



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
221 PASEO DE SUEÑOS
REDONDO BEACH, CA
90277

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Chevrolet's Nürburgring C8 Corvettes

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. 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.

Vette Set Officers & Appointees

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PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



As the calendar turns to mid-August, a familiar sense of change approaches. While schools are already opening their doors, here in the South Bay of Southern California, summer is just beginning to truly warm our days—except, perhaps, for those of us near the coast where the breezes remain cool.

Upcoming Event

Speaking of summer, I hope you plan to join us at the Club's Annual Picnic and Yard Sale/Fundraiser on August 23, from 11:00am till it's over, at the Dean Dana Friendship Park, 1805 W 9 th Street, San Pedro. Bring your own picnic lunch, drinks and some items for the fundraiser. P. S. Dessert will be provided by the Club.

60th Anniversary Photo Feature

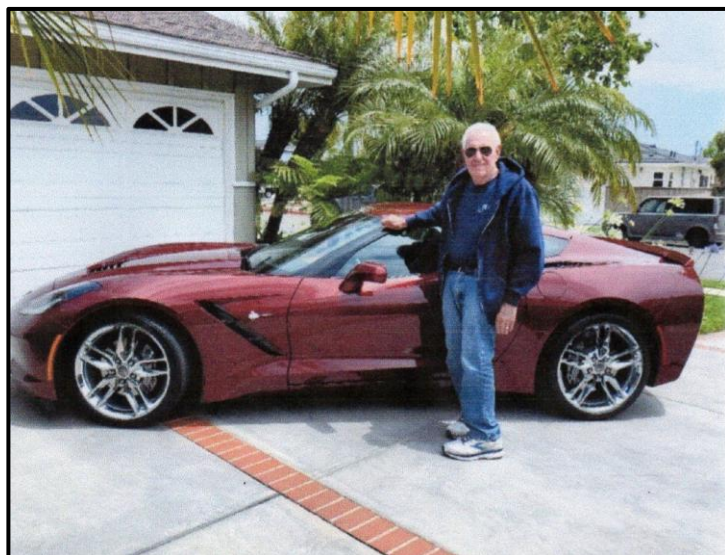
A photo from our Club's 60th Anniversary shoot will be featured in an upcoming edition of Blue Bars, the official publication of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Don't miss it.

In Memory

It is with great sadness that I post yet another passing of a beloved member and friend, Bill Kovacs, on July 26, 2025, following his brief illness. Bill and Kathie joined our club in January 2020 with their 2016 C7 Red Corvette. Bill had driven performance cars for 60 years and "found driving Corvettes to be both affordable and continuously rewarding. He felt the good vibes were always there be it drag racing, road rallies, car shows, cross country travel or just scenic touring." Bill and Kathie became familiar faces at nearly every monthly meeting and enjoyed participating in many of the Clubs' car runs and events. Bill's presence will be greatly missed. A Celebration of Bill's life will be held by his wife Kathie on September 21. Details will be sent out soon.



60th Anniversary Photo



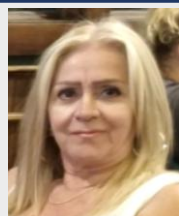
Bill Kovacs

Membership Dues Increase

At the September 4th meeting, members will be asked to vote on a proposed \$10.00 increase in annual dues. It is important to note that TVS has not raised dues in 16 years, despite rising expenses and a decline in membership numbers. If you cannot attend the meeting in person to cast your vote, please use the Proxy form that was emailed to all members on August 17 along with the proposed amendment form. A quorum is necessary for this amendment, so your participation—whether in person or by proxy—is vital.

You are driving America's Sports Car...Remember to "Save the Wave"

Dixie Foster, President, The Vette Set



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



May 2025 Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$20):

Dick Whitford's name was drawn,
Next month, the prize will be \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$380 collected):

Jim Dahl, \$190
TVS Club, \$190



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



August Birthdays

8/1 Yvonne Molinelli
8/9 Dalene Ficquette
8/11 Toni Whitford

August Anniversaries

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



BYLAWS

Jerry Clement



This month there is a proposed change to the By Laws for the membership to consider and vote on at the next meeting. There will be a discussion at the meeting regarding the final wording of these before voting.

| THE VETTE SET, INC. | | | | |
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| BY-LAWS AMENDMENT REQUEST FORM | | | | |
| The VETTE SET, INC. BYLAWS 04/03/2025 | | | | |
| ARTICLE: IV MEMBERS | | | | |
| SECTION: 5. DUES AND MEMBERSHIP FEES | | | | |
| PAGE: 3 | | | | |
| CURRENT WORDING: | | | | |
| B. "Annual dues shall be \$35.00 for the first member and \$10.00 for the spouse or significant other, due November 1." | | | | |
| PROPOSED WORDING: | | | | |
| B. "Annual dues shall be \$45.00 for the first member and \$20.00 for the spouse or significant other, payable by the first General Meeting in November." | | | | |
| SUMMARY: | Increases the first member and spouse or significant other annual dues \$10.00 each and changes the payable date from November 1 to the first General Meeting in November. | | | |
| Submitted By: | Dixie Foster, Board President | | | |
| Member Since: | 2016 | | | |
| Presented To By-Laws Chairperson | Dixie Foster | 8/4/2025 | Dixie Foster | |
| Presented at General Meeting | Jerry Clement, By-Laws Chair | 8/7/2025 | Jerry Clement | |
| Emailed to Members: | Chuck Hammer, V.P. | 8/10/2025 | Chuck Hammer | |
| Published in the Newsletter: | Pat Cowley, Editor | 8/17/2025 | | |
| Date Voted at General Meeting | Jerry Clement, By-Laws Chair | | | |
| Result: In Favor | | | Count: Yes ____ | |
| Result: Opposed | | | Count: No ____ | |
| Date: Pass/Fail | | | | |

The Vette Set By-Laws Voting Proxy

Proxy Authorization for Dues Increase Vote

By-Laws Voting Proxy Form

This proxy form authorizes another member of The Vette Set, Inc. to vote on my behalf regarding the proposed amendments to the by-laws involving a \$10 increase dues change and payment due date.

Member Information

- Name of Member Granting Proxy: _____
- Email or Contact: _____

Proxy Holder Information

- Name of Proxy Holder: _____

Vote Authorization

I, the undersigned, authorize the above-named Proxy Holder to attend the September 4, 2025 meeting and cast my vote regarding the proposed \$10 dues increase and due date under the relevant Vette Set By-Laws. This proxy is valid only for the vote pertaining to the dues change discussed at the next scheduled club meeting.

Please indicate your voting preference below (optional):

- ☐ I vote FOR the \$10 dues increase and due date change.
- ☐ I vote AGAINST the \$10 dues increase and due date change.
- ☐ I authorize my proxy to decide as they see fit.

Signature and Date

- Signature of Member Granting Proxy: _____
- Date: _____

Instructions

- Complete and sign this form.
- Deliver the Proxy to Jerry Clement, By-Laws Chair, before the meeting or send via email to: Jerry Clement, jerryc700@aol.com . Or, you may give it to a member to present at the September 4, 2025 General Meeting.
- Please direct questions regarding this Proxy to Jerry Clement.

This proxy is valid only for the specific vote indicated and does not transfer any other rights or privileges.



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

August 7 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm in the General Aviation Room at Torrance Municipal Airport, Zamperini Field, 3301 Airport Dr, Torrance 90505. 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. Please bring books or magazines to Carolyn Shofner to donate to a convalescent hospital.

August 20 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Las Palmas Café, 23909 Avalon Bl, Carson 90745. We'll be in the outdoor patio. Bring a light jacket for your own comfort. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities.

August 16 -- El Segundo Main St Car Show. Rob Weimer will coordinate the meet up.

August 23 -- Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser 11-2 at The Dean Dana Friendship Park, 1805 W 9th St, San Pedro, CA 90732. Bring car related or other items to sell, clearly marked with pricing. 50% goes to the club, 50% is yours to keep or donate to the club. BRING your own lunch, drinks, lawn chairs and tables/blankets to display items.

August 28 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at Hof's Hut, 23635 Crenshaw Bl, Torrance 90505. RSVP to Jeanette Weimer @ forjweimer@me.com

August 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.

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.

NOTE: NO General Meeting and NO Activities Dinner Meeting in the month of December.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. Saturday, August 23 (conflicts with our club's Annual Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser) 8am to 12 noon, Pacific Coast Corvettes will host a Corvette event at John Wayne Airport, in OC. Corvettes will be escorted onto the tarmac of the Lyon Air Museum flight line. Cars will be parked next to the airport taxiways and runways, a rare opportunity. \$35 per car. Two years ago, they had 90 Corvettes. Info: email Michael Corlett at laxops28@aol.com. Register ASAP: <https://www.media.lyonairmuseum.org/corvettes2025>

2. Fridays: June 13 to Sept 12 from 3-7pm: Cruise at the Beach at Captain Jack's parking lot in Redondo Beach.

3. 19th 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 atarea51ufopilot@yahoo.com or PenCnC1@gmail.com.
7. 3rd Saturday of the month -- Pistons & Brunch Car Show 10-1 at Highway 39 EventCenter, 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.

Jennifer

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.