



# Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.  
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**Howell Jaynes and Rob Weimer displayed their new C8's  
at the December Vette Set Meeting**

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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

Rob Weimer



Hi VETTE Setters,

This is my final Prez Sez column.

At the December meeting, members were treated to two new C8 Corvettes on display belonging to Howell Jaynes and the Weimers. Both beautiful. Also presented at the meeting was a club flag procured by Kim Foster.



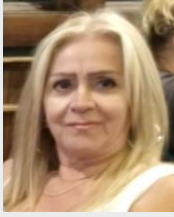
Your new 2024 officers have been voted in during our December General meeting. They are as follows: President, Dixie Foster; V.P., Chuck Hammer; Secretary, Kathie Kovacs; Treasurer, Michelle Grogan; Sergeant-At-Arms, Joe Cimino. Congratulations to all of our new for 2024 officers. They will need your continued support and suggestions for improving our club for the future. Most of our committee chairs are returning to continue in their current roles, however, our 2024 Banquet and Christmas party will be chaired by both Diane Feher and Jeanette Weimer. Linda Tully is stepping down from our charity chairperson, that position needs a volunteer. If you would like to take over for Linda, please call Dixie.

Our upcoming banquet and Christmas party is all set for next week, December 14th, starting at 4:30 at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. We currently have 65 members signed up for the 58th anniversary celebration. If you have not yet signed up and would like to join us, please contact Dixie as soon as possible.

Next year, I'll be taking on the role of "Past President," which is pretty much as an advisor to the new President and other officers as needed. I've held the President position for 5 years, it truly is time for new leadership and new ideas to make our club even better than it is now. I would like to thank everyone for their support during my time as President, the time passed so quickly and it was my honor to serve.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, be safe, and Save the Wave

*Rob*



# RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



## Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$100):

Chuck Hammer, present & winner

Next month, \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$400 collected):

Chuck Hammer, \$200

TVS Club, \$200

After winning both the name badge drawing and the 50/50 raffle, Chuck announced that he would treat the members to pizza and beer at Slice and Pint. Well, this was the largest club attendance for this after-meeting event. Thank you, Chuck.

*Marci*



# SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



## December Birthdays



12/01 Stephanie Bloom

12/02 Linda Tully

12/06 David Tavares

12/08 Joe Cimino

12/09 Charlie McManis

12/09 Michael Spiekermann

12/10 John Noel

12/12 Brian Chmielewski

12/15 Nelie Aguirre

12/15 Bill Molinelli

12/19 Don Gras

12/19 Harry Kenyon

12/24 Sharon Cowley

12/24 Careen Hammer

12/24 Jesus Lomeli

12/30 Kathie Kovacs

## December Anniversaries



12/13 Ken & Robin Morelock

*Dixie*



# ACTIVITIES

## Jennifer Walton



### VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

December 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.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** The Zimmerman Automobile Museum will once again be collecting toys to be given to needy children. Club members are being asked to bring an unwrapped toy to our December 7th Club meeting or directly to the ADM on Saturday, December 9th, the final day of the toy drive.

December 14 -- Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St., in El Segundo 90245. Social hour starts at 4:30pm and more details TBA. To volunteer, please contact Dixie Foster at dixiekim@msn.com.

**NOTE:** There is no Activities Dinner Meeting in the month of December.

January 4, 2024-- 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.

January 17-- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBA. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

January 25-- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am. Location TBD. RSVP to Jeanette at Forjweimer@me.com or (310) 941-7062.

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](mailto:vettetex@gmail.com), (602) 790-5788, [www.corvettepirates.com](http://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](mailto:area51ufopilot@yahoo.com) or [PenCnC1@gmail.com](mailto:PenCnC1@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



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>, WEC: EIGHT HOURS OF BAHRAIN

This was the last race of the year for Corvette and the last race for the factory race teams. Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varrone piloted the #33 C8.R for this race. Keating qualified the C8.R for 5<sup>th</sup> in class on Friday.

Right after the start of the race, Keating had to avoid collisions when several prototype cars spun off the track in front of his class. After avoiding the spin-outs, Keating ended up in 9<sup>th</sup> place. With all the traffic on the track, Keating had difficulty gaining any track position. It didn't help that WEC officials slowed the Vette by adding weight to the race car. The race Vette was 15 pounds heavier than any other car in the class. The power was also reduced to slow down the performance. Keating was as high as 4<sup>th</sup> place before he turned the car over to Verrone.

Varrone entered the racetrack in 10<sup>th</sup> place. His emphasis was to manage tire wear due to the track's rough surface. Varrone was also able to climb as high as 4<sup>th</sup> place, before turning the car over to Catsburg for the final run with less than 2 hours to go. Catsburg entered the track in 8<sup>th</sup> place and only managed to gain one more spot before the end of the race.

Race Results: **1<sup>st</sup>**: Iron Dames (all female drivers) in Porsche 911 RSR, **2<sup>nd</sup>**: Aston Martin, **3<sup>rd</sup>**: Aston Martin, **4<sup>th</sup>**: Ferrari, **5<sup>th</sup>**: Ferrari, **6<sup>th</sup>**: Porsche, **7<sup>th</sup>**: Corvette.

Despite the poor finish for Corvette in the final race, Corvette Racing walked away with the GTE AM Championship for 2023. Hooray!

The 2023 season included class wins at the "24 Hours of Le Mans," "1,000 Miles of Sebring" and "Six Hours of Portimão in Portugal."

## RACING IN EARLY 2024

Next year the new Z06 GT3.R race car will be running the WEC series in the LM GT3 class by a race team called "TF Sport." We'll be tracking their progress throughout the year.

The No. 33 Corvette race team will be operating another Z06 GT3.R race car in the IMSA series operated by Pratt Miller. Pratt Miller is the company that has been building the race cars for the factory Corvette team.

**1/21/24: Roar Before The Rolex 24.** This will be the next race for the IMSA series at the Daytona International Speedway.

**3/2/24: Qatar 1812 km.** This will be the next race for 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.

## **C5-R RACECAR INDUCTED INTO IMSA HALL OF FAME.**

In other racing news, a car near and dear to my heart, the C5-R racecar, has been inducted into the IMSA Hall of Fame. The 25 Years of factory racing all started with the C5 racecar. Debuting in 1999 with a class podium finish at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the C5-R dominated GT racing for the next 5 years.

Nearly a quarter of Corvette Racing's total 127 wins came with the C5-R. The C5 track record includes:

- 31 wins in the American LeMans series,

- Overall victory at the Rolex 24 in 2001,

- 9 victories at 24 Hour of LeMans,

- 14 drivers and manufacturers titles.

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

*David*





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April 25-27 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash

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**2024 Silver Flare  
Corvette Coupe**

DRAWING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 AT 2PM CT  
TICKETS \$100 | LIMITED TO 2,000 TICKETS

Silver Flare



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**2024 Riptide Blue  
Corvette Convertible**

DRAWING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023 AT 2PM CT  
TICKETS \$175 | LIMITED TO 2,000 TICKETS

Riptide  
Blue



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TICKETS



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

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AT 2PM CT

TICKETS \$250 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS

Select Your  
Own Color



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TICKETS



## 2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible

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



Red Mist

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TICKETS



## ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOTIVE DRIVING MUSEUM



Saturday,  
December 16th,  
from 9:00 am -  
noon you are  
invited to swing by  
ZADM for the Net  
Cruze Cars &  
Coffee. The car  
meet features cars  
from the '30s  
through the '70s,  
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.

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The Vette Set  
Annual Awards & Holiday Party

Thursday, December 14, 2023  
4:30 – 10:00pm



THE ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM  
610 Lairport St., El Segundo, CA

Social Hour – 4:30-5:30pm  
Award Presentations – 5:30-7:00pm  
Buffet Dinner – 7:00-8:00pm  
Live D.J. – 7:00-10:00pm  
Dancing & Social – 8:00-10:00pm

Raffle Drawings - All Evening

**Only \$50.00/per person**  
**BYOB & Soft Drinks**  
*(Cups, Ice & Napkins provided)*

**RSVP by December 7, 2023**

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Make check payable to: **THE VETTE SET**  
Mail or give check to:  
Dixie Foster  
30 Westport, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Number of guests: \_\_\_\_\_    x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes, I plan to present a personal award!**

# **PENINSULA CARS 'N COFFEE**

## **EVERY FIRST SATURDAY**



**NEW LOCATION: PV PENINSULA HIGH SCHOOL  
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7:30 – 9:00 AM**

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