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AUGUST EVENTS

August 10, 2019: Wares Mystery Run

August 17, 2019: Johnsons' Roger Rocka's Dinner show

August 22, 2019: 25th Anniversary National Corvette Museum run



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CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

Is a non-profit organization formed by those owners who are proud to drive America's only true sports car
THE CORVETTE

Our club meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe 4020 North Cedar
Between Dakota & Ashlan on the East side of Cedar

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, nametag and many other goodies.

The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY ON SHAW NEAR CEDAR AVE

START TIME IS 6:30 PM
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

2009 TRIVIA

The total 2009 Corvette production run of only 16,956 cars was the lowest since 1962's production run of 14,531 units (not counting 1997's run of 9,752 cars due late introduction of the new C5).

The 2009 ZR1 was the first 200+ mph production Corvette ever made.

The 2009 ZR1 was the first production Corvette ever built with a roots-type supercharger as standard equipment, developing 630 horsepower.

The 2009 ZR1 was the first production Corvette to retail for over \$100,000.

The 2009 ZR1's LS9 engine develops 630 horsepower but actually has less displacement than the Z06's 505 hp LS7 engine (376 vs 427 cubic inches).

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**2020 MEMBERSHIP DUES
ARE DUE & PAYABLE AT THE
SEPTEMBER 2019 GENERAL MEETING**

**DUES PAID AFTER THE SEPT MEETING WILL BE
CHARGED A \$20.00 LATE FEE & NAME WILL NOT
APPEAR IN THE 2020 DIRECTORY**

**The annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple
\$77.00 per year per individual.**

BYLAWS STATEMENT ON DUES (page 3)

***After* the September meeting, membership shall be cancelled if dues are not paid. Individuals who have had their membership cancelled must pay the original dues plus a late fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00), with six dollars (\$6.00) going to the parent organization and fourteen dollars (\$14.00) going to Corvettes of Fresno. They shall be considered members on the day that total payment is made.**

**SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION OF
2020 BOARD MEMBERS**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR NOMINATIONS READY FOR
THOSE MEMBERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO REPRESENT
CORVETTES OF FRESNO DURING THE 2020 CALENDAR
YEAR!**



THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hello All, here we are again after another exciting month.

The first order of business is to welcome Lee Blackstone to the exalted order of “The Nick Diliddo GPS Perpetual Award” holders. Lee got done in by a change of ownership at our lunch stop in Jackson. This is very prestigious group of people who have had to turn-around while leading the pack somewhere. He had just finished clarifying what a “U” definition, then felt it necessary to give us a live example. Please don’t look upon this trophy as any kind of punishment or denigration, but as a good natured, light hearted ribbing.

The second order of business is to start looking for a new editor of the monthly newsletter. After many years of stellar performance, Jim Agar is stepping down at the end of the year. He has informed the Board that the December edition will be his last. We will be looking for a replacement editor at the next couple of meetings.

To continue with the review of caravan rules:

Enter traffic safely. Always pay attention to other cars not involved with the club. Don’t cut non-Corvette drivers off in your eagerness to catch up with the group. Continuing in that vein;

Be courteous to other drivers. This includes both personal and on-air etiquette. Watch your language on the radio.

Be sure to attend the August General Meeting. We are working on a special presentation you might find interesting.

That’s all this month,

Dave Trauger

Save the Wave.





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2019



Call to Order: President Dave called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Board Members present were: Dave Trauger, Socorro Biglieri, Cheryl Blackstone, Lee Blackstone, Ron Lindegren, and Betsy Lindegren. Board Members absent were: Jim Agar, Chris Campbell, and Allen Teixeira. The Pledge of Alliance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the June 18, 2019 meeting are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the June 18, 2019 minutes was made by Nancy Teixeira and seconded by Chuck Ware. Motion approved. A Motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Clay Mumby. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Blackstone reported the activity for the General and Tahoe Accounts for the past month. The reports are on file to be reviewed by members only. A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report as read by Lee Delap and seconded by Louis Biglieri. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership: As of this date Corvettes of Fresno has 120 members and 83 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance was 58 members and no guests. Anniversaries and Birthdays for July were acknowledged.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent so there was no report.

Webmaster: Chris Campbell was absent so there was no report.

Activities: Please refer to the Calendar of events in the Club Newsletter, or on the Club website, www.corvettesoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun!** Reminder to Members: all sign up sheets are on the side table.

Regularly Scheduled Events for the month of July:

July 02, 2019, Tuesday @6:30pm Board Meeting at the Old Spaghetti Factory on Shaw Avenue.

July 16, 2019, Tuesday @7:00pm General Meeting at Yosemite Fall's Café on Cedar Avenue.

Future Regularly Scheduled Event for the Month of August:

August 06, 2019 Tuesday @6:30pm. Board Meeting at the Old Spaghetti on Shaw Avenue.

August 20, 2019 Tuesday @7:00pm. General Meeting at Yosemite Fall's Café on Cedar Avenue.

Activities since last General Meeting on June 18, 2019:

June 22: "El Presidente" Run. Good Food and lots of Ice cream.

July 12 – 14: Southern Oregon Corvettes weekend in the Park. 8 cars left on Thursday and Mockey Cowger joined on Friday. Beautiful drive but lots of traffic, and not a fast trip. Weather was nice and the members visited a Wild Life Sanctuary. On Friday the Corvettes of Oregon provided the guests with a free car wash, they washed 52 cars, in the afternoon there was a "Blindfold Golf Cart" race competition, Buddy Pond and Mockey almost got the first place ☺. In the Evening there was a "Bear Walk" and Dave Trauger was the winner, but since there was a little misunderstanding Gerri Ware and Cheryl Blackstone were also winners. •. Saturday there was Show and Shine car show. Louis Biglieri received the Mayor's Trophy. Jet Boat Dinner Cruise was a lot of fun, the ride was exhilarating and dinner was great too. Sunday the members attended the Breakfast and went home after that. Great and busy weekend, but a lot of fun was had by all.

Future Runs:

July 27: Mystery Run. Bert Sherman and Dennis Christiansen sponsors. Bert says that it is going to be a great run. Meet at the S/W corner of Willow and Herndon at 12:45 and leave by 1:00pm.

August 10, 2019: Wares Mystery Run. Roads are good and meals will be great. Meet at 8:30am at the Chevron Station on Avenue 7 and Hwy 99, rolling by 9:00. This will be a Lunch stop with salad choice of chicken or tri-tip. Make sure that you gas your corvettes for adequately.

August 17, 2019: Johnsons' Roger Rocka's Dinner show. The Show is "Calamity Jane" with Louise Mandrell. 2 tables for 10 are reserved. The cost is \$58.00 per person and it covers the show, dinner and tea or coffee. Dessert and drinks are extra. Meet at 5:30 at the Theatre's entrance.

August 22, 2019: 25th Anniversary National Corvette Museum run to Bowling Green, Kentucky and the 5th National Corvette Caravan. The club has 4 couples going. Please see the website for information.

September 21-22: Bakersfield Crystal Palace. Bob Reinke and Allen Teixeira are the sponsors. Bob Reported that 23 couples are ready to roll and about 4 couples that are not. Deadline for this event is now September 10. Price for the dinner and show is \$66.00 and the check should be payable to Bob Reinke. Price for the hotel is \$69.00 and it

includes breakfast. Please see the website for more details. Bob is planning on a Pre-run ice cream social to discuss the itinerary before the run. Date to be announced.

September 29, 2019: Snelling Annual Car Show. Clay Mumby and Dave Trauger co-chairs.

October 05, 2019: Club Picnic still working on details and more information to follow in the next two months. Club will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, and there will be a sign-up sheet for members to bring dessert, salads, or side dish. There will be games and perhaps some raffle prizes.

October 12, 2019: Run to Atwater Castle Air Museum. Louis Biglieri is the sponsor, more details to follow.

November 11, 2019: Veterans Day Parade. Billie Talley to sponsor.

December 07, 2019: Lee Delap Sanger Christmas Day Parade.

December 07, 2019: Club's Christmas Party. Nancy Teixeira and Gerri Ware are the sponsors. Dinner is \$40.00 per person and it includes chicken and beef.

January 25, 2020: Ice Breaker run to Pismo Beach. Louis Biglieri is the sponsor. Details to follow.

WSCC: Allen Teixeira was absent so there was no report.

Sunshine Report: Betsy Lindegren informed us that she was sorry to report that Chris Campbell's mother had passed away earlier this month. There were no public services held. She sent a card expressing our condolences to both Chris and Kay. Betsy received a text from Kay thanking us all and expressing appreciation for all club members.

Betsy reached out to Darrick and Carla Duerksen with a good wishes email and received the following response:

"Betsy, after several months of visits for tests at UCSF Medical Center, Carla has been approved for a dual Lung Transplant. We do not have a timeline – the call could come any day or perhaps not for a year or more. Thank you for checking in and it is OK to share this information." She thanked Darrick for sharing and told him we would be keeping both of them in our thoughts and prayers.

Betsy updated us on Angie DeLiddo who has been dealing with health issues. She was happy to share that Angie recently told Gerri Ware that the treatments she has been undergoing appear to be working and that Angie said that it was OK to share that information with us.

Billie Talley told Betsy that her granddaughter Chris, is expecting triplets; says that she is thrilled that Chris has such a helpful husband,

That is all the news that she had for now. She ended her report with a request that we all join her in sending one another "Well Wishes" throughout the coming month.

New Business:

"Nick DiLiddo GPS" award. This exclusive award was given to Lee Blackstone tonight. He is the 2019 Grand Recipient winner. Lee accepted the trophy very graciously.

Nick DiLiddo also commented on what a great club COF is and how we all watch for each other.

Old Business:

Karen Shirey reported that the Squaw Valley Car Show in May made approximately \$7,000.00 and 35 kids are at camp this week.

Name Tag Drawing: Name Tag drawing winner was Gerri Ware. Gerri received \$90.00. Next month amount is back to \$10.00.

50/25/25: Winners of \$42.00 each were Susan Rivas and Carol Trauger. Nina's Paradise fire Jewelry winners were Socorro Biglieri and Lucy Hurlimann.

There Being no more business a motion was made by Clay Mumby to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Betsy Lindegren. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM.

**Respectfully submitted by
Socorro Biglieri**



SOCORRO BIGLIERI

SECRETARY

RON'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Ron reported that as of the 2019 Calendar Year COF has 120 members & 83 cars.

Members & Guests

Attendance: There were 58 members on attendance and no guests.

Nametag drawing

This month's name winner was Gerri Ware. Gerri received \$90.00. Next month's drawing will be worth \$10.00.

Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win.

Club Directories and Updates

The 2018 electronic copy of the club membership directory is available online at www.corvettesoffresno.com (contact Chris Campbell for the new access info)



RON LINDEGREN
MEMBERSHIP



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

ART & BRENDA DURHAM 7
JOE & MARGARET GONZALEZ 11
PHIL & SUSAN RIVAS 14 - MIKE & JENNIE SCHWAN 17
DON & DEBBIE DUKES 17 - NICK & ANGIE DILIDDO 18
BRUCE & SHERI GARLOCK 25 - GARY & DIANE HUSS 25
ROGER & PATRICIA WILLIAMS 28
RANDY & PAM FORRESTER 29



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



PETER CHOLAKIAN 4 - HAL BLANTON 5 - ANGIE DILIDDO 7
ALICE MANCILLAS 7 - BRUCE GARLOCK 7
LARRY CERVANTES 10 - CHRIS CAMPBELL 21
JOANN NAJARIAN 24 - RON LINDEGREN 23
MOKEY COWGER 24
PHIL COOKSEY 26 - MANNY VIDAL 30

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

SUSAN RIVAS
CAROL TRAUGER



EACH WON
\$42.00



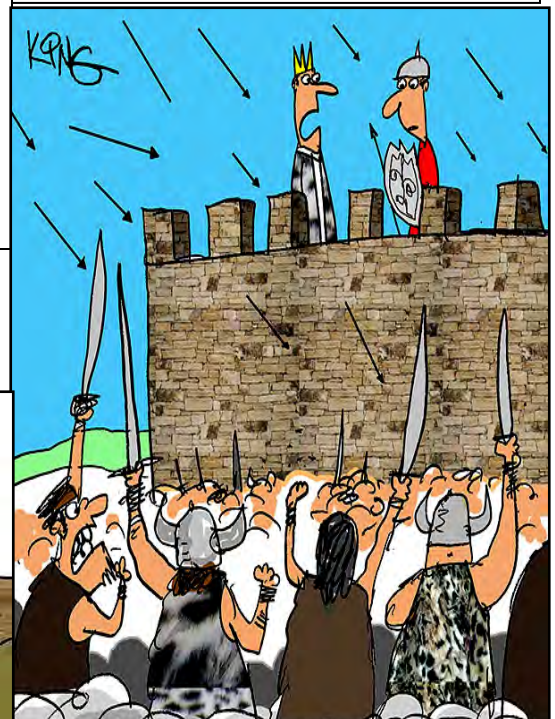
CONGRATULATIONS!

WSCC

Allen Teixeira was absent so there was no report.



"He keeps looking at videos of him driving his Corvette while crying. I can't wait until the weather gets nice so he can actually start driving it again."



"My Corvette is parked out there. Go Out and make sure none of them barbarians touch it. If you survive, I'll reward you by giving you a ride in it."



**Sunshine Representative Report
Corvettes of Fresno General Meeting
JULY 16, 2019**



Greetings!

I am sorry to have to report that Chris Campbell's mother passed away earlier this month. There were no public services held. I sent a card expressing our condolences to both Chris and Kay. Just received a text back from them thanking us all for the card and expressing appreciation for all club members.

I reached out to Darrick and Carla Duerksen with a good wishes email and received the following response from Darrick:

"Betsy, after several months of visits for tests at UCSF Medical Center Carla has been approved for a dual lung transplant. We do not have a timeline – the call could come any day or perhaps not for a year or more. Thank you for checking in and it is OK to share this information."

I thanked Darrick for sharing and told him we would be keeping both of them in our thoughts and prayers.

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Billie Talley is happy to share that her granddaughter, Chris, is expecting triplets...says she thrilled Chris has such a helpful husband.

That's all the news for now, so I will end with the request that you all join me in sending one another "Well Wishes" throughout the coming month.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lindegren



LEE'S 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



WHAT HAPPENS IN GRANTS PASS..... NEEDS TO BE SHARED!

July was a great month with a trip to Hanford for a Mediterranean lunch and Superior Dairy ice cream for dessert, an awesome extended weekend trip to Grants Pass Oregon and finishing up with a Mystery Run by Bert Sherman & Dennis Christiansen!

Thanks to all who organized these events!

The trip to Grants Pass hosted by the Southern Oregon Corvettes Association was a very memorable trip with over 170 Corvettes in attendance. A full schedule of events including a jet boat ride to Hellgate Canyon and a lodge for dinner was the highlight (at least mine). We had 9 cars with 17 members participate. Just ask anyone who went for further details on the fun and mischief had by all. One car came home on a trailer because of a wheel bearing/half shaft issue, but everyone returned safely. This run will happen again in two years and it would be awesome to have 20 or more cars from COF join in on the event. Several members are contacting the Riverside hotel for advanced reservations. Just ask any participant for assistance with this process.

The schedule for the rest of the year is filling up nicely. We have added the Veterans Day and Sanger Christmas parade dates below.

Have an Awesome August!

FUTURE REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2019

1. August 6, 2019 – Tuesday 6:30
Board Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory on Shaw Ave.
2. August 20, 2019 – Tuesday 7:00
General Meeting at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N Cedar Ave.

FUTURE RUNS –

1. July 27 – July Mystery Run. Bert Sherman & Dennis Christiansen sponsors. Meet S/W corner of Willow & Herndon at 12:45. Leaving by 1:00. \$6.00 run fee covers poker hand & hor d' oeuvres. A sign up is available with three menu choices.

2. August 10 - Ware's Mystery Run. Meet at the Chevron Station/mini mart. Meet at 8:30, Rolling at 9:00. To a previously untraveled location. Lunch at the Venue. Approximate cost \$15-25 from a pre-selected event menu.
3. August 17- Roger Rocka's Calamity Jane Musical, starring Louise Mandrell. Sign-up & pre-pay tonight. Dick & Terry Johnson are organizing this event. Call Terry for reservations.
4. August 22, 2019 -- 25th Anniversary National Corvette Museum Run to Bowling Green, Kentucky, and the 5th National Corvette Caravan. Don Herzer of WSCC is the northern coordinator. The website is <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/ca-northern/>.
5. September 21-22, 2019 – Crystal Palace dinner & show run. Bob Reinke & Allen Teixeira sponsors. Limited to 30 cars. Fliers available at the meeting.
A pre-run Ice Cream social at Bob & Judy Reinke's house will happen a week or so prior to the actual run! Bring your Vette to the Details to follow.
6. September 28, 2019 – Heart Wheels Car Show. Kaiser Permanente San Jose Parking Lot. \$30 per car entry fee, discounts for groups. 10:00 to 1:00. Flyer available at general meeting.
7. September 29, 2019 – Snelling Annual Car Show. Clay Mumby chairperson. President Dave Trauger will be the "Run Capitan" for this event in Clays absence
8. October 5, 2019 – COF Club Picnic. Quail Lakes Recreation Center & Club House. Pot Luck lunch, fun & games. Details to Follow.
9. November 11, 2019 - Veterans Day Parade. Billie Talley Chairperson. Details to follow.
10. December 7, 2019 Sanger Christmas Tree City Parade. Lee Delap Chairperson.
11. December 7, 2019 - COF Christmas Party. Pardini's Restaurant. Nancy Teixeira & Gerri Ware Chairpersons. Details to Follow.

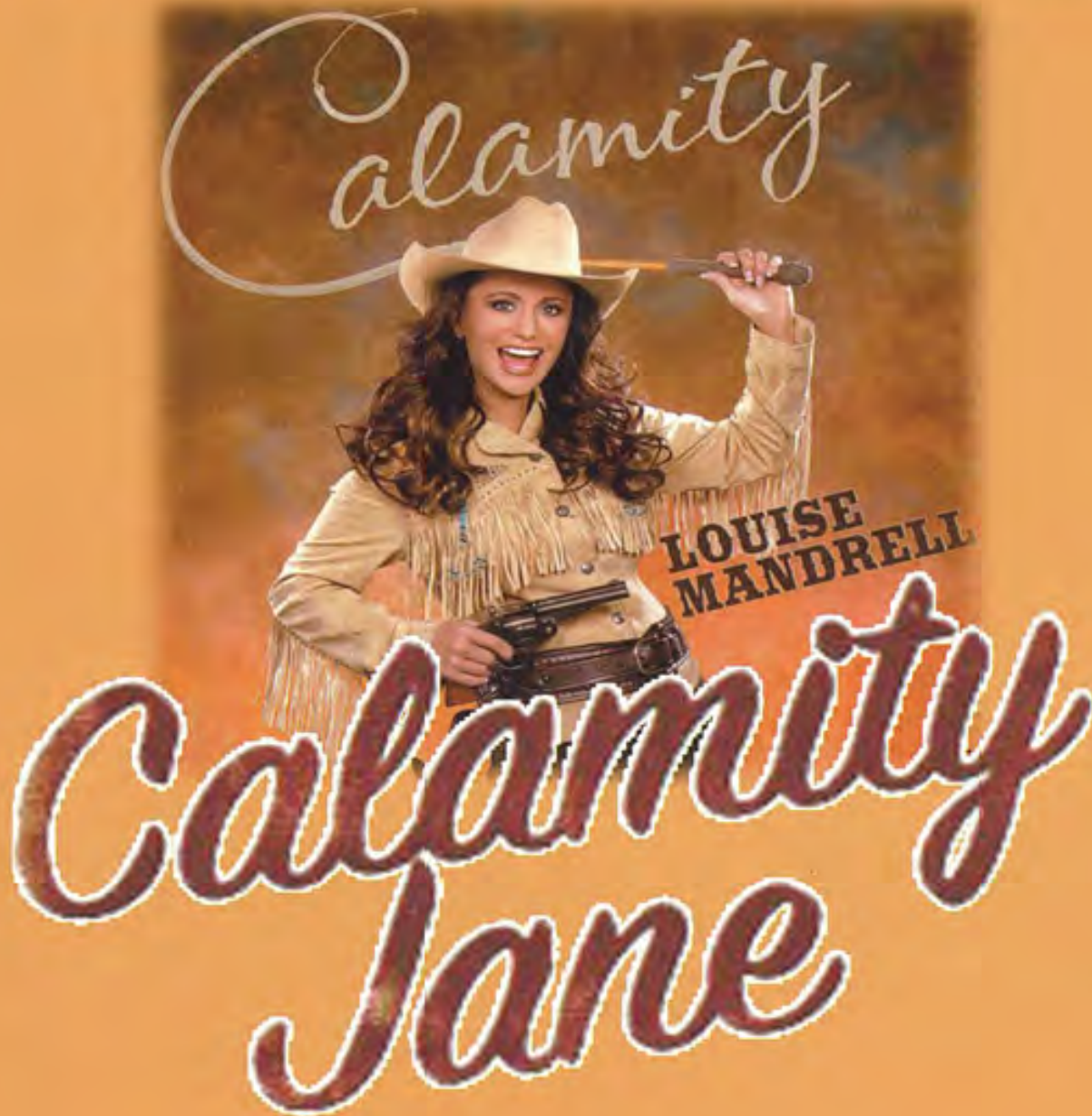
June 22: Dave's "El Presidente" Run



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August 17

**Dick & Terry Johnson are organizing this event.
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Sunday, September 29, 2019

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10 am to 2 pm

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Parking on the Ball-field Grass

Pre-Registration Fee by Sept. 21st: \$30 per car

\$35 per car on event day Sept. 29th

One meal ticket included with registration

Call Becky at (209) 652-3771 for more info

Registration forms available at

www.YosemiteCorvetteClub.net

AWARDS
at 1:00 pm

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Lunch includes: BBQ Beef, Beans, Salad, Roll & Coffee

Desserts and Cold Drinks available to purchase

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Lunch Served from 12 noon to 2 PM

Meal tickets \$12 per person

Entrance FREE to the general public

BINGO 11 am

Crystal Palace Dinner & Show Run

Saturday September 21, 2019

We are going to hit the "Streets of Bakersfield" for some fun and all you have to do is

"Act Naturally"

Meet: Brooks Ranch Highway 99 and Chestnut

Times: 8:00 A.M. Leaving @ 8:30 A.M. Sharp

11:30 A.M. Arriving @ The Cow Puncher Café Springville Ca.

Lunch Avg. Price is **\$12.00 per person** with 3 Choices

2:30 P.M. Arriving @ The Sure Stay Plus Best Western Hotel Bakersfield Ca.

Ph. 661-800-0009 (under Corvette Club) \$69.00 + taxes All you can eat Breakfast Buffet included.

Dinner

5:30 P.M. Walk to the Crystal Palace, 6:00P.M. Dinner and show immediately following! **\$66.00 per person Make checks Payable to Bob Reinke**

Choice of: Filet Mignon, New York Steak, Palace Halibut, or Chardonnay Chicken Breast

Dinner includes Garden Salad, Homemade Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes, with country Gravy, fresh cooked green beans, sautéed with Bacon and Onions. It also includes Carrot Cake for Desert, as well as refillable sodas, Iced Tea, and freshly brewed Coffee. All Steaks are cooked medium to medium well for Large Parties. **Alcohol not included!**

The Price also includes **Johnny Owens (Bucks son)** and the Buck Fever Band!

Contacts: Bob Reinke C= 559-978-9039 or Allen Teixeira C=559-696-0787

Send **Checks & Dinner** selection to: Bob Reinke **7916 N. Fancher, Clovis, Ca. 93619**

Limited to 30 Corvettes Wait list may Apply

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CHECK# _____

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Grand Total \$ _____

This includes, Dinner, Tax, Tip, and Show

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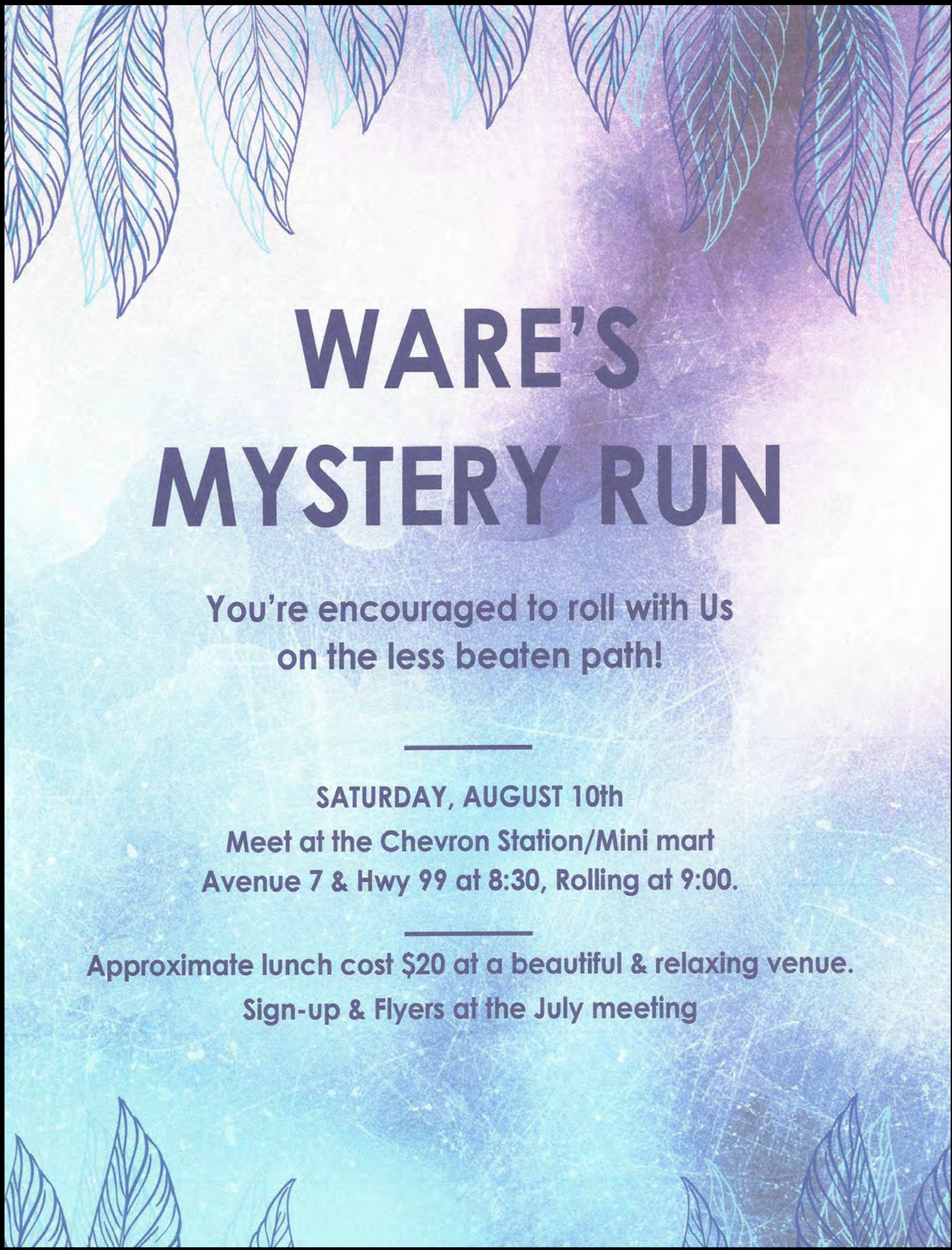
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Bob Reinke

7916 N. Fancher

Clovis, CA. 93619

Please mail checks no later than August 15th



WARE'S MYSTERY RUN

**You're encouraged to roll with Us
on the less beaten path!**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10th

**Meet at the Chevron Station/Mini mart
Avenue 7 & Hwy 99 at 8:30, Rolling at 9:00.**

Approximate lunch cost \$20 at a beautiful & relaxing venue.

Sign-up & Flyers at the July meeting

Happy Birthday, Corvette!!

Sixty-six years ago the first 1953 Corvettes rolled off the assembly line at a small factory in Flint, Michigan and into automotive history!



In the early 1950's, Harley Earl, GM's head of styling, envisioned a low-cost American sports car that could compete with Europe's Jaguar, MG's and Ferrari. Codenamed "Opel", the very first prototype made its debut in January 1953 at the GM Motorama show at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. The great reviews and public acclaim for the little white roadster prompted GM to fast track the Corvette into production and the first retail models were hand assembled in the back of the Chevrolet's Customer Delivery Center in Flint, Michigan just six months later.

Chevrolet built 300 Corvettes over the course of the 1953 model year. A uniform design allowed the workers to concentrate on putting the bodies together without being distracted by trim and equipment variations. Therefore, all 1953 Corvettes were Polo White with Sportsman Red interiors and equipped with a canvas soft-top, 6.70 x 15 whitewall tires and a Delco signal-seeking radio. Also standard was a 5,000-rpm tachometer and a counter for total engine revolutions.

Although some sports car purists took exception to the Corvette's only available transmission – the 2-speed Powerglide automatic, the Corvette was still a decent sports car with well-tuned examples running 0-60 mph in 11 seconds and having a top speed near 105 mph.

The Corvette's original base price was set at \$3,498.00. However the general public was hard pressed to get one as most of the production was doled out to project engineers, GM executives and other high profile customers including Hollywood movie stars like John Wayne. In fact a dealer notice issued in July '53 from the Central Office proclaimed: "No dealer is in a position to accept firm orders for delivery of a Corvette in 1953."

The 1953 Corvette still remains one of the most sought after Corvette models by collectors. The oldest surviving example, VIN #003 was purchased by collector and Chevrolet dealer Dave Ressler for \$1 million in 2006.

The Chevrolet Corvette has come a long way since that first 1953 rolled off the assembly line. While we celebrate all Corvettes on this birthday, it all started 66 years ago:



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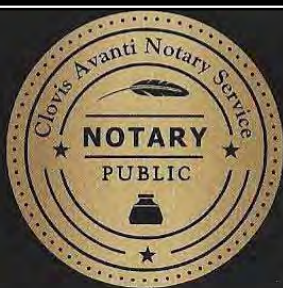
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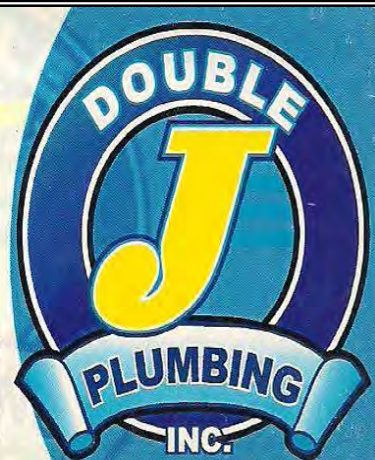
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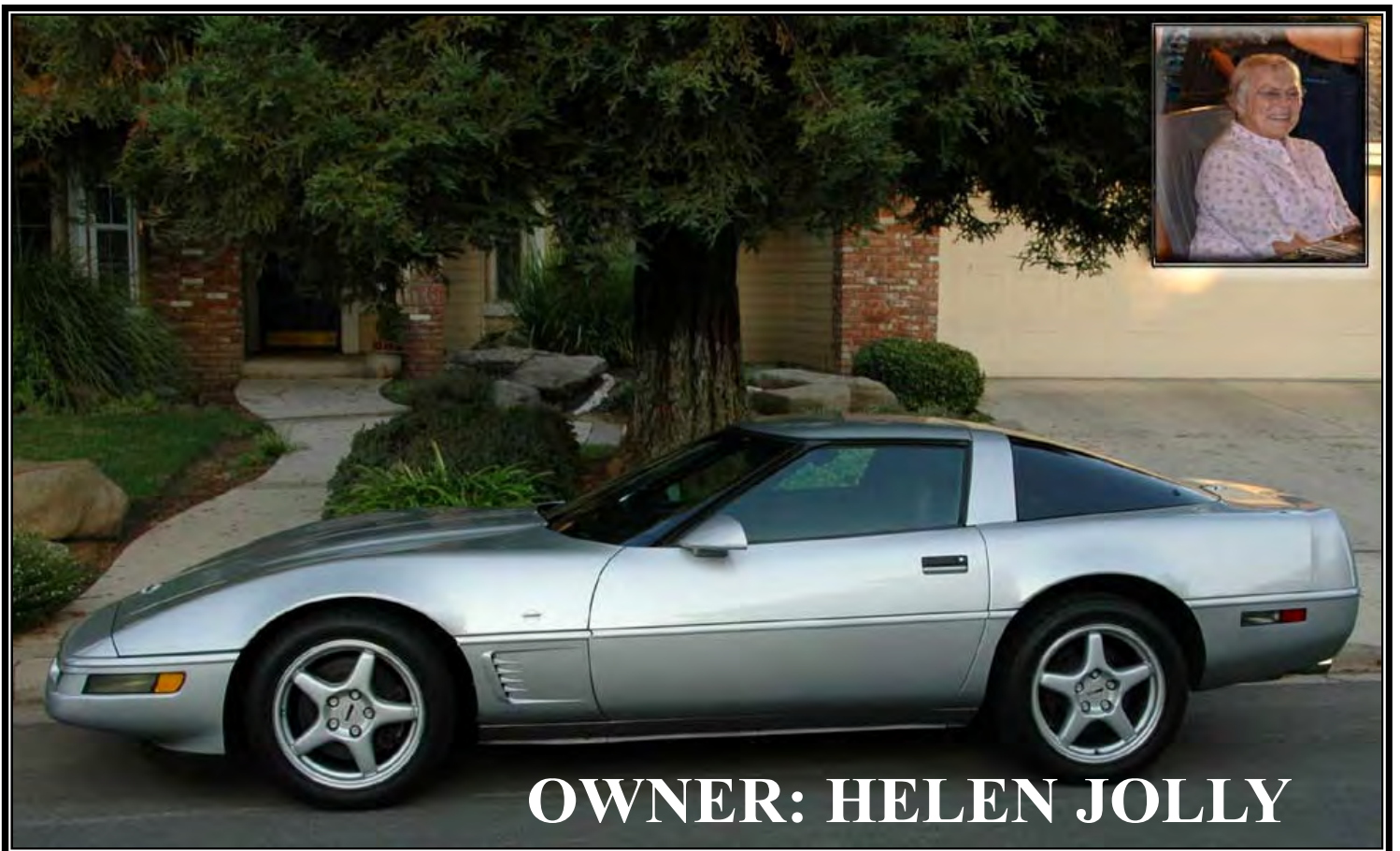
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