Gazette

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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 pm Sunday, following the general monthly meeting. These meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm 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,
We had a good turnout at our May General Meeting, however, it would be great to have even more of our members come. Thanks to all of those members that set aside the time to attend. We had 6 guests come to our meeting, a couple had to leave because they were on their lunch hour and had to get back to work before we had a chance to hear from them. Maybe next month. Thanks to Chris Donlou, our Ambassador, for continuing to talk to Corvette owners at various Coffee and Cars events to encourage them to come to a meeting. Great job Chris!

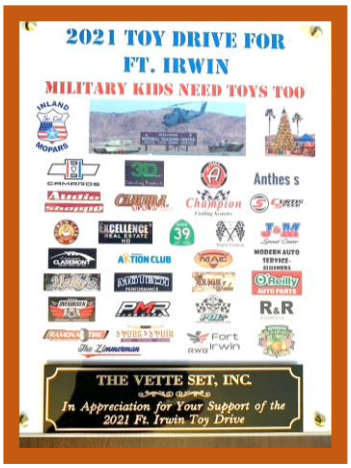
Thanks to Harry for another great run to The Collector Car Vault in Santa Paula and lunch at the Ojai Beverage Company, after which we headed back home, truly a great run with beautiful scenery. Our activities dinner at Texas Lucy's also had a very good turnout, thanks Jennifer for setting this up, we look forward to dinner at the New York Deli on May 25th, a later date due to our Laughlin run this month.

We have 23 members signed up for the Laughlin run, it includes the Gambler's Classic car show, a run through Oatman to Kingman, a Route 66 trip back in time to the Roadkill cafe, then on to Williams, AZ where we will take the Grand Canyon train to the Grand Canyon, then some will go on to Sedona for an off-road Jeep excursion and some will go with Hal to view a crater and visit Winslow Az. to Stand on the Corner, after which we will head back home. Harry is planning a couple of one day runs for the near future, stay tuned, more to come. Jack and I are leading a 1 to 3 day run, your choice on duration, to explore the Hidden Gems in the Local Mountains around the Gorman/Pine Mountain area north of us. We leave on the July 17th and return on the 19th if you stay the two nights. Much more detail on available on the Activities Listing. Contact Jack for room restorations as soon as possible.
Save the Wave,

Rob

Plaque Presentation

Special thanks to all of our members that donated to our Christmas toy drive last December. Our drive was so successful that Mike Keller from Inland Mopar's Car Club made the effort to attend our April General meeting. He is their Christmas Toy Drive Coordinator. It was a very proud moment for me to accept, on behalf of our Club, the appreciation plaque pictured below. Mike explained how he was very impressed with the carts full of toys that we were able to donate when he came to pick them up. The toys go to Military families at Ft. Irwin National Training Center. *Rob*



Rob accepted a plaque from Mike Keller for TVS participation in the Ft. Irwin 2021 Toy Drive

Visit to Corvette Museum

Club member, Bob Gibbs, visited Louisville, Kentucky with his sons on a special trip in April.

He was able to visit the National Corvette Museum and checked out that our "The Vette Set" brick was one of the best, since the club had the brick recently replaced.

Susan Gibbs

New Member

At the May meeting, Nathan Guillory was unanimously voted in as a Vette Set member (Jimmy T. was not present). Nathan had attended three meetings and two events prior to joining our club. His Corvette is a dark red, 2004 coupe. *Sharon*

Nathan being welcomed into the club by V.P. Chuck

ACTIVITIES

Jennifer Walton

VETTE SET ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

May 5 -- 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.

May 13-19, 2022 -- Rob Weimer and Jerry Clement lead a run to the GAMBLER'S CLASSIC all Corvette Car Show at Don Laughlin's Riverside Resort and Casino in Laughlin, Nevada, sponsored by Corvettes of Bakersfield. See info at CorvettesofBakersfield.org or call/text Linda McNitt (661) 978-9518, lindamcnitt@gmail.com. RSVP ASAP to Rob Weimer.

May 25– NEW LOCATION and DIFFERENT DATE. Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at New York Deli, 2424 Sepulveda Bl, Torrance, 90501. Bring your well-researched ideas for new club runs and activities. This date change accommodates club members on the Gambler's Classic multi-day run to Nevada and Arizona.

May 28, 2022 -- Corvette Car Show 10-2 at the Automobile Driving Museum, 610 Lairport St, El Segundo 90245

June 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). Heading to Slice 'n Pint afterwards.

June 15 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm at Jack's Place, inside the Gable House Bowl, 22501 Hawthorne Bl, Torrance 90505. **Upon entry, place your order at the Snack Bar (good choices!) and then sit at the inside restaurant: "Jack's Place" with full bar. Bring your bowling ball and bowling shoes if you want to play afterwards. We will get a discount and it's a lot of fun! Bring your well-researched ideas for new activities and runs. This date change accommodates club members on the Gambler's Classic multi-day run to Nevada and Arizona.

July 4 -- Fun 4th of July Parade at 10am. Meet @ 9:15am to decorate the cars outside the home of Jennifer Walton, 4029 Locust Ave, Long Beach, CA 90807. Following the short parade, there are festivities at Los Cerritos Park including hotdogs, water, gunny sack races and water balloon tosses. Afterwards, we can swim at Jennifer's @ 1pm. RSVP required.

July 7 -- 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.

July 17-19, 2022 -- Rob Weimer and Jack Walter lead your choice of a 1 day or 3 day run **"Exploring Hidden Gems in the Local Mountains".** Join Rob and Jack in touring Pine Mountain Club and the surrounding areas including Mt. Pinos, the San Emigdio Mountains, the Cuyama Valley and the Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge, home of the California Condors. Day 1, we'll journey 90 miles north of LAX and enjoy a potluck picnic at a beautiful private park followed by an 80 mile drive through the Los Padres National Forest including the scenic Lockwood Valley. Group dinner at the private Pine Mountain Club. Day 2 will be your choice of golf, tennis, swimming or hiking at Pine Mountain Club facilities in the morning, followed by a drive up over 800 ft to the summit of Cerro Noroeste and a backroads trip through the wildlife refuge. Group dinner at the PMC Clubhouse. Day 3 will feature driving through the Cuyama Valley and lunch in Ojai with a return home along the beach from Ventura. Lodging and dining options are VERY LIMITED in PMC, therefore ADVANCED RESERVATIONS will be REQUIRED if you wish to participate in the 3 day option. Jack will have ALL available PMC hotel/inn rooms reserved for TVS use and they will be allocated to members upon Jack's receipt of your deposit. Lodging options include booking your own Airbnb in PMC or commuting 18 miles to Lebec where there's a Motel 6 and Holiday Inn. Questions to Rob Weimer **rob.a.weimer@me.com.** Lodging requests to Jack Walter at **j13walter@gmail.com.**

July 20 -- Activities Dinner Meeting at 6pm. Location TBA. Bring your well-researched ideas for new club runs and activities.

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 cay, 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.

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/

New Ideas For Club Runs

1. Nethercutt Museum/Peterson Automotive Museum, Gary Gaffney
2. Filling Station/Antique Stores, Gary Gaffney/Jennifer Walton
3. Mullin Museum, Oxnard: Private tours T/Th plus two Saturdays/month, Hal Holzman
4. Central Coast Trip to Mullin Museum, Island Beach (?), Cachuma Lake, Solvang
5. Saturday run to San Antonio Winery in LA, Bill Molinelli/Dennis Chance

EXTRA ACTIVITIES NOT SPONSORED BY THE VETTE SET

1. Every Friday -- Season 21: Cruise to the Beach, Redondo Beach's Legacy Car Show, formerly Ruby's Diner Car Show, starts June 3- Sept 30, from 3-7pm at 245 N. Harbor Dr, Redondo Beach, 90277. Show features live music, trophies, 50/50 Raffle, and great food.

2. Every Friday -- Garden Grove Car Show held on Main Street in Old Town Garden Grove 4-8pm. Entry $3/car. For info, call David Tavares at (562) 308-0390 or Jennifer Walton (562) 544-2670.

3. Every Saturday -- Caffeine Cruisers from 7-10am in Torrance, on SE corner of Artesia and Hawthorne, between Starbucks & Sizzler.

4. 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.

5. CORRECTION: 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.

6. 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!

7. Saturday, November 12 – Vettes for Veterans All Corvette Car Show in Carlsbad, hosted by North Coast Vettes to honor San Diego area veterans. Proceeds go to Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Semper Fi America Fund. Info: www.northcoastvettes.org.

Jennifer

CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

Presents

22nd GAMBLER'S CLASSIC 2022

ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

BACK TO THE BEGINNING 1953

May 12-14, 2022 in Laughlin, NV

SPECIAL GUEST & SPEAKER

Richard Earl, grandson of Harley Earl, original designer of the Corvette

Online Registration at CorvettesOfBakersfield.org

Corvettes Of Bakersfield Charity 501(c)(3)

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.*

NCM AMBASSADOR & SPONSOR RELATIONS

George M. Person, Jr.

Corvette Raffles

2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe
Drawing Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 2pm CT,
Tickets $150 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets

2023 70th Anniversary White Convertible
Drawing Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 2pm CT
Tickets $200 | Limited to 1,500 Tickets

2023 Red Mist Corvette Coupe
Drawing Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 3pm CT
Tickets $20 | Unlimited Tickets

SUNSHINE

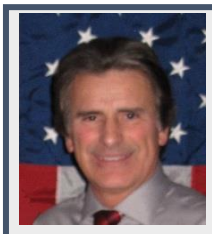
Dixie Foster

May Birthdays

5/2 Rob Weimer
5/7 Paul Jackley
5/12 Nikky Jaynes
5/21 Ken Ficquette
5/21 Christine Williams
5/22 Thomas Beuthin
5/28 Jerry Clement

May Anniversary

5/2 Bonniegay Bacon
5/2 Robert & Susan Gibbs
5/7 Dick & Tony Whitford
5/13 Dalene & Ken Ficquette
5/14 Jack Walter
5/25 John & Jane La Bella
5/27 Chris & Laura Perez



RACE REPORT

David Tavares

This month's race report starts out in our back yard with the Long Beach Grand Prix. Corvette Racing's Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor left the Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach on Saturday April 9th, with a 3rd-place class finish and the championship lead in their #3 Corvette. Taylor began from pole position, timed his jump at the start and protected his lead down the long front stretch into turn one. He managed to open his margin due to strategic fuel and tire management used by the race team. Unfortunately, the race team incurred a penalty when the pit crew lost control of one of the pit equipment.

Garcia took over after the pit stop but fell back into 4th place due to the 1 lap penalty. He eventually moved back to 3rd place.

Race Results:
1st: Aston Martin Vantage GT3,
2nd: Lexus RC F GT3,
3rd: #3 Corvette C8.R GTD,
4th: Porsche 911 GT3R,
5th: Porsche 911 GT3R,
6th: BMW M4 GT3

The next race for the #3 Corvette was at Laguna Seca on May1st. The race team pit stop strategy for this race was working as the #3 Vette worked its way to a class lead. Unfortunately, Tayler fell back slightly on a restart and then contacted another race car. This put the #3 Corvette in 4thplace at the finish.

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3rd: BMW M4 GT3,
4th: #3 Corvette C8.R GTD,
5th: Aston Matin Vantage GT3,
6th: Mercedes – AMG GT3

Corvette Racing will be taking a break from IMSA racing to compete in the FIA World Endurance Championship for the 24 hours of Le Mans on June11 and 12. The next IMSA race will be the Sahlen's Six Hours of the Glen at Watkins Glen New York on June 23-26th.

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

David

IMSA 2022 RACE SCHEDULE

~~JAN 21 - JAN 23 | ROAR BEFORE THE ROLEX 24~~
Daytona Beach, FL

~~JAN 27 - JAN 30 | ROLEX 24 AT DAYTONA~~
Daytona Beach, FL

~~MAR 16 - MAR 19 | MOBIL 1 TWELVE HOURS OF SEBRING~~
Sebring, FL

~~APRIL 8 - APRIL 9 | ACURA GRAND PRIX OF LONG ISLAND~~
Long Beach, CA

~~APRIL 29 - MAY 1 | WEATHERTECH RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA~~
Monterey, CA

MAY 13 - MAY 15 | MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR CHALLENGE
Lexington, OH

JUNE 3 - JUNE 4 | CHEVROLET DETROIT GRAND PRIX
Detroit, MI

JUNE 23 - JUNE 26 | SAHLEN'S SIX HOURS OF THE GLEN
Watkins Glen, NY

AUG 5 - AUG 7 | IMSA SPORTSCAR WEEKEND
Elkhart Lake, WI

AUG 26 - AUG 28 | MICHELIN GT CHALLENGE AT VIR
Alton, VA

SEP 28 - OCT 1 | MOTUL PETIT LE MANS
Braselton, GA

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