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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 October 3 at Denny's Restaurant located on Blackstone & Herndon, 6:30 p.m. or immediately following Reno-Tahoe Tour Wrap Up Meeting which starts at 5:30 p.m.

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



During the September General Meeting I asked for nominations for the following positions being vacated, Club President, 1st VP-Events, 2nd VP- Membership, Communications Director, and Sunshine Representative. The Board nominated Slate of Officers is: Lee Blackstone for President, Darrick Duerksen for Events, Gary Pflapsen for Membership, Socorro Biglieri for Communication Director, and Jan Pflapsen for Sunshine. There were no other nominations from the floor.

On another note, we lost a long-time member Jack Back, may he rest in peace. **Please See Dedication on Back Page.**

Also, we were informed other long-time members Chuck and Celia Feccia will be moving to Idaho and we wished them good luck in their new home.



For some other news Cheryl and Geri announced we had 76 corvettes attend our Tahoe/Reno event and heard a comment from a member with CVC club that it was a well-run event. We hope that Cheryl and Gerri will do a repeat in year 2025. The plan is that whatever we make will be donated to local charities and will have more information after the wrap up meeting on Oct 3rd at 5:30 on that subject before the 6:30 board meeting at Dennys.

Save the Wave,
President, Louis Biglieri



Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2023

Call to Order:

President Louis Biglieri called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Louis Biglieri, Randy Forrester, Cheryl Blackstone, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Betsy Lindegren, Gary Linsner, Allen Teixeira and Ruth Looney. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the last General Meeting dated August 15, 2023 were published in the September 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Socorro Biglieri and seconded by Nancy Teixeira. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Gary Linsner 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 Gary Pflapsen. Motion approved.



For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Membership Report:

Cheryl Blackstone reported as of September 19, 2023, Corvettes of Fresno has 89 members and 63 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 41 members and 2 guests. Our guests tonight are Abraham and Sharon Armendariz. Abraham and Sharon own a Pewter C5 Corvette.



Communications Report:

Betsy Lindegren reported that Socorro Biglieri will be assuming the duties of the Communications Director at the end of this year. Socorro sat with Betsy and observed how the September newsletter was compiled. Socorro will continue to sit with Betsy every month until the end of the year to ensure a smooth transition.



Betsy thanked Don Dukes for obtaining ten merchants to advertise in the Corvettes of Fresno monthly newsletter. Don announced the names of each merchant to the club and stated that he has done business with everyone on the list and he highly recommends all of them.

Webmaster Report:

Gary Linsner reported that he has been unable to load the pictures from the Monterey run onto the club website because the website does not have enough space available. Therefore, he will also not be able to load any of the pictures from the Reno/Tahoe event onto the website. In order to see pictures of the Reno/Tahoe event; go to the club website, click on Reno/Tahoe Tour and it will take you to Gary's YouTube page. On Gary's YouTube page you will be able to watch a slide show of the Reno/Tahoe event.



Gary is checking on new website hosts which will supply more gigabytes. Gary stated that he plans to have the new club webpage up and running by the end of the year.

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

Randy Forrester reported the following:



Past Events:

August 17: Dinner social at Fugazzi's in Kingsburg; hosted by Louis & Socorro Biglieri.

Louis reported that there were eight couples in attendance, great food and great company! We still need dinner socials for September and October.

August 19: Corvette Super Sports Car Show in Buena Park. Allen Teixeira, Bruce Looney & Ron Rumbaugh all attended this event.

Allen reported that there were approximately 85 cars there with every generation from C1 to C8. Allen and Ron both received awards for travelling the furthest distance and Ron also received an award for Best of Show. Ron went there with hopes of selling his Corvette and it sold!

August 23: Ladie's Card Party hosted by Lan Mumby. Lan reported that the card games went very well with lots of good food and lots of fun.



September 7–10: Reno/Tahoe Tour co-chaired by Cheryl Blackstone and Gerri Ware. Cheryl reported that there were 76 cars and 143 people in attendance at this event with 39 of them coming from Corvettes of Fresno! There were 16 Corvette Clubs represented coming from California, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Arizona. The Slot Tournament and the Poker Run each paid out \$600 in prizes, the 50/25/25 raised \$660 and the raffle prizes generated a little over \$2,000! Next month the Board will make a decision on donation recipients. Cheryl thanked everyone that donated cash and raffle prizes. The car show awarded 11 plaques and 1 Best of Show. We had a record number of voters this year for the car show! Out of 143 people, 130 of them voted! The National Corvette Museum donated a brick along with a certificate from the original Corvette factory in Flint, Michigan to our club. Member Clay Mumby auctioned off this brick at the awards banquet for \$400! Both Cheryl and Gerri were very appreciative of all the help from the club members for the Reno/Tahoe Tour.

Cheryl and Gerri received a well-deserved standing ovation for all of the many months of hard work that they put into this event! Gerri stated that they have a ladies' shirt from this event, size large, available for purchase for \$27. Please contact Gerri or Cheryl if you are interested in purchasing it. There will be a Reno/Tahoe wrap-up meeting held on October 3, 2023 at 5:30pm at Dennys located at Herndon and Blackstone. This meeting will be held first with the Board Meeting immediately following.



Editor's Note Anyone can check out Reno-Tahoe Tour pictures on CorvettesofFresno.Com and members can see additional pictures on [Corvettes of Fresno Facebook Group Page](#).

September 13: Ladies Card Party hosted by Gerri Ware. Gerri stated that there was a good turnout with a lot of good food brought to the potluck!

September 14 – 17: Silver State Classic Challenge. Gary Linsner reported that he attended this event and he finished 3rd in his class! 120 mph in under ¼ of a second! Good job Gary!

Upcoming Events:

September 30: Harvest Classic, Madera Raceway hosted by Lee Blackstone. Lee stated that COF has been invited to join CVC at Madera Raceway to park inside the track and drive parade laps around the track prior to the race. Mike Percy from Central Valley Corvettes has invited everyone that wants to attend to meet at 2:15pm at the AM/PM on Herndon Ave. near Sierra Sky Park where they will travel to Mike's home for fellowship and then caravan to the race track together. Please sign up if you plan on going, they need a head count. If you want to go directly to the race track, please arrive no later than 4:00pm.

October 7: Lodi Car Show; hosted by Lee Blackstone. Lee reported that sign-ups are on-line for this car show at the Corvettes of Lodi website and motorsportsreg.com. The car show is limited to 125 cars. Be sure to bring lawn chairs. They will be meeting at the Shell station at Highway 99 and Avenue 18 ½ at 6:15am with departure time of 6:30am. Lee stated that they will be having dinner Saturday night at the Lodi Beer Company and they will be spending the night at the Days Inn. They will be leaving Sunday morning at 7:00am to caravan to Snelling for the car show there.

October 8: Snelling Car Show. If you plan on attending the Snelling Car Show and will not be attending the Lodi Car Show, please contact Randy Forrester to coordinate caravanning to Snelling. For more information regarding this event, please see the flyer on the Corvettes of Yosemite website. The cost to enter this car show is \$35 which includes one pulled pork lunch.

October 12: The Beach Boys at the Fresno Fairgrounds.

October 19: Ladie's Card Party hosted by Betsy Lindegren. 10:00 – 1:00. Please contact Betsy and let her know what dish you will be bringing for the potluck.

November 4: Kearney Mansion tour and dinner; hosted by Mitch Koligian. Meet at 2:00pm at the Cosmopolitan for the drive to the Kearney Mansion. The tour will last approximately forty-five minutes to one hour. There is a \$5 charge per car to enter Kearney Park and an \$8 charge to tour the mansion. After the tour we will return to the Cosmopolitan for dinner.

Upcoming Events continued

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Billie Talley stated that she will not be able to host this event this year because on November 11th she will be in South Carolina attending a ceremony for her grandson who is retiring from the Marines. Billie contacted Lee Delap and he has agreed to take over the hosting duties. Congratulations to Billie's grandson! Lee will announce the time and schedule of the parade as the date draws near.

December 1: COF Christmas Party co-chaired by Socorro Biglieri and Cece Karlie. Socorro hopes to have more information regarding this event at the General Meeting in October.

December 2: Sanger Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Lee stated we will be staging at the northeast corner of Kings Canyon and McCall at 9:30am and leaving by 10:00am. Lee will already be staged in the parade saving our spots. Afterwards we will meet at the Red Caboose for brunch.

The next Board meeting will be on October 3, 2023 at 6:30pm at Denny's, Herndon and Blackstone.

The next General meeting will be on October 17, 2023 at 7:00pm at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave.

NCCC Report:

Allen Teixeira reported that NCCC recently had their quarterly meeting in Santa Maria. They are working on putting together the run to Bowling Green in 2024 and very soon they will be emailing out the hotel list. When the list is released, Allen will text everyone that is signed up to go to ensure that they make their hotel reservations as soon as possible.



Sunshine Report:

Ruth Looney reported memorial services for Jack Back will be held on November 4, 2023 at 11:00am at the Trinity Lutheran Church. Walt Spate is at home and currently receiving dialysis treatments 3 times a week and he is also receiving chemo. He has been getting out to join his weekly coffee group and his quality of life is pretty good.



Congratulations to Lee and Cheryl Blackstone's granddaughter for being crowned the Mountain Rodeo Association Queen! Ruth announced birthdays and anniversaries for September.

Starting January 2024 Jan Pflepsen will be our club's new Sunshine person!

Dave Trauger reported that Carol is home, on oxygen, very weak and she has lost over 50 lbs. in the past six months. They have stopped giving her chemo because she had to be hospitalized the last two times following her chemo treatments. She has surgery scheduled for October 18th provided her lung capacity improves. Apparently, she has had a long-term lung disorder that was never diagnosed. To undergo surgery her lung capacity needs to be above 50% and currently it is at 42%. Also, she has had a mini stroke but it did not create any physical damage. Everyone please keep Carol in your prayers.

Ruth announced Birthdays and Anniversaries for September.

Editor's Note: See Page 15 for October Birthday's & Anniversaries.

Old Business / New Business:

Louis mentioned that Pete Cholakian earned the U-turn award upon leaving the Black Bear Diner on the way to Reno! Pete so graciously remarked "I have earned the U-turn award with no exceptions!" Since the award was not at the meeting, he will be presented with it at a later date.

President Louis Biglieri named the following nominations for the open board positions and asked if anyone else is interested in any of the positions. No members volunteered.

Nominations are:

President: Lee Blackstone

1st Vice President - Events: Darrick Duerksen

2nd Vice President - Membership: Gary Pflapsen

Communications Director: Socorro Biglieri

Sunshine Person: Jan Pflapsen

Voting will take place at the October General Meeting.

Clay Mumby informed everyone that long time members Chuck and Celia Feccia will be moving to Idaho to be near their family. We are so sorry to see them go; they will be greatly missed!

Editor's Note: Our Secretary, Debbie Dukes and Treasurer, Dave Trauger have agreed to continue for a second year.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the September Name Tag Drawing was Lori Martinez. Lori was present with her name tag on and won \$10! The October name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

50/25/25: The two winners of \$36 each were Lee Delap and Jan Pflapsen! Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gary Pflapsen and seconded by Clay Mumby. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:06pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary**





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Gary Linsner – 25
Hank Ramirez – 25
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Bruce & Ruth Looney – 14
Lee & Cheryl Blackstone - 21



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