



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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The Hotel Del Coronado

One of the stops on Jennifer's Overnight Club Run to San Diego.

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

Dixie Foster



In spite of the onset of the February rains, we had a full house in attendance as we began The Vette Set club's 59th year.

I shared my "AI" generated Presidents acceptance speech and the new Officers and Standing Committees presented their monthly reports followed by an acknowledgement and remembrance of Jan Jeffries, a dear friend and very active member of the club.

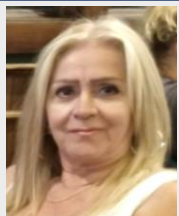
Our club meetings are contracted with the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, in El Segundo, to meet here in 2024 on the first Thursday of each month, except for December.

The position of the *Charities Chairman* is still vacant and needs someone to volunteer to "be responsible for investigating and bringing back to the club members information on charities that the club might want to assist during the year. The club membership then votes on one (1) charity for our main charity for the year." Please contact me if of your interest.

There are already several club runs and events on the calendar and it looks like it's going to be another full year of friends coming together enjoying our Corvettes.

Dixie Foster

President



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$40):

Kathie Kovacs, winner

Next month, \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$350 collected):

Yvonne Molinelli, \$175

TVS Club, \$175

After the meeting at the Slice and Pint Restaurant, Kathie treated the group to a couple of pitchers of beer. Thank you, Kathie.

Marci



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



February Birthdays



- 2/1 Dick Whitford
- 2/3 Reggie Morris
- 2/4 Jane La Bella
- 2/7 Frank Bloom
- 2/7 Wilma Nagle
- 2/21 Teena Chan
- 2/21 Rosie Gipson
- 2/29 Susan Gibbs

February Anniversaries



- 2/29 Careen & Chuck Hammer

Pam



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

February 1 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 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.

February 3-4 -- Overnight club run to San Diego led by Jennifer Walton. Meeting Saturday at 9:30am at ADM, leaving @10am for lunch at the World Famous Corvette Diner and Games Garage in San Diego, followed by a coastal scenic walk and 4pm check in at Humphries Half Moon Inn, on Shelter Island (San Diego). Includes Happy Hour, dinner and dancing to live music at Humphries Back Stage Live (at the hotel). Sunday, check out at 11am, exploring the beautiful Tiki Style hotel grounds and neighboring marina, leaving the hotel @ 12:30pm for 2pm Ice House Museum Tour at historic Hotel del Coronado. Early dinner 4-5pm at Babcock & Story Bar (at the hotel). Caravan home, arriving back in El Segundo area @ 7pm.

February 21 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

March 2 – Paul Toth will lead The Vette Set to the Lions Drag Strip Museum in Rancho Dominguez, CA. More information and a flyer to follow.

March 7 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 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.

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September 14-22 -- 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.

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/>

**On our club's Facebook page, you may view photos our club members have posted of our runs and activities. You may comment on those photos and participate. Facebook Events are created for the major activities so you may RSVP or comment.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. April, 2024 – 7 day Corvette Pirates Cruise to Caribbean! What's more fun than being on a cruise with 50-100 Corvette people from all over the country? Bring 2 Hot Wheels Corvettes. One is for a car show held in the bar they take over, so there's liquor involved! LOL! The second car is for the drag races on another day in the bar. Then there's Pirate Night when most wear Pirate costumes to dinner in the main dining room. Contact Laurie TEX Schwab vettetex@gmail.com, (602) 790-5788, www.corvettepirates.com

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

3. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly 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 new location: Palos Verdes (PV) Peninsula High School, 27118 Silver Spur Rd, Rolling Hills Estates 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com or PenCn1@gmail.com August theme is Muscle Cars and Hot Rods.

6. 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.

Jennifer



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Pratt Miller Motorsports is getting ready for the 2024 season with two Z06 GT3 Pro race cars. The No. 3 & 4 cars will be sporting the traditional Yellow/Black colors.

These cars look much more like the Z06 road car. Both cars have the traditional wishbone trim around the side intakes. Both cars share the 5.5L DOHC flat-plane crank V8. The GT3.R uses the same aluminum chassis frame built in Bowling Green. Another change will be the sponsor. The Pratt Miller parent company, Oshkosh, will be the primary sponsor, instead of SiriusXM. You will be seeing their logo on the race cars this year.

It appears that Corvette Racing is participating more than I originally thought. Corvette Racing is increasing their factory drivers to support the new Z06 race car. Along with the existing factory drivers of: Antonio Garcia, Tommy Milner, Nicky Catsburg, and Alexander Sims, Corvette Racing is adding Daniel Juncadella, Earl Bamber, Charlie Eastwood and Nico Varrone. Juncadella and Bamber will be part of Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports, racing in the IMSA class. Eastwood will join the TF Sports team to contest the WEC events.

1/21/24: Roar Before The Rolex 24

This will be the first race for Pratt Miller in the IMSA series at the Daytona International Speedway.

3/2/24: QATAR 1812 KM.

This will be the first race for “TF Sport” in the WEC series. This is a new race location added to the WEC series. The 1812 in the track name was derived from Qatar National Day on December 18.

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

David



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Sharon Brawner has decided to move on from her role as President and CEO of the The National Corvette Museum. She is thanked for her many contributions over the past two and a half years, which include reimaging their exhibit galleries, growing car collection, and increasing investments in Museum facilities. In the short term, the National Corvette Museum will assume the duties of president and CEO during this time of transition, with Bryce Burklow serving as interim Chief Operating Officer.

Join Them for the 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash (Figure 1)

Kick off the NCM onsite event season with the 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash! Activities include a seminar by Team Corvette, Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Michelin, Mobile 1, and classroom sessions by Gm certified Corvette Technician Paul Koemer. Enjoy guided road tours, NCM Choice car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Class, along with wine tastings and Stingray Grill Happy Hour!

Register With The Museum

NCM Motorsports Park Celebrates 10 Years (Figure 2)

In honor of a decade of thrills, they're rolling out an exciting line-up of new experiences including a brand-new Driving School! Check out their offerings there.

Volunteer at the Michelin NCM Bash & 30th Anniversary Events (Figure 3)

If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link ([The Museum](#)) to receive important updates and schedules for volunteer needs as soon as they are available.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

New Photo Location (Figure 4)

We love [Visit BGKY](#), and they are proud to show it! The next time you visit the National Corvette Museum, stop for a Stingray selfie in front of the iconic Skydome and their new 'BGKY' sign.

Museum Transitions to Winter Hours (Figure 5)

Through February 29, 2024, the National Corvette Museum is open Monday-Friday. Closed on Tuesdays, from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT, and Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM CT.

2023 Model Corvette Year-End Stats Now Available (Figure 6)

Of the 53,785 cars produced, 52% were coupes, while convertibles came in just under the halfway split at 48%.

Robert Maxhimer Joins NCM Leadership Team As Director Of Collections & Exhibitions (Figure 7)

Maxhimer will oversee the Museum's collection of historically significant Corvettes and more than 50,000 Corvette artifacts, as well as managing a team of archivists, vehicle maintenance specialists, creators, and exhibit managers to lead the vision and development of Museum exhibits.

February Family Membership Special (Figure 9)

New members can purchase a Family Membership during the month of February for only \$65! Use Code FAM2024 at checkout! Offer Valid February 1 - 29, 2024

Shop the Corvette Store

Order your [Novistretch C8 Corvette Front Bumper Mask](#), [Novistretch C8 Corvette Mirror Covers](#), [Novistretch C7 Stingray, Z06, ZR1, & GrandSport Front Bumper Mask](#), or [Novistretch Corvette Mirror Covers](#) today!

Download Your Digital Membership Card (Figure 10)

For questions about the Digital Membership Card, contact Member Relations Specialist, Bobbie Jo Lee or by calling 270-467-8833. Your member pin and decal can be picked up on your next visit.



Figure 4

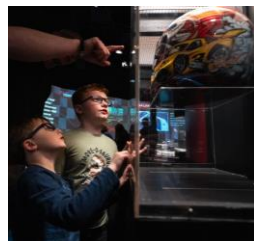


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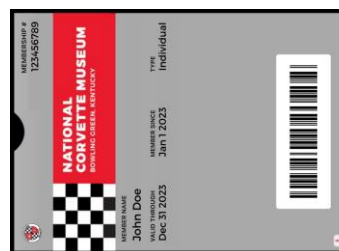


Figure 10



2024 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

DRAWING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024 AT 2PM CT
TICKETS \$150 | 1500 TICKETS AVAILABLE



2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible

DRAWING THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, AT 2PM CT
TICKETS \$200.00 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe

DRAWING THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2024 AT 2PM CT
TICKETS \$100 | LIMITED TO 2,000 TICKETS



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible

DRAWING SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024 AT 3PM
TICKETS \$20 | "UNLIMITED" TICKETS AVAILABLE



The Zimmerman



VALENTINE RIDES 2024

February 11 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday Sweetheart Valentine Rides 2024 is a family event you don't want to miss! On February 11th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, bring your family, partner, special friend, or anyone to our amazing event. Complimentary champagne and chocolate tasting, and a chauffeured ride in a classic car, ALL FREE with admission to The ZADM.



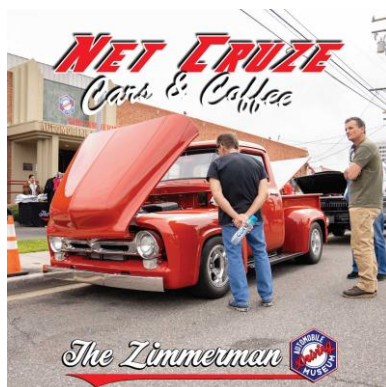
February 17 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Muscle Car Show

Join them on February 17, 2024, for the South Bay Muscle Car Show you don't want to miss. Dust off your muscle car, rev up your engine, and cruise on over to The ZADM for some fun! This car show is open to all American Muscle Cars and classics. Show cars roll in at 8:00 am.



February 24 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

Saturday, February 24th, from 9am - noon, you're invited to swing by ZADM for the Net Cruze Cars and coffee. The car meet features cars from the '30s through the '50s, both original and custom cars, as well as newer and older cars and trucks. Enjoy coffee and pastries, plus a food truck and a raffle.



Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

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A Used Car Article from Google.



A Volvo P1800S with 3,250,257 miles.

- Irv Gordon's Volvo P1800S has covered an incredible 3,250,257 miles in 52 years, making it the highest mileage car in the world.
- The Volvo's durability and longevity were largely attributed to its original transmission, which survived the entire distance without breaking down.
- Irv's meticulous maintenance and careful driving played a crucial role in achieving such a high mileage, with the car requiring minimal repairs during the first 500,000 miles of ownership.

When you buy a new car, it's only natural to think about how long you'll be driving it before it finally stops, or it becomes time to sell. For some cars, this number reaches the million miles mark, and believe it or not [there are a few cars](#) that have far surpassed even that mammoth mileage.

While there may be a few cars capable of making it to seven-figure miles, there is always one car that [stands out from the rest](#) and that car belonged to a man who lived and breathed driving; Irv Gordon and his [Volvo](#) P1800S, covering an enormous 3,250,257 miles.

We're talking an average of over 60,000 miles a year for personal use (not business use) for over 50 years. When he bought the car back in 1966, he picked it up on a Friday afternoon and by Monday morning he was back at the dealership for the car's first service at 1,500 miles

Editor's note: In the Vette Set Car Club, Jennifer Walton has a Corvette with the most mileage. After reading this article, she found out that she has a few miles to go.

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EVERY FIRST SATURDAY



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7:30 – 9:00 AM

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HISTORICAL REPORT

LADIES LUNCHEON ISLANDS FINE BURGERS AND DRINKS THURSDAY, JAN. 25, 2024



The Vette Set Ladies gathered for their monthly luncheon and celebrated Patricia's birthday.

Photos by Jeanette

OVERNIGHT CLUB RUN TO SAN DIEGO LED BY JENNIFER WALTON FEBRUARY 3-4, 2024

Saturday, Feb 3. The group met at 9:30am at Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. Departure time was 10 am and the destination for lunch was at the World Famous Corvette Diner and Games Garage in San Diego. It is located at 2965 Historic Decatur Rd, San Diego.



Lunch and entertainment at the Corvette Diner.



Guys (L) and Dolls (R), at the Corvette Diner

After lunch, the group had the opportunity to enjoy a coastal scenic walk or drive before checking into the Humphries Half Moon Inn at 4 pm. The hotel is located at 2303 Shelter Island Drive, San Diego 92106.



Jeanette and Rob



A pair of parrots

There was a happy hour from 4-6pm, where the group could enjoy dancing to live music at Humphries Back Stage Live, featuring a 60's-70's classic rock band called Trade Winds. The cost was \$5 starting at 5pm and/or Platinum Vibe for \$12, starting at 8pm. In the evening, dining hours at the hotel were from 6-7:30 pm.

Sunday, Feb 4 The group had the opportunity to enjoy breakfast, brunch or lunch at the hotel. Check out time was 11 am. Members had the opportunity to explore the Tiki Style hotel grounds and neighboring marina before leaving the hotel at 12:30 pm. At this time, members could either leave to go home or meet Jennifer at **Hotel del Coronado @ 1:30 pm** for a tour. The Ice House Museum Tour of the hotel started at 2 pm and gave the members time to “discover the behind-the-scenes history of The Del, along with its world-famous dining, recreation and legendary guests.”

After the tour, they had an early dinner from 4-5pm at the Babcock & Story Bar (at the hotel). After dinner, they caravanned home, arriving back in the El Segundo area at 7 pm.



A sunny day at the “Del.”

Thanks, Jennifer for planning this fun event.