

May 2023



# The Orange Pits

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## OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Mother's Day to all of our OCV Moms! This has been a busy month so far. OCV had a good showing at this year's Route 66 Fun Run. See Michael Molendyk's report below. Thanks to the members that sent me pictures of the festivities. I tried to include a good representation of the trip. We have a trip to the Segerstrom Auto Museum hosted by Steve and Marian Bronston coming up next month, and details are below. Steve is also working on a possible visit to Lions Drag Strip Museum. If you would like to plan a day (or two or three) trip, and would like some guidance or have questions, please ask any of the Board members, and we will be happy to help. Election of officers is also on the horizon, with nominations at the June general meeting and voting at the July meeting. If you would like to help the club by being a Board member, again, talk to any of the current Board members who will be happy to give you whatever information you need. It is a lot of fun! One of our favorite socials is this month, at Rose Canyon Cantina. Information is below. Hope to see lots of you there! Let us not forget those that have served our country and paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

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	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	
May		May		May		Years
13	Marian Bronston	3	Tony & Vicky Siragusa		Frank Reese & Carole Howard	17
23	Karen Goetsch	17	George & Sarah McDaniel		Tronya Nelson	4
		25	Mark & Rosemary Shearer			
June		June		June		
5	Dorothy Treece	13	Gary & Judy Oederkerk		Alice Willard	46
13	Judy Oederkerk				Ellie Jeppesen	41
15	Barb Hall				Jim & Judy Lundel	32
20	Dave Hamel				Janis Parkinson	24
23	Dave Ruffel					
24	Janis Parkinson					
29	Ivan Nichols					
29	Steve Bronston					

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## MAY SOCIAL

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Our May social will be held at Rose Canyon Cantina. Rose Canyon Cantina & Grill combines authentic Mexican dishes with original Southwest selections. Situated on Rose Canyon Creek under a shady canopy of ancient oaks and sycamore trees, the Cantina provides a unique consistently pleasing dining experience. The hosts this month are Henry and Sue Walker.

Hi all you Corvette guys and gals! We will be having our May social at the Rose Canyon Cantina this coming Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. 37 folks have signed up and there is still room for three (3) more. BUT please email me if you want to come and have NOT signed up already so I can let the restaurant know.

Henry and I live just down the street from the restaurant so we will meet you there. And some folks who live in Yorba Linda, Brea, Fullerton area may want to caravan to the restaurant through the Santiago Canyon Road. It is a beautiful drive and there's even water in Lake Irvine now. The address is:

Rose Canyon Cantina and Grill  
20722 Rose Canyon Road  
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679  
Ph# 949-766-6939

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sue at 949-584-8998 or Henry at 949-584-8999.

Thanks, Sue Walker

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**OUTING TO SEGERSTROM AUTO MUSEUM  
LUNCH AT LUCILLE'S SMOKEHOUSE BBQ  
JUNE 24, 10:00 AM**

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The Segerstrom Shelby Event Center is built around the love of the automobile and all the wonders that have come and gone along the road. Come in for an awesome walk among these classic beauties. The stories they tell are the stuff of legend. The Segerstrom Shelby Event Center collections are some of the finest in the world. With street and racing Cobras, high-performance Mustangs and rows of nostalgic *petroliana*, there is something for everyone to oogle over. Our commitment to excellence in preservation and education shows in every detail.

Steve and Marian Bronston are hosting an OCV trip to visit Segerstrom Shelby Event Center on June 24 at 10:00 a.m. Admission is \$15 for seniors and \$20 for non-seniors. Steve needs to be paid in advance because they will only accept one transaction for admission. Please mail your check to Steve or give it to him when you see him at a social or our general meeting. Questions to Steve: 714-572-6072 (work) or 714-458-1675 (cell).

## JOURNEY THROUGH SHELBY HISTORY

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## UPCOMING EVENT LIONS DRAG STRIP MUSEUM DATE TBD

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# LIONS DRAG STRIP

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## ROUTE 66 FUN RUN/LAS VEGAS

### May 3-7

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We had 30 club members participate in this year's trip.

May 3rd saw 16 Vettes drive to Vegas stopping at Eddie World in Yermo and a great lunch at Big B's Texas BBQ in Henderson, NV. That evening we attended a mystery-dinner show "Marriage Can Be Murder" at the Orleans Hotel and Casino. With participation from several of our club members the murder plot was solved. May 4th was a free day in Vegas to relax and explore.

May 5th we had lunch in Boulder City, NV at the Boulder Dam Restaurant inside the historic Boulder Dam Hotel. Then a fast drive down Hwy 93 to Kingman, AZ. Happy hour was enjoyed by all in the hotel lobby followed by dinner at Dambar Steakhouse.

May 6th we drove Interstate 40 to Seligman (some of the roughest road we have ever experienced) and then drove back to Kingman on Route 66 along with hundreds of other cars for the Car Show and dinner.

May 7th we drove from Kingman to Oatman Ghost Town and then off to the Fun Run finish line in Topock. Then we had lunch at the Chilling Point Restaurant in Needles, CA and headed home.

Mark your calendars – 2024 Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run will be May 1-5. The show will be "Soul of Motown" at the Westgate Hotel and Casino followed by dinner at Benihana. Then off to Kingman and the 35th Annual Route 66 Fun Run.

Thanks to Val for her "goodie bags".

Ron and Michael

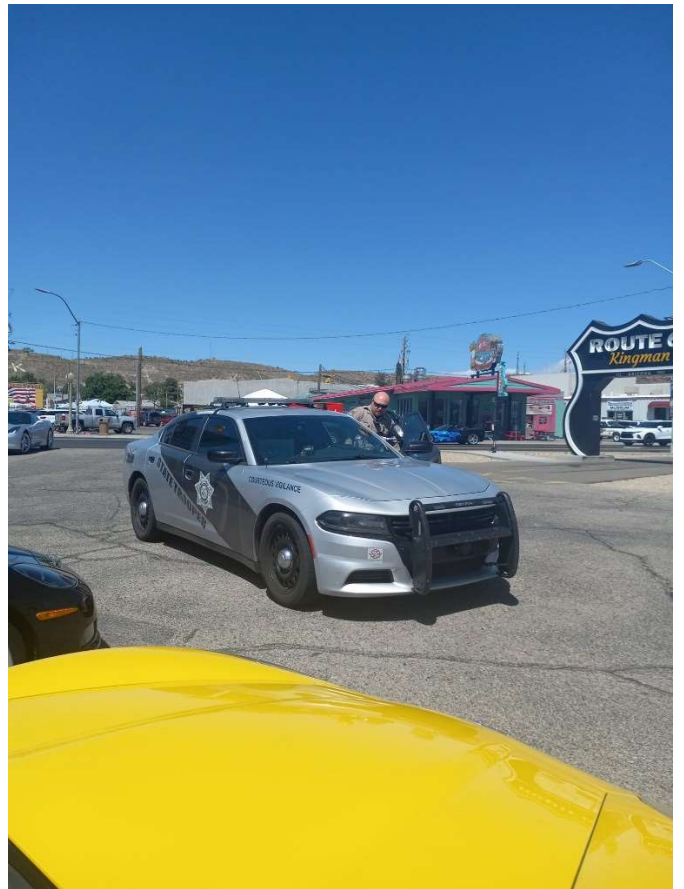
**(Editor's note: The photos below are not necessarily in chronological order. I tried to include as many photos as I could. Hey, I'm new at this!)**



What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas!!! Who did it????







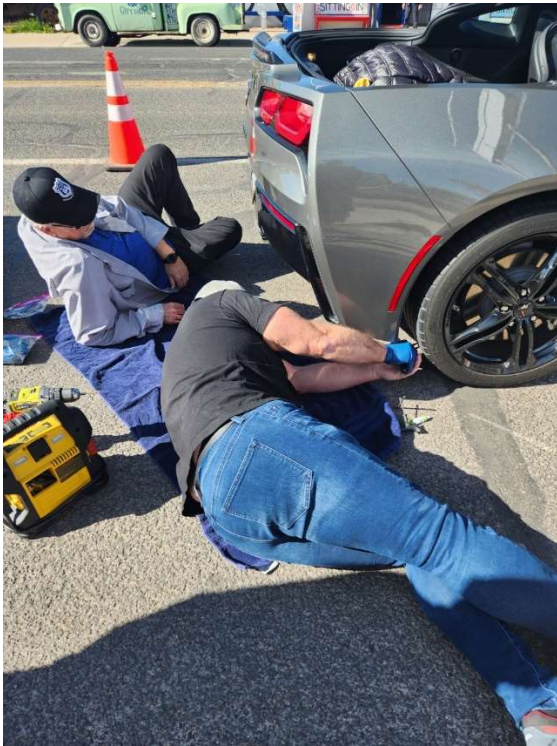








**RESULTS OF THE ROUGH ROADS:**



**Our own OCV emergency roadside service courtesy of Dave Tally, fixing the Dixs' flat due to a screw.**



**Janet Cherry's tire slashed open thanks to a pothole. She got to spend the night in Needles waiting for two new tires. She arrived home safely on Monday.**





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## O C Vettes Club Apparel

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OCV clothing and hats can be ordered from Land's End. To start, view products online at: [https://business.landsend.com/store/oc\\_vettes/](https://business.landsend.com/store/oc_vettes/). Decide on the merchandise you want to purchase. The official OCV color is royal blue, and the typical club shirt is a button front polo shirt. As you place your order, you will be able to add the club logo to your purchase. Select the logo color that works best with your shirt. If you need assistance in ordering just call 1-800- 587-1541 between Monday and Friday from 7AM to 7 PM CT. Their friendly staff is waiting to help you with your order.

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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*OCV Events in Blue and Italic.* For more info contact Conda Takanabe at (714) 595-1070

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DATE	EVENT	HOST
<i>May 2</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>May 3-7</i>	<i>Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run</i>	<i>Ron and Michael Molendyk</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco/Mens Poker</i>	<i>Lynda Fox/Bob Burggraf</i>
<i>May 16</i>	<i>OCV May Social, Rose Canyon Cantina, 20722 Rose Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon</i>	<i>Henry and Sue Walker</i>
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Tram Hartzog</i>	
<i>May 20</i>	<i>Elsinore High School Car Show, Elsinore High School</i>	<i>Bill and Terri Kupper</i>
<i>May 21</i>	<i>Memorial Service for Ted Feduska</i>	
<i>May 23</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Memorial Day</i>	
<i>June 6</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>June 13</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco/Mens Poker</i>	<i>Ellie Cranston/Bob Burggraf</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Outing to Segerstrom Shelby Museum</i>	<i>Steve &amp; Marian Bronston</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Keno's Restaurant, 5750 E. La Palma Avenue, Anaheim, 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>Oct 25-28</i>	<i>Cambria Trip</i>	<i>Manns, Cranstons, Wards</i>
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>OCV Christmas Party, Alta Vista Country Club</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>

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## Cambria Getaway

### October 25-28, 2023

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Hi Club Members!

The Manns, Cranstons, and Wards have planned an OCVETTES trip to Cambria Pines Lodge in beautiful Cambria, California. We will leave the morning of Wednesday, October 25th to drive to where the "pines meet the sea". We will enjoy three nights at the Lodge, returning home on Saturday, October 28th. On our way up the coast, we plan to stop in Buellton for lunch at the Hitching Post. (We will also be making "comfort stops" along the way.)

October is the month Cambria puts on their "Scarecrow Festival" and contest. The local businesses, etc. compete to create the most creative "Scarecrows" and display them all over the quaint little town. We have planned a "cruise" thru town as well as along Moonstone Beach and up Highway 46 to enjoy the views. We might stop at a winery or two we find along our way.

The Cambria Pines Lodge is a destination to be enjoyed as well. Nestled atop a hill, there are wonderful gardens, a spa, pool, lounge, and a restaurant/dining room. Each room has its own fireplace. A hot buffet breakfast, (included), is served every morning in the dining room.

Fifteen (15) rooms are blocked for our Club members (more will be available if needed). There are several types of rooms available at our discounted rate. Rates range from \$169.15 to \$237.15 plus 12% tax. Since this is a popular time at the Lodge, reservations should be made by September 10th. Make your reservation by calling Cambria Pines Lodge, (805) 927-4200. PLEASE USE THE OCVETTES CODE #9626556.

Any questions please call Donna Mann (714) 323-3555, or Nancy Ward (714) 300-3794. Please let one of us know when you've made your reservations. Thanks.

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**OC VETTES**  
**Minutes of General Meeting**  
**May 2, 2023**  
**Santa Ana Elks Lodge**

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- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Conda Takanabe. Vice President Leo Mann, Secretary Carol Thompson, Treasurer Ray Cranston and Director Bernie DeMarkey were also present. There were 42 members in attendance, with one visitor: Jim Scott. He and his wife drive a 2021 C8.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2023, approved by Jerry Wheeler and seconded by Ray Cranston. Minutes approved.
- IV. Reports - None
  - A. Board of Directors
    - i. President: Conda Takanabe
    - ii. Vice President: Leo Mann
    - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson
    - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston
    - v. Director: Bernie DeMarkey
  - B. Appointed Positions
    - i. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe will now be writing the newsletter, all info and photos should be sent to her.
    - ii. NCCC Governor: Next NCCC meeting is May 13, we'll have more information after that.
    - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler reported that GM confirmed the E-Ray will not be banned from NCCC insurance coverage as originally reported.
    - iv. Member News: Past member Brian Marks had successful open heart surgery and is recovering well.
    - v. Apparel Coordinator: Sue Lookman
    - vi. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf
- V. Old Business
  - A. The Social calendar has been filled for the rest of this fiscal year.
  - B. 2023 Christmas Party
    - i. The Cranstons confirmed that we will have the same DJ for the party as last year. We will probably collect toys for Toy 4 Tots as well.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Elections
    - i. Elections will be held in July with the new Board taking effect in August. All existing Board members agreed to run again except for Conda Takanabe as President. Leo Mann agreed to run as President in her place. We need someone to run for VP which is Leo's current office.



- VII. Past Events
- A. Ojai Trip
    - i. The trip was lots of fun. It was great to experience Ojai and see what the town has to offer. The weather was nasty on the first evening, but everyone improvised to stay dry. The food at all the restaurants was excellent.
  - B. April Social – Sue and Mickey Lookman set up the Social at Wise Guys Pizza. There was a record turnout with 42 members in attendance. We were packed in the tables. The food and conversation were all great.
- VIII. Events
- A. May 9 Bunco is hosted by Lynda Fox. Poker is at Bob Burggraaf’s Mancave.
  - B. The annual Model A car club Pancake Breakfast was held at Hart Park on March 19. Frank Reese thanked everyone who attended.
  - C. Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run – There will be 30 people and 16 cars. Ron Molendyk reiterated the information about the time and location the group will meet on Wed May 3. Michael Molendyk will have the itineraries. Ron said to plan for cooler weather than usual.
  - D. The May Social will be held at Rose Canyon Cantina on May 16. It’s being hosted by Henry and Sue Walker.
  - E. Memorial services for Tram Hartzog are planned for May 20 and for Ted Feduska on May 21. The families have asked members to drive their Corvettes.
  - F. Teri Kupper reported that Elsinore High School in Wildomar is holding a car show May 20 from 10 to 2 if anyone wants to participate. It will raise funds for their auto shop classes. A signup sheet was available.
  - G. The June Social will be held on June 20 at Panda Inn in La Palma.
  - H. Steve Bronston has a trip planned to Segerstrom Auto Museum on June 24. The museum has 96 cars on display. Meet at the Museum at 10AM. Lunch afterwards will be at Lucille’s Barbecue.
    - I. It was pointed out that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July falls on Tuesday. The Board will check on what we can do for our July meeting.
    - J. The July social will be held on Wednesday, July 19 at Moreno’s Mexican Restaurant on Chapman in Orange.
    - K. The trip to Bakersfield and Buck Owens’ Crystal Palace has been rescheduled to August 26-27. A sign-up sheet is available at Business Meetings for members to sign up.
    - L. October 25-28 – Donna Mann said that 18 were booked, but there are a few more available. If you decide to attend, please let Donna or Nancy Ward know so you can be added to the list.
    - M. Vettes for Veterans car show scheduled for early November has been cancelled.
  - IX. Member Forum – no new info.
  - X. Next Board Meeting is May 23 at 6:30 PM at Keno’s in Anaheim Hills.
  - XI. Next General Meeting is June 6 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
  - XII. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Conda Takanabe by May 31.
  - XIII. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf 50/50 drawing of \$80 was won by Tronya Nelson. Opportunity drawing was won by Vicky Siragusa.
  - XIV. Badge Fines \$1.00 to Ray Cranston.
  - XV. Motion to Adjourn by at 7:05 by Leo Mann, seconded by Fred Fossek. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Thompson, Secretary



*In Our Hearts Forever*

CHARLES T.  
FEDUSKA

*July 17, 1948*

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*February 23, 2023*

*A Memorial Service for Charles will be held*

*Sunday, May 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm*

*In the Waverley Chapel*

*Fairhaven Memorial Park & Mortuary*

*1702 Fairhaven Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92705*

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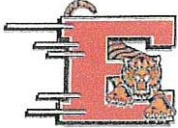
*Following the service, a Reception will  
Take place in The Gallery at Fairhaven Memorial Park.*

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# Elsinore High School Car Show

May 20, 2023

10am-2pm



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**Car and Bike registration is \$40 which includes a tee shirt & \$30 without EHS student registration is \$20, which includes a tee shirt & \$10 without**

Registration can be completed online at <https://forms.office.com/r/ERbdr6JOTt> or by mailing the completed registration form to:

Attention Car Show  
21800 Canyon Dr  
Wildomar CA 92595

Fees can be paid by check, online at EHS web store or in person on the day of the event (prior registration is required).  
Make Checks Payable to: Elsinore ASB.



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Vehicle Info:**

Vehicle Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_



The Orange Pits is the monthly Newsletter for the OC Vettes Club of Orange County, CA. This newsletter is intended to inform our membership about club news and events. Articles to be submitted for publication in the newsletter should be submitted on the night of the monthly General Business Meeting or sent via email to Newsletter Editor CondaTakanabe at: [btakanabe@msn.com](mailto:btakanabe@msn.com). All written correspondence to the club should be mailed to:

OC Vettes  
P.O. Box 27183  
Anaheim, CA 92809

O C Vettes (OCV) is a Corvette club based in Orange County, California. OCV is a non- profit organization affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). OCV is an active supporter of Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

O C Vettes is a club of individuals who appreciate driving Chevrolet Corvettes and enjoy socializing with fellow Corvette owners. Currently, OCV has over 100 members who enjoy a varied calendar of events. Car shows, day trips, overnight trips, extended trips or other events are usually scheduled each month. Membership is open to anyone interested in Corvettes. More information is available on our Web site at [www.ocvettes.com](http://www.ocvettes.com).

## **O C Vettes 2022 - 2023 Club Officers**

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

<b>President</b>	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070
<b>Vice President</b>	Leo Mann	(714) 970-7746
<b>Secretary</b>	Carol Thompson	(714-749-1486
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ray Cranston	(562) 665-1709
<b>Director</b>	Bernie DeMarkey	(714) 981-5875

### **VOLUNTEER OFFICES**

<b>NCCC Governor</b>	Mickey Lookman	(714) 767-1053
<b>Membership Chair</b>	Donna Mann	(714) 323-3555
<b>National Corvette Museum Ambassador</b>	Jerry Wheeler	(714) 471-0658
<b>Web Site/Apparel Coordinator</b>	Sue Lookman	(714) 767-3458
<b>Newsletter/Historian</b>	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070
<b>Member News</b>	Jane Wheeler	(714) 801-0678
<b>50-50 Coordinators</b>	Masako Burggraf	(714) 936-8528
<b>Homecoming Chair</b>	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070