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MARCH 23 - SATURDAY – BLOSSOM TRAIL RUN

APRIL 27 - SATURDAY - MISTERY RUN

MAY 4, 2019 – SATURDAY – SQUAW VALLEY CHARITY CAR SHOW & SHINE

MAY 11 - SATURDAY MYSTERY DINNER RUN

JULY 12 – 14: SOUTHERN OREGON CORVETTES WEEKEND IN THE PARK

AUGUST 22, 2019: NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM & CORVETTE CARAVAN





CORVETTES OF FRESNO



CARAVAN RULES OF THE ROAD - ANNUAL REVIEW

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. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Follow instructions.** The leader knows the best route; any changes, hazards and/or detours should be avoided.
6. **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.
7. **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.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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.

PLEASE DON'T DRINK & DRIVE

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CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC

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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
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THE PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Hi everyone, we've had two outstanding runs in the past months.

Louis and Socorro Biglieri put on an exceptional run to Pismo Beach.

They had something to interest everyone.

Lee and Cheryl Blackstone did an outstanding run to Mariposa for lunch with some great views of the valley and even hints of snow on the return trip.

Participation was great for both event with about 25% of our cars going. Pictures are on the website.

There are some mysterious runs coming up in the next months so keep an eye on Lee's activities page.

Thanks to the organizers and the participants, this is what keeps clubs exciting and together.

Dave Trauger





CORVETTES OF FRESNO - GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2019



Call to order: President Dave Trauger called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Ron Lindegren, Betsy Lindegren, and Socorro Biglieri. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January, 15 2019 are published in the COF newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the January 15, 2019 Minutes was made by Chuck Ware and seconded by Ron Mattos. Motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Louis Biglieri and seconded by Betsy Lindegren. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl Blackstone 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 Nancy Teixeira and seconded by Billie Talley. Motion approved unanimously.
2019 Budget: Treasurer Cheryl Blackstone presented the budget for 2019 to the members. A Motion to accept the budget for 2019 as presented was made by Carol Trauger and seconded by Karen Shirey. Motion approved unanimously.

Membership: Ron Lindegren reported that COF has 116 members and 81 cars. There were 61 members in attendance and 5 guests. Larry Duba was presented by Billie Talley. Mr. Duba is the Fresno's Veterans Day parade chairman; he talked about the upcoming 100th anniversary and thanked COF members for our participation. A lot of work is in plan for this milestone anniversary. Other guests were Dick and Terry Johnson (2017 Grand Sport Black convertible,) and David and Elaine Goudlock (2001 Coupe Silver). Anniversaries and birthdays were acknowledge for the month of February.

Communication: Jim Agar was absent.

Webmaster: Chris Campbell reported that the website is almost up to date.

Activities: Please refer to the calendar of events in the club newsletter, or on the club web site www.corvetteoffresno.com for more details and up to date information. **Guests are encouraged to attend any event, come join the fun! Remember all sign-up sheets are on the side table.**

Past Events:

Ice Breaker January 26-27; Louis Biglieri reported that there were 21 cars. The first stop was Eberle Winery for wine tasting and cave tour, next stop was Old Juan's Cantina for lunch. The service was excellent considering that there were 42 people for lunch. After lunch we drove to the Melodrama Club in Oceano and enjoyed the play "Steel Magnolias." After the play, we drove to the Inn at the Pier in Pismo Beach for cocktails on the rooftop.

February 09: Mystery Run by Lee and Cheryl Blackstone: the meeting place was at El Paseo. Drove thru the back country to the Miner's Inn in Mariposa for lunch. It was a beautiful ride and the weather was not too hard on us, we had some rain and snow on the side of the road. There were 19 cars and 35 people. Gary Gagnebin guessed the correct mileage.

President Dave Trauger thanked Louis Biglieri, and Lee and Cheryl Blackstone for the great events.

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting: March 05, 2019: Old Spaghetti Factory at 6:30pm.

General Meeting: March 19, 2019: Yosemite Falls Café at 7:00pm.

March 23: Betsy and Ron Lindegren – Blossom Trail run, and lunch at the Bear Club Restaurant in Reedley. Meeting place will be at Fowler and 180 at 9:30am.

April 27: Gary and Nina Gagnebin Mystery Run, more details to follow.

May 4: Karen Shirey – Charity Car show in Squaw Valley. This is a no fee entry car show, and the money goes to fund youth camps. Meeting place is also Fowler and 180 at 7:00am.

May 11: Mystery dinner run. Shirley Doshier is the chairperson; more detail to follow.

July 12 – 14: Southern Oregon Corvettes weekend in the park: 2 prime hotels are filled for this event and a third one was open. Some members are planning on leaving on July 11th.

August 22 – National Corvette Museum, the 25th anniversary and the 5th National Corvette Caravan. Redline has more information. There are about 5 couples from COF going.

WSSC: Allen Teixeira reported that there were pictures of the Tahoe event on the Redline magazine. Hot topic is still Bowling Green Convention.

Sunshine Report: Betsy Lindegren reported that she had not received any news of new health issues until she arrived at the meeting. She did learn first, that Ron Mattos latest PET Scan revealed that he is currently cancer free (yea), but his wife Pat is now dealing with her own health issues. Fortunately she is already receiving treatment and doing well. Betsy continues to make contacts with members having ongoing health issues. As a result she received a call back from Jerry Najarian advising that his surgery went well. He was planning on attending tonight's meeting, but Jerry and Joann did not make it. She reminded everyone that she can always be reached by email addressed at: Sunshine@corvettesoffresno.com. So if you are aware of someone dealing with health issues, or have updated information just send her a quick email and she will follow up. Same goes for "good news" that people would like to share.

New Business:

Dave Trauger informed us that the last 2 runs average about 25% of our members which is outstanding. Keep it up.

Nethercutt / Space Shuttle will be rescheduled for September. Nethercutt Museum is being remodeled. More details to follow.

Old Business:

T-shirts: There is still time to order it if you want one, make sure that you sign up or see Allen. They are pretty nice.

Name Tag Drawing: Larry Dami's name was drawn and he was not present. Next month value is \$50.00.

50/25/25 Raffle: Winners of \$50.00 each were: Jim Freeman and John Kuykendall.

There being no new business a motion was made by Chuck Ware to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Roger Williams. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Socorro Biglieri



SOCORRO BIGLIERI
SECRETARY

RON'S MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Membership

Ron reported that as of the 2019 Calendar Year COF has 116 members & 81 cars.

Members & Guests

There were 61 members in attendance and 5 guests. Larry Duba, Dick and Terry Johnson and David and Elaine Goudlock

Nametag drawing

Larry Dami's name was drawn and he was not present. Next month value is \$50.00.

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



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



CLAY & LAN MUMBY 2 - RON & BETSY LINDEGREN 29
JOHN & CAROLYN KUYKENDALL 29



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



CHUCK WARE 1 - KAREN SHIRLEY 11
CHUCK FECCIA 26 - STEVE MOE 30

50/25/25 DRAWING WINNERS

JOHN KUYKENDALL

JIM FREEMAN

EACH WON

\$50.00



CONGRATULATIONS!



SUNSHINE REPORT



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Betsy continues to make contacts with members having ongoing health issues. As a result she received a call back from Jerry Najarian advising that his surgery went well.

WSCC

ALLEN TEIXEIRA REPORTED THAT THERE WERE PICTURES OF THE TAHOE EVENT IN THE REDLINE MAGAZINE.

HOT TOPIC IS STILL BOWLING GREEN CONVENTION.



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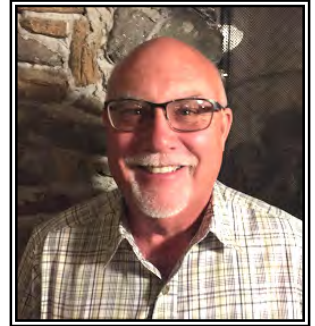


LEE'S 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Greetings Fellow COF Members & Friends,

So, we are off to a great start with two successful runs for January & February. Thanks to Louis & Socorro for the Ice Breaker & I want to thank everyone who attended the semi-romantic Valentines run. Let's keep this momentum going! The activities schedule is rounding out nicely, but any ideas & run chairs is always encouraged. Don't be afraid, as Dave or myself can help and won't let you fail. There are openings for mystery dinner runs in March, April and June. Just give me a call if you are interested in adding a date for a quick "Meet & Eat".



LEE BLACKSTONE
VP ACTIVITIES

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR March 2019

1. **March 5, 2019** -- Tuesday – 6:30 PM.
Board meeting at The Old Spaghetti Factory on Shaw.
2. **March 19, 2019** – Tuesday – 7:00 PM.
General meeting at Yosemite Fall's Restaurant at 4020 N. Cedar.

FUTURE RUNS –

1. **March 23rd, 2019 – Blossom Trail Lunch Run.** Betsy Lindegren Chair. (and Ron too) Meet at the Park & Ride at 180 & Fowler Ave. Meet at 9:00 am and be ready to roll at 9:30 am. Lunch will be at the Bear Club in Reedley.
2. **April 13th, 2019 – Elsa Pond's Panoche Run. (Buddy's too)** A scenic tour through the Coast range foothills and having lunch at The Wool Growers Restaurant in Los Banos. More details with a meeting place and times to follow at the general meeting with a sign-up sheet available.
3. **April 27th, 2019 – Gagnebin's Mystery run.** Thanks to Gary & Nina for volunteering to chair this event. A true mystery run, even to the Gagnebins! Details to follow.
4. **May 4, 2019 – Squaw Valley Charity Car Show & Shine.** Karen Shirey will chair our participation in this no entry fee. Meeting at the 180 & Fowler Park & Ride at 7:15 am to be rolling at 7:30 am.
5. **May 11, 2019 Mystery Dinner Run.** Shirley Doshier & Patty McGraw are co-chairing this run. Details to follow!
6. **July 12-14, 2018** – Southern Oregon Corvettes weekend in the park. Grant's Pass Oregon, fliers available at General Meeting. Website is socacwe2019@gmail.com. More information will be forthcoming at the next general meeting.
7. **August 22, 2019** -- National Corvette Museum for the 25th Anniversary and the 5th National Corvette Caravan. Don Herzer of WSCC is the northern coordinator. The website is <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/ca-northern/>.

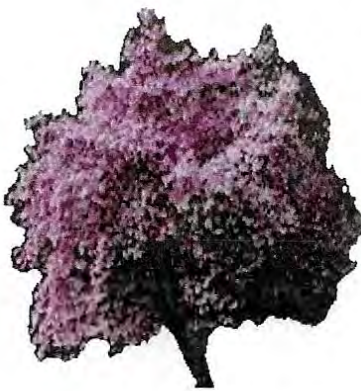
Blossom Trail Lunch Run

9:30 am

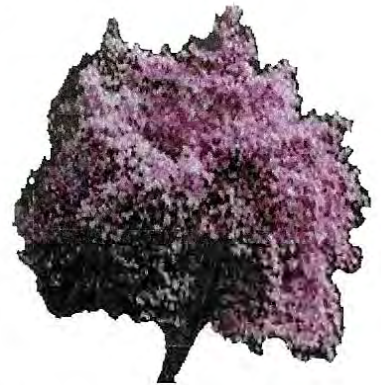
180 Fowler Park & Ride

March 23

***We will have a nice short drive past the
beautiful trees in bloom depending on
Mother Nature.***



***Route has been changed,
Too many houses,
Where trees used to be,
We may go in circles,
But we will get there.***



***Lunch will be at The Bear Club in Reedley
They have set aside a room for us
You'll be able to order from menu
So please be patient while waiting for your order***

Questions Contact Betsy or Ron:

Email - membership@corvettesoffresno.com

Phone - 299-7013

Elsa Pond's Panoche Run! (Buddy's too)



Enjoy a scenic ride through the Coastal Range foothills and lunch at Wool Growers Restaurant in Los Banos

April 13th, 2019 Meet at 8:30. Leave at 9:00.

Meet at the Chevron Station/Mini Mart at Hwy 99 & Avenue 7

Sign-up available at the general meeting.

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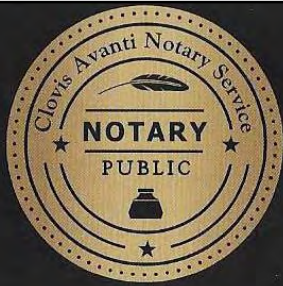
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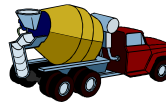
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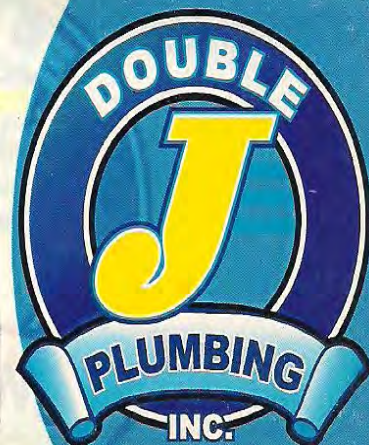
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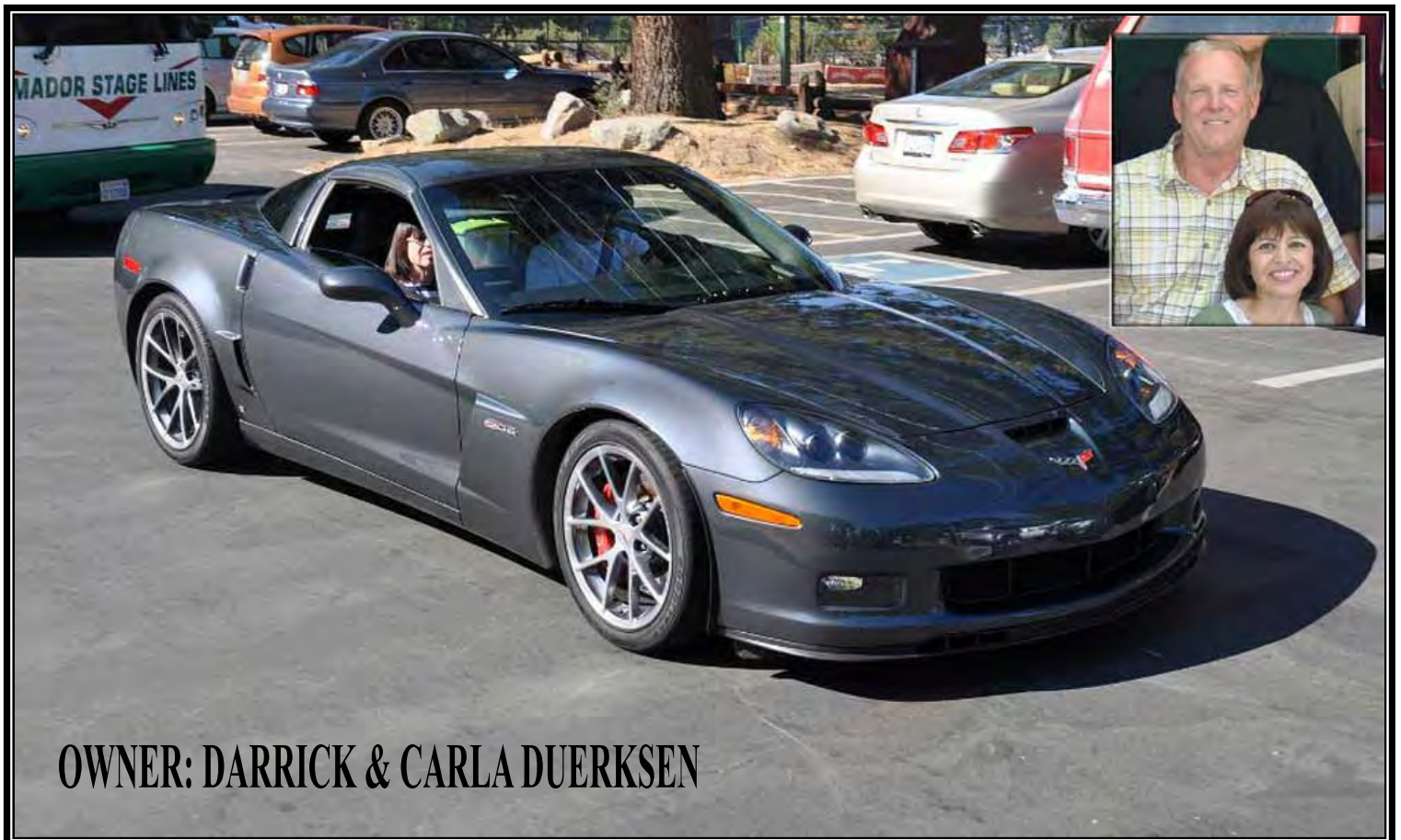
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