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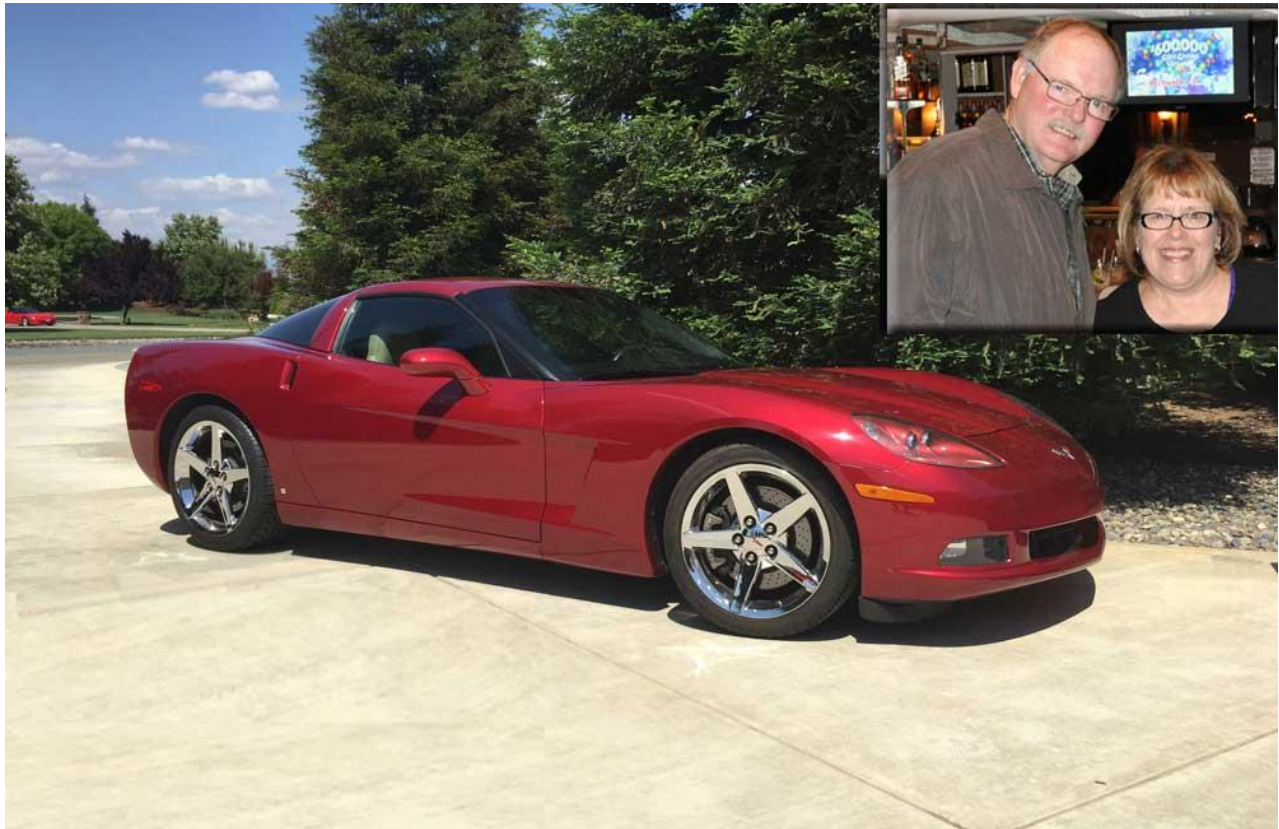


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If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

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:	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:	Allen Teixeira
Sunshine Representative:	Jan Pflepsen

PAST PRESIDENT: Dave Trauger

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET March 5 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



The Best Made Plans...

You know how the saying goes. The February meeting had some things go very well and a few that went very, let's just say not the results that were expected. Lets start with our new raffle drawing that now includes a \$100 gift card. Thanks to Mitch Koligian's effort on spearheading this new concept, we raised over \$220 for the "Tahoe" account! This is an almost four-fold improvement from the previous month. The lucky winner was Harry Bellow that now has a \$100 gift card to the Cosmopolitan Restaurant, and we have volunteers signed up through August to donate such gift cards! Congratulations and thank you for all your support in this fund-raising effort!

So, an idea I had was to have Gary Linsner (our tech guru) have a streaming video of our previous months run, activity, party, etc. on the big screen of our general meeting room. Gary brought all his necessary equipment to have a stream of our Christmas and Valentines dinner on the screen only to discover the overhead projector had been stolen! Well, this is Fresno . . . so much for that idea.

Speaking of Valentines, A big thank you to Gerri Ware for setting this event up at Cattlemen's Steak House in Selma! We had 30 in attendance, which is 50% of our club membership.

Our events calendar is filling up nicely with several members sponsoring runs, card parties, movies and car shows! Thanks to all those who have stepped up in helping the club be a fun social group. The run to the Murphys St. Patrick's Day Parade should be a hoot! Thanks to Cece, John and their committee for putting this together! We can only hope to have a streaming video of that event with a new projector. But then again, this is Fresno!

Lee Blackstone



President

Let's keep the fun rolling!
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 Clay Mumby.

Secretary's Report: : Minutes of the last General Meeting dated January 16, 2024 were published in the February 2024 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Louie Biglieri and seconded by Cheryl Blackstone; motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Nina Gagnebin; 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 Clay Mumby; motion approved.

For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Dave Trauger



Treasurer

Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen reported as of February 20, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 38 members and no guests.

Gary Pflepsen



2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report: Socorro Biglieri reported January was their first month of compiling the newsletter and they are working on improving it. If you have pictures from any events, please send them to Socorro for the newsletter.

Socorro Biglieri



Communications Director

Webmaster Report:

Gary Linsner reported the website is up to date. Please send an email to Gary if there is something you would like for him to post on the club website.



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: **January 23:** Ladie's Card Party; hosted by Socorro Biglieri. Socorro stated everyone had lots of fun and there was a lot of good food there!

February 10: Sierra Sky Park – Experimental Aircraft Association; movie night; "Bullitt".

Gary Linsner attended this event. Gary stated that this will be a monthly event, on the second Saturday of every month.

February 17: Valentine's Dinner at Cattleman's, hosted by Chuck & Gerri Ware. Cheryl Blackstone stated that 30 people attended the Valentine's Dinner. Everyone had a good time; the food was great and Gerri had chocolates and suckers for everyone.

Upcoming Events: February 27: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Cathy Cholakian. Cathy invited all of the women to please join them for the Ladie's Card Party at her home in Fowler. The more the merrier!

March 9: Webber Car Show, hosted by Lee Delap. Lee stated they will be staging at 7am at Academy and 8th street in Sanger.

March 9: Sierra Sky Park – Experimental Aircraft Association; movie night. The movie “American Graffiti” will be shown.

March 15 – 17: Murphy's Irish Days, hosted by John and Cece Karlie. Cece stated they will be meeting at Highway 99 and Avenue 18 ½ at 9am and will leave promptly at 9:15am. Please bring your radios and a folding chair. They will be stopping for lunch at Woods Creek Café in Jamestown; this is a cash only restaurant. This event will include a tour of a distillery, participation in the Murphy's Day parade where our girls, “the Gorgeous Green Goddesses”, wearing their tutus and headpieces, will lead the Corvettes of Fresno in the parade. Saturday evening, they will attend a production of “The Play That Goes Wrong”. Sunday they will stop in Mariposa for lunch, then head home.

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

April 20: Run to the Hills, hosted by Mitch Koligian & Clay Mumby. They will depart from the park and ride located at 168 & Tollhouse at 9:15am. They will take a run up to the foothills with a stop at Don Fernando's in Prather for lunch, then continue up Auberry Road to the Mono Winds Casino. After a short time at the casino, they will head back to Fresno with a stop for ice cream at Ampersand!

April 26: Grizzlies Game, hosted by Darrick Duerksen. Darrick has reserved the Legends Suite however it requires a minimum of 20 people to secure the room.

May 17 – 19: Nevada Open Road Challenge; Gary Linsner will be racing in this event!

May 19 – 23: St. George, UT - Larry Minnich. Former Corvettes of Fresno member, Larry Minnich and some members of the Utah Corvette Club have offered to host six cars from our club. They are offering their own personal homes for our club members to stay in and they will lead our members on tours of the Saint George area.

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.

Lee Blackstone is planning a miniature golf tournament at Blackbeard's, followed with dinner. This will be planned for a week night with the date to be announced at a later time.

The next Board meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at Denny's, Blackstone and Herndon.

The next General meeting will be at 7:00pm on March 19, 2024 at Yosemite Falls Café,
4020 N. Cedar Ave.

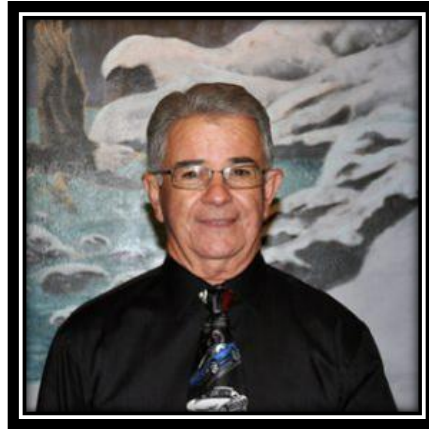
The next Advisory meeting will be announced at a later date.

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: No report



Sunshine Report: Jan Pflepsen announced birthdays and anniversaries for February. Jan reported that Gerri Ware is at home, sick with the flu.

We all hope Gerri recovers quickly. Jan read a note that she received from former member Terry Johnson, thanking all of the club members that attended her husband Dick's memorial service. Terry is also very thankful for all the text messages that she continues to receive. Lee

Blackstone asked for the club members to keep Don Dukes in their prayers regarding his upcoming surgery next week. On a positive note, Darlene Trower was gifted a 2022 3LT red Stingray for her birthday!



Jan Pflepsen

Old Business / New Business: *Raffle Gift Certificates* – Lee Blackstone asked Mitch Koligian to explain to the club members his suggestion to help raise funds for the club. Mitch suggested each month a club member donate a \$100 gift card to be raffled off. All of the proceeds will go to Corvettes of Fresno. If everyone participates in providing gift cards, you will only have to purchase a gift card once every couple of years or so and this will help the club tremendously. There will be a sign-up sheet on the event table, please sign-up for which month you would like to provide the gift card. Lee stated that this is on a trial basis only and it will be revisited by the Advisory Committee at their next meeting, a few months from now.

Opening Facebook—Lee Blackstone stated that currently the Corvettes of Fresno Facebook page is a private page. We would like to keep our private page and also have a public page where non-members are able to look at our events and activities. Our Facebook administrators, Ron and Betsy Lindegren, will be working on creating a new public page.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the February name tag drawing was John T. Watkins. John was present with his name tag on and won \$10! The March name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

Raffle: The winner of two \$50 gift cards to the Cosmopolitan restaurant was Harry Bellow! Congratulations!! Thank you, Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian, for donating the gift cards.

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

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:57pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary

Debbie Dukes



Secretary

Valentines Dinner at the Cattleman's Resturant









Ladies card party at Cathy Cholakian home



“Best Wishes” to COF Members with March Birthdays

Chuck Ware 3-1

Angela Smith 3-15



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Clay & Lam Mumby 3-2

Ron & Betsy Lindegren 3-29



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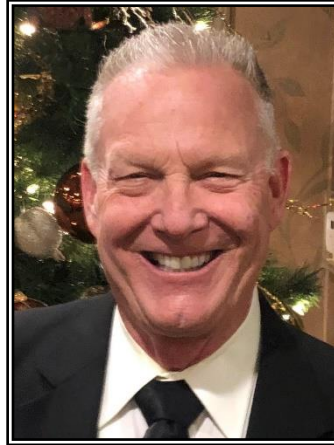
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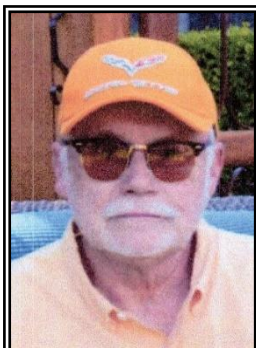


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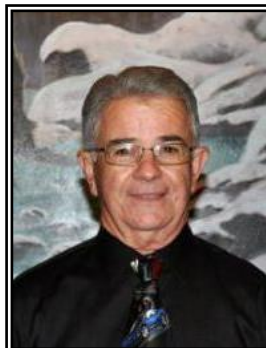
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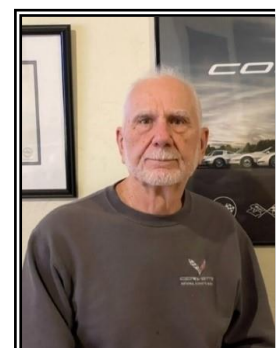
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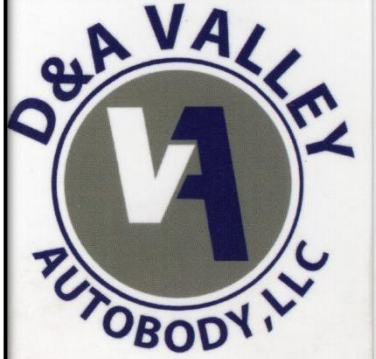
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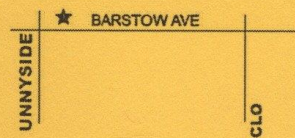
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