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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 30<sup>th</sup>. Annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual.**



## **CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2020 CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

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### **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**

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE WELCOME**

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**PLEASE SUBMIT ARTICLES NO LATER THAN THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH VIA EMAIL TO:  
[newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com](mailto:newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com)**



## General Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

**Call to Order:** President Dave Trauger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all. **Board Members present were:** Dave Trauger, Betsy Lindegren, Ron Lindegren, Mokey Cowger, Socorro Biglieri, Allen Teixeira, Chris Campbell, and Chuck Ware. Board member Lee Blackstone was absent.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes of the Nov. 19, 2019, meeting were published in the Jan. 2020 COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the Nov. 19, 2019, Minutes was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Jim Freeman. Motion approved. A motion to accept the Minutes as printed was made by Louis Biglieri and seconded by Nancy Teixeira. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mokey Cowger reported the accounts activity for the past month, which is 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 Allen Teixeira. Motion approved.

**Membership:** Ron Lindegren gave membership report. **See Pages 6 & 7**

**Communication:** Betsy Lindegren gave Communications Report. **See Page 5**

I want to thank Betsy for the outstanding job she did on her first "Fiberglass Forever" issue, and asked for suggestions from everyone.

**Webmaster:** Chris Campbell was present to give his report. **See Page 13**

**Activities:** Dave Trauger presented the activities report due to Lee Blackstone's absence. **See Pages 8 - 11**

**WSCC:** Allen Teixeira gave WSCC report. **See Page 13**

**Sunshine Report:** Gerri Ware gave Sunshine report. **See Pages 12 & 13**

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

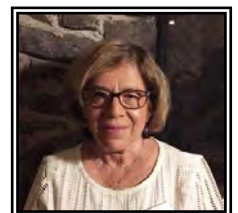
**Name Tag Drawing:** reported by Membership. **See Page 5**

**50/25/25:** The winners for this month were **Betsy Lindegren** and Kerry Dehmel; they each won \$51.00.

**2020 Polo Shirts:** Allen Teixeira reported that he is getting ready to order new polo shirts for this year, he reminded the members that shirts from past years can also be ordered, as well as Tahoe 50 t-shirts. Next color will be decided at the next Board's meeting.

**2020 Budget:** Dave Trauger presented this year's budget. Copies are available for members only. He asked that if anyone had any questions, make sure to see him. A motion was made by Angie DiLiddo and seconded by Carol Trauger to accept the 2020 budget as presented. Motion approved.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Louis Biglieri to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.



Respectfully submitted by Socorro Biglieri, Secretary.



# PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Here it is, it's **FEBRUARY** already!

The Icebreaker run was just held and Louis hit it out of the park! The stop at the Estrella Air Museum was excellent and included a race car display and a catered lunch. The next stop was at the Great American Melodrama in Oceano. The show was excellent and ended with a great rendition of "Ghost Chickens in the Sky" which was hilarious. A social hour and dinner at the Pismo Coast Village ended the day's festivities.

I'm describing this event in some detail because I'm trying to get your interest up. Club events like the Icebreaker, a dinner at Huntington Lake, even the Club Picnic and Christmas Party only occur if there is strong interest. Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Louis Biglieri, Nancy Teixeira, Gerri Ware and many others do these events for **You, the club member**. If you have not gone on a run lately now is the time to get the car out, polish it up and hit the road with us. There are a wide variety of runs in the planning stages during the next several months and **we sure would like to see You on one of them**.

As you heard at the last General Meeting, planning for Tahoe 51 has begun. Organizing committee meetings will be announced very soon. There is also a local event in preliminary stages. Nina Gagnebin has done a lot of the basic research on an overnight event at Chuckchansi Casino which would include a mountain drive and possibly a car show of sorts. Terry Johnson is planning trips to Roger Rocka's a couple of times and also dinner at Fugazzi's in Kingsburg during the annual car show.

If you have anything that interests you, bring it to Lee Blackstone and he'll fit in into the schedule.

**Save the Wave,  
Dave Trauger, President**

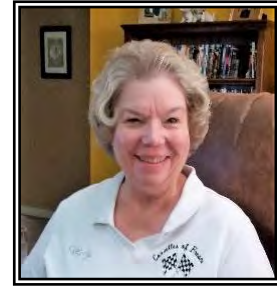




# COMMUNICATION REPORT

## Suggestions Welcome

Thank you in advance for contributing information, knowledge and suggestions to enhance our Club Communications. **Your input will be appreciated!**



**Betsy Lindegren**  
**Communications Director**  
**NEWSLETTER**

## January 21, 2020 COF General Meeting Report:

“I am both relieved and pleased to have my first issue of Fiberglass Forever completed and delivered by both snail mail and website. **Suggestions are always welcome. I hope to have the February 2020 edition ready for print by the end of the month...so you can look for it to be in the mail early February.**

**I received a request for Car Parts for Sale to be advertised in the newsletter,** I didn't find any documentation regarding policy on this kind of advertisement in the newsletter, so I requested the Board's guidance. **Board directed a brief description of Car Parts for Sale by members may be made in advertising section with a reference to Web Site.**

I brought up the subject of “sending of mass club emails,” because Officers' Duties in the Bylaws, state: “The Communications Director shall ... be in charge of all club communications as specified by the Board of Directors.” We discussed the fact that in the interim Chris Campbell has served as a resource for centralizing the sending of mass emails. I expressed my preference to serve as central contact and to retain the option of asking Chris and other Officers to serve as a backup, as needed. **The Board directed me to proceed accordingly. Please rest assured, Chris and I are working together to make a smooth transition and keep the lines of communication flowing...and if you haven't already done so, please reply to my recent request by email, so that I can confirm you received it.**

**Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lindegren”**



# RON's MEMBERSHIP REPORT

## Membership

Ron reported that COF has **100\* members & 70 cars**

**\*John & Cece Karlie's membership renewal brought us to 100 members**



## Members & Guests Attendance



Ron formally introduced our newest club members, Gary & Jan Pflepsen, whose membership was approved at the December COF Board Meeting. AND He awarded them their "official" Corvettes of Fresno membership packet including Name Tags!

**RON LINDEGREN**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

**Gary & Jan Pflepsin**

## Ron reported 51 members in attendance at Jan. 2020 meeting, and 4 Guests:

- Tammy Wolf, C.E.O. of Sanger Chamber of Commerce
- Bill Mahew
- Carmen Garcia & Rodrigo Masqueda

## Nametag drawing

Ron reported that due to our last meeting (November) having a winner (Pat Williams who won \$10.), there were no roll over funds and the January winner's pot is \$10.00. The January 2020 name tag drawing winner of \$10.00 was Nina Gagnebin, present and wearing her nametag.

**Remember to wear your nametag at the meeting for a chance to win \$10.**

**Ron announced January Birthday's & Anniversaries as printed in the January Newsletter; with the addition of Cheryl Blackstone's Birthday. See below for February's Birthday's & Anniversaries.**

**A Special Happy *Belated* Birthday to Cheryl Blackstone January 28<sup>th</sup>!!!**



**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

**DAVE & CAROL TRAUGER 6**

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**



**CHRISTINE SAHATDJIAN 2 - HARRY BELLOW 6 – LISA COOKSEY 7 –  
DENNIS CHRISTIANSEN 9 – CINDY KOCHVAR 18 –  
ART DURHAM 21 – FRANK STAFFORD 21**

Ron called off names of all members with **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** for the **2019 COF General Meetings**, asking them to join him up front for a picture.

**2019 Perfect Attendance Award Recipients**



Across: Ron Lindegren, Dave Trauger, Carol Trauger, Gary Gagnebin, Betsy Lindegren, Mokey Cowger, Nina Gagnebin, Louis Biglieri, Socorro Biglieri, Lee DeLap, Shirley Doshier, Buddy Pond, Brenda Durham, Art Durham,  
Not Pictured: Lee & Cheryl Blackstone.

**\$15 Gift Certificates to Yosemite Falls Cafe were awarded to members.**



# LEE's ACTIVITES REPORT

(President Dave Trauger gave report in Lee's absence)

## MEETINGS THIS MONTH:

### **FEB. 4, 2020: Board Meeting:**

Old Spaghetti Factory

Mtg. 6:30 pm – arrive early to eat.

### **FEB. 18, 2020: General Meeting:**

Yosemite Fall's Café on Cedar

Mtg. 7 pm – arrive early to eat.



**LEE BLACKSTONE**  
1st Vice President  
EVENTS

## UPCOMING RUNS:

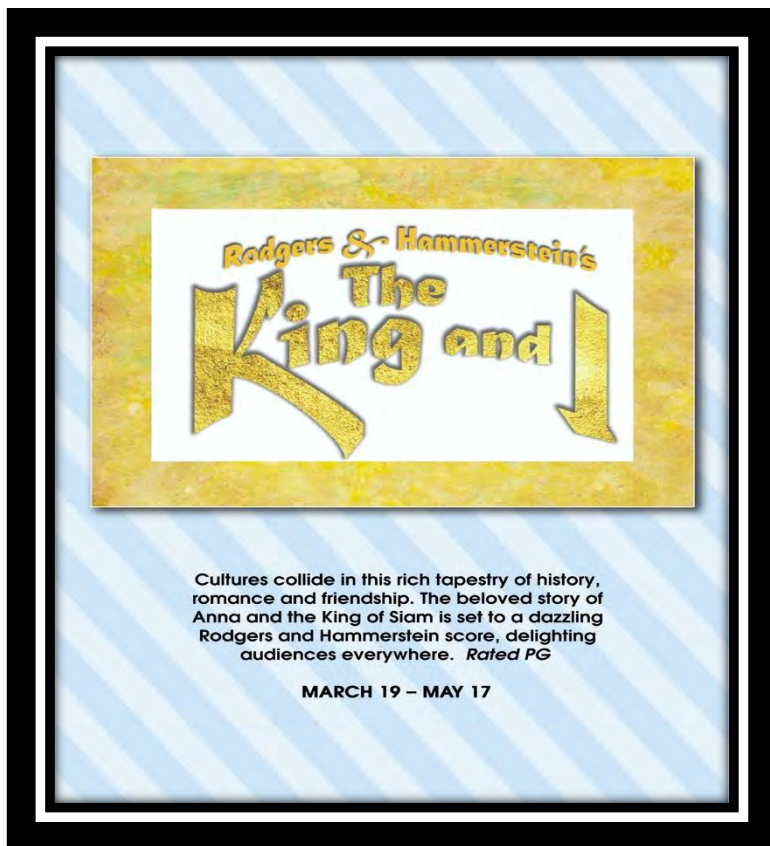
**Jan. 25 Ice Breaker Run will be in March 2020 Issue**



### **February 8, 2020: A Mystery Run!**

A fun day run and lunch that is even a mystery to Lee Blackstone, the run sponsor. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Chevron Station & Mini Mart on Avenue 7 & Hwy 99. We will depart at 9:30 a.m. to destinations unknown!





**March 28, 2020: Terry Johnson Sponsor Roger Rocca's "The King and I" .**

**\$58 per person includes dinner, show, coffee, tea, tax & tip.**

**Limited to 40 seats**

Payment to be made out and mailed to Terry Johnson - 2608 11th Ave, Kingsburg, 93631 or at the February meeting.

**Must be paid by March 1st.**

**March 2020 Buddy Pond & Jerry Clark Mystery Run** is in the works, stay tuned

**April 17 Kingsburg Car Show & Dinner at Fugazzi's** Terry Johnson is making arrangements even though she isn't able to attend ... Sign up at the next meeting

**April 25, 2020: Corvettes of Lodi Vette Fair 2020 at Micke Grove Park**

**SAVE THE DATE** Lee Blackstone will organize this run & car show with our friends up North

**May 15 Ramos Torres Winery (Kingsburg) Evening Run** Entertainment with the band "Prestige" details to follow

**June 4-7, 2020 Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise Event** Our club will caravan over Thursday June 4th. It is limited to first 100 cars. Sign up information is available online: [www.montereycorvettes.com](http://www.montereycorvettes.com)

**August 27 to 30, 2020 Tahoe 51 is on.** First meeting will be on February 11, 2020...Contact Allen Teixeira for details if you wish to attend this meeting

One of tonight's guests, Bill Mayhew, invited the members to Yosemite's Little League "Around the Horn Car Show" fundraiser on **Saturday April 4, 2020** He was asked to provide Lee Blackstone with details.

## **RUNS REVISITED:**

### **Christmas Party Thanks ...**

Lee Blackstone and everyone want to thank Gerry Ware, Nancy Teixeira and Cheryl Blackstone for the Great Christmas party, this takes a great deal of time and effort and is very appreciated.



**Tammy Wolf  
CEO Sanger Chamber of Commerce  
presented  
Club President Dave Trauger  
A Plaque honoring  
Corvettes of Fresno ongoing  
participation in  
Sanger's  
“Nation’s Christmas Tree  
Toyland Parade**

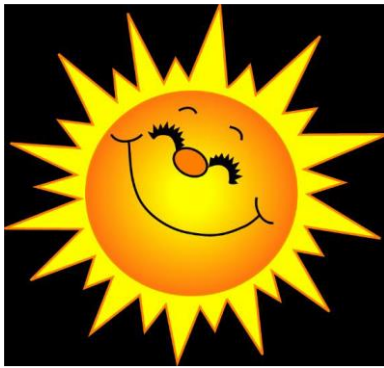


# Pictures from Biglieri Oct. 2019 Castle Air Museum Run



Lunch at  
Black Bear  
Diner in  
Merced





## Gerri Ware's **SUNSHINE REPORT** Given at Jan. 2020 Meeting

Elsa Pond called in late November to tell me that Buddy had lost a close family member. A sympathy card was sent to Buddy.

Darrick Duerksen e-mailed me on December 15<sup>th</sup> and said Carola was admitted to CRMC ICU on December 8<sup>th</sup> for a severe respiratory issue. She was later transferred to UCSF Medical Center. I later called Darrick and he told me Carla was able to go home with full time care while waiting for a dual lung transplant. A “Get Well” card was sent to Carla.

Last night (January 20<sup>th</sup>) I received this E-mail from Darrick:

“Gerri, my wife Carla passed away this morning at UCSF Medical Center. She was #1 on the list for lungs but her lungs gave out before donor lungs became available. Her sister Diana and our oldest daughter Danielle and I were with her when she peacefully passed.”

Flowers were sent to Darrick and family from COF.

**EDITORS NOTE: Carla's Memorial Service will be held 10 a.m., Thursday Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony of Padua, Bullard & Maroa, lunch reception follows.**

Shirley Doshier called to let me know that Jim Agar had been admitted to the hospital on Christmas Eve having a hard time breathing. I phoned Lynn two days and later and she said Jim is now home. Jim had several blood clots in his lungs and is now on blood thinners. A “Get Well” card was sent to Jim.

I received word that Jeannie Dehmel's mother passed away in mid-January. A “Sympathy” card was sent to Jeannie.

## Now some good news!

I phoned Jesse Robb to see how Chuck was doing. He has been moved to a home with six people and is doing GREAT!!

Billie Talley emailed me and told me her Granddaughter had triplets of December 27<sup>th</sup>. Billie now has 15 Great Grandchildren & 1 Great-Great Granddaughter.



## ALLEN's WSCC REPORT

Allen Teixeira reported the WSCC re-elected current slate of officers as WSCC officers for the coming year.

He also noted that the first WSCC General Business Meeting of the year will be at Casa de Fruita (RV Park Meeting Room) on February 2, 2020 at 1 p.m. WSCC hosted box lunch noon – 1 p.m. Members are always welcome to attend.



## WEBMASTER CHRIS WAS HERE!

Club members were all happy to see Chris Campbell (and as always Kaye) as he took time from his hectic commuting schedule to attend the January 2020 COF meeting. As per usual, he reported **“the Website is up to date” ...** And he asked that we **“let him know if he missed anything.”**



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