positions. I was asked several years ago by our then president Rob Weimer if I would accept the additional duties as the Zimmerman ADM Ambassador and I accepted but now I am tired of the reporting and it is time for someone else to step up and take on these roles. It is not difficult and I am willing to help anyone who steps to fill these positions. November is the end of my reign of terror LOL. So please someone step up to the plate

Thank you very much for my Get Well card.

George Person



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At a Ceremony on Saturday, August 31, 2024, the Corvette Hall of Fame Inducted its Class of 2024

Corvette Racing Drivers Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen

Oliver Gavin and Jan Magnussen became two of Corvette Racing's brightest stars during a decorated run together in the 2000's and 2010. Gavin joined the team full time in the No 4 Corvette in 2003 and the following year Magnussen became a co-driver with Olivier Beretta at the Le Mans, Sebring & Road Atlanta. The trio won Le Mans every year from 2004 to 2006, as well as Sebring once and Road Atlanta. For the 2007 season, Magnussen entrusted to drive full-time in the No. 3 Corvette. Together Gavin and Magnussen have won a Championships driving for Corvette Racing with 51 wins by Gavin and 34 by Magnussen.

Corvette Chief Engineer

Tad Juechter was on the design team for the C7 and made a special point to redesign the interior of the Corvette. The mid-engine C8 is the first Corvette Juechter got to create from the ground up. Under his leadership the reputation of the Corvette as one of the worlds finest sports cars continue to grow.

Enthusiast Category Inductee: Richard Prince, Automobile Photographer

Richard Prince is a leading automobile photographer whose connections span the globe.

RAFFLES

2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe

Drawing September 19, 2024 at 2:00 PM CT

Tickets \$100

2000 Tickets Available



Build Your Own Corvette or 85,000

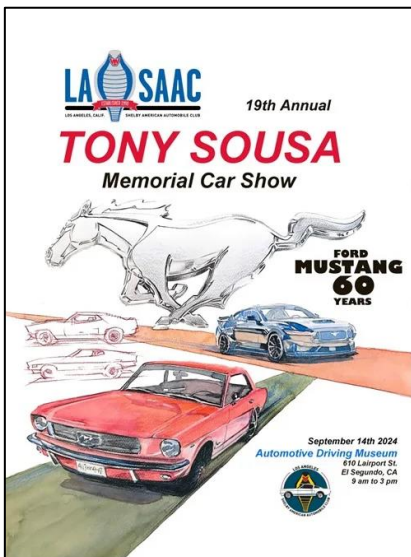
Drawing Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 2:00PM C

Tickets \$250

1500 Tickets Available



The Zimmerman



JDM at the ZADM

Saturday, Sept. 14, 9am – 3pm

This year's *Tony Sousa Memorial Car Show* will be held at the *Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum* which is about 3/4 mile south-east of where the 1965 thru 1967 *Shelby GT350* and *GT500s* were built, at *LAX* in El Segundo, California.

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 Saturday, Sept. 28, 10am – 2pm**

JDM at the ZADM is BACK! Join us for the JDM show of the year! Bring your friends, family, and JDM lovers for a day full of live music, good food, and awards! Register your JDM vehicle for a chance to win Best Itasha, Best Decades, Best of Show, and MORE! Show cars and vendors can begin rolling in as early as 8am, and parking spots are first come first serve.

George Person

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VETTE SET PICNIC & YARD SALE FUNDRAISER

DEAN DANA FRIENDSHIP PARK AND NATURE CENTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024

The Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser was held at the Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center, 1805 W. 9th St, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275. The time for the event was from 11am to 3pm. Attendees brought their lunch and beverages of choice, yard sale and car items. Members also brought blankets to display their items already marked with suggested pricing, if possible. It was suggested that 50% goes to the club. Also, please bring a lawn chair, outdoor games and instruments for a jam session.



A fantastic View.



The location.





After lunch, there was a jam session with Dave & Gary on guitars, Bob on harmonica and Jennifer on violin.



With a reliable car, Bob's present worries are limited to his harmonica collection.



Dixie with a painting by Jerry.



Perfect parking for the event.

Thanks go to Jennifer, for organizing another successful picnic and yard sale. Jerry's paintings on sale were an artistic addition. The music provided by Jennifer, Gary, Dave and Bob was a perfect finale.

Also, thanks go to Harry for "discovering" the Dean Dana Friendship Park when he organized a "Hugging the Coast Run" on October 27, 2022. This facility was the destination for his run that started at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum with stops at Torrance Beach and Point Vicente. In addition, Harry negotiated a good price for use of the facility (free).