



Gazette

THE VETTE SET, INC.
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Using his Chevy Roadtrek 190, Harry served grilled hot dogs, chips, cookies and soft drinks at the annual Vette Set picnic.

OFFICERS AND APPOINTEES

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



Hi Vette Setters,

Our General meeting this month had an attendance of almost 50 members. We voted in four new members; congratulations to Daniel Gordey, Dave & Pam St. Cyr, & Robert Siordia. We are very pleased that you have joined us and we hope you enjoy the club and take advantage of the many activities we offer.



Dan Gordey with VP Chuck



Dave & Pam St. Cyr



Robert Siordia

Pat Blanchard's name was drawn for the \$100 name badge drawing. Unfortunately, she did not attend the meeting this month which means that next month's drawing will be worth \$110. This was one of very few meetings that Pat has missed.

Lee Williams presented his C8 HTC clear engine cover installation and showed the installation on his Vette at the meeting. He did extensive analysis of his engine bay heat patterns and found no significant issue with his clear cover as compared to the black plastic OEM part with insulation. Bo Blackey, a new member, presented his Grand Sport; he described to us all the upgrades he has done to his Vette. This year, Bo won a C7 Modified award at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving museum's all Corvette car show.



Lee and Bo displayed their cars at the September meeting.

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Jennifer Walton invited an artist, named Deven, who does free hand car drawings as well as other art. He brought samples to the meeting which included a picture of Jennifer's Corvette. This art might be a great Christmas gift.

Club members met Deven at a Corvette Car show at the Automobile Driving Museum on May 29, 2021. More information of this artist will be provided by Jennifer in the October Gazette.



**Deven, at the 2021 ADM
Corvette Show**

Some of us will be on the Reno to Redding 9 day road trip, so we'll be out of town starting on the 9th. Should be great fun hanging out with our Vette Set friends and seeing the many sites and doing the activities that Hal has planned for us.

I announced that the club will now furnish 2 club decals for free, all we ask is that you promise to put them on each side of your Vette. I hope you are proud of being a Vette Set member and that you want everyone that admires your car, to know that you are a proud member. I know many people don't like stickers, but our decal is relatively small and in my opinion very attractive. And it is easily removed, if necessary, in the future. Available from Kim at our General meetings.

Save the Wave,

Rob

Prez Sez Follow-up: The home delivery of Pam and Dave's C8.

On Thursday, September 1, 2022, Pam and Dave were voted in as new members of the Vette Set. Three days later, they accepted the home delivery of their 2023 2LT hard top convertible with carbon flash top, ground effects, a high wing, and 2 spoke high gloss rims. This car has a black interior with orange seatbelts. The exterior color is Amplify Orange with tinted windows.



Pam and Dave with their new C8.

The order was placed with Criswell Chevrolet in Maryland. Pam and Dave got on the list May 2, 2021.

In June 2022 they were ready to place the order and it arrived at their home using Plycar delivery on September 4th. *Pam*



ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton



VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

September 1 -- 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). Heading to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

September 4 – Several Vette Setters including Dave and Jen will be attending The Big Meet: the 1st Annual Car Show at El Dorado Park in Long Beach from 11-4 with New Gen Vettes (new club) headed by Rod Dixon, President of Southwest Corvettes. Info (562) 505-4677.

September 9-18 -- Vette Set 'Reno to Redding' California Cruise, led by former Club President, Hal Vatcher. Cruise will take us to Lone Pine, then to Reno to see Mammoth Lakes and the National Automotive Museum, continuing to Redding to see Shasta Park and Dam, Whiskeytown Lake, Lassen Volcanic National Park plus Lake Shasta Dinner Cruise. Also included is a drive to Gilroy and touring the northern coastal areas of Monterey and Carmel. Shortened miles per day, multiple days in all key areas, group events and activities planned and group social time. Sign up ASAP by emailing hal@vatcher.com so he can email you a registration form. Spots are limited. Hal is also reached at (310) 594-4615.

September 21 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at King's Hawaiian Bakery & Restaurant, 2808 W. Sepulveda Bl, Torrance 90505. Bring well-researched ideas for activities and runs.

September 29 -- (THURSDAY) Ladies' Luncheon at 11:30am with the Vette Set Divas at The Brews Hall, 21770 Del Amo Circle E, Torrance 90503. No agenda. Just a get together to have fun enjoying the day, sharing stories or whatever! If you have any questions, call Jeanette Weimer at (310) 941-7062 or email her at forjweimer@me.com

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December 8 -- (THURSDAY) Vette Set Holiday Party and Awards Banquet at 5pm at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, in El Segundo 90245. For more info or to volunteer, contact Dixie Foster, DixieKim@msn.com or Diane Feher, lee9diane@aol.com.

December 11 --- (SUN) El Segundo Christmas Parade. Details TBA.

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. Saturday, November 12 -- Vettes for Veterans All-Corvette Car Show at The Shoppes at Carlsbad, 2525 El Camino Real, Carlsbad 92008. Hosted by North Coast Vettes to honor San Diego are veterans. Net proceeds to go to Paralyzed Veterans of America, Cal-Diego Chapter and the Semper Fi America's Fund, San Diego. Info: www.northcoastvettes.org
2. ONLY 5 Fridays left! Runs through September 30 -- Season 21: Cruise to the Beach, Redondo Beach's Legacy Car Show, formerly 'Ruby's Diner Car Show'. Goes from 3-7pm at 245 N. Harbor Dr, Redondo Beach, 90277. Show features live music, trophies, 50/50 Raffle, and great food.
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 clubmember 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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NEW IDEAS FOR CLUB RUNS

1. Nethercutt Museum/Peterson Automotive Museum, Gary Gaffney
2. Filling Station/Antique Stores, Gary Gaffney/Jennifer Walton
3. 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.



The Vette Set
Reno-Redding Corvette Tour
09/09/2022 to 09/18/2022



A 10 Day Corvette Cruise

Itinerary (subject to change)

Date	Location	Activity
Friday-09/09	Overnight in Lone Pine CA	Drive to Lone Pine CA Group dinner at The Grill
Saturday-09/10	Overnight in Reno NV	Drive to Reno NV Lunch at Mammoth Lakes
Sunday-09/11	Overnight in Reno NV	National Automotive Museum Walking Tour of Riverwalk Area Toucan Charlies Buffet Dinner
Monday-09/12	Overnight in Reno NV	Visit Virginia City Group Dinner (TBD)
Tuesday-09/13	Overnight in Redding CA	Drive to Redding CA Lunch at JJ Café
Wednesday-09/14	Overnight in Redding CA	Sundial Bridge Shasta State Historic Park Whiskeytown Lake Picnic Lunch Shasta Dam
Thursday-09/15	Overnight in Redding CA	Lassen Volcanic National Park Picnic Lunch Lake Shasta Dinner Cruise
Friday-09/16	Overnight in Gilroy CA	Drive to Gilroy CA
Saturday-09/17	Overnight in Gilroy CA	Tour Monterey/Carmel Area Dinner at Black Bear
Sunday-09/18	Drive Home	Drive Home

This year's September Corvette Cruise will be limited to 15 cars.

If you are interested in participating in this cruise, please email Hal Vatcher to obtain a registration form. hal@vatcher.com Registration is \$25.



WILLIAMS' REPORT By Lee Williams



C8 Hard Top Convertible Clear Engine Cover

Another Tech Talk was given at the September general meeting. This presentation covered correcting the shortcoming of the C8 Hard Top Convertible (HTC), that being not being able to see the engine!



Next up, bolt on a fancy painted engine cover using a stock (OEM) donor cover from GM.



As explained during the Tech Talk at the general meeting, the OEM black cover has a thin insulating panel. Obviously, the clear replacement one does not. However, temperature testing has shown very reasonable under hood temperatures (max of 141° F), likely less than the coupe, which has no engine cover at all.

OEM Engine Cover – Engine is MIA!

As can be seen in the photo to the left, the OEM engine cover completely obscures the 6.2L LT2 engine. Removing the numerous T15 screws allows the cover to be removed to get a glimpse of the bare engine (below).



The final step is to bolt on a clear thermoplastic cover that is molded nearly identically to the OEM black cover.



Final Product – Car Show ready!

Lee Williams



RACE REPORT

David Tavares



Corvette Penalty. The October edition of Corvette Magazine had an interesting article reviewing the Long Beach race. Apparently, there was a penalty charged to Corvette stemming from an incident during the only pit stop in that race. While in the pits, the crew was changing tires and a wheel nut came loose and fell out of the air gun. These wheel nuts are built to remain on the wheel, facilitating a very quick tire change. This wheel nut decided to roll up pit lane, hitting another team's air hose. It then flew up in the air, landed on a Porsche's roof, rolled down the windshield and hood, bounced off a fuel hose, entered the air opening in the hood, struck and damaged the radiator. Say what???. Porsche was out of the race and a heavy penalty was charged to Corvette Racing.

IMSA Sportscar Weekend, Plymouth, WI. There was a race on August 4–7 at Road America in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Near the end of the race, the Lexus did not take the last pit stop, gambling that there would be a full course yellow flag before the end of the race. When this happens, everyone can pit without losing their position on the track. Well, luck was on their side. They were able to fuel without losing position and went on for the win.

Race Results:

- 1st: Lexus,
- 2nd: Porsche,
- 3rd: Corvette, with Antonio Garcia & Jordan Tayler,
- 4th: Aston Martin,
- 5th: BMW

Porsche is still ahead of Corvette in the points standings.

Michelin GT Challenge, Alton VA. The next race was on August 26–28 at Virginia International Raceway in Alton, Virginia. In this race an untimely full course caution wiped out Corvette Racing's lead. The Corvette chased the lead Porsche, expecting the Porsche to come into the pits for fuel any lap now. But no! Porsche drove to the end of the race and sputtered during the victory lap as they were running low on fuel.

Corvette's championship rivals, Porsche, ended the race with the 5th victory of the season and extended their lead over Corvette by 265 points.

Race Results:

- 1st: Porsche,
- 2nd: Corvette #3, with Antonio Garcia & Jordan Tayler,
- 3rd: Lexus,
- 4th: AstonMartin,
- 5th: BMW

On the WEC side of racing, nothing to report since last meeting.

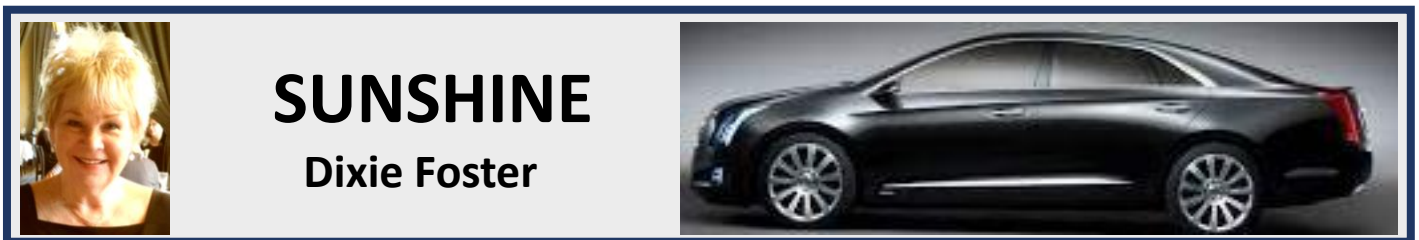
The last race of the year for IMSA will be the 25th running of the Motul Petit Le Mans from Road Atlanta on Saturday, Oct. 1st.

The last races of the year for the #64 Corvette racing in the WEC series will be: September 11, the 6 hours of Fuji in Japan and November 12, the 8 hours of Bahrain.

Stay tuned as the #64 car battles in the 6 hours of Fuji this month.

Until next time, get out there and drive your Vette's everyone!

David



**Happy
Birthday**



**Happy
Anniversary**



September Birthdays

9/2	Jerry Ockerman	9/17	Bonniegay Bacon
9/11	Melody Bradford	9/18	Lee Williams
9/11	Nico Palmieri	9/24	John Korba
9/12	Ed Lesnansky	9/26	Laura Perez
9/13	Jack Walter	9/27	Rich Martinez
9/15	Nathan Guillory	9/28	Debbie Jackley

September Anniversaries

9/10	Chris & Kelly Donlou
9/15	Charlie & Gerri McManis
9/19	Marilyn & Oscar Amaro

Dixie

HISTORICAL REPORT

BOB'S RUN

CARSON, CA, AUGUST 13, 2022

Our club cinematographer, Bob, organized a run to the Go Kart World Run at 21830 Recreation Rd. Carson, CA on Saturday, August 13, 2022. We arrived at 12 PM and the scheduled track time was from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Bob also reserved tables for 3 hours from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We were allowed to bring in coolers with soft drinks and alcohol beverages were prohibited. (Editor's note: There goes my idea of bringing in bottles of champagne for the three podium finishers to spray each other after the races. Oh, well.)

Calm before the run.



Getting wristbands and selecting a track.



Gentlemen & Christine, start your engines.



Joe, leading the pack.



Kim, trying to overtake Joe.



Christine & Lee attempting a "pit maneuver" on the Kart in front of them.



Pat, thirsty on this hot day, was looking for a lemonade stand.

The temperature was 91°F for this outing and most members weren't prepared for the heat. A couple of the drivers wore motorcycle helmets with Go Pro cameras attached to the top. These guys became excessively hot, but it was done for the sake of art: Bob was able to put together a great video of the event. When I told John Tully about the uncomfortable ride, he said, "Every one he saw in the pictures and videos had a smile on their face." I checked, and he was right.

Thank you, Bob, for organizing this run. Rumor is there is another track near us (inside with air-conditioning and larger electric cars). If so, I'll sign up for this event. Thanks for introducing us to something new and pulling us off the TV couch. *Pat*

2022 EL SEGUNDO MAIN STREET CAR SHOW AUGUST 20, 2022



Harry, Mike, Chris, Joe, Bo and Rob: Donuts in hand, in front of their cars.

The suspects pictured above were caught “**doing donuts**” at the start of the El Segundo Main Street car show. Fortunately, there were no injuries and no casualties. However, the El Segundo Police Department (ESPD) was called to break up the rowdy activity. Suspects were identified, from left to right, as Harry, Mike Joy (a prospective Vette Set member), Chris, Joe, Bo and Rob.



ESPD Banned Donuts.



ESPD Approved Donuts.

On a positive note, these guys were tough enough to get up very early on Saturday morning, showing up at 4:50 am at Farmer Boys to get in line for the car show. They were not the first, but ended up being 7th, ahead of over 300 other cars. The weather was nearly perfect at 70 degrees and over cast for the morning with sun and warmer temps around noon. All in all a great time was had by everyone with so many beautiful cars to see.

Rob

ANNUAL PICNIC & YARD SALE CLUB FUNDRAISER

HESSE PARK, RANCH PALOS VERDES, CA AUGUST 21, 2022



As in previous years, the Vette Set Annual Picnic & Yard Sale Club FUNdraiser was held at Hesse Park, 29301 Hawthorne Bl, Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275 between the hours of 11am to 2pm. Members were encouraged to bring any yard sale items and especially car-related items to sell. Sellers brought tables or blankets to display their items. Sale items were clearly marked with pricing and the sellers brought small bills to make change. Some members brought lawn games and musical instruments for fun after the sales were completed.

The star of the event was Harry, who, with the help of his Chevrolet Roadtrek 190, grill and camping equipment, served grilled hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and cookies. Patricia sweetened the dining experience by offering free home made toffee ice-cream.



Harry grilled the hot dogs and Anton collected the money.



Treasures laid out on blankets and tables.



Pat took the top photo of the group in a circle. Bonniegay used his cell phone to photograph the members by going around the circle, in a clockwise rotation, starting and ending with Jane. *Pat*

The following photos were taken by Dixie and Kim.

