



# Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.  
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City of Orange 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,

Spring has finally arrived, rain is mostly done, it's time to enjoy our Corvettes in this beautiful California weather. Starting off with our run to Lancaster for the Poppy reserve. 32 members are attending, I'm hoping for a great trip through the mountains to the desert and on to lunch at an Italian restaurant.

You might have noticed that our Zoom meeting wasn't working this month. The museum's Wi-Fi wasn't working. The Covid-19 pandemic has been officially declared over by LA county, so we are stopping our Zoom meeting option. We encourage all members to join us at the museum for social interaction and sharing of experiences and discussions of upcoming activities and events. We're sorry that this may be inconvenient for some members but the equipment set up has been a hassle and the very minimal use no longer warrants it. We publish our monthly meeting minutes, a newsletter, and our activities listing for you to be able to stay current on everything the club is doing.

I think we reached a record for our 50-50 drawing at the meeting, collecting \$350. The winner of \$175 was a relatively new member, Tom Grogan. Congratulations Tom, most of us had to wait years to win such a large pot.

We encourage all members to plan club runs. If you'd like to put one together but you need a little help, please feel free to reach out to myself, Harry, or other members for advice. It's really pretty simple, you need an interesting destination, bathroom breaks, lunch plans. That's about it.

Save The Wave,

*Rob*





# ACTIVITIES

## Jennifer Walton



### VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

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. \*Bring books or magazines for Linda Tully or Carolyn Shofner to donate to veterans.

April 12 -- WEDNESDAY run to the Antelope Valley California Poppy Reserve. Meet at 9am at In-N-Out Burger, 3801 Inglewood Ave, 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, 44960 Valley Central Way, Lancaster. For more info, contact Rob (310) 941-7061 or Harry (310) 528-1423.

April 19 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Di Roma's, 23863 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 90505. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

April 27-- 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](mailto:Forjweimer@me.com) or (310) 941-7062.

May 4 -- 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. \*Bring books or magazines for Linda Tully or Carolyn Shofner to donate to veterans.

May 17 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBD. Bring your well researched ideas for club runs or activities.

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 -- 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](mailto:Lee9Diane@aol.com), (310) 791-0297.

August -- **Special Note that the General Meeting in August will be on the 10<sup>th</sup>, not the 3<sup>rd</sup>**, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.April 14-16 -- Long Beach Grand Prix

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

3.September 7-10 -- Reno-Tahoe Tour hosted by Corvettes of Fresno, celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com). For more info, contact Cheryl Blackstone, (559) 232-5489, [cherylbstone@comcast.net](mailto:cherylbstone@comcast.net) or you may contact Gerri Ware,(559) 871-3902, [gware53@comcast.net](mailto: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 Starbucks & Sizzler.

6. 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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!



## RAFFLES

Marcie O'Brien



### Club Meeting Drawing Winners

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

50/50 Drawing:  
Tom Grogan, \$175\*  
TVS Club, \$175

*Marcie*



## SUNSHINE

Dixie Foster



**April  
Birthday**



04/11 Ken Morelock

**April  
Anniversaries**



04/13 Teena Chan & Don Gras  
04/18 Dixie & Kim Foster  
04/30 Dave & Pam St. Cyr

*Dixie*



# NCM AMBASSADOR & SPONSOR RELATIONS

George M. Person, Jr.



## NCM

### Vote for the National Corvette Museum



The National Corvette Museum has been nominated for the Best Attraction for Car Lovers in USA Today 10 Best competition! You can vote for the National Corvette Museum once a day per device until Friday, April 21st!

### Vote for the Bowling Green Assembly Plant

**VOTE FOR OUR PRODUCT!**

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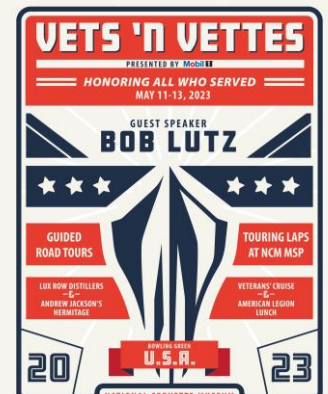
### Women's History Month



Celebrate Women's History Month by honoring the women in the Corvette Hall of Fame!

### 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.





## Win a 2023 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe



On Thursday, March 30th, at 2pm CT, they will be raffling off a 2023 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe! Tickets are \$100, and the raffle is limited to 2,000 tickets.

## Upgrade to a Lifetime Membership Today!



Would you like to be invited to join them at their next exhibition VIP Opening Gala and Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony? Upgrade or become a Lifetime Member today!

## Ladies Garage Returns to the Michelin NCM Bash!

By women for women - an opportunity to learn about basis Corvette (cars in general) maintenance and how to be a smart consumer of automotive services.



## COMMING EVENTS AT *The Zimmerman*



## AUTOMOBILE DRIVING MUSEUM

In the next two months, the Automobile Driving Museum will have three Net Cruze Coffee & Car events on April 22, May 6 and May 20. All are on Saturdays from 9 am-noon, you're invited to swing by the ZADM. 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 a food truck and a raffle drawing for cash prizes, gas cards, and other prizes. The event is free to attend and everyone is welcome! Additionally, the museum will open early at 9 am (donations are still requested for museum admission). To learn more about attending or displaying your vehicle at the event, or about becoming a vendor or sponsor, please contact Fred Gibson at 213-804-8628.



April 22, 2023 - 9:00am



May 6, 2023 - 9:00am



May 20, 2023 - 9:00am



May 27, 2023 - 10:00am





# RACE REPORT

**David Tavares**



Corvette's last race for IMSA was the 12 hours of Sebring on Saturday, March 18 for the GTE PRO class. Antonio Garcia started the race in the pole position. Great start! But, unfortunately, due to timing and full course yellow flags, Garcia had to enter pit lane for 5 seconds of emergency fuel and pit again for full service a short time later. This bad luck made Garcia fall to 8<sup>th</sup> place. But he did manage to carve his way up to 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

When Tommy Milner took over, he radioed the pit about something going on at the rear of the car. When Tommy entered the pit, the crew discovered a bad left-rear damper and had to change it. This cost him a lap.

Garcia then drove for the last stint of the race and was hit from behind and knocked off the track. This sent the Corvette down to 6<sup>th</sup> place.

With 17 minutes left in the race, the Corvette and the No. 62 Ferrari were involved in another crash caused by the overall leaders. This pushed the Corvette to its final 5<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Results: 1<sup>st</sup>: Porsche 911 GT3-R, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lexus RC-F, 3<sup>rd</sup>: Mercedes AMG, 4<sup>th</sup>: Lamborghini Huracan EVO2, 5<sup>th</sup>: Corvette C8.R, 6<sup>th</sup>: Ferrari 296, 7<sup>th</sup>: BMW M4, 8<sup>th</sup>: Aston Martin Vantage

Corvette's next race for IMSA will be the Long Beach Grand Prix on Saturday, April 15 for the GTE PRO class.

For the international side of Corvette racing, the WEC season began on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 1000 miles of Sebring. The #33 Vette was driven by Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating and Nico Varrone. Each of the 3 drivers drove error-free stints with no contact and no risks taken, resulting in a two lap, first place victory for the team. Corvette won 1<sup>st</sup> place against 12 other cars!

The Corvette Racing pit crew was also the fastest of the GTE Am teams in the pitlane with a six-second advantage on the next-quickest team!

Apparently, the pit crew has been working out 4 times a week and practicing daily. That's what it takes to be champions!

Second and third place were held by a Porsche 911 RSR and a Ferrari 488.

Corvette's next race for the World Endurance Championship (WEC) will be the 6 hours of Portimão in Portugal on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned!

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 **2<sup>nd</sup>: Corvette #3. A. Garcia, J. Taylor & T. Milner**



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



**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.
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](mailto:Lee9Diane@aol.com)

# HISTORICAL REPORT

## JAY LENO NIGHT COMEDY & MAGIC CLUB; HERMOSA BEACH, CA SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

Club member, Dan Gordey, organized an outing at the Comedy & Magic Club in Hermosa Beach, CA. The doors opened at 5:00pm and the show started at 7:00. Seating was first come, first seated and parking was on the roof. There was a 2 drink minimum, or a meal and a drink (both were good). In addition to Jay, there were two other comics, both talented and entertaining.



It was a fun outing. I knew Jay used the Comedy Club to try out his comedic material before using it on the Tonight Show. I always meant to attend a performance, and thanks to Dan, I finally did. *Pat*

# AI VERSION OF JAY LENO NIGHT

On Sunday, April 16, 2023, our family was watching CBS 60 Minutes article on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Google's CEO, Sundar Pichai, told us Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be as good or as evil as human nature allows. The revolution, he says, is coming faster than you know. To find out for myself, I had my son open his application "aichatgpt" to see what would happen if it was used to write the Club's Jay Leno night. My verbal input to the application was, "Tell me a story about a Corvette car club going to see Jay Leno at the Hermosa Beach Comedy and Magic club."

The following was the app's response:



"Once upon a time, in a small town in California, there was a Corvette car club. The members of the club were all passionate about their sleek, powerful sports cars, and they loved nothing more than taking them out for a spin on the open road.

One day, the club heard that the famous comedian and car enthusiast, Jay Leno, would be giving a talk at the Hermosa Beach Comedy and Magic Club. Excited at the opportunity to see one of their heroes in person, the club decided to make a road trip out of it.

On the day of the event, the club members gathered together in their brightly colored Corvettes, revving their engines in excitement. They made their way to Hermosa Beach, the wind whipping through their hair as they cruised along the scenic coastal highway.

As they arrived at the Comedy and Magic Club, they were thrilled to see that the parking lot was filled with other classic cars and hot rods. They parked their Corvettes alongside the other vehicles and made their way inside, eager to see Jay Leno take the stage.

The club members settled into their seats with drinks in hand, chatting excitedly amongst themselves as they waited for the show to begin. And then, suddenly, the lights dimmed and Jay Leno himself appeared on stage, clad in his trademark denim and leather.

The crowd erupted in applause as Leno launched into his routine, regaling them with stories about his favorite cars, his experiences as a car collector, and his passion for all things automotive. The Corvette car club members were delighted to hear their favorite make and model mentioned several times throughout Leno's act, and they cheered and whooped in approval.

After the show, the club members eagerly made their way outside to check out the other cars in the parking lot. They chatted with other car enthusiasts and admired the different makes and models on display. And, of course, they couldn't resist showing off their own sleek, powerful Corvettes.

As the sun began to set over the beach, the club members finally piled back into their cars and began the long drive back home. They chatted excitedly about the show and their experiences at the Comedy and Magic Club, already planning their next adventure on the open road. And, most of all, they felt proud to be part of such a passionate community of car enthusiasts."



# CITY OF ORANGE RUN

## ORANGE, CA

### SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023

Harry planned a drive to the City of Orange, with stops at Cambra Speed Shop, Hot-Rod Chavik, both on Angus St, then to old town Orange. Lunch options were: the Filling Station Café, The Streamliner, or any of the other restaurants in the city. We were encouraged to check out the Old Orange city with many antique shops, Army Navy store and more.

Our meeting point was the Krispy Kreme/Food 4 Less parking lot in Gardena. Nico started the day out right by sharing a box of Krispy Kreme donuts with the hungry. This was the first time we saw Nico after his successful lower back surgery. Thanks, Nico and glad to see you.

We met at 8:30 am and departed at 9 AM. When we got to Orange, we found out the Cambra Speed Shop was off limits because of a COVID case. Then we went to Hot-Rod Chavik where we were given a tour of the facility and a view of the projects in progress.



Up on the Roof. 🎵



Lunch at the Streamliner Cafe.

Pat



**LADIES' LUNCHEON**  
**BIG BEAR DINER; TORRANCE, CA**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**



WHO: The Vette Set Ladies

WHAT: Monthly Luncheon

WHEN: Thursday, March 30th (The last Thursday of every month)

WHERE: The Black Bear Diner, Torrance

WHY: Because we like each other

*Dixie*