



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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90277

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**Corvette Car Show
at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum.**

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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



Hello VETTE Setters,

Some of our members were absent for the June meeting, including Jeanette and I, as we joined the British Isles cruise hosted by Lee and Diane. David was kind enough to fill in for me running the general meeting, thanks Dave. Also at the meeting was Dan and Angie Rosen's new 2023 C8.

The new C8 ZR1 has been spotted in the wild under camouflage. Expected to have a Z06 engine with twin turbos producing 800 hp. It's going to be pricey!



Dan Rosen with their new C8.

What a great turnout at the All Corvette Show, hosted by the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum. We had a record 26 member cars in the show. Our club took 6 of the 8 awards presented. Bonniégay was awarded Best of Show, George Person was awarded Best C8, Chris Donlou was awarded Best C7, Nico was awarded Best C6, Jennifer was awarded Best C5, Kim was awarded Best C2. Congratulations to all for such a great achievement. All of our entries looked great. Special thanks to Lee Williams for bringing his brand new C8 Z06 70th Anniversary Convertible. In addition to all the awards, we were lucky enough to enjoy a visit by Jay Leno who spent some of his time with many of our members. The weather was great, cool in the morning and sunny in the afternoon.

Save The Wave,

Rob



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Corvette's last race for IMSA was at Laguna Seca on May 12 through the 14th. At the start of the race, Jordan Tayler moved up to the 4th spot in the GTD PRO class. Due to a quick pit stop, Tayler moved up to the 2nd spot. He then moved to the #1 spot when the No. 9 Porsche was penalized for leaving the pitlane when the pit exit was closed. After another pit stop and driver change, Antonio Garcia was pushed to 2nd place due to the Aston Martin having a short pit time due to taking on less fuel and no tires during their pit stop.

During the race's final full course yellow, in the last hour, Garcia inadvertently followed the GTD PRO class leader around the safety car. This resulted in a penalty that cost the team 2 more places.

So why did Garcia make that mistake? During a full course caution, the pace car is deployed to get in front of the overall race leader. This often causes a separation between different classes. If this happens, any leaders in other classes that are in front of the pace car, must circle around the track to get behind the group. Any cars in that separated class that are behind the pace car get to "Pass Around" the pace car to be in the correct order with others in the class. Garcia noticed someone in his class mistakenly move to the right to get by the safety car and he followed. Big mistake. The GTD PRO class needed to maintain position. Due to this mistake, the C8.R race car ended up finishing 4th in the GTD PRO class on Sunday.

Race Results:

1st: Mercedes,

2nd: Lexus,

3rd: Porsche,

4th: Corvette.

There were 5 cars in the class.

Corvette Racing's next event for IMSA is the Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen on Sunday, June 25 from Watkins Glen International.

Now for news on the other half of the Corvette racing team competing for the World Endurance Championship, or (WEC).

Well, there is nothing to report. They did not have a race since our last meeting. This group has been preparing for their next race, which is the prestigious 24 Hours of Lemans on June 7-2923.

In other racing news, it's hard to believe that at the end of this 2023 season, we will be saying goodbye to Corvette Racing's C8.R. This awesome 5.5L GTLM racing machine will join all the different Corvette race cars from the C5-R to the C7.R that retired previously.

This race car will be replaced by the newly designed Z06 GT3.R which has been configured to run in the GT3 class for 2024. They will be sold to privateer race teams and will have full support from Chevrolet and Chevrolet Racing. It looks like the end of the factory race team.

We'll see how all this plays out in 2024.

That's all I have for this month.

Until next time, get out there and drive your Vettes everyone!

David



JAN 20 - JAN 22 | **ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24**
Daytona Beach, FL



JAN 26 - JAN 29 | **ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA**
Daytona Beach, FL 2nd: Corvette #3. A. Garcia, J. Taylor & T. Milner



MAR 15 - MAR 18 | **MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING**
Sebring, FL 5th: Corvette C8.R, A. Garcia & T. Milner



APRIL 14 - APRIL 15 | **ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH**
Long Beach, CA 2nd: Corvette #3. A. Garcia, & J. Taylor



MAY 12 - MAY 14 | **MOTUL COURSE DE MONTEREY**
Monterey, CA 4th: Corvette #3. A. Garcia, & J. Taylor



JUNE 22 - JUNE 25 | **SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN**
Watkins Glen, NY



JULY 7 - JULY 9 | **CHEVROLET GRAND PRIX**
Bowmanville, ON



JULY 21 - JULY 22 | **FCP EURO NORTHEAST GRAND PRIX**
Lakeville, CT



AUG 3 - AUG 6 | **IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND**
Elkhart Lake, WI



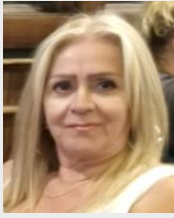
AUG 25 - AUG 27 | **MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR**
Alton, VA



SEP 15 - SEP 17 | **INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY**
Indianapolis, IN



OCT 11 - OCT 14 | **MOTUL PETIT LE MANS**
Braselton, GA



RAFFLES

Marci O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$10):

Linsey Donovan, not present

Next month, \$20

50/50 Drawing (\$295 collected):

Kim Foster, \$147

TVS Club, \$148

Rosie for Marci



SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



June Birthdays



- 06/03 Anton Wijenayake
- 06/09 Chuck Hammer
- 06/11 Bob Chidsey
- 06/11 Caroline Nakamura
- 06/16 Tom Gorgan
- 06/19 John La Bella
- 06/22 Carolyn Shofner
- 06/29 Marlis Popovich

June Anniversaries



- 6/10 Bob Chidsey & Caroline Nakamura
- 6/20 Daniela & Ed Lesnansky
- 6/22 Howell Jaynes
- 6/24 Bill & Kathie Kovacs

Dixie



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

June 1 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 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.

June 1-13 -- Lee and Diane Feher are coordinating a 12 day Princess Regal Cruise "British Isles with Orkney Islands" leaving from Southampton, England. There are 9 ports of call, including Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh & Le Havre (Paris/Normandy). Make reservations early as staterooms and excursions are being secured. Several members have already booked and some are arriving a few days before the cruise. If you are an Auto Club Member and don't have a travel agent already, you may use the Feher's agent from the Torrance AAA location: Melissa Coburn (310) 791-6739. Our club has enjoyed several fun cruises together and we hope that you can join us on this cruise! For more info, contact Diane Feher, Lee9Diane@aol.com, (310) 791-0297.

June 21 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at The End, 4525 Calle Mayor, Torrance 90505. Feel free to order upon arrival. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

June 25 -- Sunday Run to Mt. Wilson and Hanson Dam, led by Harry Kenyon. Times and addresses TBA. Starting at either Krispy Kreme or Cerritos Mall to Target La Canada Flintridge. Up to Angeles Crest Hwy to Mt Wilson for a photo op. Heading back on ACH to have lunch in Acton. Continuing south driving on Soledad Canyon, Sand Canyon to Little Tujunga, with last stop at Hansen Dam, then home.

July 4 -- 4th of July Parade. Meet at 9:15am at Jennifer Walton's home: 4029 Locust Ave, Long Beach 90807. Decorate cars with Patriotic adornments but please, no political signs. We just want to have fun and celebrate together. At 9:30am, we drive one block to the front of the parade route. Parade starts at 10am and is @ ½ mile long, ending at nearby Los Cerritos Park, 3750 Del Mar Ave, Long Beach 90807 where there will be free hot dogs, water, live music and lots of entertaining activities. All are welcome to come swim and relax and Jennifer's @ 12pm. Please bring lawn chairs, swimsuits/towels/sunscreen and picnic lunch.

July 6 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 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.

July 9 -- 9-3 2nd Relay for Life of Torrance Car Show benefitting American Cancer Society, held at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center, 1935 Manhattan Beach Bl, Redondo Beach 90278. Contact Bonniegay Bacon at bonniegaybacon@gmail.com for more details.

July 19 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

August 10 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm (not August 3) in order to accommodate a special event going on at ADM during the first week in August. Meeting will be at the Automobile Driving Museum, 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.

August 16 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

August 20 -- Annual Vette Set Picnic and Yard Sale Fundraiser 11-2 at Hesse Park, located at 29301 Hawthorne Bl, Rancho Palos Verdes 90275. Bring any yard sale items and keep 50%/donate 50% to the club. An award will be given to the person who's given the most to the club's 50-50 Raffles YTD. Bring your picnic lunch, lawn chairs, instruments to jam along and outdoor games.

September 9-23 -- Rob Weimer leads a run to Yellowstone National Park, continuing to Deadwood, Sturgis, Mount Rushmore, seeing the Crazy Horse Memorial and more. We'll be staying at Best Western Hotels. Tour is limited to 15 cars, including the Weimers. The trip will take about 2 weeks to complete. RSVP to Rob at robert.a.weimer@me.com.

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.

UP COMING CLUB RUNS W/DETAILS TBA

1. Saturday run to San Antonio Winery in LA, Bill Molinelli/Dennis Chance

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/>
3. New Facebook Events created for the major activities.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. June 9 -- Cruise at the Beach, formerly Ruby's Diner Car Show starts June 9 and continues each Friday through the summer.

2. June 18 -- Father's Day "Pistons & Brunch" Car Show 10-1 at Highway 39 Event Center, 1563 S. State College, in Anaheim.
3. September 7-10 -- Reno-Tahoe Tour hosted by Corvettes of Fresno, celebrating its 60th Anniversary as a Corvette Club. The Tahoe Run happened every year for 50 years, excluding the past 5 years due to Covid. The tour is now the Reno-Tahoe Tour and the registration packet is available at www.corvettesoffresno.com. For more info, contact Cheryl Blackstone, (559) 232-5489, cherylbstone@comcast.net or you may contact Gerri Ware, (559) 871-3902, gware53@comcast.net
4. 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.
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 -- 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.
7. 1st Saturday of the month -- Cars & Coffee from 7:30-9:30am, at Peninsula Shopping Center, 67 Peninsula Center, Rolling Hills Estates, 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com.
8. Last Saturday of the month -- Manhattan Beach Cars & Coffee from 7:30-10am located at 'The Point' Shopping Center, 850 S. Sepulveda, at the corner of Sepulveda and Rosecrans in Manhattan Beach. Enter from Rosecrans. Started by two high school students at Mira Costa HS. Lots of C8s, C7s, and earlier model Corvettes plus a huge array of other cars including old beaters. FREE! **Club member, Chris Donlou said there were no Corvettes on April 29..

Princess Cruise

British Isles With Orkney Islands (13 Days)



June 1 - June 13, 2023
13-day roundtrip
Princess Regal Ship
Southampton, England to Southampton, England

There are 9 ports of call, some of which include Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh & Le Havre (Paris / Normandy).

Notes:

1. If you are deciding to join us, make your reservations early as staterooms & excursions are being secured. Several members have already booked & some are arriving a few days before the cruise.
2. If you are an Auto Club Member & don't have a travel agent already, I can suggest using our agent from the Torrance AAA location: Melissa Coburn (310) 791-6739.
3. Our club has enjoyed several fun cruises together and we hope that you can join us on this cruise!
4. For questions, contact: Diane Feher, 310-791-0297,
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Cruise At The Beach!



2023
Season 22

Cruise Nights

Redondo Beach, CA

245 N Harbor Drive Redondo Beach Marina

"Cruise At The Beach!" Redondo Beach's Legacy Car & Bike Show returns for it's 22nd Season Fri. June, 9, 2023. 3-7pm
245 N Harbor Drive, Redondo Beach Marina

Bring your Hot Rod, Street Rod, Muscle Car, Classic, Exotic, or any other Custom cars & bikes down for a great afternoon & early evening event in the Redondo Beach Marina! Car & Bike show participants get **FREE** parking & maybe you will be selected as one of our Top 5 favorite vehicles of the night by one of our sponsors!



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George M. Person, Jr.



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NCM Kartplex Open for Summer Season

Stop by NCM Motorsports Park any Friday, Saturday, or Sunday to take advantage of their public "Arrive & Drive" hours.

Help Fund a Field Trip

With budget cuts and school funding shortages, many students in underserved areas do not have the opportunity to take field trips. Would you be willing to "Fund a Field Trip" for a group of deserving students to the National Corvette Museum?



CORVETTE RAFFLES

2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe

Drawing Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$100 | Limited to 2000 Tickets



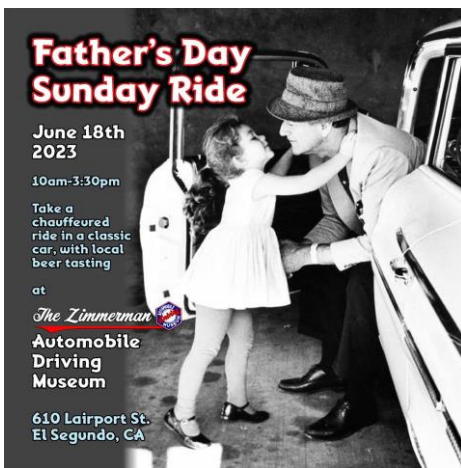
**2023 70th Anniversary Carbon Flash Coupe
VIN 00001**

Drawing Thurs., June 29, 2023, at 7pm CT
Tickets \$300 | Limited to 1,953 Tickets



THE ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

There are many events planned by the Zimmerman but I will only list the events that may be of interest to the club members.



Father's Day

June 18, 2023, from 10 am till 3:30 pm

Come and celebrate Father's Day at the Automobile Driving Museum!

Take a ride in a classic car around the block of El Segundo, chauffeured by a knowledgeable and experienced docent from the Automobile Driving Museum.

After your ride, enjoy some beer tasting with Dad. Beer tasting is included with admission.



Tri-Five Chevy Car Show

July 15, 2023, from 10 am till 2 pm

Cruise over to the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum for the Tri-Five meeting of the year! Join us for our Tri-Five Chevy Car Show, cosponsored by the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum and [Los Angeles Classic Chevy Club](#).

Get your Tri-Fives ready for Saturday, July 15, 2022, from 10 am to 2 pm. Come for the Chevys, live entertainment & delicious food trucks, and a raffle.

Aug 19 El Segundo Main Street Car Show, 10 - 4 held in Downtown El Segundo

Aug 26 Gassers 9, 10am - 4pm

George

HISTORICAL REPORT

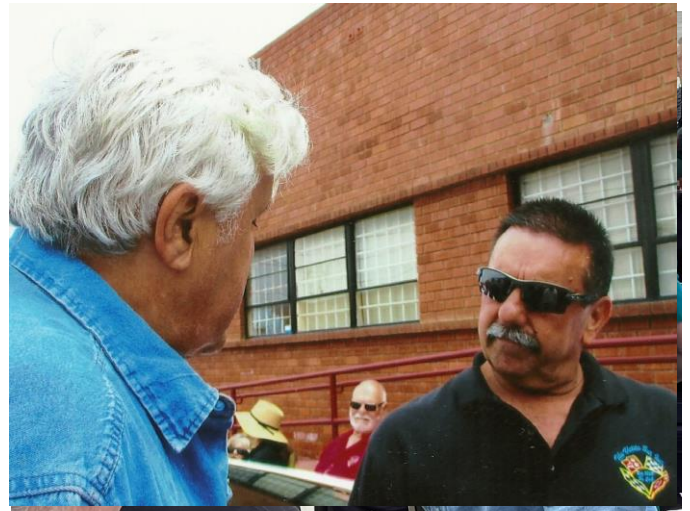
THE ZIMMERMAN CORVETTE SHOW 610 LAIRPORT ST., EL SEGUNDO, CA SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023

The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum sponsored a Corvette car show from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, May 27. It was possibly the first day of the month that the beach communities witnessed the sun.





Photos on this page were provided by Kim Foster. Kim, wearing the straw hat, was able to get a selfie with his C2 and other cars in the background. He also photographed a Chevrolet Corvette C6RS Supercar owned by Jay Leno. "In 2007, General Motors (NYSE:GM) approached Pratt and Miller Engineering and asked them to build a special street version of their legendary GT1 class C6R racecar. The car was planned to be presented to Jay Leno."



Jay talked to Chris regarding his C7 Z06 fuel pump and asked Bonnie to fire up the "Beast." With ZADM approval, she did and set off a few car alarms.



Winners! Five Vette Set members were awarded best in their class and Bonniegay's "Beast" won "Best in Show." (Bonniegay's late husband, Walt, would be very proud).



Kim was awarded Best C2.



Nico Was awarded Best C6



Chris Donlou was awarded Best C7.



George Person was awarded Best C8,



Jennifer was awarded Best C5.



Bonniegay was awarded Best of Show with "The Beast."

