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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
1st Vice Pres. – Events: Darrick Duerksen
2nd Vice Pres. – Membership: Gary Pflepsen
Secretary: Debbie Dukes
Treasurer: Dave Trauger
Communications Director: Lisa Chaney**

APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mailing Address:

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET August 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Old Spaghetti Factory
1610 E. Shaw Avenue, Fresno**

ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME

“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



The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well at COF!

Don't look now, but we have scheduled events through the rest of the year! How does this happen? Well, by having wonderful, committed members that have a sense of volunteering to head up runs, card parties and social events. I am very proud to be President of a small, but dedicated group of such people. We have had to replace two board members in recent months and only had to make two phone calls to the individuals that were eager to serve. Our newest addition to the board is Lisa Chaney who is taking the helm at communications director. We all owe Lisa a debt of gratitude for stepping up to the plate. Betsy Lindegren has also graciously volunteered to assist Lisa with the monthly task of the newsletters. This will be seamless! We even have a volunteer in Bruce Garlock with new updated radios that should make our communications on the road much better! Contact Bruce for more details.

With the decreased membership over the last two years, we must ask the remaining members to do more to be a viable and active club. The obvious solution is to increase our numbers with like-minded Corvette owners that we have not been able to reach. Any ideas on recruitment are welcome. The truth is, we have way too much fun to not spread the word to folks that may be looking for a fun-loving social club. Like many owners, I find I do not drive my car much without being with a club activity. Let's try to strike the iron while the fire is hot and not let these car owners let their cars sit. We are less than a month away from this year's flagship run to Bowling Green KY. We have 8 club member cars rolling and hopefully it will be a fun filled adventure through the desert, plains, heartland and southland.

Godspeed for a safe trip!

Lee Blackstone



President

Well, until the next mystery run, extended trek or card party,
Thanks to all that make this club viable!
Lets Keep the Fun Rolling!
Lee Blackstone , President COF

**Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
July 16, 2024**

Call to Order:

President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Gary Pfepsen, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Gary Linsner, John Karlie. Sunshine Representative Jan Pflepsen was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pete Cholakian.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the last General meeting dated June 18, 2024 were published in the July 2024 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Pete Cholakian and seconded by Cheryl Blackstone; motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Dave Trauger; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

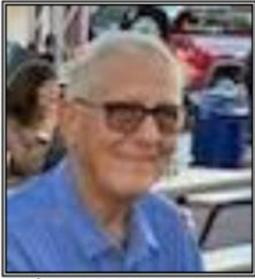
Dave Trauger reported the accounts activity for the past month, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. Dave announced that the CD's that we have on each account will be matured on July 28, 2024. After the new interest rates have been reviewed, a decision will be made at the next Board meeting on whether or not to roll over the CD's. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Gary Linsner; motion approved.



Membership Report:

Gary Pflepsen reported as of July 16, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 57 members and 50 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 35 members and no guests.

Gary Pflapsen

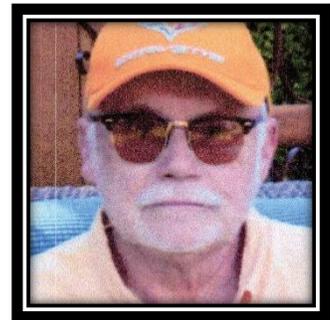


2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report: None.

Webmaster Report:

Due to the lack of space on the Corvettes of Fresno website, Gary Linsner reported that he has deleted a lot of old pictures of former members. Gary will have the website up to date before the next Board meeting. Betsy Lindegren added that it is very difficult for Gary to keep the event section updated without information provided to him. Please send Gary a pdf file or a word doc, explaining each event and activity that will provide him with the necessary information.



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

Past Events:

June 22: COF Annual Picnic: Cheryl Blackstone reported that there was a very good turnout for the picnic! Thank you to everyone who donated the many nice raffle prizes! All of the food was delicious and everyone had a great time playing all of the games; shuffleboard, foosball, ping pong and backgammon. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Kirk and Kathy Yergat for offering there huge, beautiful, air-conditioned garage for the location of our picnic.

June 29: Mystery Dinner Run; hosted by Gary & Jan Pflapsen. Gary stated that it was a great mystery run attended by 10 Corvettes with 19 people. They took the back roads to the Blue Heron restaurant located in Yosemite Lakes Park. The food and service were outstanding. While we were there, we celebrated Chuck and

Gerri Ware's 50th wedding anniversary! Congratulations Chuck & Gerri! Also, congratulations to Gerri Ware for winning \$85 in the guess the mileage game!

July 11: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Gerri Ware. Gerri reported that all went well with 11 ladies in attendance. Everyone had a great time, laughing and playing cards.

Upcoming Events:

July 26: Donation presentation to Terry's House. Meet at Cosmo's at 11:00am with a representative from Terry's House, to present her with the donation checks.

July 27: Mystery Dinner run, hosted by Chuck and Gerri Ware. Please meet at the Sportsman's Warehouse at Friant and Fresno St. at 2:30 with a full tank of gas.

August 10: Mystery Dinner run, hosted by Randy and Pam Forrester. Randy will send an email out with departure information.

August 12: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Jan Pflepsen. Starts at 10:00am, please bring a brunch dish to share.

September 13: Roger Rocka's, hosted by Gary & Jan Pflepsen. This is a dinner and a show; "The Sound of Music". Cost is \$68 which includes dinner, tax and tip, doors open at 5:30 p.m. There are no refunds.

September 21: Mystery Dinner run, hosted by Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian. They will be leaving from McCall and 180; the departure time is TBA.

September 24: "Locked In", Dave and Elaine Goudelock will be singing at "Locked In" at Bullard & Marks. Come listen to them sing!!

October 12: Mystery Dinner run, hosted by the Garlocks and the Karlies.

October 26: Halloween Party, 4:00pm – Dave and Elaine Goudelock will be having their annual Halloween Party. There will be lots of food and live music. Please bring a side dish or dessert. Costumes are strongly encouraged.

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade, hosted by Billie Talley. Please keep this in mind and plan to participate.

December 6: COF Christmas Party

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at a location to be announced.

The next General meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 20, 2024 at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave.

The next Advisory meeting will be announced at a later date.

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: John Karlie stated that NCCC has not voted yet on when they will raise the dues. At the next Board meeting the Board members will discuss whether or not to raise the COF dues so we will be prepared for when NCCC raises their dues.



Sunshine Report: In Jan Pflepsen's absence, Gary Pflepsen reported that Gary Gagnebin is recovering well from his recent surgery and he is at the meeting tonight.



Jan Pflepsen

Old Business / New Business:

Veteran's Home: Mitch Koligian stated that he received a note from the Veteran's Home thanking our club for visiting them and they would like for us to come again. Mitch said we will visit again in September or October.

Communications Director: Lee Blackstone stated that due to the resignation of the club's Communications Director; a special Board meeting was held to nominate and accept Lisa Chaney as the new Communications Director. Lee is confident that Lisa will be excellent in this position and thanks her for accepting. Thank you to Betsy Lindegren for agreeing to train Lisa for this position.

Club Shirts: Cheryl Blackstone stated that she is working on getting some new club shirts for the ladies and she will also be working on getting some shirts for the men. At tonight's meeting there are a few of the current club shirts that are free for the taking; 1-ladies blue size medium, 1-ladies red XL, 1-ladies blue XL and 1-mens red 2XL are available.

Radios: Lee Blackstone stated that for many years the club has used walkie-talkies that would require someone in the middle of the run to relay the message from the lead person to the person in the rear. Bruce Garlock is a dealer for a radio that will transmit further. The brand of the radio is "Rugged" and Bruce is offering a discount to all club members that purchase one. They come in gray, yellow or orange, you can also purchase a longer antenna and a USB cable to charge the radio while in your car. For pricing and more information please contact Bruce Garlock.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the July name tag drawing was Lawrence Coelho. Lawrence was not present; therefore, the August name tag drawing will be worth \$30.

Raffle: The winner of a gift card to The Palms was Clay Mumby!
Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Don Dukes; motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary



June 22 COF Picnic: Thank you Kirk & Cathy Yergat for hosting!





June 29 Mystery Dinner Run hosted by Gary & Jan Pflepsen at Blue Heron Restaurant at Yosemite Lakes Park



July 11 Ladies card Party Hosted by Geri Ware!





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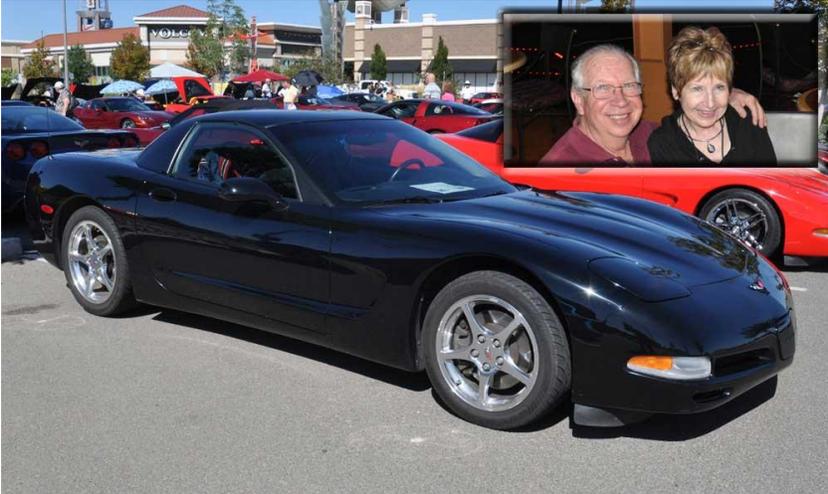
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