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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe
4020 North Cedar, Fresno
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 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

Mailing Address:

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET September 5 at Denny's Restaurant located on Blackstone & Herndon, 6:30 p.m. or immediately following Reno-Tahoe Tour Planning Committee 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



Let me start off by saying we had a great dinner at Fugazzi's in Kingsburg, and all that attended had a great time with good food and great company. I'm hoping someone will plan a dinner event for September.

I am looking forward to our Tahoe/Reno event starting September 7th. Last count we had 75 cars and Cheryl advised that we could have a few more reservations. This should be a fun event with a poker run, show N shine, drinks at Rum Bullions Island Bar and slot machine tournament and then Saturday night dinner and the awards ceremony. So, you see this will be a fun 3-day weekend.

Now I want to remind our membership that we will be taking nominations for President, Events, Membership and communication director at the September meeting so I hope you will throw you name into the hat for the positions I have mention.

As you all know my mother passed away on July 29th, so it's been a very difficult time for me since she was the last of the first generation of the Lagorio and Prato families. I want to honor her by this statement

“Gloria Biglieri, please know you will be greatly missed by your sons, daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, & great/great grandchildren.”

**Save the Wave,
President, Louis Biglieri**



**Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
August 15, 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 July 18, 2023 were published in the August 2023 Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Dave Trauger and seconded by Nancy Teixeira. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Gary Pflepsen. 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 Ruth Looney. Motion approved.



For balances on both accounts please see Dave Trauger

Communications Report:

Betsy Lindegren reported she is retiring as the Communications Director. She will continue the duties until the December newsletter is done. A partial list of Betsy's duties include: compiling the newsletters, sending out all communications from the club officers that need to go to the members, maintains a master Email list, and sending information to the webmaster for him to post onto the club website.



Membership Report:

Cheryl Blackstone reported as of August 15, 2023, Corvettes of Fresno has 89 members and 63 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 40 members and 1 guest.

Our guest tonight is Karen Pearson; the President and CEO of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce. Karen was invited to our meeting by Lee Delap to discuss the Sanger Christmas Parade.

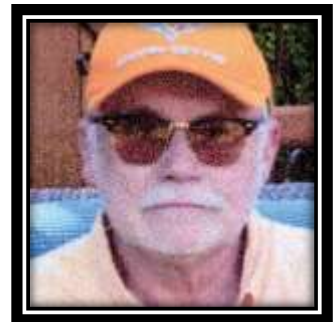
We would like to welcome our newest club members, Tim and Tracy Burnett! Cheryl presented Tim with their membership packet.



Cheryl reminded everyone that membership dues are due by the September General meeting; \$95 per couple and \$77 for a single.

Webmaster Report:

Gary Linsner reported he needs pictures of the Monterey run to post onto the club website. Gary has now included a membership application on the club website for prospective members to complete and submit.



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:

July 17: Ladies Card Party hosted by Kathy Yergat. Kathy stated that it is a great group of ladies that come to play and it's very easy for the hostess.

Editor's Note: This event was in July Fiberglass Forever.

July 20: Dinner social at the Wakehouse in Reedley. Randy stated that they had a very nice time with a good turn-out.



Upcoming Events:

August 17: Dinner social at Fugazzi's in Kingsburg; hosted by Louis & Socorro Biglieri. Please meet at Fugazzi's at 5:00pm.

August 19: Corvette Super Sports Car Show in Buena Park. Allen Teixeira and Bruce Looney will be attending this event.

August 23: Ladies Card Party hosted by Lan Mumby. 10:00am – 1:00pm. Please inform Lan as to what potluck dish you will be bringing.

September 7–10: Reno/Tahoe Tour Co-chairs Cheryl Blackstone & Gerri Ware.

Cheryl reported that they have received 75 registrations and she is expecting to receive a couple more. Cheryl and Gerri have created a Duty Roster which they passed around for all volunteers to see where they have been assigned. The club shirts have been ordered; the price is \$27 each or \$29 for an XXL. All of the cash and raffle prizes have been collected; thank you to everyone that donated. The

poker pre-run has been done; the route has been set. We need someone to lead the group from Fresno to Reno on Thursday. It will be COF members along with some members of CVC. Cheryl stated that on their pre-run they stopped for lunch in Auburn at the Black Bear Diner. The group that goes to Reno on Wednesday will be stopping there again and if the Thursday group would like to stop there as well, she will have it arranged with Black Bear Diner. For those working in the parking garage, please bring a folding chair so you will have somewhere to sit. Cheryl and Gerri would like to have two or three people taking pictures during this Reno tour and hopefully they can play them on a slide show during the Saturday night banquet.

The next Reno/Tahoe meeting will be held at Denny's; at Blackstone & Herndon on Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30pm. The Reno/Tahoe meeting will be held first with the Board meeting immediately following.

October 7: Lodi Car Show; hosted by Lee Blackstone. Lee stated the car show will be held at the Stama Winery. A decision will be made before the September General meeting as to when they will be going; Friday night or Saturday morning or possibly going up on Saturday morning, spending Saturday night there then attending the Snelling Car Show the following morning.

October 8: Snelling Car Show.

October 12: The Beach Boys at the Fresno Fairgrounds. Please go online to the Fresno Fair website to purchase your tickets.

November 4: Kearney Mansion tour and dinner; hosted by Mitch & Margaret 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.

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade hosted by Billie Talley. Billie has submitted the application for the Corvettes of Fresno to participate in the parade and she is hoping to have at least twenty cars sign up. Our club is usually placed close to the front of the parade and we are usually done around 1:00 – 1:30. After the parade they will have lunch at a restaurant and then go to Billie's house for peach cobbler and margaritas.

December 1: COF Christmas Party co-chaired by Socorro Biglieri and Cece Karlie. Please mark your calendars for December 1st at 6:00pm for the COF Christmas Party.

December 2: Sanger Parade hosted by Lee Delap. Lee's guest, Karen Pearson, stated that we will be in the front of the parade which starts at 11:00am. They are hoping for several Corvettes to participate to give rides through the parade to the Sanger dignitaries.

August 2024: Bowling Green, Kentucky. Allen Teixeira stated that as of right now there are five cars that will be going from COF. If you plan on attending, you need to go on-line to the National Corvette Museum website to register and pay the \$100 fee as soon as possible. The hotel listing will be sent out by mid-September to all who have registered. After spending a day in Bowling Green, they have tentative plans to visit Dollywood, Nashville, Memphis and Branson Missouri. This trip will take approximately seventeen days or so from start to finish. Lee Blackstone stated that the last time that he went on this trip, about five years ago, there were approximately six thousand Corvettes in Bowling Green!

The next Board meeting will be on September 5, 2023 at 6:30pm at Denny's, Herndon and Blackstone.

The next General meeting will be on September 19, 2023 at 7:00pm at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave.

NCCC Report:

Allen Teixeira reported that the NCCC roster is up to date. NCCC has a lot of activities going on in southern California.

Sunshine Report:

Ruth Looney reported that Louis Biglieri's mother recently passed away and Billie Talley lost a cousin. For good news; Lee and Cheryl Blackstone welcomed a new grandson! Dave Trauger stated that Carol has had four chemo treatments with two more to go. She does not have any appetite and her energy and strength levels are dropping every day. Dave and Carol both appreciate all of the cards and well wishes that have been sent to Carol. She has surgery scheduled for October 18th. Ruth announced birthdays and anniversaries for August.



Old Business / New Business:

The club is forming a COF Advisory Committee. This committee will generate ideas and suggestions to help our club thrive. Please sign up if you would like to contribute to the growth and well-being of our club.

At the September General meeting we will be presenting the nominations for four board positions; President, 1st Vice President – Events, 2nd Vice President - Membership and Communications Director. Open for nominations from the floor.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the August Name Tag Drawing was Mokey Cowger! Mokey was present with his name tag on and won \$10! The September name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

50/25/25: The two winners of \$40 each were Lee Delap and Debbie Dukes! Congratulations!!

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

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:02pm.

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



Editor's Note

Since we are doing some traveling this month I thought it good to put in a reminder regarding our club's Caravan Rules. They are provided on Page 10.

May you all have Safe Travels.

Betsy Lindegren

Corvettes of Fresno - Caravan Rules October 2008



1. Turn on your cell phone. Have the leader and other members' numbers handy.
2. Your vehicle should have a good FRC/GMRS radio. Be prepared to relay messages to those around or behind you that may not be in range of the event leader's radio signal. When asked to do so. While participating in an event, try to use your radio sparingly so as not to interrupt necessary directions from the event leader.
3. Mystery run sponsors should provide their cell phone number, sealed directions, and destination.
4. Enter traffic safely. Safest way to pull onto the roadway is the Lemans method: all vehicles angle 45 degrees onto road and move forward together at the same time.
5. Be courteous to other drivers. This includes both personal and on-air etiquette. You are representing COF while on runs. Watch your language and don't give COF a bad rap.
6. Follow instructions. The leader knows the best route; any changes, hazards and/or detours should be avoided.
7. Caravan leader should select a "sweeper" with a strong FRS/GMRS radio to be at the rear of the group. The sweeper's role is to keep the group together, notify the leader of situations that arise, and notify the leader if anyone needs assistance or plans to separate from the group. The leader then can decide what action to take for a disabled vehicle. If the group becomes spread out beyond radio range, the sweeper should have the leader's cell phone programmed in his/her cell in order to make calls to the leader as necessary.
8. Don't tailgate or lag too far behind. Tailgating creates dangerous situations and does not allow time to react or room for civilians to maneuver through the column. Lagging too far behind can cause those behind you to become lost and/or separated from the group.
9. Communicate. If you are having car or any other type of problems, or if you observe a dangerous situation, inform the leader and others in the group of the situation and the available options. It is the responsibility of the leader to set a safe pace. If you feel that the pace is too fast for you, do not slow down and separate the group. Communicate with the leader. The leader will then make a decision as to what action to take. Remember, an overly slow group can be more dangerous than a fast one. The CHP will pull over a group that becomes a traffic hazard.
10. Keep in single file with enough room for traffic to maneuver through the column when necessary. In heavy traffic areas, the leader may call for multiple groups if appropriate. The caravan can re-group when traffic thins out. Safety is more important than keeping cars in formation. If you become separated from the group, communicate with the leader with your FRS/GMRS radio or your cell phone.
11. The practice of pulling the group over to wait for others to catch up is not recommended and is discouraged. The leader should try to anticipate areas where a separation might occur and plan for them. When this is not possible, other strategies should be used, such as slowing down or picking a rendezvous point. If pulling over is necessary, do so only where the group can do so safely - where the cars are fully off of the roadway and re-entry can be done safely. Also see #14.
12. Absolutely no passing of other members unless that member waves you around. If you have a reason to be at the front, arrange this with the leader before leaving.
13. If you need to separate from the group before the event is over, be sure to inform the event leader. If you are unable to reach the leader or others in the group by radio, be sure to use a cell phone to make contact with the event leader. He/she is responsible for you and your actions for the duration of the event. If you leave the group and don't tell anyone - others will be going back to look for you.
14. Divide and Conquer. In today's traffic, it is becoming impossible to keep a large group together even on short runs. The event leader should assess the route and decide what size group is manageable. Divide the column into groups (about 5 to 7 cars) each with a leader. Each member in that group can then communicate with that sub-leader. That way, communication errors and lost members can be avoided or improved upon.



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