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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 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED OFFICERS

President:	Louis Biglieri
1ST Vice Pres. – Events:	Randy Forrester
2nd Vice Pres. – Membership:	Cheryl Blackstone
Secretary:	Debbie Dukes
Treasurer:	Dave Trauger
Communications Director:	Betsy Lindegren

APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

Webmaster:	Gary Linsner
NCCC Governor:	Allen Teixeira
Sunshine Representative:	Ruth Looney

PAST PRESIDENT: Dave Trauger

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET December 5 6:00 p.m.
(5 p.m. no host dinner)
Bobby Salazar's Restaurant Patio
SW Cor Champlain & Perrin
ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME
If you wish to attend, please notify
Communications Director, Betsy Lindegren**

“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



Happy Belated COF New Year

As the new year gets started, I want to express my gratitude for the trust that has been shown towards the new leadership elected for the Corvettes of Fresno. We have a dedicated group of Board members that intend to keep this club viable for the present and the future.

My sincere thanks to 1st VP Darrick Duerksen for leading the January general meeting in my absence. I was in San Antonio TX for a mandatory WIN Business Conference so I can stay certified for the next year. I hope not to miss any future meetings.

As a goal-oriented person, I hope everyone shares my #1 priority to increase the membership of our club. Recruitment and retention are the main objective, however there are many facets to achieving this goal. Things like open invitations to meetings, runs and activities are obvious. The less obvious items are things like our image to the community, weather this is through social media, updating our logos, attending more open events like public car shows and community service events. I am open to any and all ideas to help grow this organization. We have a calendar that is filling for this spring that will include day and overnight runs, meet and eats, ladies card games and other events for the purpose of socializing and fun. We hope to have the calendar filled for a year of "save the dates" for upcoming events. With the decrease of membership, it is important to get more involved in the ideas and planning for such events. With all the long-time members in this club, now is the time to think about some previous runs from long ago that we might want to revisit. Please contact Darrick or myself to help get the planning process and assistance if needed.

Lee Blackstone



President

Let's keep the fun rolling!
Lee Blackstone, President

Call to Order: In President Lee Blackstone's absence; the meeting was called to order by

1st Vice-President, Darrick Duerksen at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Darrick Duerksen, Gary Pflepsen, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Socorro Biglieri, Gary Linsner, Allen Teixeira, Jan Pflepsen and Louis Biglieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last General Meeting dated November 21, 2023 were published in the December 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Louie Biglieri and seconded by Pete Cholakian. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Nancy Teixeira and seconded by Ruth Looney. 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 Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Lee Delap. Motion approved.

For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Dave Trauger



Treasurer

Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen reported as of January 16, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 35 members and no guests.

Gary Pflepsen



2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report: Socorro Biglieri reported that she will do her best in performing the duties of the Communications Director and she hopes that Betsy will continue to help her. Darrick stated that the club received thank you letters from The Central California Food Bank, the Marjaree Mason Center and Nancy Hinds Hospice thanking the club for the donations that they received.

Socorro Biglieri



Communications Director

Webmaster Report: Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date including pictures of the new board members. Gary stated that he will forward any emails that he receives with questions regarding the club to Gary Pflepsen and let him respond.



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:

December 1: COF Christmas Party co-chaired by Socorro Biglieri and Cece Karlie.

Socorro stated there was a lot of dancing at the Christmas Party; everyone had fun! The Christmas party for 2024 will be held at the Belmont Country Club on Friday, December 6, 2024. Thank you, Gary and Jan Pflepsen for sponsoring the club again.

December 2: Sanger Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Lee thanked everyone who came and brought their cars. Our club had fifteen cars there to provide transportation to dignitaries through the parade. To date, this is the largest Nation's Christmas Tree Toyland parade that Sanger

has ever had with an estimated crowd of 10,000! Lee thanked Allen Teixeira and Lee Blackstone for leading the group from Fresno to Sanger. Congratulations to Lee Delap's granddaughter for being the Chamber award winner for Rotary Youth of the Year!

Upcoming Events:

January 23: Ladie's Card Party; hosted by Socorro Biglieri. Socorro welcomed all ladies to attend the card party.

February 10: Sierra Sky Park – Experimental Aircraft Association
Sierra Sky Park will be showing the movie "Bullitt" in one of their hangers on February 10th. Gary Linsner is hoping to get several Corvettes to attend.

March 15 – 17: Murphy's Irish Days hosted by John and Cece Karlie
Tentative plans are dinner at a Mexican restaurant on Friday night and the Murphy's Irish Day Parade and a tour of a distillery on Saturday. If you plan on going, contact the Hotel Lumberjack for reservations.

April 18 – 20: Gambler's Classic. This event is now full with a waiting list.

April TBA: Mitch Koligian is putting together a "Run to the Hills" to take place on April 20th or April 27th. Mitch will announce it again when he has more information.

May 20 – 24: St. George, UT - Larry Minnich. Former Corvettes of Fresno member, Larry Minnich and members of the Utah Corvette Club are putting together an event. Larry has stated that everyone who is interested in attending please save the date and more information will be coming.

August 22 – September: Bowling Green, KY hosted by Allen Teixeira. This event is full.

Mitch Koligian stated that our club has been invited by Cass Winery for a return visit and he will work on putting a run together around August or September.

Mitch Koligian and Pete Cholakian will be planning a run to Los Banos in the near future. The run will include a visit to the National Cemetery in Santa Nella and the sausage place in Gustine

If anyone needs help hosting an event; contact Darrick and he will be happy to help you.

The next Advisory meeting will be at 6:00pm on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at Denny's located at Blackstone and Herndon.

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1610 E. Shaw Ave., Fresno 93710

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

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: Allen Teixeira stated for everyone to watch for your Blue Bars magazine. The next Blue Bars edition will have a memorial for members lost in 2023 and it will contain an article regarding our Reno/Tahoe event. Please contact Allen if you have any questions regarding NCCC.



Sunshine Report: Jan Pflipsen reported that Gary Linsner is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery and not enjoying his physical therapy. We wish you a speedy recovery Gary! Jan announced birthdays & anniversaries for January.



Jan Pflipsen

Old Business / New Business:

Mitch Koligian stated that he attended the December Board meeting and as a way to raise funds for the club, he suggested each month one of the club members donate a \$100 gift card to be raffled off. One member could purchase the \$100 card or two members could go in on it together for \$50 each. This suggestion will be discussed further at the January Advisory meeting.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the January name tag drawing was Darlene Trower. Darlene was present with her name tag on and won \$10! The February name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

50/25/25: The two winners of \$37 each were Margaret Tejerian and Darrick Duerksen. Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Pete Cholakian. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Debbie Dukes, Secretary

Debbie Dukes



Secretary

Donation photos



Ladies Card party Socorro's Home



“Best Wishes” to COF Members with February Birthdays



Kevin Smith 5th

Harry Blllow 6th

Margaret Tejerian 11th

Darlene Trower 19th

Frank Stafford 21st

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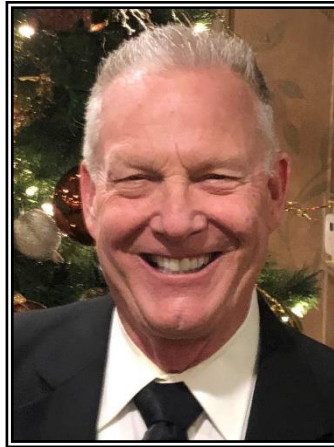
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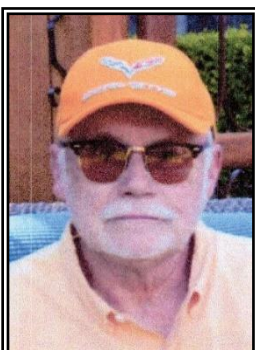


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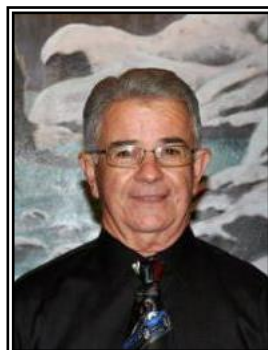
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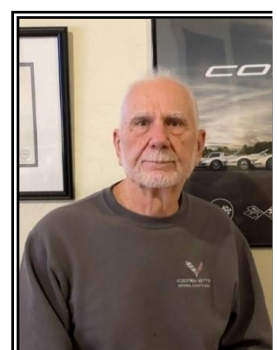
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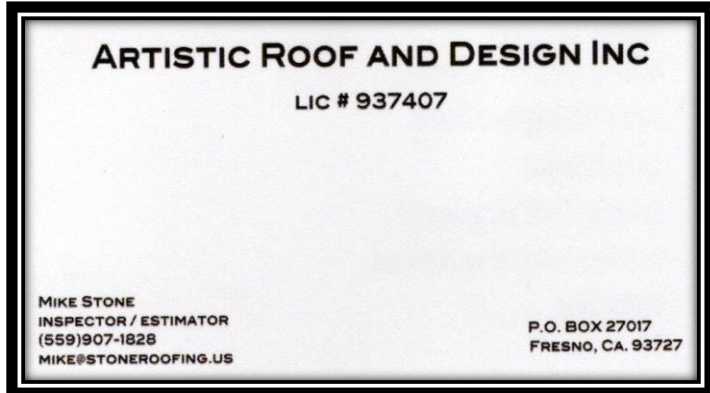
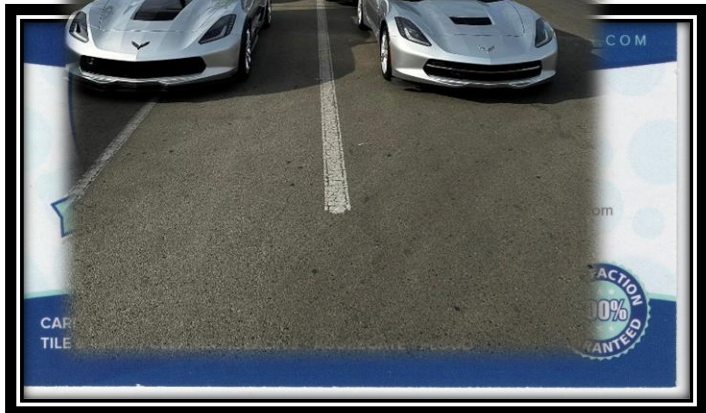




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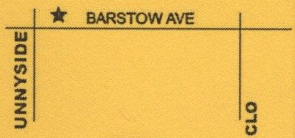
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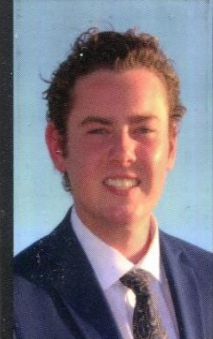
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