



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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REDONDO BEACH, CA
90277

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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.

Vette Set Officers & Appointees

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PREZ SEZ

Dixie Foster



Happy New Year 2024 to all. I hope everyone has had a great start to a healthy, happy & prosperous new year.

In December, 62 members partied the night away at this year's Christmas Party/Awards Banquet. After the Awards Ceremony everyone enjoyed a delicious banquet dinner, socializing, music/videos, dancing and even karaoke. Congratulations to the recipient's of the 2023 Club Awards: Most Active New Members Michelle & Tom Grogan; Most Active Member Rob Weimer; Outstanding Member Harry Kenyon & to the Hard Luck recipients Jerry Clement & Tom Grogan.

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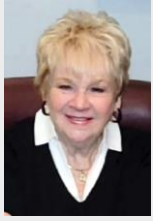
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RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$20):
Cindy Noel, not present
Next month, \$40

50/50 Drawing (\$350 collected):
Kathie Kovacs, \$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



January Birthdays



- 1/4 Marci O'Brien
- 1/5 Don Popovich
- 1/9 Raul Rodriguez
- 1/23 Jimmy Tanimura
- 1/23 Jennifer Walton
- 1/29 Patricia Blanchard
- 1/29 Lee Feher
- 1/29 Daniela Lesnansky

January Anniversaries



- 1/1 Michelle & Tom Grogan
- 1/1 Jeanette & Rob Weimer
- 1/1 Christine & Lee Williams
- 1/9 Diane & Lee Feher
- 1/21 Don & Marlis Popovich
- 1/27 Ronald Knight & Rosie Gipson

Pam



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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 at La Bocca Felice (Feleechay), 301 W. 6th St, San Pedro 90731. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

January 25-- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am at Islands at the South Bay Galleria. Restaurant address: 1609 Hawthorne Bl, Redondo Beach 90278. RSVP to Jeanette at (310) 941-7062, Forjweimer@me.com

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.

March 20-- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

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.

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OVERNIGHT CLUB RUN TO SAN DIEGO

February 3-4, 2024

Led by Jennifer Walton

Saturday, Feb 3 Meet at 9:30am at ADM. Leave @10am for lunch at the World Famous Corvette Diner and Games Garage in San Diego, 2965 Historic Decatur Rd, San Diego. Corvette Diner: <https://www.dinersd.com/> Menu: <https://www.dinersd.com/menu/> Enjoy a coastal scenic walk/drive and check in at 4pm at Humphries Half Moon Inn, located at 2303 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego 92106. <https://www.halfmooninn.com/?chebs=local-humphreyshalfmooninn>

Jennifer was able to get a group DISCOUNT rate for 10 rooms or more at \$172/night plus taxes & fees for a total @ \$200/night. (Normal rate is \$244/night plus \$50 taxes & fees for a total of \$295!) The DISCOUNT rate is even better than the Senior Rate or the AAA Rate. Each room has a private patio. Humphries Half Moon Inn (overview)

Happy Hour From 4-6pm, enjoy dancing to live music at Humphries Back Stage Live, featuring a 60's-70's classic rock band called Trade Winds for \$5 starting at 5pm and/or Platinum Vibe for \$12, starting at 8pm.

<https://www.humphreysbackstagelive.com/events/>

<https://www.humphreysbackstagelive.com/events/2024-02/>

<https://www.halfmooninn.com/entertainment/gourmet-blues-concert-series>

Dinner Dine from 6-7:30 at the hotel. <https://www.halfmooninn.com/drinks-dining> (overview)

Dinner Menu: <https://humphreysrestaurant.com/food-and-drink/dinner/>

Sunday, Feb 4 Enjoy breakfast, brunch or lunch at the hotel.

7-11am Breakfast Menu: <https://humphreysrestaurant.com/food-and-drink/breakfast/>

11:30am-2pm Lunch Menu: <https://humphreysrestaurant.com/food-and-drink/lunch/>

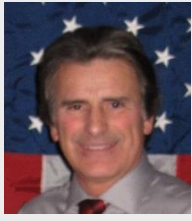
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Check out at 11am, exploring the beautiful Tiki Style hotel grounds and neighboring marina, leaving the hotel @ 12:30pm. Feel free to do your own thing in the morning and either leave to go home or meet us at **Hotel del Coronado** @ 1:30pm for a tour. Drive @ 30 min from Humphries Half Moon Inn to the historic Hotel del Coronado. Park, use the restroom, etc.



Ice House Museum Tour at 2pm of the historic hotel, the grounds and behind the scenes areas. 90 min docent-led tour is \$40/person.

Early dinner 4-5pm at Babcock & Story Bar (at the hotel). Caravan home, arriving back in El Segundo area @ 7pm



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



NCM AMBASSADOR & SPONSOR RELATIONS

George M. Person, Jr.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

2023 Delivery Wrap Up

It was a record year for the R8C Museum Delivery program, with Corvette Boulevard seeing 2525 customer deliveries, the highest since Museum Delivery began in 1995. This included incredible Corvette stories and milestone cars . Dream of Museum delivery for your previous generation Corvette? Whether it's a recent model or a cherished classic, consider the National Corvette Museum Delivery Experience in 2024.

Meet Sr. Corvette Delivery Experience Manager Rod Keller

Rod will lead the charge in every aspect of the car delivery experience at the Museum including both day-to day operations and plans for future success. Rod is a Long-time supporter of the Museum, a member of the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club, and a multi-year Corvette owner.

MiM Le Mans Tour

Here is your chance to see Corvette Racing against the worlds best GT cars in the most famous race of all. Just a few highlights of the tour include stops in Paris, Normandy, and of course Le Circuit de la Sarthe {Le Mans Track). They will have professional guides with them during the entire trip to assist with your travels.



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Manager Rod Keller



MiM Le Mans Tour

Upcoming Events

April 25-27 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash

August 29-31 2024 Corvette Caravan and 30th Anniversary Celebration



2024 Corvette Caravan



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

DRAWING THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024
AT 2PM CT

TICKETS \$250 | LIMITED TO 1,500 TICKETS

Select Your
Own Color



PURCHASE
TICKETS

2024 Red Mist Corvette Coupe

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

Red Mist



PURCHASE
TICKETS

KY CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSE NO. 0000854

2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible

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



Red Mist

PURCHASE
TICKETS

The Zimmerman



JANUARY 13, @ 9:AM - 12:00 PM, Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

Saturday, January 13th, from 9am - noon, you're invited to swing by ZADM for the Net Cruze Cars and Coffee. The car meet features cars from the 30's through the 50's, both original and custom cars as well as newer and older cars and trucks. Enjoy coffee and pastries, plus a food truck and raffle

January 27 @ 9:00 am-12:00 pm, Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

Same format as above



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

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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

HISTORICAL REPORT

HOLIDAY PARTY & AWARDS CEREMONY ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

THURSDAY, DEC. 14, 2023

For the third year, the “Holiday Party & Awards Ceremony” was held at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum where catering was provided by Danny.



Rob's Red C8, Lee's White C8 and Harry's Green C7 provided holiday colors.

DRINKS AND SMALL TALK



Dennis, Bonniegay & Reata



George, Adelle, Carolyn, Kelly & Harold



Dixie & Yvonne



Michelle, Angie, Pam, Yvonne & Pat



Chris & Tom



Lee & Anton



Maritza, Raul & Toni



Joe & Harry



Dalene, Adele, Jimmy & Chuck



Emma, Pam, Dave, Dan & Angie



Gary, Joe, Jesus & Kim



Kim, Bill & Bob



Bob & Cook



Don, Jim & Karen



Toni & Ken



Diane, Dixie, Stephanie, David & Dalene



Dan, Sharon & Anton



Dick & Bonniegay



Jennifer, Jeanette, Emma & Jane



Adele, Dalene, Jimmy & Ken



Adrienne & Hal

AWARDS

According to the By-Laws, the awards committee presents four annual awards: The Most Active Member, The Most Active New Member, Hard Luck Award and Member of the Year. Below are the 2023 recipients.



**Rob Weimer
2023 Most Active Member**



**Michelle & Tom Grogan
2023 Most Active New Members**



**Harry Kenyon
2023 Member of the Year**



**Tom Grogan & Jerry Clement
2023 Hard Luck Award**



Thanks and presents were given to the 2023 Officers: Harry, Anton, Chuck and Rob



Thanks and tote bags were also given to the 2023 Appointees: David, Dixie, Jennifer, Bob, Chris, George, Bruce, Pat, Kim, Raul and Lee.



2024 OFFICERS: Michelle, Treasurer; Dixie, President; Chuck, Vice President; Kathie, Secretary; Joe, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Rob, Past President

PERSONAL GIFTS & AWARDS: As in years past, members were treated to Champagne provided by Ken, Dalene, Jimmy and Adele. Baskets of holiday treats, donated by Kathie & Bill, were given to lucky members via a drawing. As always, flowers for the tables were supplied by Anton. Thank you.

Personal awards were given based from one member to another. Bob, with the most car trouble in 2023, received the most gifts.



Michelle, Tom & Raul



Bob & Bruce



Bob & Rob



Bob & Anton



Anton & Dixie



Jeanette, Anton & Rob



Rob & Kim



After the dinner and presentations, a dance broke out at the event