



# The Orange Pits

## O C VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November kicks off the holiday season, and before you know it we will be stuffing our faces full of turkey and stuffing! We had a great turnout and fabulous time at our Chili Cookoff. Many thanks to Bob and Masako for hosting, and all the helping hands that brought it all together. Henry Walker was the winner with Jerry Wheeler and Chris Hamel, second and third respectively. It is only a few weeks until our Christmas party. If you have not signed up, do so SOON! And do not forget our Toys for Tots drive that will take place at the party. Everyone have a great Thanksgiving and try to not get overstuffed!

## Conda

### GENERAL MEETING NOVEMBER 1, 2022 SANTA ANA ELKS LODGE

- I. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Conda Takanabe.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Conda Takanabe
- III. Approval of October Minutes by Jerry Wheeler 2nd by Bernie DeMarkey
- IV. Committee Reports:
  - a. Newsletter: Joe Bedell now Newsletter editor submit articles to Joe, approved by all.
  - b. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman - Nothing to report
  - c. Western Region NCCC: Has been appointed Janet Cherry
  - d. Membership: Donna Mann - Nothing to report
  - e. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler - Nothing new to report.
  - f. Member News: Jane Wheeler- Please say a prayer for those members experiencing medical and personal difficulties.
  - g. Apparel Coordinator: Sue Lookman - Nothing new to report.
  - h. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf - Nothing reported
- V. Old Business and Past Club Activities
  - a. **Club Photos** - If you haven't had your Vette photographed, please give Bernie a call.
  - b. **Business Cards and Club Decals** - Now available. Decals are \$2.00 each. See Conda if you need either.
  - c. **Monthly Social** - hosts needed for February - April and June - July 2023.
  - d. **Homecomings**- we did 3 games this year. Made money for the club and had fun.
  - e. **Newsletter** - Submit articles to Joe Bedell by November 7.

- VI. New Business
  - a. **Elks Lodge-** Price increase from \$20 per person to \$26 per person in January 2023
  - b. **Other** - Day trip to Cucamonga Garage in the planning stage.
- VII. Past Events
  - a. **Social at Panda MargolianBBQ** - Very Fun Halloween Social with Costume Contest.
  - b. **Chili Cookoff** - Hosted by the Burggraf's. Great food and a very fun event. Way to go Henry Chili cook off Champion.
- VIII. Events
  - a. **No Bunco in November but Poker is still on at Bob's Man Cave**
  - b. **November Social** - Will be held at Mr. D's. Hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston.
  - c. **Vettes for Veterans** - November 12 in Carlsbad. 29 signed up. Meet at Carl's Jr.
  - d. **Christmas Party** - at the Alta Vista CC. Hosted by the Cranston's December 4th. 5-10PM, Dancing with DJ, Money is due now!!
  - e. **Bakersfield/Buck Owens Crystal Palace** - February 11-12 Hosted by Ron Molendyk and Betsy Slauson Show and Dinner event. More to come. -
  - f. **Las Vegas/Route 66** - May 3-7 Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk. I'm going to get my KICKS on Route 66
- IX. Member Forum - Car News, questions, comments from members. Nothing
- X. Next Board Meeting January 24, 2023 at Keno's in Anaheim Hills
- XI. Next General Meeting December 6, 2022 Santa Ana Elks Lodge
- XII. Opportunity Drawing ??
- XIII. Badge Fines. ?
- XIV. To add agenda items, contact Conda at [btakanabe@msn.com](mailto:btakanabe@msn.com) or 714-595-1070
- XV. Motion to Adjourn by Nancy, 2nd by Sue

Respectfully submitted, Tim Elder, Secretary

## MONTHLY SOCIAL INFO

November's OC Vettes Social was held at Mr. D's Diner, 126 E. Yorba Linda Boulevard, Placentia. Mr. D's is a '50s/'60s diner. We have enjoyed a social there once before. Many thanks to Ray and Ellie Cranston for stepping forward to host!

## TOYS FOR TOTS

This year at our Christmas Party we are going to be collecting unwrapped toys in support of Toys 4 Tots.

This is one of the many ways our US Marines give to those less fortunate. As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, we can share the joy as well. So please bring a toy or a few toys to our Christmas party and a Member of the US Marine Corps will be present to accept our toys.

By the Way, I have been told by the Chief resident of the North Pole this will get you on Santa's nice list and maybe even on the top of the "All I want for Christmas is a new Corvette List,"

Yes, Virginia, even he has a limited allocation of C-8s. HO HO HO!!!!

## OC VETTES CHRISTMAS PARTY

Please join us on Sunday, December 4 for our annual Christmas Party being held at Alta Vista Country Club in

Placentia. The net cost to members is \$75 per person, with the club is absorbing \$50 per person toward the cost of the dinner. Singles can bring one guest at the \$75 per person price. Additional guests will be at the \$125 price. Festivities start at 5:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, and each dinner will include one drink ticket from the bar. A plated dinner of filet and shrimp scampi with all the fixings will be served. Complementary wine will be included on each table. A DJ will be spinning the tunes throughout the event. There will be an optional \$5 ornament exchange. Do not miss out on a very fun evening!

Birthdays		Anniversaries		Club Membership Anniversary	
<b>November</b>		<b>November</b>		<b>November</b>	
1	Larry Ward	28	John & Dorothy Treece	Tram & Jan Hartzog	24
5	Carol Thompson	<b>December</b>		Ron & Val Molendyk	17
15	Cecil Blattenberg	15	David & Janet Walsh	David & Janet Walsh	17
17	Lynda Fox	17	Ron & Barbara Pavek	Fred & Sue Fossek	14
17	Alice Willard	18	Michael & Michelle Molendyk	Brian & Margaret Hoier	11
18	Gary Oedekerker	27	Bill & Teri Kupper	Mickey & Sue Lookman	11
18	Art Rosen	28	Ferris & Ruth Warden	Richard Sheff	3
<b>December</b>		31	Bob & Masako Burggraf	Michael & Doris Dix	2
6	Barbara Pavek			<b>December</b>	
11	John Patun			Dave Ruffel	15
15	Brian Hoiem			Ron & Barbara Pavek	10
15	Jerry Wheeler				
17	Sarah McDaniel				
21	Sue Lookman				
26	Mickey Lookman				



**Save the dates: National Corvette Museum Caravan 2024 August 22-28, 2024**

### **Caravan Information**

**First, we have a page on the National Caravan website. We, also, have this Southwest Caravan eNews, a tradition going back to 2003. If you are not an eNews subscriber and want to start getting it, send email to [SWeNews@netmotive.net](mailto:SWeNews@netmotive.net) and simply type "subscribe" in the body of the email.**

**Also, you can email or call members of the Southwest Caravan Organizing Team for information.**

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### **BAKERSFIELD TRIP – FEBRUARY 11-12, 2023**

Hosted by Ron and Val Molendyk

We have an update on our trip up to Bakersfield to visit our club member and former First lady Betsy Slauson.

For those new members Betsy and Don (our former President) did a lot for OC Vettes and with the passing of Don, Betsy and her family donated their 50th Anniversary C5 to the National Corvette Museum.

Val and I will lead the caravan from Denny's at Nutwood Ave. and the 57 freeway on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at 9am sharp. If anyone wants to eat breakfast at Denny's please allow enough extra time. We will stop at McDonald's at Castaic Lake for a pitstop and then head to the Holiday Inn Express, 3001 Buck Owens Blvd, Bakersfield. The cost for one night checking in Saturday, February 11 is a single king for \$130.00 + tax and a double queen for \$140.99 + tax. More specific information and phone number will be provided later.

Reservations at Buck Owens Crystal Palace for dinner and show. Dinner 5pm, Show at 7pm.

On Sunday morning we will have a late breakfast/early lunch which will be hosted by Betsy and then we will head home. *Only 10 spots left so sign-up soon if you would like to join us.*

## **ANNUAL LAS VEGAS/ROUTE 66 FUN RUN TRIP – MAY 3-7, 2023**

Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk

Our Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run trip will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars. See sign-up sheet at the Club monthly meeting or let us know if you are interested. Pricing and more specific information will be provided later.

We will leave Fullerton on Wednesday, May 3 and return on Sunday, May7, 2023.

### **Day 1 Wed**

Leave Fullerton, stop at Peggy Sue's 50's Diner for breakfast/lunch on the way to Vegas, that evening attend murder-mystery dinner show as a group.

### **Day 2 Thu**

The day is yours to relax and explore Vegas.

### **Day 3 Fri**

Leave Vegas and head to lunch in Boulder City, then on to Kingman AZ, pick up Fun Run registration packet, happy hour at hotel and dinner at Dambar Steakhouse as a group.

### **Day 4 Sat**

Drive to Seligman AZ for the start of the Route 66 Fun Run, drive the longest intact part of Route 66 back to Kingman along with 600+ other vehicles of all types, activities along Route 66, car show and vendors in downtown Kingman, club pool party at hotel, dinner on your own, social hour in the evening at hotel.

### **Day 5 Sun**

Leave Kingman and head to Oatman Ghost Town for sightseeing and shopping, on to the Fun Run finish line for a picture of your car, then on to Needles for lunch as a group. After lunch we head back home to the OC.

This trip is always fun, and you get many chances to drive your car out on the open roads. We hope you all will join us. Let us know if you have any questions.



**OJAI ROAD TRIP**

Dave Hamel has begun the process of organizing a road trip and overnight stay in Ojai for this coming April. I have contacted and reserved a block of rooms for the club at a very nice moderate hotel in town, The Casa Ojai Inn. Here are the details: He has a group block of 15 rooms set aside for OCV. That is the maximum number of rooms we can hold in a block. The prices range from \$184-\$214 plus tax per night. He has selected our check-in date as Wednesday, April 12. Check in time is 3 PM. The block of rooms will be held for us up to 45 days prior to our check-in date at which time any unused rooms will be put back open to the public. We can cancel any reserved room up to 48 hours prior to check in without penalty. Anyone beyond 15 can reserve an additional room by calling the hotel

themselves and they will be added to our list. The hotel has waived the additional resort fee for our group which is a nice bonus. If all is ok, hotel information will be sent out prior to our next club meeting so that rooms can be "claimed" as the rooms do vary. Members will want to contact Angelise at (805) 953-7275 using the group name 'Orange County Corvettes'.

## **CHILI COOK OFF**

Hi I am Stephannie Junkin, a friend of Bernie DeMarkey who invited me to the OC Vettes Chili Cook Off. Since I had never been to a Chili cook off I really had no idea what to expect.

I was welcomed with open arms to the event by everyone there. All the ladies were offered Halloween earrings made by Teri Kupper. Dave Hamel was taking names for a Corn Hole tournament to be held after the chili competition was held. There were 8 chilis carefully prepared to be judged, each having their own numbered tasting cups. Cheese, sour cream, and corn bread were offered to compliment the chili. All gathered, taking a sample of each and due diligence was done as all 8 were tasted by everyone. A vote was taken, and the winner was Henry Walker decided by popular demand.

Not only was there chili to taste-test and judge, but a BBQ was offering hot dogs and hamburgers for all and for dessert a few ladies provided baked sweets for their contribution. From pumpkin pie to brownies and cakes with nutty icing, dessert, in my opinion, was second to none.

The Corn Hold tournament began bringing in 32 participants. There were players of all ages, some considered ringers, others like me novices with good luck, all enjoying the friendly competition cheering on the winners as the champion

The whole event was amazing for me, the members were very welcoming. I want to take a moment to thank everyone, especially Bob and Masko for hosting this event at "Bob's Mancave"

Dave Hamel came on top with a trophy to sport for his hard-earned championship. The 2nd place winner in the Chili Cook off was Jerry Wheeler and the 3rd Winner was Chris Hamel





**HOMECOMING(s)**







