



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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90277

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After Dinner Photo before the Gondola Ride in Naples.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

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

Rob Weimer



Hi VETTE Setters,

What a wonderful Awards Banquet and Christmas party in December. Thanks so much to Dixie for her guidance, ordering awards and gifts for members and her caterer, Danny, Diane's support and table center pieces, Jeanette's balloons, the Kovacs for door prizes, Anton for the poinsettias, Chris's help with finding a great D.J., Skeeter, Bonniegay handling check-in, Sharon taking pictures, and Jimmy and the Fiquettes for once again providing the champagne.

I received many compliments for the work this team accomplished and for the fun had by all. It truly takes a lot of us to make sure that all members present have a great time. I'm not sure if it was a record turnout, but we had 74 members present. I'd like to see all of our members there, maybe this year. Dixie will be in contact with Marisol at ZADM to reserve December 14th for this year's event.

Kim was able to calculate the profit accumulation of almost two years of merchandise sales and provided a check for \$1400 to add to our clubs bank account. Thank you Kim for all your hard work!

Looking forward, many activities are already in the works, including many day runs organized by Harry, a cruise to the British isles in June, organized by Diane, a two week trip in September to Yellowstone and beyond organized by myself, John Tully, and Harry, just to name a few

Our January general meeting, even though the weather wasn't great, we had 41 members present. We added 6 new members including Tom and Michelle Grogan, Brian Chmielewski, Mike and Laura Joy, and Mike Spiekermann. Please welcome our new members when you see them at events or at our General meetings. We now have 98 members on the roster. Thanks to everyone that continues to encourage Corvette owners to join our great club.



Tom & Michelle Grogan with Rob & Chuck



Laura & Mike Joy with Rob & Chuck

Save the Wave and have a great month, hope to see you on January 18 at dinner night out or February 2nd at our next General Meeting. *Rob*



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

January 5-- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245 AND ON ZOOM with social time starting @ 6pm. ZOOM ID: 833-9353-3282. Password: CORVETTE (all caps). We head to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

January 18-- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at La Bocca Felice, 301 W. 6th, San Pedro 90731. Bring your well-researched ideas for activities and runs.

February 2-- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245 AND ON ZOOM with social time starting @ 6pm. ZOOM ID: 833-9353-3282. Password: CORVETTE (all caps). We head to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

February 15 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Bring your well-researched ideas for activities and runs.

May 27, 2023 -- All Corvette Car Show at the Automobile Driving Museum 10-2pm.

September 9-18 -- Rob Weimer leads a run to Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore and Crazy Horse Memorial. Run starts on September 9 with arrival to Yellowstone N. P. on September 11th for two days of sightseeing, then on to Deadwood, Sturgis and Mount Rushmore. We'll be staying at Best Western Hotels. Tour is limited to 15 cars, including the Weimers. We return home on September 18. Return trip planning, @ 1350 miles, is TBD and open to suggestions. RSVP to Rob at robert.a.weimer@me.com.

UP COMING CLUB RUNS W/DETAILS TBA

1. Nethercutt Museum/Peterson Automotive Museum, Gary Gaffney
2. Filling Station/Antique Stores, Gary Gaffney/Jennifer Walton
3. Saturday run to San Antonio Winery in LA, Bill Molinelli/Dennis Chance

ONLINE VETTE SET CLUB PRESENCE

1. Visit our Vette Set **WEBSITE**: <https://www.thevetteset.com/>
2. Visit our Vette Set **FACEBOOK PAGE**: <https://www.facebook.com/TheVetteSetInc/>
3. New Facebook Events created for the major activities.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. March 2-4, 2023 – Gambler’s Classic in Laughlin, Nevada. For info, contact Kim Miller, Corvettes of Bakersfield Director of Membership, cobmembership@gmail.com or call (661) 332-1260. Register by 12/31/22 to save \$25.
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 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 Peninsula Shopping Center, 67 Peninsula Center, Rolling Hills Estates, 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com.
6. Last Saturday of the month -- Manhattan Beach Cars & Coffee from 7:30-10am located at ‘The Point’ Shopping Center, 850 S. Sepulveda, at the corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach. Enter from Rosecrans. Started by two high school students at Mira Costa HS. Lots of C8s, C7s, and earlier model Corvettes plus a huge array of other cars including old beaters. FREE!



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George M. Person, Jr.



NCM

Thanks for Making 2022 Great! It is hard to believe that they are closing the chapter on 2022! This has been an amazing year for NCM Insurance as they continue to grow, and none of this would be possible without their new and existing customers. It also would not be possible without their team, and they thank you for allowing them the opportunity to insure many of you. Their goal has always been to be the premier, client-centered provider of collector car insurance and because of you, they are one of the fastest growing collector vehicle insurance agencies in the country! Because of this success, they are expanding their team to help better serve their customers and continue their customer-first standard. If you are not a customer, they would love the opportunity!

Z06's Have Arrived. Santa came early to the NCM Motorsports Park! The new Z06's have arrived, and guests can now book their driving experiences!

Corvette Raffles



2023 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$80K

Drawing Thursday, Jan. 19, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$250 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets



2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe

Drawing Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$150 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets



2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible

Drawing Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 3pm CT
Tickets \$20 | Unlimited Tickets

ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

Sunday, February 12 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday Sweetheart Valentines Rides 2023 is a family event you don't want to miss! Bring your family, partner, that special "friend", anyone to their amazing event.

Complimentary champagne and chocolate tasting and a chauffeured ride in a classic car, **ALL FREE** with admission to The ZADM! They have vendor opportunities for this event, if interested.

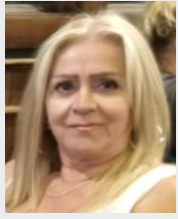


Saturday, February 18 @ 10:00 - 2:00 pm
Muscle Car Show

Join them February 18th 2023 for the South Bay Muscle Car Show you don't want to miss. Dust off your muscle car and cruise on over to the ZADM for some fun! This car show is open to all American Muscle Cars and classics. US Route 99 Band will be performing live.. Get tickets - \$20.00 - \$100.00



George



RAFFLES

Marcie O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing:
Toni Whitford, not present

50/50 Drawing:
Chuck Hammer, \$142*
TVS Club, \$143

*donated to The Vette Set



SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



Happy
Anniversary



Happy
Birthday



January Anniversaries

01/01 Michelle & Tom Grogan
01/01 Jeanette & Rob Weimer
01/01 Christine & Lee Williams
01/09 Diane & Lee Feher
01/21 Don & Marlis Popovich
01/27 Ronald Knight & Rosie Gipson

January Birthdays

01/04 Marci O'Brien
01/05 Don Popovich
01/09 Raul Rodriguez
01/20 Paul Benthuy
01/23 Jimmy Tanimura
01/23 Jennifer Walton
01/29 Patricia Blanchard
01/29 Lee Feher
01/29 Daniela Lesnansky

Dixie



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Not much has been going on in the Corvette Racing camp since last month. So, I'll restate the coming attractions.

This season, for the World Endurance Championship, Nick Catsburg and Ben Keating will be driving the #64 race car in the GTE Am class. The WEC season begins March 17th, at the 1000 miles of Sebring.

For IMSA Racing, the drivers this year will be Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor piloting the #3 car. Tommy Milner will join the team for the endurance events at LeMans and Six hours of Monza. The IMSA racing season opens at Daytona International Speedway on Jan. 28th through 30th.

In other racing news, it appears General Motors and Andretti Global have announced a new partnership that would unite the Cadillac division and Andretti racing to compete in the FIA Formula One (F1) World Championship.

Interesting enough, much of the new Corvette Z06 engine design came from F1 racing designs from years ago.

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

David



© [Luc Warnotte](#) @ 6 Hours of Spa 2022.



JAN 20 - JAN 22 | **ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24**
Daytona Beach, FL



JAN 26 - JAN 29 | **ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA**
Daytona Beach, FL



MAR 15 - MAR 18 | **MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING**
Sebring, FL



APRIL 14 - APRIL 15 | **ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH**
Long Beach, CA



MAY 12 - MAY 14 | **MOTUL COURSE DE MONTEREY**
Monterey, CA



JUNE 22 - JUNE 25 | **SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN**
Watkins Glen, NY



JULY 7 - JULY 9 | **CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX**
Bowmanville, ON



JULY 21 - JULY 22 | **FCP EURO NORTHEAST GRAND PRIX**
Lakeville, CT



AUG 3 - AUG 6 | **IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND**
Elkhart Lake, WI



AUG 25 - AUG 27 | **MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR**
Alton, VA



SEP 15 - SEP 17 | **INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY**
Indianapolis, IN



OCT 11 - OCT 14 | **MOTUL PETIT LE MANS**
Braselton, GA

SAVE THE DATE

GAMBLER'S CLASSIC 2023

ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

March 2~4, 2023 Laughlin, NV



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Please disregard any previous dates and contact information.

Register now and save \$25*

**Must register by December 31, 2022*

This will be a NCCC sanctioned event

HISTORICAL REPORT

HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM THURSDAY, DEC. 8, 2022

For the second year, the “Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony” was held at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum where catering was provided by Danny.



Donated toys



The bar

AWARDS. According to the By-Laws, the awards committee presents four annual awards: The Most Active Member, The Most Active New Member, Hard Luck Award and Member of the Year. Below are the 2022 recipients. Rob gave each of the club officers a gift for their year of service.



**Jennifer Walton
Most Active Member**



**Nathan Guillory
Most Active New Member**



**Chuck Hammer
Member of the Year**



**Harry Kenyon
Hard Luck Award**



**Rob (right), gave officers gifts:
VP Chuck, Secretary Anton, Treasurer John, Sergeant-at Arms Harry.**



**Yvonne
Best Xmas Apparel**



1. Linda & John gave David car polish after he detailed their Z06.



2. Anton gave Harry a jacket to thank him for all the runs.



3. Susan gave Bonniegay recognition as the longest member of the Vette Set.



4. Rob & Chuck gave Carolyn a certificate for being a Vette Set member for 15 years.



5. Kim gave Harry an "On The Road Again" T-Shirt after his C7 was finally repaired.

1. With Linda and John Tully's C6 Z06 for sale, David Tavaras wanted to take their car for a test drive. David was impressed with the car's performance, especially the low end torque. After the test drive, David detailed the car inside and out. In return, Linda and John gave David car polish at the banquet.
2. Anton gave Harry a jacket to thank him for all the work he put in to plan runs for our club.
3. Bonniegay has been a member of our club since 11/79 when she joined with Walt. Susan wanted to recognize Bonniegay for her longevity with the club and all the contributions she has made. In her acceptance of this recognition, Bonniegay also spoke about Walt's favorite car, "The Beast".
4. Rob & Chuck recognized Carolyn as a 15 year member of the Vette Set.
5. Kim gave Harry a tee shirt after the long time to repair the underside of Harry's Green Machine.



**Club Appointees were presented with coffee mugs:
Raul, Jerry, Jennifer, Chris, Linda, Bob, Sharon, George, Bruce, Kim, David, Emma & Dixie**

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Pat & Sharon

EL SEGUNDO HOLIDAY PARADE

12/11/22

The Vette Set joined the El Segundo Holiday Parade on December 11, 2022. We were very worried that we would get rained out, but the weather cooperated. We met at The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum at noon and proceeded to our staging point. The skies cleared to bright blue with some cool winds. We were number 64 in the parade, close to the end where Santa was riding on top of one of E.S.'s fire trucks. Unfortunately, we were following a small group of 7 horses that left a few road apples for us to dodge and some leakage to miss. The spectator crowds were great, with many thumbs up and cheers for our beautiful Corvettes.



Staging before parade.



64th position in the parade: Before the band and after the horses.



Many young onlookers were hoping for a donut demonstration.



Harry in the Green Machine.



Lunch. After the parade we proceeded to Marmalade Cafe for a late lunch. What a great day, we had 11 Corvettes, I would like to thank Chris and Kelly, Kim, Harry, Don and Teena, Bo, Joe and Mary, Lee and Christine, Dave and Pam, Lee and Diane, and Jerry and Marci for polishing up their cars to participate.



Save the Wave, Rob

HOLIDAY GONDOLA RIDE

NAPLES CANALS IN LONG BEACH, 12/29/22

Dennis and Reata Chance organized a Holiday Gondola Ride through the canals of Naples, in Long Beach, near Belmont Shore on December 29. Before the ride, we met for dinner at the Acapulco Restaurant on PCH in Long Beach. We were fortunate to avoid rain or cold weather on the evening of the ride. Our group of 36 fit into 3 gondolas. Each gondola had a guide, riding on the bow, and an oarsman at the stern supplying power to the vessel. We rode through the canals where the homes were decorated with holiday lights, both Christmas and Hanukkah. At one point, our three gondolas stopped, side by side, beneath a bridge. At this time, we heard each guide sing an Italian song. The location, under the bridge, was their version of singing in the shower. The gondolas were equipped with heavy blankets to keep the passengers warm. It was a great outing: we dodged bad weather, the air temperature was relatively warm and nobody fell in the water.



Dinner at the Acapulco Restaurant before the gondola ride.



Sights along the canals.