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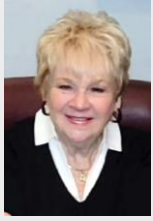
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PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



It's "Summertime" and the living is easy. Hopefully, everyone is having a pleasant summer; perhaps going on vacation, taking a trip to the beach, enjoying a concert in the park or having a BBQ in your own backyard and enjoying the beautiful, if not hot, days of this summer.



Bill and Kathie's new C7 Corvette was on display at the August meeting

"The 1736 Crisis Center was selected to receive our donation of \$1,500. The **Outreach Coordinator, Michele Nadeau**, was present to share a few words about the organization, noting that the 1736 FCC Programs and Services provides crisis intervention and emergency services, mental health counseling, referrals and shelter intake free of charge through 20 facilities and service locations. She was awarded the check for her organization by Michelle Grogan and Rob Weimer."



Outreach Coordinator, Michele Nadeau, with Michele Grogan & Rob Weimer

REMINDERS:

Summer Picnic is **AUGUST 18th**

Next General Meeting is **SEPTEMBER 5th**

Dixie Foster

Dixie Foster, President



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

August 1 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards. Please bring books or magazines for Carolyn Shofner to donate to those less fortunate.

August 2 – (FRIDAY) Jennifer and David lead a run to the Stanley Historic Ranch and Garden Grove Car Show on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove. Meet at 11:30am at Krispy Kreme, 1199 Artesia Bl, Gardena 90248. Leave @ 12pm for a Private Group Tour 1-3pm at the Historic Stanley Ranch Museum, located at 12174 S Euclid St, Garden Grove 92840. Drive 5 minutes and line up @ 3:30 at the car show entrance. Car show runs 4-8pm and entry is \$5/car. Enjoy dinner at any of the restaurants on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove, in view of all the cars. There is also a pawn shop and thrift store.

August 18 -- **SUNDAY** 11am-3pm Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser at Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center, 1805 W. 9th St, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275. BYOB & lunch. Bring yard sale and car items. Bring tables or blankets to display your items already marked with suggested pricing, if possible. Suggested 50% goes to the club. Also, please bring a lawn chair, outdoor games and instruments for a jam session 😊

August 21 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Brouwerij (Brewery) West, 110 E. 22nd St, located inside Warehouse No 9, in San Pedro 90731 at the Port of Los Angeles. Please bring your well researched ideas for new club runs or activities.

August 29 -- 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 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. Please bring books or magazines for Carolyn Shofner to donate to those less fortunate.

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

September 18 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBA. Please bring your well researched ideas for new club runs or activities.

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!

December 5 -- Annual Vette Set Holiday Party and Awards Banquet. Details TBA.

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.

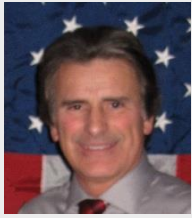
EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

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. All Corvette Car Show -- Saturday, Aug 17 from 9-2, sponsored by Corvette Super Sports. Car show will be at the Buena Park Elks Lodge, 7212 Melrose St, Buena Park 90621. Info: Keith Hugg (chairman) at (562) 244-0244 or cssnccc@gmail.com
3. 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.
4. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly Starbucks) & Sizzler.
5. 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.
6. 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.
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.

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.

Jennifer



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



7/12-7/14 - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park: AWA & Pratt Miller race teams ran this race in the IMSA series. Pratt Miller raced in GTD-PRO class and the AWA team ran in the GTD class. The #3 Pratt Miller Vette ran with drivers Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims. The #4 Pratt Miller Vette ran with drivers Tommy Milner & Nicky Catsburg.

The #3 car started in the pole position and led for 109 of 113 laps. Garcia had a 5-7 second lead until a full course yellow flag dropped with 16 minutes to go! This caused many of the GTD cars to be ahead of them at the restart. Garcia managed to thread his way through the GTD cars and kept his position.

Meanwhile, Milner and Catsburg in the #4 car weren't far behind. Corvette Racing & Pratt Miller have been getting closer to a #1 finish this year and they finally did it. The new Z06 GT3.R finally reached 1st place! The #3 car crossed the finish line with the #4 car not far behind. 1st & 2nd place finishes for Pratt Miller & Corvette Racing!

Meanwhile, the AWA race team ran the #13 Z06 race car in the GTD class. Orey Fidani climbed to 2nd place from his start in 11th place. Unfortunately, he was pushed off the track and into the barriers. Fidani climbed out, was evaluated and released. His team attempted to get the race car back on the track, but the damage was too great.

GTD Pro Race Results: 1st: #3 Vette, 2nd: #4 Vette, 3rd: Porsche. There were 9 cars in the class.

GTD Race Results: 1st: Aston Martin, 2nd: Mercedes, 3rd: McLaren. The #13 car did not finish. There were 9 cars in the class



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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.

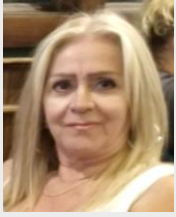
The new Z06 managed to get 5 podium finishes in July! Wow!!

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 (\$20):

Ken Ficquette, not present

Next month, \$40

50/50 Drawing (\$350 collected):

Sharon Cowley, \$175

TVS Club, \$175



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



August Birthdays



- 8/1 Yvonne Molinelli
- 8/9 Dalene Ficquette
- 8/11 Toni Whitford
- 8/14 Lindsey Donovan

August Anniversaries



- 8/6 David Tavares and Jennifer Walton
- 8/27 Jerry Clement and Marci O'Brien

Pam



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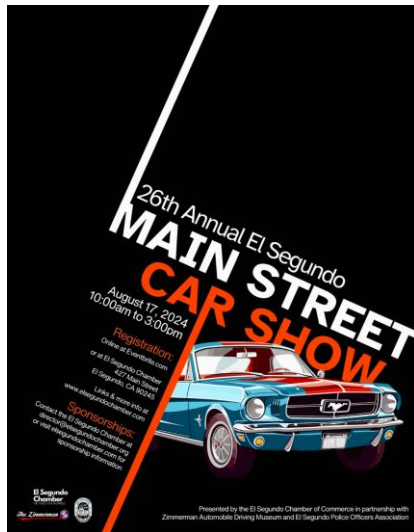
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED, **November 7 - 9, 2024**

Vets n' Vettes is an annual celebration of and for Veterans. The event offers veterans, servicemen, and women, and those who want to support them, a comfortable place to meet and share stories and experiences.

Spend a Half Day at the Motorsports Park

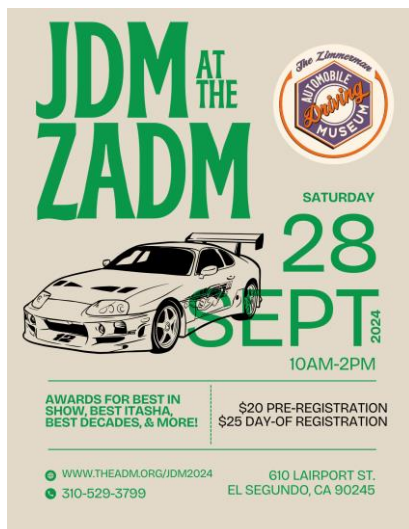
Take your Corvette to the track for a half - day of touring laps on Thursday, November 7. You and your passenger will experience the thrills of lapping at highway speeds on the NCM Motorsports Park 3.2 , 23 - turn road course. From the moment you hit the track to the adrenaline pumping finish, experience thrills like never before..Lumch at the track will be provided for Event Registrants and Veterans - Courtesy of Don Franklin Chevrolet. Event Registration & RSVP Required at the Museum

The Zimmerman



26th Annual El Segundo Main Street Car Show Saturday, August 17, 2024, 10am - 3pm

We will be at the El Segundo Main Street Car Show! Will you? Go to the website of The Zimmerman to register your car. You won't want to miss this!



JDM at the ZADM

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.

Dave & Doland

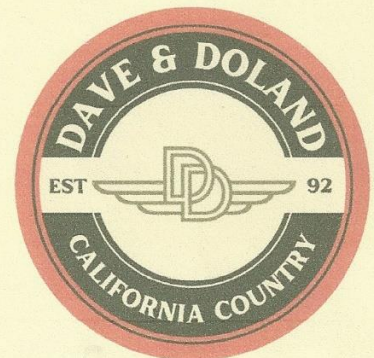
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LADIE 'S LUNCHEON
ROSIE'S HOUSE, MANHATTAN BEACH, CA
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2024

This month, the Ladies' Luncheon was hosted by Rosie Gipson at her house in Manhattan Beach. Rosie provided a Chinese Chicken Salad entrée, dessert and water/soft drinks. Lunch began at 11 am.



