



The Orange Pits

O C VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2023!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season full of fun, family, friends and, of course, food! We ended the year with a fabulous Christmas Party at Alta Vista Country Club hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston. Kudos for a wonderful evening! 2023 is going to be an activity-packed year for OCV and hope you can participate in many of our outings. We will be starting off the year with a day trip to the Historic Cucamonga Service Station and Route 66 Museum (weather permitting). February brings an overnight trip to Bakersfield and the Buck Owens Chrystal Palace. And more to come, so please keep an eye out for emails and the activity calendar in our newsletters. If you have an idea for a day or overnight trip, please gather the info and contact any Board member to get it rolling! We welcome new members Dave and Lisa Tally, who are the daughter and son-in-law of members Larry and Nancy Ward. They have a new 2023, and an older model (I cannot remember the year). On a sadder note, we are losing our Secretary, Tim Elder, who is moving to Arizona. Thank you, Tim, for all your efforts as Secretary, and we wish you the best in your next adventure of this thing called life!

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MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 2023 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 Bernie DeMarkey 2nd by Janet Cherry
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. NCCC Governor: Nothing to report.
 - b. Western Region NCCC: Janet Cherry
 - c. Membership: Donna Mann - Introduced new member to the group.
 - d. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler - Nothing new to report
 - e. Member News: Please say a prayer for those members experiencing medical and personal difficulties.
 - f. Apparel Coordinator: Sue Lookman - Nothing new to report.

g. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf - Nothing reported.

V. Old Business and Past Club Activities

a. Monthly Social - hosts needed for March, April, June and July 2023.

VI. New Business

a. Elks Lodge- New pricing to begin with this month's meeting.

b. Secretary - Secretary needed to replace Tim who is moving to Arizona.

c. Poker Run - This event although successful is a lot of work and more volunteers are needed if we are to keep the tradition alive. So put up or ...

VII. Past Events

a. Christmas Party 2022 - Was hosted by Ray and Ellie and was a huge success maybe we do it again this year. Volunteer to host.

VIII. Events

a. January 10 Bunco at Barb Halls house Poker is still on at Bob's Man Cave

b. January 14 Route 66 Museum with lunch at Legends Hosted by the Lookmans

c. January 17 Social at Newport Rib Company Hosted by the Manns

d. Bakersfield/Buck Owens Crystal Palace - February 11-12 Hosted by Ron Molendyk and Betsy Slauson Show and Dinner event. More to come. -

e. Ojai Overnight cruise April 12-13 hosted by the Hamels we will meet at Woody's in Orange. More to come.

f. Las Vegas/Route 66 - May 3-7 Hosted by Ron and Michael Moledyk. 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, February 7, 2023, Santa Ana Elks Lodge

XII. Opportunity Drawing \$50 Ray Cranston wins

XIII. Badge Fines. ?

XIV. To add agenda items, contact Conda at btakanabe@msn.com or 714-595-1070

XV. Motion to Adjourn by Leo Mann 2nd by Tim Elder

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Elder, Secretary

ANNUAL LAS VEGAS/ROUTE 66 FUN RUN – MAY 3-7, '23

Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk

Our Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run trip is almost here. Have you signed up yet? See sign-up sheet at our next Club meeting or let us know if you are interested.

Itinerary - 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 stretch 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.

Room Rates: Call the hotel and make your reservations as soon as possible. Tell them you are with OC Vettes group.

Tuscany Suites- 1 night

\$79.00 + tax per night, waived resort fee and no charge for parking. 702.893.8933.

Best Western Wayfarers' Inn, Kingman- 2 nights

\$139.00 + tax per night (regularly \$169.00), no resort or parking fee, free breakfast included.

928.753.6271.

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

Last day to sign-up will be at our February 7, 2023, general meeting. All monies for show and shuttle

DIX'S C8 ROAD TRIP

On November 15th, Michael and Doris Dix pointed their 2020 C8 Corvette East on a road trip that would combine visiting family with a taste of Route 66. After their first night in the historic El Rancho hotel in Gallup, NM, they motored on to the Texas state line, where they picked up Route 66, following it past Cadillac Ranch, the Bug Ranch and other scenic highlights until reaching the Big Texan in Amarillo, where they each polished off one of the giant 72-ounce steak dinners served there. (Just kidding... they opted for BBQ sandwiches.) The next morning, they completed their journey across Texas on Route 66, then picked up the Interstate for a trip through Oklahoma and Arkansas before heading home again the long way, after celebrating Thanksgiving with family.

In all, the trip was just under 4,200 miles. Through it all, the car did great, burning no oil on the trip, and averaging - for the entire journey - 29.2 miles per gallon. (And many more Smiles per gallon!)

Highlights of the trip were the U-Drop Inn in Shamrock, Texas, once an elaborate Conoco service station built in 1937, and the 2 hotels used in New Mexico: the El Rancho in Gallup and the Lundeen Inn in Las Cruces.

The Dix's picked up no speeding tickets on the trip, but did bring home plenty of smashed grasshoppers! Michael & Doris say they are looking forward to road-tripping with many of you on the upcoming Corvette Caravan to the NCM.





Birthdays

January	
2	Conda Takanabe
4	Jane Wheeler
12	Ron Molendyk
15	Ruth Nichols
20	Bill Kupper
23	Michael Molendyk
24	Henry Walker
27	Mark Shearer
28	Jan Harzog
31	Masako Burggraf

February

2	Sue Walker
4	Hank Grampre
5	George McDaniel
8	Tim Elder
8	Ferris Worden
16	Ray Cranston
17	Bernie DeMarkey
21	Mike Blume
22	Fred Fossek
28	Rosemary Shearer

Anniversaries

January	
3	Larry & Nancy Ward
22	Tram & Jan Hartzog
February	
13	Mickey & Sue Lookman
14	Ray & Ellie Cranston

Club Membership Anniversary

January	
Bernie DeMarkey	24
Barbara Hall	17
Bob & Deb VanderUpwich	11
Art Rosen	6
February	
Ray & Ellie Cranston	42
Betsy Slauson	27
Lynda Fox	24
Leo & Donna Mann	12
David & Chris Hamel	4
Ivan & Ruth Nichols	4
Mike & Lori Blume	3
Tim Elder	3



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 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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- Cmd. Doug Campbell: zo6devilcar@gmail.com 805 766 4606**
- Cmd. Hib Halverson: SWsectionXO@netmotive.net 805 685 6865**

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.*