



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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REDONDO BEACH, CA
90277

MARCH 2023



Ladies' Monthly Luncheon at the Black Bear Diner.

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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,

We continue to offer many activities for our members. Individuals often spend their time and sometimes money to make sure their hosted event is fun and informative. We hope you can take advantage of all or most of these upcoming events. As they say, the more the merrier. Stay informed about all of this month's activities by reading Jennifer's list, she spends a significant amount of time keeping it current, updating it whenever new information becomes available.

My hosted Yellowstone National Park trip is coming together nicely, however, many of the 16 original participants have dropped out, leaving 10 cars. If you are interested, there is still time to join this terrific tour in September.

Lee Williams presented his C8 Z06 ordering status at our March general meeting. He originally put his name on the list back in 2020. The presentation was awesome and we hope he successfully gets his 2023 70th Anniversary White Z06, fingers crossed, good luck Lee.



Laura & Mike Joy's 1967 Convertible was on display at the March meeting.

Save The Wave,

Rob



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

March 1 -- Harry Kenyon leads an 'unofficial' run (no points counted) to Bass Pro Shop in Rancho Cucamonga. This is not a club run, just if anyone is interested in blowing out some carbon out of their cars or just getting out for lunch. It would be a quick drive, lunch and to check out a Corvette sales shop. Meet at 9am at Krispy Kreme, 1199 W. Artesia Bl, Gardena 90247. If you cannot meet at Krispy Kreme, (Long Beach folks) we can all meet at 10am at the Bass Pro Shop, 7777 Victoria Gardens Lane, Rancho Cucamonga 91730. Lunch will be at Richie's Diner, 80039 Monet Dr, Rancho Cucamonga 91739. Then, continuing to Corvette Mike's, 1133 N. Tustin Ave, Anaheim 92807

March 2 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245 AND ON ZOOM with social time starting @ 6pm. ZOOM ID: 833-9353-3282. Password: CORVETTE (all caps). We head to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

March 15 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at El Torito, 23225 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 90505. Bring your well-researched ideas for new runs and activities.

March 30 -- Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am in the large back room at Black Bear Diner, 240 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance. RSVP to Jeanette at Forjweimer@me.com or (310) 941-7062.

April 6 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245 AND ON ZOOM with social time starting @ 6pm. ZOOM ID: 833-9353-3282. Password: CORVETTE (all caps). We head to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

April 12 -- WEDNESDAY run to the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve, led by Rob Weimer and Harry Kenyon. Meet at 9am at In-N-Out Burger, 3801 Inglewood Ave, in Redondo Beach, 90278. Do a 50/50, then leave at 9:15am. 50 min drive, 20 min rest stop, 45 min drive then 30 min to enjoy the poppies and take photos. Lunch at Gino's Ristorante in Lancaster, 44960 Valley Central Way, Lancaster, (661) 491-5183. For more info, contact Rob (310) 941-7061 or Harry (310) 528-1423

April 19 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBA. Bring ideas for runs.

May 27, 2023 -- 10am-2pm All Corvette Car Show at the Automobile Driving Museum located at 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245.

June 1-13 – Club Members, Lee and Diane Feher are coordinating a 12 day roundtrip Princess Regal Cruise "British Isles with Orkney Islands" leaving from Southampton, England. There are 9 ports of call, some of which include Liverpool, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh & Le Havre (Paris/Normandy). If you decide to go, make your 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, I can suggest using our 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! Contact Diane Feher with questions or for more info, Lee9Diane@aol.com, (310) 791-0297.

August -- Special Note that the General Meeting in August will be on the 10th, not the 3rd, in order to accommodate a special event going on at ADM during the first week in August.

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. Filling Station/Antique Stores, Gary Gaffney/Jennifer Walton
2. 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.

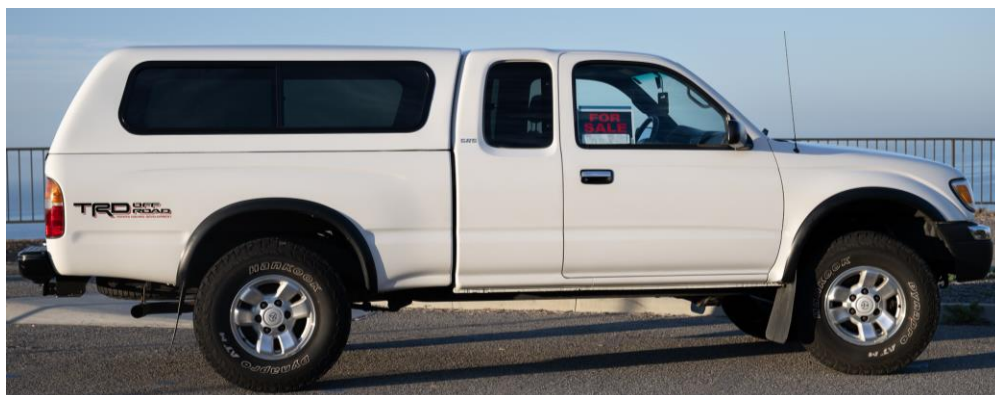
EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. March 2-4, 2023 – Gambler's Classic in Laughlin, Nevada. For info, contact Kim Miller, Corvettes of Bakersfield Director of Membership, cobmembership@gmail.com or call (661) 332-1260. Register by 12/31/22 to save \$25.
2. September 7-10 -- Reno-Tahoe Tour hosted by Corvettes of Fresno in Fresno, CA, celebrating its 60th Anniversary as a Corvette Club. The annual Tahoe Run has happened

every year for 50 years, excluding the past 5 years due to Covid. The tour will now be called the Reno-Tahoe Tour and the registration packet is available at www.corvettesoffresno.com. Questions may be directed to members of that club and cochairs of the tour: Cheryl Blackstone at (559) 232-5489, cherylstone@comcast.net or Gerri Ware at (559) 871-3902, gware53@comcast.net

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 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 Peninsula Shopping Center, 67 Peninsula Center, Rolling Hills Estates, 90274. For more info, email club member Lee Williams at area51ufopilot@yahoo.com.
 7. 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!
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1999 TOYOTA TACOMA FOR SALE



TRD 6 cylinder, 225,000 miles
Hitch, Snug Top, Excellent Condition,
One owner, Private Use \$12,000.00

Contact: Gary Gafney: 310 482 0406, garyogaffney@gmail.com



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George M. Person, Jr.



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Artifact of the Month: Dick Thompson Helmet and Goggles



Dr. Thompson better known as The Flying Dentist, is one of the premiere racecar drivers of his time.

Vets 'N Vettes Presented By Mobil 1 - Bob Lutz to Speak at Banquet



Celebrating our military veterans during Vets n Vettes from May 11th - 13th. Registrants can enjoy a dinner on Thursday with a presentation from automotive icon and Automotive Hall of Fame member, Bob Lutz.

Honoring Patrick Dolan

Dolan passes peacefully on February 5, 2023.



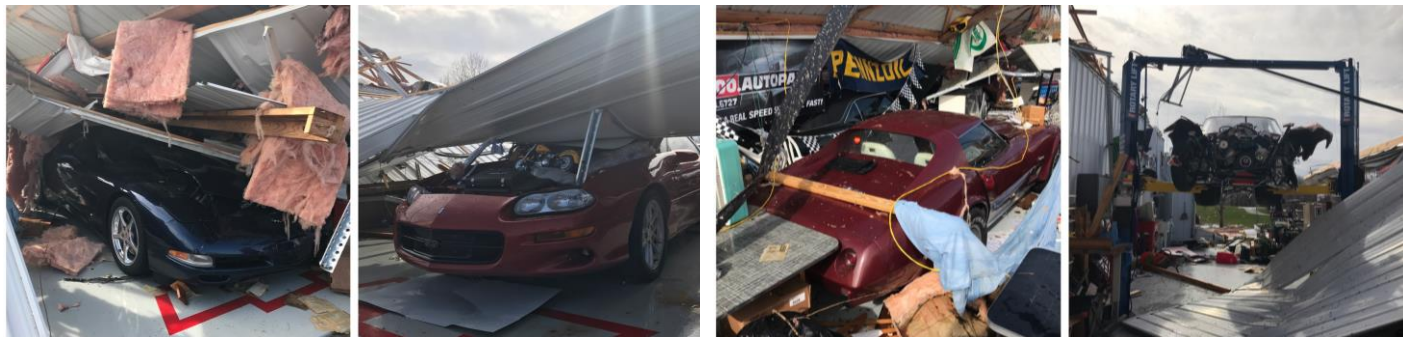
"Patrick Dolan was a passionate and dedicated enthusiast who embodied the spirit of the Corvette - a spirit of pride, service, authenticity, and progress. During his remarkable life, Dolan devoted thousands of hours of his time to the Corvette community he loved - volunteering locally and leading nationally. Patrick Dolan's legacy in our Corvette community cannot be overstated, and he remains a shining example of the best of us," said Sharon Brawner, President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum

Join the Driving Club



The NCM Motorsports is excited to announce details about this year's first event, conveniently aligned with the 2023 bash Celebration.

Get proper auto coverage on your collector vehicle today



Did you know? One common misconception that they come across all the time is customers thinking that homeowners insurance would cover your auto, or protect car in your garage. Home-owners policies specifically exclude automobiles, after all, that is what auto insurance is for. In most cases, Homeowners insurance WOULD cover belongings or property inside the car if a loss happens but the car itself would not be covered.

Corvette Raffles



2023 Arctic White Corvette Convertible
Drawing Thursday, Mar. 9, 2023 at 2 pm CT
Tickets \$200 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets



2023 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe
Drawing Thurs., March 30, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$100 | Limited to 2,000 Tickets



2023 Red Mist Corvette Coupe
Drawing Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$150 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets




2023 70th Anniversary Convertible VIN 00002
Drawing Friday, April 28th 2023, at 3pm CT
Tickets \$250 | Limited to 1,953 Tickets




2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible
Drawing Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 3pm CT
Tickets \$20 | Unlimited Tickets

FUTURE EVENTS AT
The Zimmerman 

The Zimmerman  presents a car show honoring ladies and their vehicles!

WOMEN 'N' WHEELS

MARCH 11TH 2023 10AM -4PM



THE EL SEGUNDO ROTARY CLUB AND THE ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM PRESENT...

The Zimmerman  El Segundo Rotary Club 

MARCH 25

MALT MADNESS

BEER & WINE FEST

AIR COOLED Volkswagen Show

April 8, 2023
10am-2pm



The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum
 610 Lairport St, El Segundo, Calif.
 (310) 909-0950 • www.theADM.org
 Register show vehicles online at www.theADM.org/VW2023 or on reverse of this flyer.

Corporate Sponsors:




Spectators view show FREE but donations appreciated!
 Museum entry is separate:
 \$15 per adult,
 \$10 per Senior,
 \$5 per Child aged 11-17, Ages 10 and under FREE.

Museum cars may not be touched during this event.

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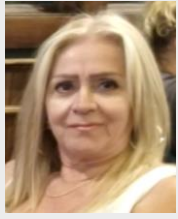
Corvette SHOW



MAY 27TH 2023 FROM 10AM-2PM
 AT THE ZIMMERMAN AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM
 610 LAIRPORT ST, EL SEGUNDO, CA - WWW.THEADM.ORG

MORE INFO ON REVERSE *The Zimmerman*  CORPORATE SPONSORS:   

George



RAFFLES

Marcie O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$30):
Jennifer Weimer, winner
Next month, \$10

50/50 Drawing:
Daniel Gordy, \$115*
TVS Club, \$115

*\$40 donated to The Vette Set



SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



Happy
Anniversary



Happy
Birthday



March Birthday(s)

- 03/14 Lynda Toth
- 03/15 Karen Dahl
- 03/15 Pam ST. Cyr
- 03/19 Rick Pranada
- 03/24 Gary Pebley
- 03/24 John Tully
- 03/26 Bob Borge
- 03/28 Robin Morelock
- 03/29 Chris Donlou
- 03/30 Robert Gibbs

March Anniversaries

None

Dixie



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



The Corvette race team had not raced since our last month's meeting. So, this month I'll bring up a few interesting stories concerning racing.

The first bit of news concerns the new Z06 GT3.R that Chevrolet will be selling to other race teams in 2024. Chevrolet is setting up a factory driver pool to help race teams with driving the new Z06 GT3.R. This brings up questions about Corvette Racing competing in the same races as the other race teams. Chevrolet is still working on how all this will play out. In other interesting news, Car and Driver magazine conducts a test called "Lightning Lap" at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) to find the fastest lap times for the latest track stars. This testing started about 17 years ago.

This year they tested a Rapid Blue 2023 Z07 that ran an astonishing 2:38.6. What does this mean?

- o The C8 Z07 is the 5th fastest car that's **ever** been in the test.
- o It is the fastest American car to **ever** run in this test.
- o It is the fastest naturally aspirated car to **ever** run in the test.
- o It is the fastest < \$200K car to ever run in the test.

The C8 Z07 officially passed the track record of the Corvette beast known as the C7 ZR1 ZTK. The other American car to run well in this test, was the Ford GT. To purchase a Ford GT, a person had to apply, just to be considered as an owner. Yet, this car holds the 13th spot in track time.

The last bit of news I have concerns Jim France, who is the chairman/CEO of NASCAR and the chairman of IMSA racing. France had the idea to see how a stock NASCAR can hold up in the 24 hour Le Mans. He decided to set up a race team called Garage 56 Le Mans. France is using Hendrick Motorsports to enter a slightly modified NASCAR Camaro ZL1 in the 24 Hour Le Mans as an exhibition car. It's nice to hear that the throaty cross plane crankshaft style of Corvette engine in the Camaro will be represented in the 24 Hour of Le Mans. Corvette race driver Jordan Taylor will be serving as coach for the Garage 56 Le Mans team. The Le Mans race will be on June 10th and 11th.

Corvette's next race for IMSA is the 12 hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 18 for the GTE PRO class.

The WEC season begins on Friday, March 17th, at the 1000 miles of Sebring, with the #64 Vette.

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



APRIL 14 - APRIL 15 | **ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG BEACH**
Long Beach, CA



MAY 12 - MAY 14 | **MOTUL COURSE DE MONTEREY**
Monterey, CA



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

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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.
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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,
Lee9Diane@aol.com

HISTORICAL REPORT

LADIES' LUNCHEON BIG BEAR DINER; TORRANCE, CA THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023



Yvonne, Toni, Jane, Diane, Bonniégay, Kelly, Stephanie, Angie, Janette, Michelle & Marcie



Christine, Sharon, Kathie & Patricia

The February meeting of the “Vette Set Divas” was held at the Black Bear Diner in Torrance. We had 15 attendees, including Laura Joy, a new member, and Angie Rosen, a prospective member. Everyone had a great time and are looking forward to the luncheon in the large back room of the Black Bear Diner (240 Hawthorne Bl., Torrance) on Thursday, March 30, at 11:30am. RSVP to Jeanette at Forjweimer@me.com or (310) 941-7062.