



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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TF Sport Racing's #81 Corvette in the LMGT3 class

**Lone Star Le Mans @ Circuit of the Americas in Del Valle, Texas
World Endurance Championship Series (WEC)**

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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



NEW MEMBERS

At the October meeting, the club welcomed two new members. Please say hello to: **David Drorbaugh**, the owner of a Lake Blue 2023 C8 Corvette and **Art Kenney**, the owner of an Orange 2025 C8 Corvette.



President Dixie and VP Chuck welcome new members David and Art

UPCOMING ELECTION OF THE CLUB'S 2026 OFFICERS

The officers of this Club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms. To qualify as a candidate for an office, nominees must be an active member and in good standing for the past six (6) months. All of the current 2025 incumbents have placed their names on the ballot. Additional nominations for candidates were solicited from the floor at the October General Meeting. None were presented. Additional nominations from the floor may be made at the November 6th General Meeting at which time an election will be held.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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 at Sizzler, 17544 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance, CA 90504. Please bring your ideas for new club runs or activities. **BRING checks made out to The Vette Set for \$55/person for the December 11 Holiday Party & Awards Banquet or mail to Diane Feher at 23508 Carlow Rd, Torrance, CA 90505 by Nov 29.**

October 20 – (MONDAY) Harry Kenyon leads a run to Oak Glen. Meet at 9am in the parking lot near Krispy Kreme, 1199 Artesia Bl, Gardena 90247. Leave at 9:30am with a restroom stop at Stater Brothers. We'll continue to Apple Annie's for shopping and a BBQ lunch at Los Rios Ranch where you can buy apples, apple pie, etc. BRING walkie-talkie.

October 30 -- 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. **BRING checks to The Vette Set for \$55/person for the December 11 Holiday Party & Awards Banquet or mail to Diane Feher at 23508 Carlow Rd, Torrance, CA 90505 by Nov 29.**

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

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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. **Checks to The Vette Set for \$55/person must be given or mailed to Diane Feher at 23508 Carlow Rd, Torrance, CA 90505 by Nov 29.**

Future Run TBD -- Harry Kenyon will lead Sports Car Run to a new museum in Torrance. He may also be arranging a run to the March Air Force Base, Orange Market and perhaps Tom's Farm. He's having so much fun with his new Corvette that he's said he's a bit tardy making these arrangements.

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. 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.

2. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Dave's Hot Chicken (formerly Starbucks) & Sizzler.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

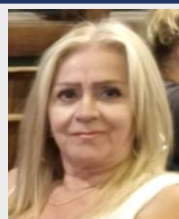
6. First Sunday of the month -- Zuma Cars & Coffee meets at the closed Ruby's Diner parking lot in Redondo beach 9-11:30am. This meet up started in Zuma Beach, just north of Malibu and is now in RB. All types of super sports cars show up including Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Ford GT 40's plus Porsches, Ferraris and Corvettes.

7. 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



Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$40):

Stephanie Bloom's name was drawn. Since she was not wearing her badge, the next prize will be \$60

50/50 Drawing (\$310 collected):

Chuck Hammer, \$155
TVS Club, \$155



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



October Birthdays

10/03 Dennis Chance
10/05 Doug Bruce
10/05 Hal Holzman
10/05 Ronald Knight
10/10 Marilyn Amaro
10/23 David Drorbaugh
10/25 Diane Feher
10/26 Cindy Noel
10/29 Jeanette Weimer

October Anniversaries

10/9 Linda Tully
10/20 Chip Tuvman



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



September 17: Lone Star Le Mans @ Circuit of the Americas in Del Valle, Texas

World Endurance Championship Series (WEC)

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Unfortunately, the two-race podium streak came to an end with a 13th place finish for the #81 Corvette after six hours of rainy racing. The team lost time in the pitlane replacing a sensor on the Corvette's accident data recorder – an FIA-mandated and supplied device. This cost Andrade nearly a lap in the process.



The #33 Corvette also experienced problems. Following a strong qualifying effort and a gain of three spots under the early safety-car period, the car experienced fuel system and restart issues on the first driver exchange between Keating and Edgar. The #33 racecar ended inside the final two hours with a right-rear suspension problem that ground the car to a halt with Juncadella at the wheel.

Race Results:

1st: McLaren, 2nd: BMW, 3rd: Ferrari, 13th: #81 TF Sport Corvette, 16th: TF Sport #33 Corvette. 9 cars in class.

September 6-7: Barber Motorsports Park, Alabama

GT World Challenge America Series

DXDT Racing ran their #11 Corvette in the **Pro-Am** class with drivers Matt Bell and Blake McDonald.

Chouest Povoledo Racing ran their #50 Corvette in the **Pro-Am** class with drivers Ross Chouest and Aaron Povoledo

In race two, Blake McDonald began his charge in the No. 11 DXDT Corvette. After carving his way up the order, McDonald, with just under 30 minutes remaining, first passed the #88 McLaren 720S for 2nd place. From there, he



continued to push, eventually overtaking the leader with eight minutes to go. Matt Bell and Blake McDonald delivered a brilliant drive, clawing through the field to take the Pro-Am class win for DXDT Racing!

Race Results: PRO-AM:

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

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

September 21: Battle on the Bricks, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, IN

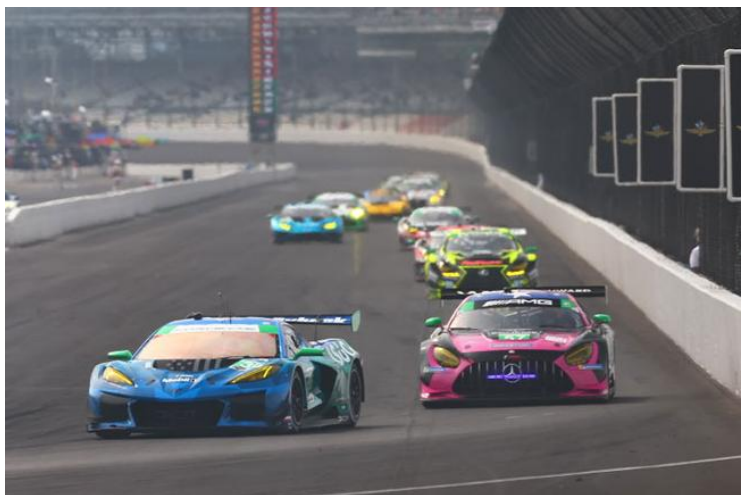
IMSA Race series: Pratt Miller Motorsports

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.

Antonio Garcia and Alexander Sims placed 4th in class in the #3 Corvette in a race that came down to fuel strategy in the second half. Unofficially, the duo holds an 18-point advantage in the GTD PRO Drivers and Teams championships, and Chevrolet is out front by 46 points in the Manufacturers standings.



The two Pratt Miller-run Corvettes were mid-pack for most of the day. Sims qualified 3rd but stalled going into the first corner and lost track position. They ended up just ahead of teammate Tommy Milner in the #4 Corvette. A full-course yellow with just under an hour boosted the two Corvettes up the order. The #3 moved to 5th and the #4 to 6th.



Sims moved up to 4th after a hard fight with the #77 Porsche. Nicky Catsburg, Milner's teammate, was caught up in the battle also. Unfortunately, the #4 received an incident responsibility penalty as part of that battle and eventually finished 6th in class.

In the **GTD** class, AWA ran the #13 Corvette with drivers Matt Bell, Orey Fidani and Lars kern.

AWA's No. 13 Corvette also finished 6th in class after steadily working their way through the field. The AWA Corvette ran as high as 2nd in class before a late-race penalty knocked it down to 10th place. Bell managed to drive back to 6th at the end.

DXDT ran the #36 Corvette with Robert Wickens and Alec Udell driving. DXDT Racing's day came to an early end after the No. 36 Corvette hit the Turn 14 wall barely 90 minutes into the race. That came not too long after it was hit and spun by a prototype, then jumped a curb.

Race Results:

GTD PRO: **1st: Ford 2nd: Ferrari, 3rd: BMW, 4th: Pratt Miller #3 Corvette, 6th: Pratt Miller #3 Corvette**, 11 cars in class

GTD: **1st: Ferrari, 2nd: Porsche, 3rd: Ferrari, 6th: AWA #13 Corvette, 17th: DXDT #36 Corvette**; 18 cars in class.

September 28: 6 Hours Of Fuji, Japan

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Ferrari looked set to secure its 2nd victory of 2025 until news filtered out that the car had been hit with a five-second penalty for having too many team members in the fast lane during its final pit-stop.



Initially, that did not look as though it would be too great a problem as the Ferrari was almost ten seconds faster than the closest rival Charlie Eastwood in the #81 TF Sport Corvette. But a slow final lap enabled the Irishman to close the gap to within two seconds of the silver Ferrari. With the penalty applied, this translated into the first triumph of the season for TF Sport!

Race Results:

1st: TF Sport #81 Corvette, 2nd: Ferrari, 3rd: BMW, 11th: TF Sport #33 Corvette. 18 cars in class.

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DATE	SERIES	RACE	TEAMS
10/8-11	IMSA	Michelin Raceway, Road Atlanta	Pratt Miller, DXT, AWA
10/10-12	GT World Challenge Europe	Barcelona, Spain	DXDT, Steller
10/16-19	GT World Challenge America	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	DXDT
10/17-19	GT World Challenge Asia	Beijing Street Circuit	Johor Motorsports Racing

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

David

APPLE RUN TO OAK GLEN 2025

October 20, Monday



MEETING PLACE: Parking lot by **Krispy Kreme** (1199 Atresia Blvd. Gardena 90247)

MEETING TIME: **9AM** , with a **930AM** departure

ROUTE: Enter **91** east to **10** freeway. Off 10, take Yucaipa Blvd. exit, drive straight to Oak Glen Rd. on the left. (big Oak Glen sign)

NOTES

- 1. First stop:** Stater Bros. Market (11365 Bryant St. Yucaipa, 92399) right side parking lot.
- 2. Second Stop:** Back on Oak Glen Rd. east to Oak Glen town, stop at Apple Annies for shops. (38480 Oak Glen Rd.)
- 3. Lunch:** Back on Oak Glen Rd. east to Los Rios Ranch for a BBQ lunch. (39611 Oak Glen Rd.) Suggest buy fresh apples and apple pies here.
- 4. Returning home:** Take Oak Glen Rd. south to 10 freeway or 60 freeway
- 5. Recommendations:** BRING WALKIETALKIE and possibly a folding chair
- 6. Other:** Sorry, no map