

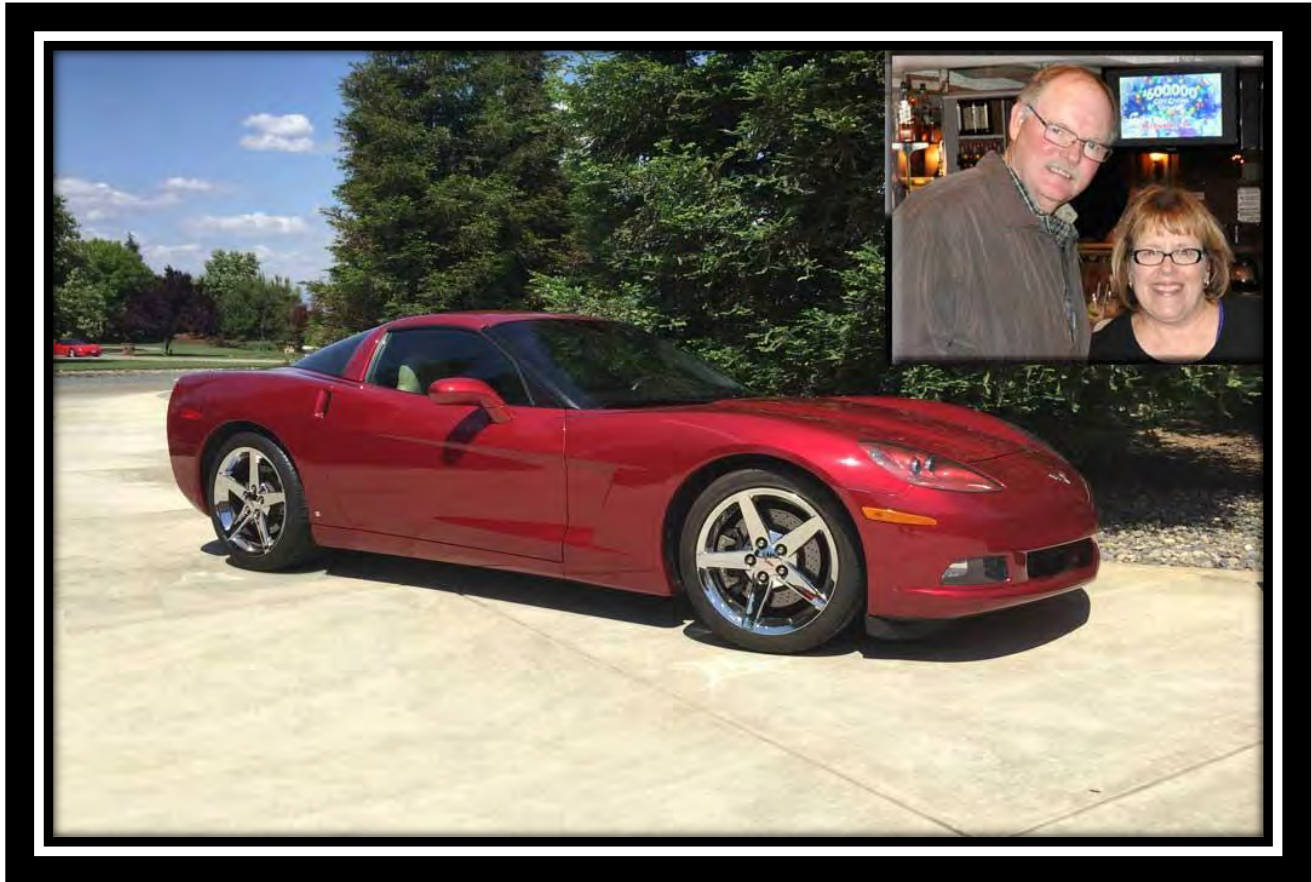
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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe
4020 North Cedar, Fresno
Located between Dakota & Ashlan Avenues on the east side of Cedar Avenue**

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 2022 CONTACT INFORMATION

ELECTED OFFICERS

President: Louis Biglieri
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1ST Vice Pres. – Events: Randy Forrester
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2nd Vice Pres. – Membership: Cheryl Blackstone
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Secretary: Socorro Biglieri
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Treasurer: Mokey Cowger
E-mail: treasurer@corvettesoffresno.com

Communications Director: Betsy Lindegren
E-mail: newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com

APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

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Sunshine Representative: Gerri Ware
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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD MEETINGS USUALLY ARE VIA ZOOM
the Next Zoom Board Meeting will be held on
Wednesday May 4, 2022 -
Meetings Starts 6:30 PM

ALL ACTIVE CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME AND CAN REQUEST ZOOM LINK FROM COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR
newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com

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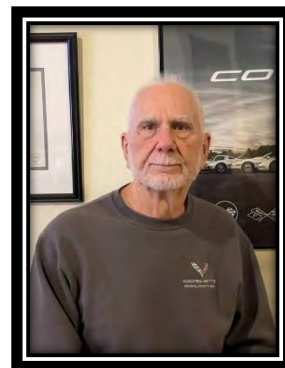


We had a great turnout at our annual Club Picnic, April 9th, after a 2-year absence due to the pandemic. Dave did a great job smoking the tri-tip and thanks to Bob for bringing his slicer and doing the slicing. Also, another thanks to the members for bringing side dishes and desserts. A special thanks to Socorro, Betsy, Gerri and Cheryl and Nina for organizing the picnic. We had a great number of gifts from the Board and a few members for the raffle. We also had special drawing for Terry's House that raised \$1500. and thanks to Mitch Koligian for his donation a 2 night stay at his home in Cayucos as the award.

We have made the decision to change our parent organization to the NCCC which stands for The National Council of Corvette Clubs and the annual membership cost will be the same. As explained during our meeting April 19th, the WSCC had their insurance coverage cancelled due to an accident that occurred last year and the new insurance company wanted to charge the clubs \$44K surcharge for wheels in motion runs which would have to be split among the various clubs. A special thanks to Allen for filling out the applications for membership into the NCCC so we once again have both liability and wheels in motion insurance, thus no pause in our events/runs for the balance of this year.

This last Saturday we had our first this year Meet and Eat at Sakura Chaya in Fresno. We had a great turnout so I am hoping we can have many more... if you have a favorite Restaurant suitable for a Meet and Eat Event, just let Randy know.

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





Corvettes of Fresno General Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022.

Call to Order: President Louis Biglieri called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present were: Louis Biglieri, Randy Forrester, Cheryl Blackstone, Socorro Biglieri, Mokey Cowger, Betsy Lindegren, Allen Teixeira, Gerri Ware and Dave Trauger. The Pledge of Allegiance was shared by all.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last General Meeting dated March 15, 2022 were published on the April 2022 issue of the Fiberglass Forever Newsletter. A Motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Dave Trauger and seconded by Ron Lindegren. Motion approved. A Motion to accept the minutes as distributed was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Chuck Feccia. Motion Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mokey Cowger presented the balances and activity reports on both the General and Tahoe accounts for the month of March, 2022.

General Account:

Deposits / Credits: \$77.50

\$ 77.50 – Spate 2022 dues.

Checks / Debits: \$294.90

\$225.00 – Nina Gagnebin for rental of the Quail Lake Clubhouse (picnic)

34.95 – Chris Campbell for January Internet / Software Service.

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Tahoe Account:

Deposits / Credit: \$146.00

\$146.00 – March Raffle

Checks Debits: -0-.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Carol Trauger and seconded by Gary Pflepsen. Motion approved.



Please see Mokey Cowger for balances on both accounts

Membership Report:	See: p 6
Communications Report:	See: p 6 & See Run's Revisited pp 12-17
Webmaster Report:	See: None this month
WSCC Report:	See: p 7
Sunshine Report	See: p 8
Activities Report:	See: pp 9 to 11

Old Business / New Business:

Editor's Note: The motion and vote to change Parent Organization from WSCC (Western States Corvettes Council) to NCCC (National Council, Corvettes Clubs, Incorporated) was **unanimously adopted during the WSCC Representative's Report (Page 7.)** Effective with this change, the title for our representative (Allen Teixeira) to this parent organization is "NCCC Governor."

Name tag Drawing: Last month winner was Dave Trauger who was present and won \$10.00. This month's winner is Betsy Lindegren, and she won \$10.00

50/25/25: The 2 winners of \$71.00 each are Lee Delap and Buddy Pond. Congratulations!!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Randy Forrester. Motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by:
Socorro Biglieri.**





CHERYL'S MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Cheryl Blackstone reported the following:



As of today, COF has ...
103 members and 74 cars.

Tonight's attendance is 50 members and four guests. Our guests tonight are: Josh Bowling and Marina Varlas (he was supposed to pick up his new corvette today, but it was postponed to tomorrow ☹️ ... and Scott Stewart and his friend, Ryan.



Cheryl introduced Walter Spate as our newest COF Member and presented him with his new member packet.

Following "New Business", Cheryl conducted the **Name Tag Drawing**: Last month winner was Dave Trauger who was present and won \$10.00. This month's winner is Betsy Lindegren, and she won \$10.00

May's Name Tag Drawing will be worth \$10.00.



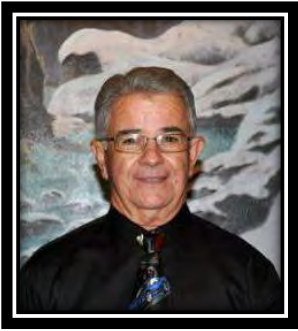
BETSY'S COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Betsy reported that the April Newsletter was sent to all members, but it is not on the website as of yet. She did not have a Webmaster Report for tonight.



Betsy asked for members that took pictures at the Picnic, to please email or text them to her.

WSCC Report: to be re-titled “NCCC Governor’s Report”



Allen Teixeira explained last month about the insurance predicament with WSCC; and one of the outcomes is that they will have Caravan (Wheels in Motion) Surcharge of \$200.00 per day for every run, parade, or other club event where cars are driven. **The Board has determined this is not something that we as a club are willing to pay, but the Club will have to pay the 2022 cost for NCCC.**

Allen subsequently contacted NCCC and learned they do have Caravan insurance included as part of annual membership fees which are the same as WSCC annual membership fees. Allen found NCCC representatives to be very helpful. He also mentioned that they are nationwide and they still have COF in their records as we were associated with this organization prior to joining WSCC. He asked if anyone had any questions at this time.

Allen called for a vote to join the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. designating them as our new Parent Organization, and it was voted in the affirmative with no dissenters. Allen will be informing WSCC that we have adopted NCCC as our parent organization and are transitioning to their insurance coverage effective today. He did mention that WSCC has previously indicated an unwillingness to refunding our recently paid dues, but he will still request they refund at least a portion of our 2022 dues. He then reiterated that we are very fortunate to have found a parent organization that has reasonable member fees and Wheels in Motion insurance. **We all thank Allen for all of his hard work on making sure that we are covered.**

At this time President Louis Biglieri presented Allen Teixeira with the U-Turn Award due to the Sanger Christmas Parade incident. **Allen thanked Lee Blackstone for the award.**

Sunshine Report - Gerri Ware reported:



- Angela Smith is having back surgery on Thursday, Gerri spoke to her husband and told Gerri that they are going to try a blocker first and if that does not work, they are going to go ahead and do surgery. A get-well card was sent.
- Lance MacKay had his neck fused about a month ago, he still has pain and has to wear the brace from 3-6 months. A card was sent.
- Nick DiLiddo had a stroke on either Saturday or Sunday, the stroke has affected his left side. Gerri spoke to his son, and he said that the next 3 days are going to be the most crucial. A card has been sent. If everything goes well, Nick will be going to San Joaquin Rehab by the end of this week.

Gerri announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of April.

Now, Please Join us in Celebrating the ...

May Birthdays & May Anniversaries

Margie Back – 2
Janice Silva – 9
John Karlie – 10
Debbie Dukes – 20
Ruth Looney – 24
Celia Feccia - 25
Elsa Pond – 26
Tommie Watkins – 26
Clay Mumby – 27
Carol Trauger – 28
Robb Kochevar - 31

Jerry & Joann Najarian - 7
Buddy & Elsa Pond – 24
Chuck & Celia Feccia – 24
Robb & Cindy Kochevar - 31





RANDY 'S ACTIVITIES REPORT

Randy asked that members be reminded to refer to **Group Emails and/or Calendar of Events on the Club's website at www.corvettesoffresno.com for up to date and more detailed Run Information.** When in doubt, you can always call the Run Organizer and/or Randy with your question.



Editor's Notes: Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 Board Meeting via Zoom starts at 6:30 p.m. ...
All active Club Members welcome to attend, contact Betsy Lindegren to request Zoom invite. newsletter@corvettesoffresno.com

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 General Membership Meeting will be at Yosemite Falls Café – Granite Park, Fresno, CA starts 7 p.m.
Please arrive at least an hour early if planning on eating.
Guests Welcome – if planning to attend, contact Randy Forrester at:
membership@corvettesoffresno.com

REMINDER FROM RANDY: We need members to host future monthly Meet & Eats. Sign-up sheet at each meeting so think of your favorite place (even your back yard), **THEN VOLUNTEER TO HOST ONE.**

Randy reported the following:

Reported in April Fiberglass Forever under Runs Revisited:

March 26: Twisty Run – Hosted by the Garlocks; Bruce reported that it was a nice run and nice lunch, plus **no one got car sick.**

Reported in May Fiberglass Forever under Runs Revisited:

April 9 Club Picnic at Quail Lakes

April 23 Meet N Eat at Sakura Chaya, Fresno

April 29 Bovino Winery Run through Paso Robles area

Future Activities:

May 14: Car Show by the American Legion. See Mokey Cowger for any questions.

May 14: Madera Speedway – The Vukovich Classic. Lee Blackstone reported that we just received this information, and since we will not have a General Meeting before that, so once there is more information the membership will be informed via email.

May 18-21: Santa Maria Run hosted by the Pflepsens. Hosted by the Pflepsens, and Gary said that we are good to go.

May 28: Triangle Drive In Meet n Eat 240 W. Shaw in Clovis, at 4:30 til whenever. Host Randy and Pam Forrester

June 02-05: Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club Run: Dave Trauger will be guiding caravan to this Run.

June 03 – A Friday, for those of you that do not want to go to Monterey, Marie Wilson band will be playing at Engelman Cellars, according to Randy this is a great band and it should be a lot of fun. There will be food trucks there, and you can park on the lawn. Should be a great night. Cover Charge TBD

July 14-17: SOCA Run to Grant's Pass Oregon, dinner cruise on the rogue River and it runs thru Sunday. see Lee or Cheryl Blackstone if you have any questions.

July 17-24: Continuation run hosted by the Blackstones. Lots of things planned, should be a great run.

Other activities being worked on are:

Run to the Nethercutt Museum combined with Crystal Palace; a possible Hearst Castle run, and a baseball game. Lee Blackstone reported that he had to give up on the Dodgers Giants game. So, he asked “how about the Grizzlies” and a lot of members liked that idea, and see what we can do, working on renting a suite and maybe sometime in August.

Louis Biglieri informed the membership that Corvette owners only are invited to view the new ZO6 at Stone Chevrolet in Tulare on April 28th. Starts at 10:00am and there will be a place to park. Meet at 8:30AM at Black Bear Diner for breakfast (if you want) and then drive to Stone Chevrolet. Editor's Note: Louis provided the following pictures:



Randy said that other possible activities are the following:

Sunday May 22: NCCA – All Corvette car show in Danville, CA.
Sunday November 23 – Vets for Vettes in Carlsbad, Ca.

Randy asked about the Caravan Rules on the Twisty Run and was advised that they were easily followed as there were less than ten vehicles in caravan. He stressed that we all need to be familiar with and follow the Caravan Rules. **See Page 18**

Runs Revisited:

April 09 – COF Picnic – Gerri Ware reported that we had about 40 people and had a lot of fun. It was also very funny to watch the golf cart races. The Club collected \$1,500.00 for Terry's house and Allen Teixeira was the winner. Mitch informed the membership that he told his granddaughter and her response was "Way to go Papa." Gerri wanted to Thank everyone for their help. The picnic was a lot of fun, and it was a group effort that turned out great; the tri-tip was delicious, Nina and Betsy did a great job selling the tickets; for everyone that brought a raffle prize thank you, Gerri and Cheryl did the decorations, a lot of members helped setting up, as well as the cleaning after. The Gagnebins facilitated our using this great location

Thank you all!

A Great Time from Start to Finish





The Barbeque Master



&

His Supervisors



The Blind Golf Cart Race



April 23 – Meet and Eat at Sakura Chaya hosted by the Traugers

We had a great time Wonderful food But I didn't take pictures... so since Dave Trauger shared a comic with me ...

Thought I'd post it here 😊



It's a text from my Corvette. It says he hopes I'm having fun and that he misses me. Turn away, I don't want you to see me cry.

April 29 – Bovino Vineyards Winery. Hosted by Jim Setrakian and Mitch Koligian. We met at 8:45am and left at 9:00am from parking lot of the Cosmopolitan located on the N/W corner of Ventura and O street. There were 10 vehicles and 18 people in caravan, with 2 more at lunch. L;

We traveled backroads enjoying beautiful weather, rest stop at Tin City.



We drove a little further down the road for a Group Photo at Chapel Hill ...



Then, on to Bovino Vineyards, for winetasting, lunch, & a breathtaking view which is featured on back page.

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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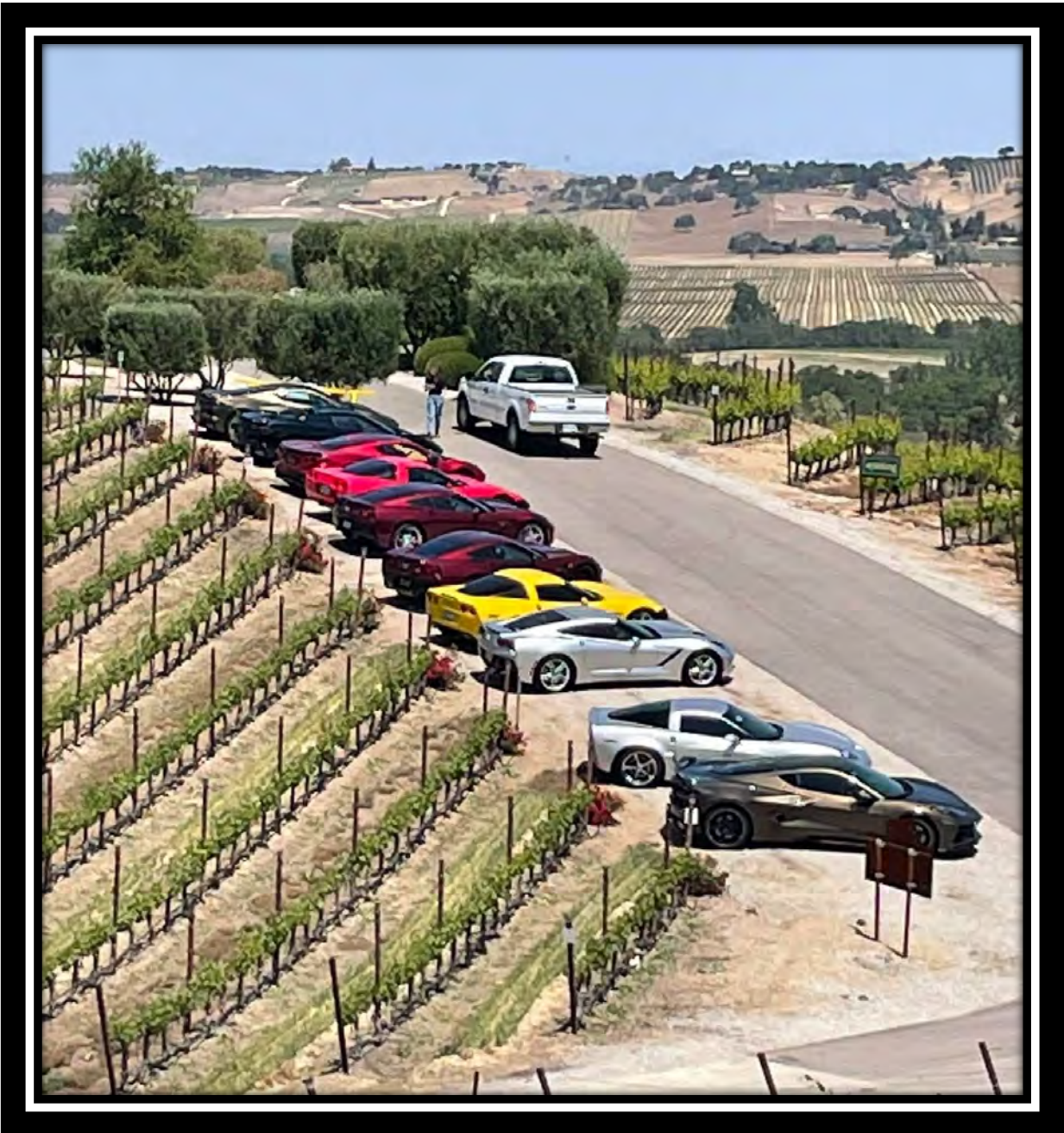
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