



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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“A Thing of Beauty is a Joy Forever.”

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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

Dixie Foster



Again this month, in the rain, we had 47 members and two guests in attendance at the General Meeting. It was a rather long meeting which included voting both on the proposed 2024 Budget and the change to the V.P. By-Laws which were submitted from the Board Meeting held on February 27 at the President's home. Both were approved. We took a moment to remember a past President, **Paul Benthuyts**, who passed away in February.

It was approved by the members that the "Memorial Plaque", which had not been updated since 2011, be replaced with a special section titled "In Memory Of" on the Vette Set Website www.thevetteset.com and in the Gazette, where names of those current and past members who have passed will be placed with the year of their passing.

We welcomed a guest speaker, **Jason Martin**, a police detective sharing all the ways the "bad guys" can get access to our cars by using sophisticated electronic devices to override most of our security systems.

The position of the *Charities Chairman* has been filled jointly by Michelle Grogan and Rob Weimer.

There are already several club runs and events on the calendar and Paul Toth reviewed the upcoming March 23rd Lions Automobilia Foundation and Museum tour.



Jason Martin

"Save the Wave"

Dixie Foster

President



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



March 2: QATAR 1812 KM.

This is the first race of the year in the WEC class for team TF Sport under the Corvette Racing banner. The #81 and #82 Corvettes raced in the LMGT3 class. This is the first-time drivers Daniel Juncadella, Sebastien Baud, and Hiroshi Koizumi, worked together as they drove the #82 Corvette.

Koizumi started the race in the 11th spot. He drove for 90 minutes in heavy traffic and handed the car off to Baud. Baud, the youngest of the drivers, at 23 years old, kept pace with his more experienced teammates. Juncadella took over and drove 3-1/2 hours, ending his stint in 10th place. Despite the team's best efforts and some penalties, the #82 racecar finished in 10th place.

Meanwhile, the #81 Corvette was piloted by Tom Van Rompuy, Rui Andrade and Charlie Eastwood. Van Rompuy ran in pole position for the first 20 minutes. Rui Andrade then had his stint behind the wheel and remained in the top 10 just before the 2-1/2 hour mark, when he spun out, which caused him to lose time to the cars he was chasing.

Then the team had to change the electronic shifter which caused a 7 lap loss. After returning to the track with Eastwood driving, the team discovered an electrical issue with a wiring harness. This ended the race for the #81 car. The drivers commented about the valuable data they collected on this first race. The TF Sport team and Chevrolet will work together to find the issues with the racecar before the next race.

Race Results: 1st: Porsche, 2nd: Aston Martin, 3rd: Aston Martin, **10th: #82 Corvette, 18th: #81 Corvette**

March 13-16: 12 Hours of Sebring

This will be the next race in the IMSA race series at Sebring International Raceway in Sebring, Florida. Pratt Miller and AWA Racing teams will be running in the GTD Pro and GTD class.

April 21: 6 HOURS OF IMOLA

TF Sport will travel to this Italian circuit to start testing for their next race.

In other racing news, IMSA issued points penalties to Ferrari and BMW in the GTD Pro and GTD classes for Manufacturer's Points and Michelin Endurance Challenge Points. These penalties were for violating the new Balance Of Performance System.

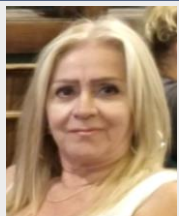
What does this mean? The Balance of Performance system is the method the racing sanctioning body uses to keep the performance level of the cars as even as possible in order to maintain a fair advantage amongst the race teams.

Before the start of the season, each team conducted practice sessions and data from the practice sessions were sent to the IMSA officials. They determine what changes, if any, are required to the race car to balance their performance with the rest of the race cars in the class.

According to IMSA, both teams demonstrated performance in the Daytona 24 hour race that exceeded IMSA's expectations. Basically, they were accused of "sandbagging". Both manufacturers will be fined \$25K on top of losing their points. Due to these teams point loss, Porsche moved into the lead with Manufacturer's points and Corvette moved into the lead with Michelin Endurance Cup points.

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

David



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$20):

Maritza Rodriguez, winner

Next month, \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$360 collected):

Elizabeth Bullard, \$180

TVS Club, \$180

Marci



SUNSHINE

Pam St. Cyr



March Birthdays



- 3/14 Lynda Toth
- 3/15 Karen Dahl
- 3/15 Pam ST. Cyr
- 3/24 Gary Pebley
- 3/26 Bob Borge
- 3/28 Robin Morelock
- 3/29 Chris Donlou
- 3/30 Robert Gibbs

March Anniversaries



None

Pam



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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.

March 20 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at NY Deli, 2424 Sepulveda Bl, Torrance 90501. Everyone is welcome. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

March 23 -- Paul Toth has organized a club run to the The Lions Automobilia Foundation and Museum, located at 2790 E. Del Amo Bl, Rancho Dominguez, 90221 (borders Long Beach). MEET at 8-8:15am at Krispy Kreme, 1199 Artesia BL, Gardena 90248. LEAVE at 8:30am. Chris Donlou will lead the run. Several members will meet up at the museum. There will be a club photo and possible interviews of some club members. Info: paultoth97@gmail.com

March 28 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at El Torito, 23225 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 90505. RSVP to Jeanette at (310) 941-7062, Forjweimer@me.com

April 4 -- 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.

April 17 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Everyone is welcome. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

April 25 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at El Torito, 23225 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 90505. RSVP to Jeanette at (310) 941-7062, Forjweimer@me.com

September 21-29 -- 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.

May 25 -- All Corvette Car Show 10-2 at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo.

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. Cruise at the Beach (formerly Ruby's Diner Car Show) -- 22nd Annual Car Show runs June 7-Sept 6 at the Redondo Beach Marina, 811 N. Catalina Ave, Redondo Beach 90277

3. 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

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

5. 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.

6. 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 PenCnC1@gmail.com August theme is Muscle Cars and Hot Rods.

7. 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



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BREAKING NEWS



BOWLING GREEN ASSEMBLY PLANT TOURS

Returning for the week of the Anniversary Celebration

Reservations are **Limited** | Available for purchase May 15, 2024

DINNER & DANCING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th
5:30 - 9:00 PM
SLOAN CONVENTION CENTER



CARAVAN BRICKS NOW AVAILABLE

LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE 30th ANNIVERSARY



The personalized etching in the brick proclaims your support of the Museum and its mission.

Your choice of the Caravan logo tells the world just how special this occasion is and how unique it is to be

READY TO PURCHASE OR HAVE QUESTIONS?

CONTACT US FOR ASSISTANCE
(270) 467-8836

CORVETTE CASINO

Let's Go All-In for a Fun-Filled Casino Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

NCM Motorsports Park | 6:00-9:00 PM

Call 270.777.4554 or book online: motorsportspark.org

Gaming, entertainment and food included in ticket purchase. Play for non-cash prizes.

TOURING LAPS

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NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK

MUSEUM IN MOTION

JOIN US IN FRANCE!

24 Hours of Le Mans

June 8th 2024 - June 18th 2024

PARIS, FRANCE

Visit in and around Paris with a professional guide!

Monday, June 10, 2024

NORMANDY, FRANCE

Visit Arromanches – Beach with Mulberry Harbours and Museum

Wednesday, June 12th, 2024

WIN A CORVETTE

2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible

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

Arctic White



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe

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

Sea Wolf
Gray



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe

DRAWING THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AT 2PM CT
TICKETS \$150.00 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS

Riptide Blue



2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000

DRAWING FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024 AT 3PM CT
TICKETS \$250 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS

Select Your
Own Color



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible

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

Red Mist



The Zimmerman



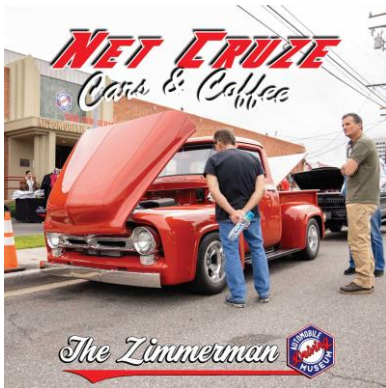
**ANNUAL
FREE-FOR-ALL**
Sat. Mar 23

SoCal
MUSEUMS

Sat March 23

Free-for-All is Back!

On Saturday, March 23, 2024, over thirty museums throughout Southern California, Including the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, will open their doors and offer free general admission. With museums from Long Beach to Los Angeles to Santa Barbara, there is so much to explore.



Sat March 23

Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

Saturday, March 23rd, from 9 am - 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.



Sat April 6

Air-Cooled VW Car Show 2024

Join them on April 6th from 10 am - 2 pm for their Air-Cooled Volkswagen Car Show at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. Enter your Air-Cooled Volkswagen or come as a spectator for the biggest Air-Cooled VW Car Show in South Bay. Clubs and solo riders are welcome! Awards! Food Truck! Ice cream parlor!



Sat April 20

El Segundo Beer, Wine & Spirits Festival

Join them and the El Segundo Rotary Club on April 20th at the Zimmerman for the El Segundo Beer, Wine & Spirits Festival. Enjoy all-inclusive tastings from fantastic craft breweries, wineries, and restaurants, held in the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, where you will enjoy viewing over 100+ vintage vehicles. Get Tickets... Must be over 21.

PENINSULA CARS 'N COFFEE

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY



**NEW LOCATION: PV PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL
27118 SILVER SPUR ROAD
NORTH PARKING LOT
7:30 – 9:00 AM**

Please contact us at PenCnC1@gmail.com