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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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Located between Dakota & Ashlan Avenues on the east side of Cedar Avenue**

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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Communications Director: Socorro Biglieri

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PAST PRESIDENT: Louis Biglieri

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET July 2 at 6:30 p.m.**

Location TBD

ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME

**If you wish to attend, please notify
Communications Director, Socorro Biglieri**

“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



Drive, Gaze, Eat, Laugh and Repeat, Repeat, Repeat, Repeat, Repeat, Repeat

This was the general theme to the recently completed run to beautiful St. George Utah. Four cars with seven COF members were completely entertained by our gracious hosts of the St. George Corvette Social Group. Former COF members Larry and Sharon Minnich and their cohorts shared leader duties, were expert tour guides and then opening their beautiful homes for evenings of desserts, drinks and awesome fellowship. Their hospitality was unmatched as new friendships were forged!

The area terrain is unmatched as well, as we just scratched the surface of what the area has to offer. Their group would love to host another visit as soon as next year if we can have an adequate group to participate. The excuse of "We have already been there" is not valid as there is a vast variety of sites and geographical places to visit. Be sure to check out the photos on our Facebook page or on the club website, you will not be disappointed!

Harris Ranch was the destination of our latest mystery dinner run hosted by the Looneys. It was more of an SUV run as the rain prevailed and many (including myself) were afraid the Corvettes would melt. Thanks to Bruce and Ruth for a fun run and great meal destination!

Another event "run" was our night at the Grizzlies game that had a rain delay as well. Just a slight delay in the game and at the conclusion was an awesome fireworks display. Thanks to Darrick for setting this up.

Another attaboy to Darrick for running the general meeting in my absence, I'm not proud to have missed 2 out of five meetings this year after having years of perfect attendance but hope this is the last of my absences! I understand there may be consequences...Yikes!!!

We have some GREAT upcoming runs/events with Mitch and Pete hosting an adventure to the westside with lunch at Espana's in Los Banos, then on to pay our respects at the San Joaquin National Veterans Cemetery, and finally to Wolfsen's Meat market in beautiful downtown Gustine to sample and purchase homemade sausages. I can't wait!

Thanks to all that are working so hard to make this club active and to the members that participate in such events. Our strength comes from energized members for all to enjoy. Please ask yourself if you are doing all

*you can to help the betterment of what we do. Those of us who have sponsored or led an event are more than willing to help someone get their “feet wet” on carrying out an idea you may have!
Let’s keep the fun rolling!*

Lee Blackstone

Lee Blackstone



President

Call to Order: *In President Lee Blackstone's absence, Darrick Duerksen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Darrick Duerksen, Gary Pflapsen, Debbie Dukes, Socorro Biglieri, Gary Linsner, John Karlie, Jan Pflapsen and Louis Biglieri. Lee Blackstone and Dave Trauger were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.*

Secretary's Report: *Minutes of the last General meeting dated April 16, 2024 were published in the May 2024 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Don Dukes and seconded by Betsy Lindegren; motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Don Dukes and seconded by Louis Biglieri; motion approved.*

Treasurer's Report: *In Dave Trauger's absence, Darrick Duerksen 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 Lisa Chaney; motion approved.*

For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Dave Trauger



Treasurer

Membership Report: *Gary Pflepsen reported as of May 21, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 50 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 33 members and 2 guests. Our guests tonight are Steve Stewart & Juliane Bente. Steve owns a 2016 C7 and Julianne is a guest of Walt Spate.*

Gary Pflepsen



2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report; *Socorro Biglieri reported the May newsletter was sent out. Socorro appreciates all the pictures, please keep sending them.*

Socorro Biglieri



Communications Director

Webmaster Report: *Gary Linsner reported everything is up to date.*



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

Past Events:

April 18 – 20: Gambler's Classic – *Louis & Socorro Biglieri, Gary & Pam Linsner and Darrick Duerksen all attended the Gambler's Classic. Darrick stated that it was a great event!*

April 20: Run to the Hills, *hosted by Mitch Koligian & Clay Mumby. Mitch stated that everyone had a great time. Don Fernando's did a wonderful job with the lunch and as an added treat, Mitch's granddaughter delivered loaves of homemade sourdough bread to everyone! After lunch they went to Mono Winds Casino then onto Ampersands for ice cream.*

April 26: Grizzlies Game, *hosted by Darrick Duerksen. Darrick stated everyone had a nice time at the game even though they had a rain delay in the middle of the game! Fortunately, they were all in a suite so no one got wet.*

May 2: Ladie's Card Party, *hosted by Kathy Yergat. Kathy stated everyone had lots of fun and Gerri Ware and Margaret Tejerian were the winners.*

May 4: Mystery Dinner Run: *hosted by Bruce & Ruth Looney. Rolando Martinez reported that because of the rain this Mystery Dinner Run only had three Corvettes and the rest of the cars were everyone's*

daily drivers. Despite the rain, it was a great run to Harris Ranch for a wonderful dinner. Congratulations to Cheryl Blackstone for winning the guess the mileage game!

May 11: EAA Movie Night, "Gone in 60 Seconds" John and Cece Karlie, Jim Setrakian and Lisa Chaney all attended the movie night. Lisa stated that it was a lot of fun with free popcorn, sodas and water.

Upcoming Events:

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

They will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Shell station at Avenue 7 and Highway 99. The first stop will be for lunch at Espana's in Los Banos. Espana's will not issue separate checks, please bring cash to pay Mitch for your meal. After lunch they will visit the National Cemetery in Santa Nella, then onto Wolfsen's Meat and Sausage in Gustine. On the way home they will stop for ice cream in Madera.

June 7: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Debbie Dukes. All the women are invited to Debbie Dukes' home for a brunch potluck and to play cards. Starting time is 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending, please sign-up on the sign-up sheet. Also, please contact Debbie and let her know what you intend to bring for the potluck, refer to the club directory for the address and phone number.

June 8: Veteran's Home, hosted by Mitch Koligian. Meet at Cosmo's, leave at 8:30 a.m. and drive to the Veteran's Home to provide a car show for the Veterans to enjoy. We are asking that each car participating please bring a dozen doughnuts to share with the Veterans and the Veteran's home will supply the coffee. Wives are welcome to attend and don't forget to bring chairs. Mitch welcomes any suggestions in making this a memorable event for the Veterans. The day of the event we will discuss whether or not to go to Cosmo's afterwards for hot dogs.

June 8: Sierra Sky Park; EAA Movie night – "The Blues Brothers"

June 22: COF Annual Picnic – 4:00 p.m., Kirk and Kathy Yergat’s residence.

Kathy stated there are two sign-up sheets; one for who will be attending and the other is to specify what potluck dish you will be bringing. There will be games and raffle prizes. Bring your bathing suit if you would like to swim!

June 29: Mystery Dinner Run; hosted by Gary & Jan Pflepsen. Gary stated they will be meeting at 3:30 and leaving at 4:00. Meeting location has not been announced yet. Currently there are eleven cars signed up to go. The cost of the meal will be more than McDonald’s but less than Flemings!

Darrick Duerksen

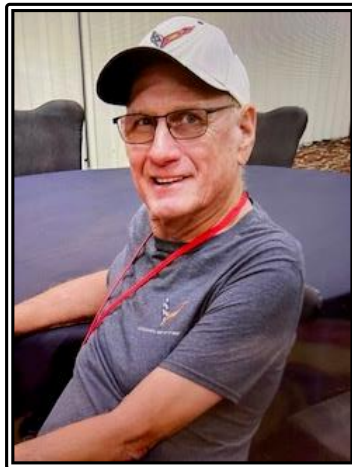


1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: *John Karlie reported he attended a ZOOM meeting on May 11th. The items discussed were:*

- 1) Raising the dues up \$5.00 or \$10.00*
- 2) Reducing the cost of the Blue Bars magazine by either going online only or printing it on cheaper paper*
- 3) If a club puts on an event and invites other people, they will have to pay a fee of \$1.00 per car for members and \$2.00 per car for non-members.*

John Karlie



NCCC Governor

Sunshine Report: *Jan Pflepsen thanked everyone for all of the cards, flowers and meals that she received following her back surgery. She is very appreciative!*

Birthdays for May were announced. There were no anniversaries in May.



Jan Pflepsen

Old Business / New Business: New Cars: *Bruce and Sheri Garlock are proud owners of an orange 2024 Z06 with a Z07 package. Congratulations!*

Name Tag Drawing: *The winner for the May name tag drawing was Jerry Najarian. Jerry was present with his name tag on and won \$10! The June name tag drawing will be worth \$10.*

Raffle: *The winner of a gift card to Five Restaurant was Randy Forrester! Congratulations!!*

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Debbie Dukes and seconded by Socorro Biglieri; motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:39 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary*

Debbie Dukes



Secretary

“Best Wishes” to COF Members with June Birthdays



Hellen Jolly 6-8

Lee Delap 6-15

Socorro Biglieri 6-27

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



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Gary and Pam Linser 6-14

Kirt and Kathy Yergat 6-16

Chuck and Gerri Ware 6-29

Gary and Nina Gagnebin 6-29

Darrick Grizzlies game event



Ladies card party at Kathy Yerget home



Bruce and Ruth Looney Mystery Run







St George, UT run









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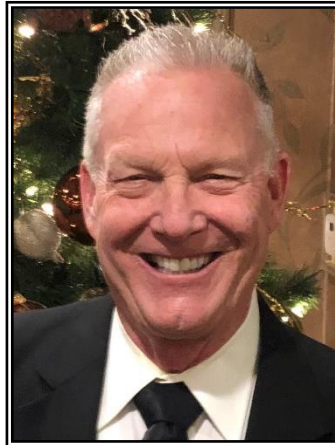
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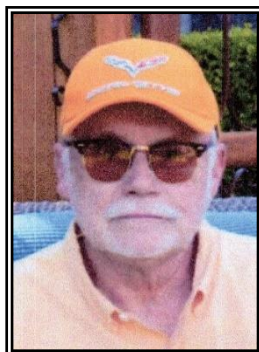
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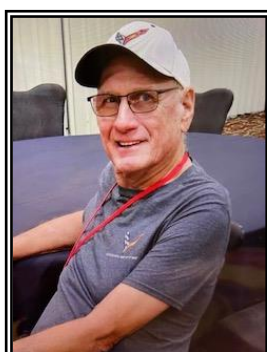
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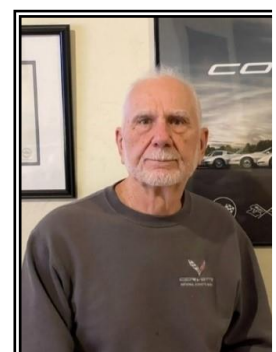
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