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DECEMBER EVENTS



December 07, 2019 – Sanger Christmas Tree Parade



December 07, 2019 - COF Christmas Party



Twas the Night Before Christmas 2019

Twas the night before Christmas and out in the garage, There wasn't a trace of a Honda, Toyota, or Dodge. The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit, So I figured I'd mess with my classic Corvette for a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood, When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good." Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick, And there, by the workbench, stood good ol Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say, Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?

"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,

"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow, Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!" So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat, We quietly pushed the Vette out to the street,

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill, I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill. The sound that erupted took him quite by surprise, But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a' screaming and side pipes aglow, We headed on out to where the hot rodders go. And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears, With every shift up as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and asked Santa if he wanted to drive.
Ole Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

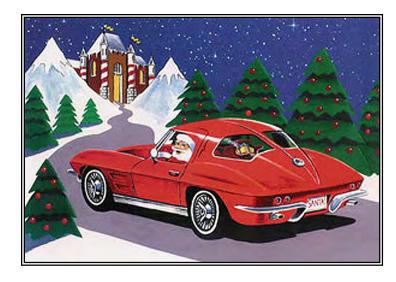
The Corvette exploded with side exhaust sound!

And when Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground!

Power shift into second, again into third!

I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight, "Merry Christmas to all, it's one hell of a night!!!"





THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

DEAR FRIENDS,

IT IS TIME TO PASS THE BATON. THIS IS MY LAST NEWSLETTER FOR CORVETTES OF FRESNO.

IT HAS BEEN TEN YEARS SINCE LYNNE AND I HAVE BEEN MEMBERS, AND EQUALLY LONG, THAT I HAVE BEEN PUTTING THE NEWSLETTER TOGETHER.

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN, BETSY LINDEGREN, AND I KNOW YOU WILL DO A GREAT JOB PICKING UP WHERE I LEFT OFF.

WHAT AN AMAZING RIDE, NEW FRIENDS AND GREAT RUNS.

I WAS HONORED TO BE A PART OF THE TAHOE RUN FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. I HATED TO SEE IT END, BUT THE CLUB'S DECISION WAS WISE TO END IT ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY AT A HIGH.

I WANT TO TAKE THIS TIME TO THANK ALL OF THOSE WHO MADE THE TAHOE TOUR A SUCCESS. IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT YOU. FOR FEAR OF FORGETTING SOMEONE, I WILL NOT LIST THEIR NAMES. YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE, AND SHOULD BE AS PROUD AS I AM FOR THE GREAT WORK, TIME, AND LOVE PUT INTO IT.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

WISHING YOU ALL SAFE TRIPS AND GOOD HEALTH.

SINCERELY,

JIM AGAR







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

2013 TRIVIA

The 2013 model year marked Corvette's 60th Anniversary and the final year for the C6 generation.

To celebrate Corvette's 60th Anniversary, GM offered a special 60th Annivesary package available on all 2013 Corvette models plus a 427 Convertible Collector Edition.

The 2013 60th Anniversary Package featured an Arctic White exterior with Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior with suede accents. An optional graphics package added full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue and a tonal stripe stitched into the convertible top.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Don't forget the January Ice Breaker, Louis Biglieri has a great event planned with great entertainment. Call, text, or email him if you haven't already signed up.

First, I want to thank Jim for many years, I think I was told 10+, doing an exceptional job of organizing and editing the club newsletter. The club owes him a big Thanks for all of his efforts. Second, I want to thank Betsy for volunteering to continue the tradition. While I'm sure things may change, I'm also sure we will continue to get an interesting and informative newsletter.

The Member of the Year will be announced at the Christmas Party on the 7th of December, as usual. This member has made a strong impact on our events schedule this past year by organizing several really interesting trips. I would like to Thank this member for all the efforts put forth. As you may have heard at the last General Meeting there is an effort in hand to organize Tahoe 51. This is only in the preliminary stage of logistical planning. More will be discussed at the January General Meeting, so bring any ideas for events for discussion.

Finally, I would like to Thank the many members who stepped up to help make this a memorable year of events and camaraderie.

Dave Trauger Save the Wave.







CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2019



Call to Order:

President Dave Trauger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Dave Trauger, Lee Blackstone, Ron Lindegren, Cheryl Blackstone, Socorro Biglieri, Allen Teixeira, and Betsy Lindegren. Future Treasurer Mokey Cowger was also present. Board members absent were: Jim Agar and Chris Campbell. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the October 15, 2019 were published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Pat Mattos and seconded by Jerry Najerian. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Pat Mattos. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Cheryl Blackstone reported the accounts activities and balances for both, the General and Tahoe accounts. This information is on file to be reviewed by members only. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Louie Biglieri and seconded by Ron Mattos. Motion approved. Cheryl also reported that this is his last report as a Treasurer. Thank you, Cheryl for your great work.

Membership:

Ron Lindegren reported that as of this date COF has 96 members and 68 corvettes. The attendance for tonight were 52 members and 3 guests. Our guests were: Gary and Jan Pflepsen, and Larry Duba, Mr. Duba is the Fresno Veteran's Parade director. Birthdays for November and December were acknowledged. There are no anniversaries for November and December.

Communication:

Jim Agar was absent so there was no report. President Dave Trauger reminded the club that Jim Agar last Newsletter will be the December's Newsletter.

Webmaster:

Chris Campbell was absent so there was no report. However, he continues to inform the club via email that the website is up to date.

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.

Scheduled Events:

December 03 2019 - Board Meeting TBD.

No General meeting scheduled for December.

Past Events:

October 19, 2019 – Castle Air Museum Louis Biglieri was the sponsor. We had 14 cars and lunch at Black Bear Diner in Madera.

November 11, 2019 - Fresno Veterans Day Parade. Billie Tallley was the sponsor. 25 cars. Larry Duba reported that this was the biggest parade with 240 entries, last year were 135 entries. Larry and Billie thanked everyone for the participation. Lunch at DiCiccos Restaurant. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, Billie was not able to treat the group to her famous peach cobbler. Lee Blackstone told the group that the veteran riding with him at the parade was Paul Orloff and he called him the next day to thank him.

Future Events:

December 07, 2019 – Sanger Christmas Parade, Lee Delap is the Chairman. Meet at 180 and McCall at 9:00 am and leave at 9:30am. Parade starts at 11:00am. Lunch at the Red Caboose.

December 07, 2019 – COF Christmas Party. Pardini's Restaurant. Nancy Teixeira and Gerri Ware Co-chairs. Gerri informed the group that there is a list going around for anyone that wishes to request special tunes.

January 25 – 26 2020 – Ice Breaker Run. Pismo Beach – Louis Biglieri Chairman. Sign up sheet available. This year Ice Breaker is a ride to Estrella Warbird Museum in Paso Robles. Lunch will be onsite at the museum. The cost is \$12.00. We will ride to the Melodrama Theater at about 1:30pm, and after the show we will meet at the Pismo Coast Village club house for dinner and drinks. Arrangements have been made the Blue Seal Inn, if you need a hotel. Louis tried to find a location closed to Pismo Coast Village so members can walk to the club house. Information on the website.

February: Lee is working on a Mystery Run and will have more information in January.

March: Lee is also working on a train ride to Reno sometime in March. He also informed us that the return train is at times late, this is due to the fact that this train run starts in Chicago. This will be like a Friday – Sunday trip.

Tahoe 51: Lee Blackstone and Allen Teixeira asked for input on the possibility of Tahoe 51. The date that they are working on is September 12. If it is decided to go ahead, we need to be ready now. A committee will have to be formed. Allen has been in communication with Silver Legacy and once he is able to set up the date the club can move forward after that. Allen and Lee want the club to participate on this event if it is a go.

WSCC: Allen Teixeira reported that not much is going on. If you received the Redline magazine there is an article bout Bowling Green and good information about the insurance.

Sunshine Report: Betsy Lindegren reported the following:

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This is my last meeting as your Sunshine Representative and I am handing over this responsibility to the very capable and caring Gerri Ware as of this meeting... Please be sure to keep Gerri in the know.

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Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lindegren "

Thank you, Betsy for such a great job as our Sunshine Representative. We all look forward to working with Gerri.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Name Tag Drawing: Last month's Name Tag Drawing winner was Cheryl Blackstone and she received \$30.00. This month's name tag belongs to Pat Williams who was present, so in addition to being her birthday she won \$10.00 for wearing her Name Tag. Next month's drawing will be \$10.00.

50/25/25: Winners of \$50.00 each were Cheryl Blackstone and Mokey Cowger. Nina's raffle winners were: Nancy Teixeira and Bruce Garlock.

There being no further business President Dave Trauger asked that the meeting be adjourned. A Motion was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Pat Mattos to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Socorro Biglieri







SECRETARY



Sunshine Representative Report Corvettes of Fresno General Meeting November 19, 2019



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RON'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Members & Guests

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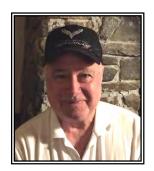
Nametag drawing

This month's name winner was Pat Williams who was present, she won \$10.00 for wearing her Name Tag. Next month's drawing will be \$10.00.

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

Club Directories and Updates

The 2020 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

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

RON & KAREN SHIREY - RICK & SHERRY BEATIE 31

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

GARY GAGNEBIN 2 - PATRICIA MATTOS 3

JOE GONZALEZ 7 - LYNNE AGAR 10 - LOUIS POND 13

ADOLPH HURLIMANN 19

DIANE HUSS 22 - LIZ DAVOE 24 - KURK VERCAT 24

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50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

CHERYL BLACKSTONE MOKEY COWGER.



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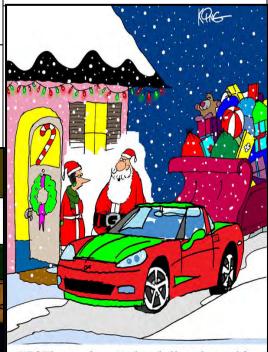
CONGRATULATIONS!

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"I wanted to drop by and ask you in person for a Corvette...just in case you didn't get my emails, texts and letters."



"If I'm going to be delivering gifts all over the world, why not have fun doing it?"



A VETERANS DAY TO REMEMBER.

A special thanks to Billie Talley for coordinating our participation in the 100Th annual Veterans Day Parade in Downtown Fresno. We had over 25 cars with 40ish members & guests. The ride along Vets enjoyed themselves and our chauffeurs did a great job as usual.

One more parade in Sanger on the 7th and then it's party time that evening with the COF Christmas party! Thanks to Gerri Ware and Nancy Teixeira for all their hard work on this year's event.

So now lets all relax and reflect what the holidays are about, enjoy family & friends and be thankful for all our blessings! Oh yeah, Happy New Year as well!

NOVEMBER REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

- 1. November 5, 2019 Tuesday 6:30 Board Meeting at Old Spaghetti Factory on Shaw Ave.
- 2. November 19, 2019 Tuesday 7:00. General meeting at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N Cedar Ave.

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1. December 3-2019 – Tuesday 6:30 Board Meeting. Location TBD.

No General Meeting in December

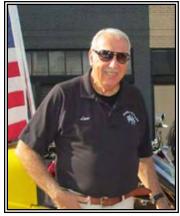
FUTURE SCHEDULED RUNS

- 1. December 7, 2019 Sanger Christmas Tree Parade. Lee Delap Chairman. Meet at the Park & Ride on Hwy 180 & McCall at 9:00 to caravan into Sanger at 9:30.
- 2. December 7, 2019 COF Christmas Party. 6:00 7:00 no host bar, 7:00 10;00 Dinner & DJ music by Mokey Cowger. Pardini's Restaurant. Nancy Teixeira & Gerri Ware Chairpersons.
- 3. January 25-26, 2020 Ice Breaker Run. Pismo Beach CA. Louis Biglieri Chairman. Meet at Bush & Hwy 41 in Lemoore at 8:30 to leave by 9:00.
- 4. February 7, 2020 Mystery Run. Lee Blackstone Sponsor. Still a total Mystery, but fun will be had by all in attendance!

VETERANS DAY PARADE

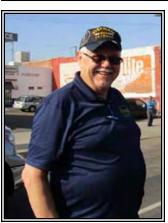




















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CORVETTES OF FRESNO ICE BREAKER RUN OCEANO AND PISMO BEACH

JANUARY 25, 2020 8:30 -8:45AM FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LOUIS BIGLIERI @ 559-696-2467

MEET CHEVRON STATION (BUSH AND 41) LEMORE,CA

Plan to meet at the Chevron station on Bush and 41 at 8:30 and will leave at 9am

We expect to arrive around 10-10:15am at the Estrella Warbirds Museum and car collection in Paso Robles We will have a section of the parking lot rope off for parking

Costs as follows: Seniors 60+ 10.00 (Military Veterans included) Adults 12.00

For lunch, I made arraignments with a local caterer to have sandwiches (roast beef, Turkey and ham) 3 kinds of salads and also to include water and ice tea at the museum hall. Costs per person will be 12.00.

After lunch will leave 1:30 and continue on to the Melodrama theater in Oceano for the 3pm show.

You will be responsible for purchasing your tickets, so call the box office at 805-489-2499 or go to their web site to order and check out the seat layout. This year show will be (should know the name of show by mid December). Tickets sales will begin late December. Costs of tickets are as follows

Balcony 28.00, Premium 24.00 and House 21.00 (note 2.00 discount for seniors 62+)

This year overnight accommodations can be made at the Blue Seal inn. For reservations call 805-773-2403. Room rates run 85.00 to 95.00 + tax. The Inn is about 2-3 blocks from Pismo Coast club house where we will meet after you check-in.

Note I have set aside 10 rooms and you will need to book no later than December 21st. Let them know you are with Corvettes Pismo Run when booking your room.

After the show we plan to meet Pismo Coast Village clubhouse for a social hour. Plan to bring an appetizer and your favorite refreshment (wine, beer or other)



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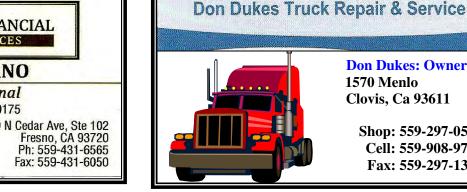
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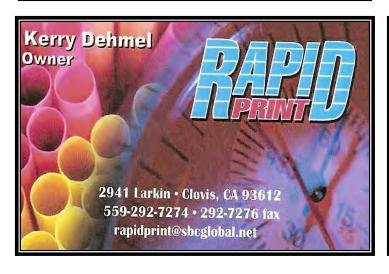
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