



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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**Group Photo near Lassen Peak
Reno-Redding Corvette Cruise**

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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

Rob Weimer



Hi Vette Setters,

It's membership renewal time, please don't procrastinate and get your application into Chuck soon, and please remember to attach your current Corvette insurance card copy. The annual Awards Banquet and Christmas party has been set for December 8th. Complete your invitation and mail your check to Dixie or bring it to the November meeting. We would like to see all of our membership attend. Let Dixie know if you plan on presenting a personal award.

2023 club Officer nominations are now open. All of your current officers have been renominated with one exception, John Tully, who is looking to step down from his duties as our Treasurer. John LaBella has accepted the Treasurer nomination. You can send me your officer nominations. Elections will be held at our December General meeting.

I've signed a contract with The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum to continue our monthly meetings there, reserving every first Thursday, at the same \$100 per month. Our General meetings continue to be well attended, we had 51 members attend our October meeting. On display at this meeting were the cars of new members: Dave & Pam St. Cyr and Robert Siordia. Also at the meeting, Michael Spiekermann was welcomed in as a new member of The Vette Set.



Dave & Pam St. Cyr's C8



Robert Siordia's C6



New member, Michael (Spieks) Spiekermann

Thanks so much for your continued support. Of course, I'd like to see all of our members at every meeting, please take the time to come, visit with friends, and stay current on all of the club's business. If you have any ideas that would make the meetings better, please don't hesitate to let me know by phone call, text, or email.

Save the Wave,

Rob



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

October 6 -- 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). Heading to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

October 19 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Habana Vieja Cuban Restaurant located at 1648 Carson St, Torrance, 90501. Bring well-researched ideas for activities and runs.

October 26 -- Hug the Coast Run. Harry and Don Gras will provide details later.

October 27 -- (THURSDAY) Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am with the Vette Set Divas at The Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle E, Torrance 90503. No agenda. Just a get together to have fun enjoying the day, sharing stories or whatever! If you have any questions, call Jeanette Weimer at (310) 941-7062 or email her at forjweimer@me.com

November 3 -- 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). Heading to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

November 16 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at La Bocca Felice, 301 W. 6th, San Pedro 90731. Bring your well-researched ideas for activities and runs.

NOTE: No Ladies' Luncheon in November as it falls on Thanksgiving

December 1 -- 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). Heading to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

December 8 -- (THURSDAY) Vette Set Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at 4:30 pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245. For more info or to volunteer, contact Dixie Foster, DixieKim@msn.com or Diane Feher, lee9diane@aol.com.

December 11 --- (SUN) El Segundo Christmas Parade. Details TBA.

NOTE: No Activities Dinner Meeting in the month of December

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. October 29 – Wheels n’ Wings Car Show 9am-2pm, sponsored by Corvettes West. Will be held at the March Field Air Museum and benefits the Air Museum and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #47- Inland Empire. Info: contact John Blackledge (951) 317-9346.
2. Saturday, November 12 -- Vettes for Veterans All-Corvette Car Show at The Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad 92008. Hosted by North Coast Vettes to honor San Diego area veterans. Net proceeds to go to Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter and the Semper Fi America’s Fund, San Diego. Info: www.northcoastvettes.org
3. Saturday, November 19 – Cruisin’ La Verne Holiday Car Show in Old Town La Verne runs 10-4. The car show benefits California Highway Patrol’s CHiP’s for Kids toy drive program initially started here in SoCal and is now a very successful community involvement statewide program. The downtown area also has great restaurants and shops. Craig Hoelzel Show Manager: Craig@FlyingDeuces.com. Event Website: www.CruisinLaVerne.com
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 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 Peninsula Shopping Center, 67 Peninsula Center, Rolling Hills Estates, 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com.
8. 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!

NEW IDEAS FOR CLUB RUNS

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.



NCM AMBASSADOR & SPONSOR RELATIONS

George M. Person, Jr.



2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000
Drawing Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$250 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets



2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible
Drawing Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$200 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets



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

SPONSOR RELATIONS

A couple of the members informed me that WIN Chevrolet had been sold so I took it upon myself to investigate. I went to WIN and spoke to a couple of people and asked if it was true that the dealership had been sold and they confirmed it. So I went to the people that would know the particulars.

The dealership is being sold to Russell Westbrook, the Los Angeles Lakers player. He must have others involved because I was told that he was also buying Carson Toyota, Carson Nissan and Worthington Ford. When the transition takes place the dealership will be named Carson Chevrolet. I was also told that they have been told they would have to stop the mark ups and add-ons. That sounds promising. This was the first time that I saw Corvettes on the floor and it was full of Corvettes. I didn't look at all of them for pricing but the cheapest one was \$139,000 and the others were \$140's so for now they are still being marked up.

I asked if we would still be able to get our discounts and was told yes. I asked how much and was told 20%. So there you have it, the latest and greatest. Maybe after the transition I may go back to the Sponsor Relations?

One other thing, I was informed that Emil the former owner had passed away due to cancer. I enjoyed my relationship with him. He was a nice guy. And Peter who was the General Manager and instrumental in giving me a super deal on the purchase of my 2014 Corvette is now the owner of Tustin Cadillac.

Peace out!

George

The Vette Set Annual Awards & Holiday Party

Thursday, December 8, 2022

4:30 – 10:00pm



THE ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA

Social Hour – 4:30-5:30pm

Award Presentations – 5:30-7:00pm

Buffet Dinner - 7:00-8:00pm

Live D.J. - 7:00-10:00pm

Dancing & Social - 8:00-10:00pm

Raffle Drawings - All Evening

\$50.00/per person

BYOB &/or Soft Drinks

(Cups, Ice & Napkins provided)

RSVP by December 1, 2022

Make check payable to: THE VETTE SET

Mail or give check to:

Dixie Foster

30 Westport, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Number of guests: _____ x \$50.00 = \$ _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

Yes, I plan to present a personal award!



CAR TALK

Rosie Gipson



Rob Weimer asked me to provide an ordering process on the purchase of my 2023 coupe yellow Corvette. Since GM did not have a 2023 online “price list” purchase form, a 2022 purchase form was used, but with help from George Person and Lee Williams, their assistance provided me with a better understanding of the MANY different options that were available. Working with an online “price list”, it was rather disappointing because a limited number of options were available working with the Vette color yellow. I was informed that GM was selective as to which packages were allowed for certain car colors. I felt deflated because I knew that I would NOT take the time to purchase/install after-market additions. Everything needed to be purchased at the time of purchase.

Once I was able to get over my deflation, the 2022 online order “price list” was created and then verbally given to the salesperson at Ciocca Dealership in New Jersey. The salesperson took the order and again I asked about the “additional” options that I desired to purchase for the car (i.e., high-wing black spoiler and a yellow engine cover) but to no avail. However, the salesperson did inform me of some additional 2023 options from which I only selected the “black” exhaust tips. I didn’t want the extra fancy 2023 spoke wheels since I wash/detail my own car nor the 70th anniversary package.

One day while obtaining general online 2023 Vette information, GM announced on June 13 that a 2023 Vette base price increase was increasing by \$2300!! I immediately contacted Ciocca and was informed that 150 orders had been placed on June 14 and that my order was among the June 14 th group. I was also informed that the June 13 price increase announcement was only an announcement and that the increase had not yet taken effect.

Since the order had been placed, Johnny Hollywood (real name is John Heinle) from DeLillo Chevrolet in Huntington Beach was contacted asking if they’d take this car’s delivery. Since I already had past experience with Johnny including working with him with my 2017 Grand Sport coming from Kerbeck (now Ciocca) and had referred several other TVS members to him, Johnny was very receptive on handling the delivery. Eventually an “order number” was issued whereby the car’s progress could be tracked. Johnny was extremely informative with the car’s progress and finally, on August 8 th the Target Production Week (TPW) had arrived and that meant that the car was going to be built.

At this point I asked what was the ETA. Then on Sunday, August 28 I received a text message from Johnny Hollywood saying that he had “good news and bad news!” My heart sank. What could this mean? My heart was beating 100 mph thinking the worst. All kinds of thoughts were flying through my head. Instead of replying via text message, I immediately

called him knowing that he'd be home enjoying his weekend. His comment regarding the "good news" was that the car had arrived on August 27 at the dealership but the "bad news" was that I could not pick up the Vette until I handled the Ciocca paperwork logistics. Ciocca was handling all the New Jersey paperwork - payment, paper license, registration, and proof of insurance.

Proof of insurance was a real challenge since I have AAA insurance. Would you believe that AAA's software was not yet able to handle the 2023 car year in their system??!! Ciocca was troubled with accepting that AAA insurance was showing a 2022 proof of insurance. According to AAA, they assured me that the year of the car didn't make any difference just so long as the VIN number was correct. AAA was saying this was acceptable while Ciocca was standing firm that the insurance paperwork had to reflect 2023. I was battling between AAA and Ciocca and meanwhile I just wanted my car!!! Eventually, Ciocca relinquished and said that they'd accept AAA's proof of insurance. This conflict between 2022 versus 2023 insurance created a hassle, but eventually September 7 was the official Vette pick up date!!!! As a AAA insurance follow-up, mid-September AAA was able to correct my insurance to reflect a 2023 Vette model.

Because the vehicle was purchased from out-of-state, on September 28 th (one day prior to my New Jersey paper license expiring) I received a shockingly surprised email from a DMV representative saying that I need to obtain a smog certification and a VIN verification before California would issue my car tags. If a VIN representative came to the house, the cost would have been \$100. Instead we drove about 3 miles and obtained the VIN verification costing \$45. Regarding the smog certification, the first attempt with 202 miles on the car did not pass. At the time of this writing, I need to add more mileage to the car and hoping that 500 miles would be adequate. Knowing that my temporary New Jersey paper license was going to expire September 29, I was able to obtain from the DMV representative a one day only "vehicle moving permit" to allow me to drive my car on that day only to obtain the necessary smog test.

Thank you California for a very logical system. Apparently, I'm suppose to obtain a VIN verification, drive 500 miles, get back in the same day, go to the smog center and hope that I pass, get that issued and "maybe" be able to register my car!!! In summary get pro-active on receiving the VIN verification, driving the necessary mileage for the smog test, then verify that you receive a valid smog verification prior to expiration of the out-of-state paper license. If you don't meet these deadlines, you'll be pushed into operating the car on a "one-day only vehicle moving permit". Waiting for DMV to give you a one-day notice to accomplish all these steps is absurd!

When I ordered my 2017 Grand Sport from the same New Jersey dealership, I did NOT have to obtain the VIN and smog verification that I'm handling with my 2023 vehicle!!! Apparently, either the dealership and/or California rules have changed.

Even though this is my ninth Vette, I was very excited to pick up my C8 2023. My previous Vettes have been a 1973 silver, 1984 black, 1991 blue, 1995 blue, 2001 yellow, 2006 yellow, 2011 yellow Grand Sport, 2017 yellow Grand Sport, and now 2023 yellow coupe 2LT, Z51 package. Do I like yellow?!?

FYI - November 22, 2022 will make me a 50-yr Corvette owner!!!



Rosie's 2023 Corvette. What a beauty!



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Welcome to another issue of the Corvette Racing News. Corvette Racing participated in two races since the last Vette Set meeting.

IMSA: Petit Le Mans in Atlanta. We'll begin with the IMSA racing event. The number 3 car competed in the 10-hour Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta from September 28 through October 1st . This was the last race of the season for the No. 3 Corvette in IMSA competition.

Antonio Garcia was the initial driver of this event and moved to the lead just past the hour mark. Unfortunately, the first setback came near the 3-hour mark when Jordan Taylor made contact with the No. 9 Porsche. The right-rear tire lost pressure and he had to pit. The pit crew changed all 4 tires and Taylor made his way back onto the track. The team fought their way back to 2nd place by the 4-1/2 hour mark. With a little more than 2 hours to go, there were more problems for the No. 3 Vette when Garcia and the #62 Ferrari made contact and Garcia spun out. This resulted in the Corvette ending up with a 5th place finish.

Race Results:

- 1st : Lexus,
- 2nd : BMW,
- 3rd : Porsche,
- 4th : Aston Martin,
- 5th :Corvette,
- 6th : Mercedes,
- 7th : Ferrari

This result was enough for Garcia and Taylor to hold 3rd place in the GTD Drivers Championship and Chevrolet to finish 3rd in the final Manufacturers standings for the year. This is not exactly what us Corvette enthusiasts were hoping for. But at least Corvette made it into the top three.

WEC: 6 Hours of Fuji in Japan. Now for the WEC Racing side of team Corvette. The last race was the 6 Hours of Fuji in Japan on September 11 th for car #64. Chevy struggled in its first trip to Fuji. The team's inexperience at the track was a definite disadvantage. The No. 64 Corvette was significantly slower (0.756 sec.) than the pole-sitting Porsche 911. Chevy's miserable day only got worse when Tandy was handed a drive-through penalty for violating track limits. Oh no!

The team also ran out of fuel as Tandy was heading down the pit lane for his first stop, forcing the crew to push it the rest of the way to the pit. It makes you wonder if that was a driver issue or an engineering issue? The team lost a full lap in the pits as a result of the miscalculation. Between the mistakes and the car not being set up for this track, team Corvette ended up in last place in their class. Ouch!

Race Results:

- 1st : Porsche,
- 2nd &
- 3rd : AF Corse,
- 4th : Porsche,
- 5th : Corvette

The last race for WEC for this season is the 8 hours of Bahrain on November 12. Let's hope the #64 car has a better setup for this track. Until next time, get out there and drive your Vettes everyone!

David

	<h2 style="margin: 0;">SUNSHINE</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Dixie Foster</p>	
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**Happy
Birthday**



**Happy
Anniversary**



October Birthdays

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| 10/03 Dennis Chance | 10/24 Chris Perez |
| 10/05 Hal Holzman | 10/25 Diane Feher |
| 10/05 Ronald Knight | 10/25 Anita Kelley |
| 10/08 Pami Hilty | 10/26 Cindy Noel |
| 10/08 George Person Jr. | 10/29 Eddie Lomeli |
| 10/10 Marilyn Amaro | 10/29 Jeanette Weimer |

October Anniversaries

- 10/09 John & Linda Tully
- 10/30 Emma De La Cerna
& Gary Gaffney

Dixie

HISTORICAL REPORT

RENO-REDDING CORVETTE CRUISE

9/9/22-9/18/22

Day 1. Friday, Sept. 9, Driving to Lone Pine. This trip, planned by Hal Vatcher, started at the IN-N-OUT restaurant on Inglewood Avenue near the I-405. The journey did not get started as planned because the instrument screen on Cowley's C8 went blank after refilling the gas tank. They stopped at Martin Chevrolet and were introduced to the C8 expert. He started the engine again and the instrument screen came back to life. (This condition did not occur again. Perhaps another case of turning off a computer and restarting it to "fix" the anomaly. Not exactly like the C6 at home which was ready and willing to take the C8's place.) The group waited for the them to arrive before departing on this initial 220 mile journey to Lone Pine.



A ride through the desert...



...to reach the BW Hotel oasis in Lone Pine.

Just before going on this run, a documentary was aired on TV: "The Oyler House; Richard Neutra's Desert Retreat." This house is located at 771 Thundercloud Lane in Lone Pine near the Alabama Hills. "In 1959, Richard Oyler, living in a desert town of Lone Pine, CA, asked world-famous architect Richard Neutra to design his modest family home. Thus began a friendship that led to the design and construction of a mid-century masterpiece." Exploring this was also an excuse to revisit the Alabama Hills.



The street view of the Oyler House.



The rock formation viewed by the house.



Sharon & Pat's car at the Alabama Hills.



Happy (and noisy) hour at the Best Western.



Dinner at The Grill.

After an heated competition, Dianne became the "care-taker for a day" of "Charlie the Chicken."



At dinner, Diane picked up the "Chuck" (not the check).

Day 2. Saturday, Sept. 10, Off to Reno. On Saturday, we left Lone Pine for Reno, on a 300 mile trip. The weather started out cloudy which was followed by a downpour before we reached Bishop.



Anton getting ready to go.



Approaching Mammoth Lakes for lunch.

Lunch in Mammoth.



We met in a parking lot to plan lunch.



Since my last visit, the size and number of apartments had increased.

We found an empty parking lot and agreed on a meeting spot and time after lunch. At that point, people went their own way. Some, like Sharon, Anton & Pat, visited Shea Schat's Bakery where sandwiches and baked goods were served. After lunch, we drove to Reno.

Bird Transfer. After arriving at the hotel, we had happy hour in the central patio near the pool. This time was also used to transfer the bird from one person to another. Although Dianne had an enjoyable day in Mammoth with the critter, rules dictate that she had to cough up the little bugger at the end of the day. Lucky Linda.



At the happy hour, Diane gave Charlie to Linda.



Those that were still hungry, had a late snack in the bar.

Day 3. Sunday, Sept. 11, Reno National Automobile Museum. On this Sunday, we went to Reno's National Automobile Museum. "Most of the vehicles displayed are from the collection of William F. Harrah and opened on November 5, 1989. The museum, which opened on Nov. 5, 1989, has over 200 cars spread over four galleries. Gallery 1 showcases cars built during the 1890s & 1900s, Gallery 2 features cars from the 1910s to 1930s, Gallery 3 the 1930s through to the 1950s, and Gallery 4 displays cars from 1950 onward.^[4] Gallery 4 also includes race cars. Each gallery is linked by a themed "street", featuring vehicles as well as faux shop fronts."

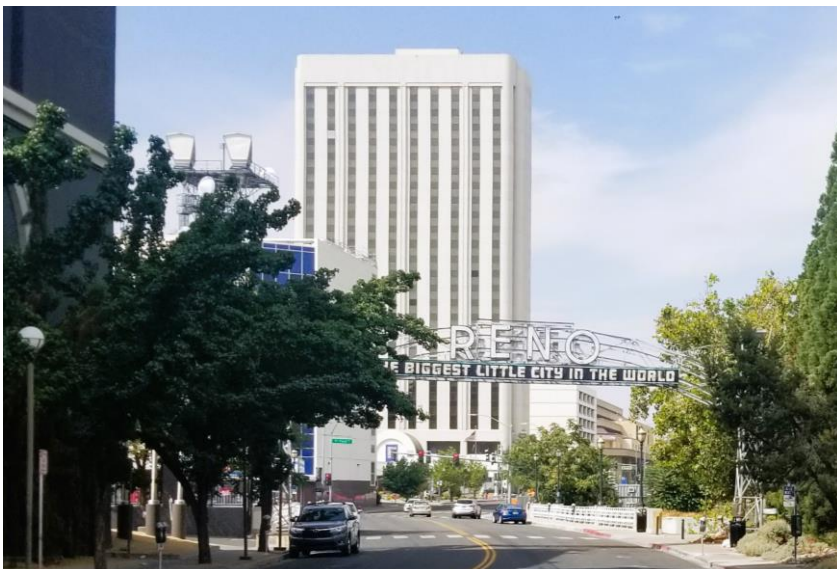




Truckee River Walk. After the tour, we left our cars in the museum parking lot and walked along the Truckee River to find a spot for lunch.



On the way back to the museum parking lot, we caught a glimpse of the iconic sign: RENO, The Biggest Little City in the World. It was a great outing.





Dinner at the Casino. That night, we dined at the casino buffet. Almost everyone participated like they were going to the electric chair the following morning. [Editor's note: As an active youth with a large appetite, I'm sure places like this hated to see me walk through their door. Now, as a senior trying to control my weight, the buffets are welcoming me with open arms. For them, it's payback time.]

Day 4. Monday, Sept. 12, Virginia City, NV. We had a fun ride from Reno to Virginia City. Visibility was limited due to the forest fires.



Approaching Virginia City, NV; Elev. 6200'



Parked and ready to go.



Paul



Vintage Downtown.



Kathie with Charlie.



Day 5. Tuesday, Sept. 13. Drive to Redding, CA.



Hal's driver's meeting before departure.



Talking to a sheep herder at a gas stop.

Along the way to Redding, we stopped at a gas station. A few guys went across the road to O'Reilly's to buy some auto detailing products. Outside we met a local sheep herder wearing Levi's that appeared to have patches sewn on patches. John LaBella commented to him that he was in good shape and guessed that his fitness was probably due to "working pretty hard." His reply was, "I don't work pretty hard, I work damned hard."

Motorhome Mishap. Before we approached Redding, we encountered a large motor home stuck in the ditch with a towed Jeep taking up the west bound lane of a two lane road. After driving by, we turned back to help them, at Rob's suggestion. The towed vehicle was disconnected and taken off the road. The trailer hitch was removed so the mobile home could pull out of the ditch.



Motorhome in the ditch with towed Jeep in westbound lane.



With disaster averted, members of the “C-Team” (C for Corvette) climbed into their cars and motored off to Redding. For them, it was just another day at the “office.”



At happy hour, Jeanette served everyone a drink called “buttery nipples.” Her reward?...Charlie the Chicken from Hal.

Mexican food for dinner.

Day 6. Wednesday, Sept. 14. Sundial Bridge, Picnic & Shasta Dam.

Before leaving the bridge, we bought sandwiches for a picnic after visiting the bridge.





Group photo at Sundial Bridge.



Picnic at Whiskeytown Lake.



Lake Shasta at 34% maximum capacity.



Before we left Shasta Dam, Kathie found a doe, a female deer.



Meanwhile, back at the happy hour, Anton was gifted a fowl friend.

Day 7, Sept. 15. Lassen National Park.

From the hotel, we drove 46 miles to the north entrance to Lassen National Park. Before entering the park we went to Loomis Museum. “The Loomis Museum, also known as the Loomis Visitor Center, the Manzanita Lake Visitor Center and the Manzanita Lake Museum, was built by Benjamin Franklin Loomis in 1927 near Manzanita Lake, just outside Lassen Volcanic National Park in California, USA.”



Anton, Sharon & John at the Lassen Museum.



National Park Emblem.



Lassen Seismograph.



Lakeside luncheon.





Group photo near Lassen Peak (10,500' elevation).



Lassen Peak



Lake Helen at 8,200' elevation.

Dinner that night was memorable: we were joined by Jerry's high school classmate, John, and Anton passed the chicken off to Pat. Anton followed rewarded himself with a dessert from the Ice Cream Shop "32 Below."



Oahu high school classmates, John and Jerry.



Anton flipped (gave) Pat the bird and later celebrated with an ice-cream cone.



Day 8, Sept. 16. Drive from Redding to Gilroy.

The distance between the two cities is approximately 280 miles. After checking in to the Best Western, we went to the outdoor patio for happy hour. At this location, Pat released the bird and it landed in Sharon's lap. Lucky girl.



The journey.



**The reward.
(happy hour)**



**The bird.
(Pat to Sharon)**

Day 9, Sept. 17. Drive to Garlic World and Monterey.

Before going to the coast, we went to Garlic World to buy garlic and kitchen aids.



The plan was for all of the cars to go to Monterey after the garlic shops. Due to lack of parking spaces in Monterey, Anton and the Cowleys decided to go on the 17 mile drive. The threesome managed to find Pebble Beach and had lunch on the balcony overlooking the first tee. After lunch, they went to the club house that overlooks the 18th hole.



Pebble Beach 1st hole.



Three amigos.



18th hole viewed from inside the club house.



18th hole, viewed from club house patio.



Day 10, Sept. 18. Drive Home.

On the trip home, Pat and Sharon decided to take the US 101 route with a stop at Arroyo Grande to visit Dom and his wife Betty. Dom, originally from Italy, was a co-worker of Pat. Dom built two houses on his property and has a Ferrari Testarossa (license plate: CIAO 2YU) and a dog named Enzo. He even built a pizza oven in his back yard. Now that's Italian.



Dom & Enzo.



Dom's pizza oven.

We each did a fit-check in the other's car. The Ferrari is lower than the C8 (44.5" vs. 48.6"), but easier to get in and out. Go figure. The engine of this 1989 "Ferrari is a 'flat-12' which is actually a 180-degree V-12" and is similar to the 8 cylinder, double overhead camshaft, flat plane crank engine of the 2023 C8 Z06. Corvette got it right, just a 34 years later.

Pat

Paul and Lynda's first multiple day Corvette run, 9/9/2022

On a very hot day in September
9 Corvettes began a run to remember
The Vette Set with Hal as the lead
Provided the details and he sets our speed
One C6, Six C7's and two C8's
IN-N-OUT burger is where we meet



First night on 395, laid back Lone Pine
A small town for trout fishing, excursions and lots of sunshine
Mammoth mountain, our next stop
Lunch, a walk and a few stops at the gift shops
Back on the road with some rainy weather
Just beautiful Corvettes, trying to stay together
With raging fires in California smoke filled the air
We finally made it to Reno...happy hour at 4.. so who cares
A visit to the Auto museum the next day
So many classic cars on display
Dinner at the Aquarius Toucan Charlie's buffet
Excellent, delicious food we must say!
On the next day, Virginia City here we go
Nice drive up the mountain
I wasn't going slow
A small city famous for gold mining
Unique shops and saloons
Nobody is complaining



From Reno to Redding, a great fun ride
The group stopped to help an RV on the roadside
Within 15 minutes the RV was off the road
Thanks to the Corvette team the RV avoided a tow
Helping people in need is such a rewarding treasure
An act of kindness as we all worked together



Lynda wanted to visit the Shasta caves
So we didn't go with the group the next day
No picture can capture the caves beauty inside
Centuries of mineral deposits, it's difficult to describe
Shasta Lake, Shasta Dam, and Sundial Bridge were visited on our stay
The next day Lassen Volcanic Park and lunch in the park on a perfect clear day



Leaving Redding on Interstate five
Many trucks and cars but we all survived
Gilroy was our last stop, a strange place
But Lynda and I left the next day at our own pace.

A trip to remember
On 9 days in September