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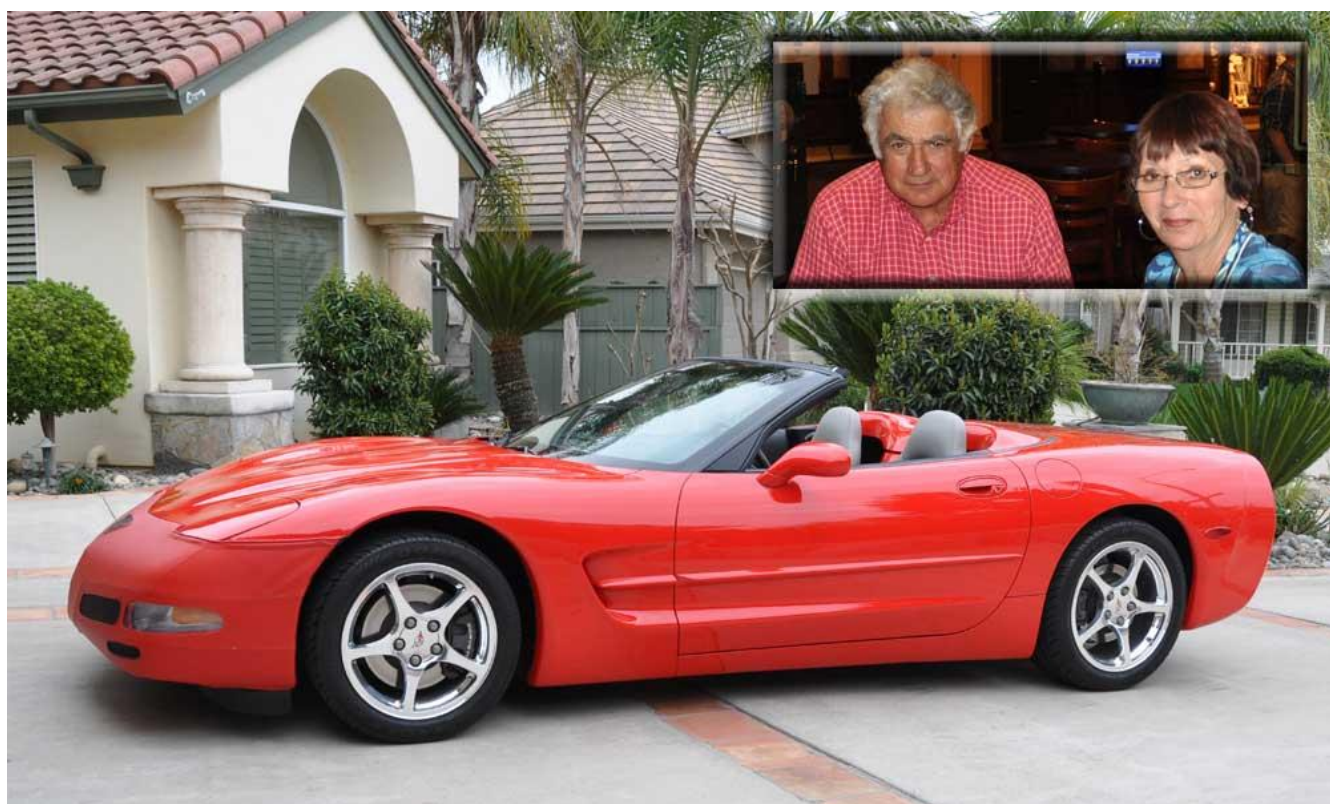


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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe
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If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

The one-time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, caravan rules and nametag. This fee is due at time of application for club membership along with pro-rated dues amount for the first year.

Our Club Year runs from October 1 through September 30th. Annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual, payable in advance.



CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Lee Blackstone
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2nd Vice Pres. – Membership:	Gary Pflepsen
Secretary:	Debbie Dukes
Treasurer:	Dave Trauger
Communications Director:	Socorro Biglieri

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Webmaster:	Gary Linsner
NCCC Governor:	John Karlie
Sunshine Representative:	Jan Pflepsen

PAST PRESIDENT: Louis Biglieri

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET April 2 6:30 p.m.
(5:30 p.m. no host dinner)
The Old Spaghetti Factory
1610 E Shaw Ave
ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME
If you wish to attend, please notify
Communications Director, Betsy Lindgren**

“Fiberglass Forever” is a monthly newsletter striving to provide information regarding Corvettes of Fresno, Inc. to the public at large and to share information regarding COF Club Events/Activities with the general membership.



PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



We Are Experiencing Technical Difficulties...

The saga continues with our attempt to have photos, videos and snippets from previous club runs, events and meetings on the big screen during the meetings. Last month, the projector was missing from the mount and this month our tech Guru Gary Linsner's computer didn't want to communicate with anything else! Gary will continue next month with another laptop and we should be good to go. Thanks for your efforts, Gary!

Our St. Pattie's day overnigher to Sonora and in the Murphys parade was a huge success with never a dull moment. A Big thank you to the Karlies for sponsoring such a fun weekend! The foothills were lush and green and the views were spectacular. The tour of the Indigeny Apple Distillery was awesome with tasting of their products. I left with just a slight buzz from the products. The steak house dinner was delicious and the play was hilarious and was enjoyed by all. (well almost everyone) The Gorgeous Green Goddesses did not disappoint at the Murphys parade. The town was packed and the decorated cars were a hit. On the way home via curvy Hwy 49 to Mariposa with lunch at the 1850 café was tasty. We even had Walt Spate and Julianne join us for lunch! It was so great to see them!

Congratulations on raising \$235 for the Tahoe account and the lucky winner for the raffle drawing was Clay Mumby. Clay chose the Tahoe Joe's certificates. This month's contributor was Bruce & Ruth Looney. We have donation commitments through the remainder of the year and we can go further out if needed! Thanks to all the contributors and participants. Our event calendar is getting full with card parties, runs, movies and speedway events. Be sure to check out Darrick's column and make plans to get involved.

Let's Keep The Fun Rollin'
Lee Blackstone

Lee Blackstone



President

Call to Order: : President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Gary Pflepsen, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Socorro Biglieri, Gary Linsner, Jan Pflepsen and Louis Biglieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bruce Looney.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last General meeting dated February 20, 2024 were published in the March 2024 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Cheryl Blackstone and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Don Dukes and seconded by Chuck Ware; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Trauger reported the accounts activity for the past month, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion approved.

For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Dave Trauger



Treasurer

Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen reported as of March 19, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 50 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 37 members and no guests. We have one new car; Darlene Trower has a 2022 Red Mist C8 coupe.

Gary Pflepsen



2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report: Socorro Biglieri reported her and Louis have completed their second newsletter and it went much better than their first one. Please send them any pictures that you would like to have published in the newsletter.

Socorro Biglieri



Communications Director

Webmaster Report: Gary Linsner reported that the Murphy's Parade video is posted on the club website. Please contact Gary if you have anything that you would like for him to post.



Activities Report: Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at www.corvettesoffresno.com. Darrick Duerksen reported the following:

Past Events: **February 27: Ladie's Card Party**, hosted by Cathy Cholakian. Cece Karlie reported that her and Gerri Ware were the big winners at the card party! It was a lot of fun!

March 9: Webber Car Show, hosted by Lee Delap. Lee thanked Louis and Socorro Biglieri for attending the Webber Car Show with him. It was a big show with 309 cars.

March 9: Sierra Sky Park – EAA; movie night; “American Graffiti”. Sherri Garlock stated that the movie night at the Sky Park is a lot of fun. Besides just watching a movie; they play a trivia game and you can win prizes, they serve popcorn, root beer floats and there are a lot of desserts!

March 15 – 17: Murphy's Irish Days, hosted by John and Cece Karlie. Cece reported that they left Friday morning, stopped for breakfast and took a tour of a distillery. Saturday, they decorated their cars and participated in the Murphy's Irish Days parade. Our Gorgeous Green Goddesses', wearing matching shirts that Cheryl made, walked in front of the cars carrying the Corvettes of Fresno banner. The parade event organizers said that our club was the highlight of the parade! After the parade, they went to lunch and then saw a funny play at the melodrama. Sunday, on their way home, they stopped in Mariposa for a great lunch at the 1850 restaurant.

Upcoming Events:

Corvettes of Fresno
Friday Night Baseball and Fireworks
April 26th
Game Starts at 6:50. Fireworks after the Game



\$93.00 per person includes ticket to the Legends Suite, full buffet dinner and access to the Kodiak Club. Meal includes pulled pork, tri tip, mac n cheese, cornbread, watermelon, cookies, water and soft drinks. Alcoholic drinks available for purchase. Parking across from the stadium in the Season Ticket Holder lot is \$5.00. Gates open at 5:45.

Chukchansi Park is located at 1800 Tulare Street. Season Ticket Holder (Lot 1) is directly across from the stadium at Kern between Inyo and H Street. Questions can be directed to Darrick at djduerksen@yahoo.com or text to 559-779-3936.

April 2: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Margaret Tejerian. Starting time is 10:00am, please bring a brunch dish to share.

April 13: Madera Speedway. CVC has invited us to join them for an evening at Madera Speedway. They will be leaving at 3:30pm from the AM/PM at Herndon & Blythe. The Corvettes will be parading on the racetrack prior to the first race. Admission is free for those that participate.

April 13: Sierra Sky Park – EAA movie night, “Cannonball Run”

April 18 – 20: Gambler's Classic. This event is full.

April 20: Run to the Hills, hosted by Mitch Koligian & Clay Mumby. Mitch stated that they plan on meeting at 9:00am at 168 & Temperance at the Park & Ride. They will leave at 9:15am, stop for a break at the Tollhouse Market, then lunch at Don Fernando's in Prather at 11:00am. After lunch they will travel to the Mono Winds casino, then head back down to Fresno with a stop for ice cream at Ampersand!

April 20: Raymond Rodeo Parade. If anyone is available and interested in being in a parade; the town of Raymond has requested some Corvettes for their parade.

April 26: Grizzlies Game, hosted by Darrick Duerksen. There will be a great fireworks show after the ballgame.

May 19 – 23: St. George, UT, hosted by Larry Minnich. Lee Blackstone will talk with Larry Minnich next week to determine the exact dates for this run; May 19-23 or May 20-23. If more than six cars want to go, they will have to rent a hotel room.

June 1: Los Banos, Santa Nella, Gustine, hosted by Mitch Koligian & Pete Cholakian.

They will leave at 9:00am, departure location to be announced later. The first stop will be for lunch at Espana's in Los Banos. After lunch they will visit the National Cemetery in Santa Nella, then onto Wolfsen's Meat and Sausage in Gustine. If time permits, they will tour the Discovery Center in Chowchilla on the way home.

June TBA: COF Annual Picnic - Cheryl stated that Kirk and Kathy Yergat have offered their backyard as the location for our annual picnic. This event will be a potluck and the Yergat's have offered to provide the meat. Exact date and time will be announced later.

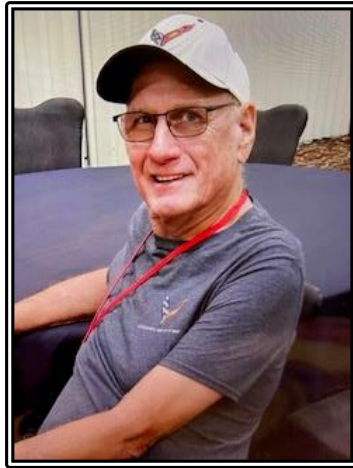
Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: No report

John Karlie



NCCC Governor

Sunshine Report: Jan Pflepsen announced birthdays and anniversaries for March.



Jan Pflepsen

Old Business / New Business: Bruce Looney mentioned he would like to reintroduce the Mystery Dinner runs. Several years ago, this was a very popular run with COF members. Members pick a month that they would like to sign up to be the host for the Mystery run. The host plans a **secret** run to a **secret** dinner location. Everyone plays follow the leader until you arrive at the final destination. In the event that someone may get lost, the host will provide a sealed envelope to each driver that contains the directions to where they are going. This envelope is only to be opened if you get lost! There will be a sign-up sheet at the April General meeting for members to choose which month they would like to host.

Opening Facebook—Lee Blackstone stated that Ron and Betsy Lindegren will continue to be the Administrators for the private Corvettes of Fresno Facebook page. In order to have a public Facebook page the club needs a member to volunteer to open the new public page under their personal page. We will also need three or four club members to volunteer to be moderators of this page. The moderators will approve posts and ensure that no one is posting ads for Corvettes for sale or inappropriate material. Lee Blackstone has volunteered to be an administrator of the page and he has suggested naming the new Facebook page “Corvettes of Fresno Car Club”.

Raffle Gift Certificates – Lee Blackstone remarked that we have members signed up to donate gift cards through the end of 2024! Please bring in your gift cards to donate as soon as possible so winning members will have a choice of which gift card they would like. Tonight, the Looney’s donated four \$25 gift cards to DiCicco’s, the Dukes’ donated a \$100 gift card to Tahoe Joe’s and the Biglieri’s donated a \$100 gift card to Five.

2024 Budget – Lee Blackstone stated that the Board has approved the 2024 budget. Betsy Lindegren made a motion to approve the budget as approved by the Board, Bruce Looney seconded; motion approved.

Certificate of Deposit – Gary Linsner inquired if the club has purchased the Certificates of Deposit. Gerri Ware stated they have not been purchased yet. Gerri spoke to Wells Fargo Bank regarding this matter and she was informed that all of the account signers have to be present for the transaction to take place. Gerri suggested for the treasurer, Dave Trauger, to check into this further. Lee Blackstone stated that this matter will be addressed again at the next Board meeting.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the March name tag drawing was Rolando Martinez. Rolando was present with his name tag on and won \$10! The April name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

Raffle: The winner of a \$100 gift card to Tahoe Joe's was Lan Mumby! Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Bruce Looney; motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary

Debbie Dukes



Secretary

MURPHY IRISH DAYS

















“Best Wishes” to COF Members with March Birthdays

Darrick Duerksen 4-14

Mitch Koligian 4-17

Gerri Ware 4-17

David Goudelock 4-19



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Louis & Socorro Biglieri 4-5

Gary & Jan Pflepsen 4-15



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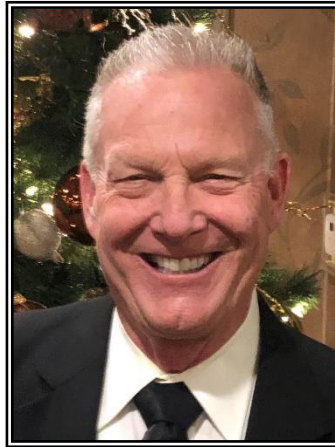
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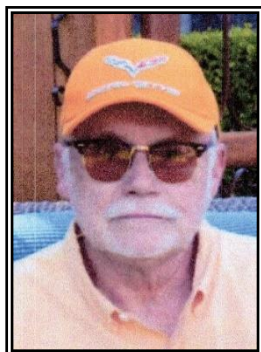
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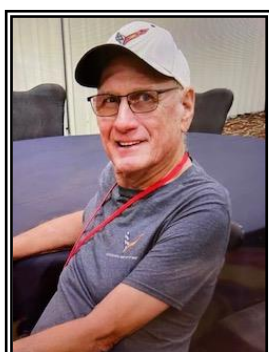
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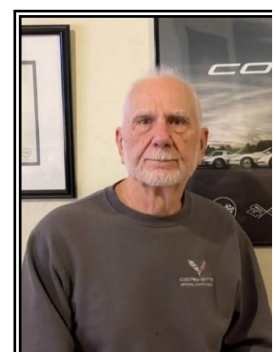
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