



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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Vette Set Members at “Boyd’s Cruise at the Beach” Car Show

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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. General Aviation Room at the Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr., Torrance, CA 90505. Guests are always welcome to attend any Vette Set event.

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PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



Welcome to Autumn and the beginning of the “ber” months...September, October, November & December. Autumn, also known as fall, marks the transition from summer to winter. Here in Southern California, we are finally enjoying our summer and the heat which has finally arrived. Winter seems far, far away.

The Club’s weather at our Annual Summer Picnic & Yard Sale, at the end of August, was quite confusing, beginning with overcast skies, then some sunshine, then some surprising sprinkles and finally followed with an afternoon of warm sunshine; but, it didn’t interfere with the 40 some picnickers enjoying their lunches, conversations, live music from a couple of members, and raising funds for the Club from the sale of the yard sale items.

Membership Dues Increase

The members approved a vote to amend the By-Laws to increase the first member and spouse or significant other annual dues \$10.00 each and change the payable date from November 1 to the first General Meeting in November. As such, going forward, the first member dues shall be \$45.00 and \$25.00 for the spouse or significant other, payable by the first General Meeting in November, 2025. I encourage you to get your dues in early after receiving your membership renewal notice, to beat the mad rush and pressure put on our Membership Chairperson.

60th Anniversary Feature – Interesting Corvette Facts (Provided by Google)

Question 1: *What was the cost of a Corvette in 1965?*

Answer 1: In 1965, the base price for a Chevrolet Corvette Sport Coupe was approximately \$4,321, while the base price for a Convertible was about \$4,106. These prices were for models equipped with the 327-cu. in., 250 hp engine and a three-speed manual transmission.

Question 2: *What is a 1965 Corvette worth today?*

Answer 2: Typically, you can expect to pay around \$72,600 for a 1965 Corvette in good condition with average spec. The highest selling price of a 1965 Corvette at auction over the last three years was \$385,000.

Question 3: *How much was a gallon of gas in 1965?*

Answer 3: Depending upon where you lived, and taxes added on, a regular gallon of gas costs about 20 to 35 cents. All gasolines of the time had much higher levels of octane than they do now. Back in ‘65, regular gas had 90-95 octane; premium was 100-104. Octane itself is a fuel and became more expensive over the years. With electronic fuel ignition system, less octane can be used without “ping” or “spark knock.”

You are driving America’s Sports Car...Remember to “Save the Wave”, Dixie



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

September 4 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Room at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance 90505. Please bring books or magazines to Carolyn Shofner to donate to a convalescent hospital. Following the meeting, we'll go to Stonefire Grill, 25352 Crenshaw Bl, Torrance, 90505. Go east on Airport Dr, cross Crenshaw Bl and it is the first business on the right.

September 17 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Slice N. Pint, 601 N. PCH, Redondo Beach 90277. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities.

September 25 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Cir E, Torrance 90503 . RSVP to Jeanette Weimer @ forjweimer@me.com

September TBD -- Harry Kenyon will lead a Sports Car Run to a new museum in Torrance, followed by the Porsche Experience and the K-1 Speedway in Carson.

October 2 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Room at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance 90505. Please bring books or magazines to Carolyn Shofner to donate to a convalescent hospital. Following the meeting, we'll go to Stonefire Grill, 25352 Crenshaw Bl, Torrance, 90505. Go east on Airport Dr, cross Crenshaw Bl and it is the first business on the right

October 15 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities.

October 23 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Cir E, Torrance 90503 . RSVP to Jeanette Weimer @ forjweimer@me.com

November 6 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Room at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance 90505. Please bring books or magazines to Carolyn Shofner to donate to a convalescent hospital. Following the meeting, we'll go to Stonefire Grill, 25352 Crenshaw Bl, Torrance, 90505. Go east on Airport Dr, cross Crenshaw Bl and it is the first business on the right.

November 19 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities.

NOTE: NO Ladies' Luncheon in the month of November.

NOTE: NO Meetings (General, Activities, Ladie's Luncheon) in the month of December.

December 11 -- (THURS) 5-10pm Annual Holiday Party and Awards Banquet held at the Riviera Mexican Cantina, 207 N Harbor Dr, Redondo Beach, CA 90277. \$55/person includes buffet, awards, DJ and dancing.

January 8, 2026 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Room at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance 90505. Please bring books or magazines to Carolyn Shofner to donate to a convalescent hospital. Following the meeting, we'll go to Stonefire Grill, 25352 Crenshaw Bl, Torrance, 90505. Go east on Airport Dr, cross Crenshaw Bl and it is the first business on the right.

January 10, 2026 -- Paul Toth has arranged a private tour at 10am of the Historic Ranch and Gardens at Rancho Los Alamitos, located at 6400 E Bixby Hill Rd, Long Beach 90815. Meet there @ 9:45am. Lunch and more details TBA.

January 21, 2026 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities.

January 29, 2026 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am. Location TBD. RSVP to Jeanette Weimer @ forjweimer@me.com

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. Sept 6-7: North Bay Corvette Association is sponsoring an autocross at Thunderhill Raceway Park in Willows, California. Register at motorsportsreg.com
2. Fridays: June 13 to Sept 12 from 3-7pm: Cruise at the Beach at Boyd's parking lot 209 - 245 N Harbor Drive in Redondo Beach. Show up @ 2pm. Car Show goes 3-7pm.
3. 19 th All Corvette Car Show hosted by Prescott Vette Sette on Saturday, September 27 in downtown Prescott around the beautiful Courthouse Plaza. There will be @ 300 Corvettes on display. Online registration starts April 1st at prescottvettesette.com
4. Every Friday -- Garden Grove Car Show on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove from 4-8pm. Entry \$5/car. David Tavares (562) 308-0390 or Jennifer Walton (562) 544-2670. Enjoy dinner outside at one of the numerous restaurants, in view of all the cars, listening to live music and people watching. Great atmosphere and low-key vibes.
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 -- 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.

9. First Sunday of the month – Zuma Cars & Coffee meets at the closed Ruby's Diner parking lot in Redondo beach 9-11:30am. 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.

10. Morning Shift Cars & Coffee: Bi-monthly meeting SUNDAYS: Aug 17 and Oct 19 at 9am 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.

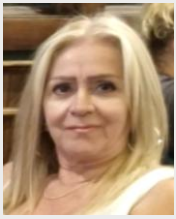
Free coffee. Call before going. They also have a good restaurant, the 917 Café and reservations are required. <https://www.porschedriving.com/los-angeles/morning-shift/>

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



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



May 2025 Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$20):

Jane La Bells's name was drawn, Since she was
was not there, the next prize will be \$40

50/50 Drawing (\$335 collected):

Marci O'Brien, \$167
TVS Club, \$168



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



September Birthdays

9/7 Paul Toth
9/11 Nico Palmieri
9/12 Ed Lesnansky
9/13 Dave St. Cyr
9/17 Bonniegay Bacon
9/18 Lee Williams

September Anniversaries

9/2 Dean Mathiowetz
9/10 Chris & Kelly Donlou
9/15 Chaz & Gerri McManis
9/19 Marilyn & Oscar Amaro
9/20 Lynda & Paul Toth
9/23 Doug Bruce

For Sale
2016 Corvette Z51 Convertible, 3LT
5,693 miles , Asking \$50K



Hal Vatcher has a friend in CO who is selling his almost new 2016 Corvette Z51. It was always garaged and he only brought it out for some local car gatherings, and only in good weather!

If interested, please contact Hal Vatcher (hal@vatcher.com) and he will connect you with the owner.



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



August 17: Road America Race @ Virginia International Raceway

GT World Challenge America Series

DXDT Racing ran their #11 Corvette in the **Pro-Am** class with drivers Matt Bell and Blake McDonald with excellent results. They achieved podium finishes in both races. Chouest Povoledo Racing ran their #50 Corvette with Ross Chouest and Aaron Povoledo driving.

Race Results: PRO-AM:

First Race: 1st: Mercedes, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: DXDT Racing #11 Corvette, 6th: Chouest Povoledo Racing #50 Corvette, 9 cars in class

Second Race: 1st: DXDT Racing #11 Corvette, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Aston Martin, 8th: Chouest Povoledo Racing #50 Corvette; 9 cars in class.

August 24: Michelin GT Challenge, Virginia International Raceway

IMSA Race series: Pratt Miller Motorsports ran 2 cars in the **GTD PRO** class. The #3 race car was driven by Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims. The #4 Corvette was driven by Nicky Catsburg and Tommy Milner.



Pratt Miller Motorsports scored its first victory of the season with the C8 Corvettes. Sims took the checkered flag by 1.070 seconds over the No. 81 Ferrari, which was the closest car to the #3 in the GTD PRO points standings. Garcia and Sims now lead by 53 points heading into the final two races of the season. Garcia won for the fifth time at VIR, which is the most among active drivers. Sims is now a two-time winner.



The No. 4 Corvette placed 3rd overall and in their class for their second podium finish in three races. Sunday marked the first time this year that both GTD PRO Corvettes finished on the class podium!



Antonio Garcia, Alexander Sims, Nicky Catsburg and Tommy Milner picking up their trophies.

In the **GTD** class, AWA ran the #13 Corvette with drivers Matt Bell and Orey Fidani. DXDT ran the #36 Corvette with Robert Wickens and Alec Udell driving.



The #13 Corvette placed 8th in class but won the Akin Award for the second race in a row and second consecutive season at VIR. This result moved Fidani back into the lead and a step closer to having AWA return to the 24 Hours of Le Mans next year. The Akin and Trueman awards grant Bronze IMSA drivers an entry into Le Mans. They are named for successful “gentleman” racers who made a significant impact on the sport.



The #36 Corvette with Alec Udell driving, made a huge jump to 2nd place in class in his first stint. A slow pit stop however, knocked the #36 Corvette and Robert Wickens down the order to 8th after the class cycle. Unlike the GTD PRO Corvettes, the DXDT entry did not make it into the pitlane before the yellow with an hour to go. Wickens and Udell, in their final race of the year together, ended 10th in class.

ROBERT WICKENS, NO. 36 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z06 GT3.R:

“And then, unfortunately, at the first stop, I don’t exactly know what happened. What I do know is that everyone at DXDT Racing has been so good in the pits all season long. For whatever reason, we couldn’t get a wheel off and we lost some track time. And then I was defending against the yellow Ferrari and we had some contact in Turn One; it wasn’t anything that egregious, but for whatever reason the car never felt the same again. So I don’t know if I did some suspension damage or whatever. But from there on, I was just really struggling for pace. We also had some electrical gremlins.”

Race Results:

GTD PRO: **1st: Pratt Miller #3 Corvette, 2nd: Ferrari, 3rd: Pratt Miller #4 Corvette**, 10 cars in class

GTD: **1st: Mercedes, 2nd: Ferrari, 3rd: Astin Martin, 8th: AWA #13 Corvette, 10th: DXDT #36 Corvette**; 13 cars in class.

August 31st: Nurburgring Challenge Cup, Germany

GT World Challenge Europe Series

Race Results: Silver Cup:

Main Race: 1st: Mercedes, 2nd: McLaren, 3rd: BMW, 17th: Stellar Motorsports #24 Corvette, 18 cars in class

August 31st: Okayama International Circuit, Japan

GT World Challenge Asia Series

Race Results: GT3, Pro-Am Class:

1st Race: 1st: 2nd: 3rd: Porsche, 9th: Johor Motorsport Racing #24 Corvette. 13 cars in class

2nd Race: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: Johor Motorsport Racing #24 Corvette. 3rd: Porsche, 13 cars in class

Race schedule before next meeting in October:

DATES	SERIES	RACE	TEAMS
9/7	WEC	Lone Star Lemans, Texas	TF Sport
9/7	GT World Challenge America	Barber Motorsports Park, AL	DXDT
9/21	IMSA	Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN	Pratt Miller, DXT, AWA
9/21	GT World Challenge Europe	Nurburgring – Endurance Cup, Germany	DXDT, Steller
9/28	WEC	6 Hours of Fuji, Japan	TF Sport

HISTORICAL REPORT

ANNUAL VETTE SET PICNIC & YARD SALE DEANE DANA FRIENDSHIP PARK SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

The club had the Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser from 11am-2pm at the Deane Dana Friendship Park and Nature Center. This facility is located at 1805 W. 9th St., San Pedro 90732. Members were encouraged to bring their car related or other items to sell. 50% goes to the club and 50% is yours to keep or donate to the club. BRING your own lunch, drinks, lawn chairs and tables/blankets to display your items, clearly marked with pricing.





Thanks to Jennifer, Harry and Dixie for putting this annual event together. Also, thanks to Dixie for bringing a cake with frosting displaying The Vette Set's 60th anniversary photo. Finally, special thanks to Dennis and Reata for bringing their dog, Bear, who left the picnic grounds tidy and free of food scraps.

Pat

BOYD'S CRUISE AT THE BEACH

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

Chris & Rob organized an outing at the 25th Anniversary Series of Boyd's Cruise at the Beach. This event was held in the old Ruby's Parking lot. There were 25 club members and 2 prospective club members, for a total of 27 attendees from The Vette Set.

An award was presented to the club as a "Thank You for attending with so many cars." Bonniegay accepted the award for the Club and later gave it to Rob Weimer who was the organizer of this event.

Most of those in the photo also went for Happy Hour at the Mexican Cantina after the show.



Bonniegay picked up the award given to TVS



TVS group photo was taken at the 25th Anniversary of Boyd's Cruise at the Beach