



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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California Poppy Reserve Run

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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 had another great turnout at our monthly General Meeting, with 54 members in attendance. And another record 50-50 collection of \$380. Thanks to Marci for such a wonderful job and a special thanks to all of the members that support our 50-50 collections. John La Bella has the lucky winner of the \$190 pot.



Linda Tully, TVS Charity Chairperson, presented Carson High School students with \$1,500 for college books.

The club provided Carson High school senior students with \$1,500 for their continuing education in the automotive field. The funds will be used for books required by their college classes. Linda Tully, our Charity Chairperson, was successful in finding this very deserving opportunity for us to be able to help students in need. Their teacher, Robert Roach, several students, and a couple of parents were our guests and received the check.

At the meeting, Rob and Chuck welcomed three new members into the Vette Set.



New member Reggie Morris with Pres. Rob and V.P. Chuck.



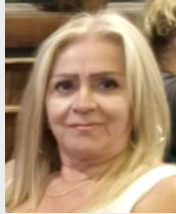
New members Angie & Dan Rosen with Rob and Chuck.

It was very nice to see Rosie & Ron back at our meeting. Rosie volunteered to fill in for Marci at the June meeting for the 50-50 as Marci will be on Jerry's Birthday vacation to Hawaii. David Travares will be filling in for me as I (and 11 other members) will be starting a British Isles cruise on June 1st. Thanks to Diane for putting the cruise together. Thanks to our wives who did most of the work sorting through all the excursions and activities for us guys.

We have over 20 Corvettes signed up for the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum Corvette show. If you want to come, there are still 50 spots available. Just go to their website and signup. We will be meeting at Ralph's market parking lot in El Segundo at 7:45, May 27th, and caravan together to the show..

Save The Wave,

Rob



RAFFLES

Marcie O'Brien



Club Meeting Drawing Winners

Name Badge Drawing (\$10):
Pat Blanchard, winner
Next month, \$10

50/50 Drawing:
John La Bella, \$190
TVS Club, \$190

Marcie



SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



April Birthdays



- 05/02 Rob Weimer
- 05/03 Bo Blackey
- 05/07 Paul Jackley
- 05/18 Daniel Gordey
- 05/21 Ken Ficquette
- 05/21 Christine Williams
- 05/28 Jerry Clement

Dixie

April Anniversaries



- 05/02 Bonniégay Bacon
- 05/02 Robert & Susan Gibbs
- 05/07 Dick & Toni Whitford
- 05/13 Dalene & Ken Ficquette
- 05/14 Jack Walter
- 05/25 Jane & John La Bella



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

May 4 -- General Meeting at 6:30pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo. We head over to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

May 17 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Habana Vieja, 1648 W. Carson, Torrance 90501. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

May 25-- 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.

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 -- 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 Linda Tully or Carolyn Shofner to donate to veterans.

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. Location TBD. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

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 Linda Tully or Carolyn Shofner to donate to veterans.

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 Linda Tully or Carolyn Shofner to donate to veterans.

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. 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, cherylstone@comcast.net or you may contact Gerri Ware, (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! **Club member, Chris Donlou said there were no Corvettes on April 29.

Jennifer



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Corvette's last race for IMSA was the Long Beach Grand Prix on Saturday, April 15th in the GTD PRO class. Antonio Garcia started the race in his #3 Vette from 4th place. Since Long Beach is such a tight, crowded course, Garcia was only able to stay within reach of the lead cars during his 40-minute stint in the driver's seat. Garcia then drove the Vette into the pits for a refuel, fresh tires and driver change. Jordan Taylor took the wheel and drove onto the track. When Taylor resumed the race, he was in 3rd place and gained more than 3 seconds on the 2nd place Porsche.

Taylor battled the number 9 Porsche, looking for an opportunity to pass. Then on turn 6, Taylor made his move with a huge dive to the inside of the Porsche, straight out of Taylor's NASCAR experience. With 40 minutes left in the race, Taylor grabbed the 2nd place spot and held it for the remainder of the race with the Porsche right on his bumper!

Race Results:

- 1st: Lexus RC-F-GT3,
- 2nd: #3 Corvette C8-R,**
- 3rd: Porsche 911-GT3-R.

There were 5 cars total in this class.

Corvette's next race for IMSA will be Laguna Seca on May 12 to 14.

In the WEC series, Corvette Racing ran in two races since our last meeting. The 1st race was the 6 hours of Portimão (Port-a-mau) in Portugal on April 14th with Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varrone driving. Keating began from pole position and slid into 3rd due to softer tires wearing out quickly. The pit crew worked their magic, and with new tires and short pit time, Keating moved to 2nd place. But at the 2-hour mark, he was down to 5th place.

Varrone took over and had the Vette back in 2nd place before pitting. After the pit crew worked flawlessly & quickly, he made his way to the lead. Catsburg took the wheel and held off the Ferrari to finish 1st!

Race Results:

- 1st: #33 Corvette C8-R**
- 2nd: Ferrari 488
- 3rd: Porsche 911RSR

Two first place finishes in a row! This win was with 14 entries in the LM GTE AM class. WOW!

The next race for Corvette was the 6 hours of Spa-Francorchamps on April 29th. After the last race, the race committee for WEC decided to add ballast to the Race Vette since it was faster than the other entrants in the class. Due to the added ballast (99lbs), weather and tire choices, the Corvette fell back to 7th place. Catsburg finished the last stint and managed a 2nd place finish. Great advance considering the car was slower now!

Race Results:

- 1st: Ferrari 488
- 2nd: #33 Corvette**
- 3rd: Aston Martin

There were 13 entries in the LM GTE AM class for this race.

The next race for the WEC series is the 24 Hours of Lemans on June 7th.

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



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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Vets 'Vettes Presented By Mobil 1

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.



Kai Spande Retires

Effective August 2023, Kai Spande, Plant Director of GM's Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant, will retire after 32 years of dedicated service to General Motors.

Kai joined GM in 1991 and, throughout his tenure, held positions in multiple locations including Michigan, Ohio, New York, Japan, Germany, and Italy, where he was active in both manufacturing



and powertrain manufacturing engineering. In September 2015, he was appointed Plant Director of the Corvette, rounding out his career in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Win a Corvette !

2023 Black Corvette Convertible

Drawing Saturday, May 18, 2023 at 2pm CT
Tickets \$200 | Limited to 1500 Tickets



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



2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe
Drawing Sat., September 2, 2023 at 3pm CT
Tickets \$20 | Unlimited Tickets



THE ZIMMERMAN

Net Cruze Cars & Coffee

From 9am - 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 food truck and a raffle.



Mother's Day Ride 2023 Sunday May 14

Join them for their Mother's Day Ride Celebration on May 14, 2023 at 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. They have a special Mother's Day Ride planned for all the moms out there. Bring your mom to the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum and take a ride with mom in 3 of their vintage automobiles.



THE ZIMMERMAN

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

The Zimmerman



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,
Lee9Diane@aol.com

HISTORICAL REPORT

CALIFORNIA POPPY RESERVE RUN ANTELOPE VALLEY, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023



"The hills are alive with the sound of music." 🎵

The members met at the In-N-Out Burger at 3801 Inglewood Ave., Redondo Beach. The meeting time was 9 am and the departure time was 9:15. Money was collected for a 50-50 drawing to be made later during lunch at Gino's Ristorante (44960 Valley Central Way, Lancaster, CA).



The four amigas surrounded by flower.



Lunch at Gino's Ristorante in Lancaster



At Gino's, X's name was drawn for the 50-50 winner. Thanks to Harry and Rob for planning and leading this run.

LADIES' LUNCHEON
BIG BEAR DINER; TORRANCE, CA
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

