

November 2023



The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Everyone. We have had a very busy Fall season! In October, Jane and Janet started it off by hosting a "Costumed Social" at Luna Grill. There were Treat bags for everyone and prizes for best costumes. It was lots of fun and there were some wonderful, creative costumes! Thank you Jane and Janet!

We also had Club members participate in three Homecomings.

On the morning of October 25th, 35 Club members left for The Cambria Scarecrow Festival in Cambria. We enjoyed beautiful weather and wonderful comradery for the four-day trip up California's scenic Central Coast.

The very next Saturday, November 4th, Chris and Dave Hamel hosted our "Fall Festival". Bob and Masako graciously provided "Bob's Man Cave" for the event. Food was catered by Blue Agave in Yorba Linda. Several members also brought some really tasty desserts. It was a great afternoon of fun, food, and games.

On December 3rd, we will have our annual Christmas Party, hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston. This is our Grand Finale Event every year. It's being held at the Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia. There's going to be a DJ, so there will be an opportunity to dance! Please bring one or more unwrapped toy(s) to donate to Toys for Tots. This will be a great opportunity to start the Christmas Season. Hope to see you there!

I want to encourage every one of our members to start thinking about suggestions for events, trips, Social locations, etc., for our upcoming year. Please email your suggestions to one of the Board members. Remember, we are a "social club" so let's keep the fun and socializing going in 2024.

Yours respectfully,

Leo Mann

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
OCV Events in Blue and Italic.
For more info contact Leo Mann at 714-323-3599

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<i>Nov 21</i>	<i>NO SOCIAL IN NOVEMBER</i>	
Nov 23	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!	
<i>Nov 28</i>	<i>NO BOARD MEETING IN NOVEMBER</i>	
<i>Dec 3</i>	<i>OCV Christmas Party, Alta Vista Country Club</i>	<i>Ray and Ellie Cranston</i>
<i>Dec 5</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
Dec 7	HAPPY HANUKKAH!!	
<i>Dec 12</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ Sue Walker's/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
<i>Dec 19</i>	<i>NO SOCIAL IN DECEMBER</i>	
Dec 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS!!	
<i>Dec 26</i>	<i>NO BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER</i>	
<i>Jan 2</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$24 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>Jan 9</i>	<i>Ladies Bunco @ TBA/Poker at Bob Burggraf's</i>	
<i>Jan 16</i>	<i>OCV January Social-TBA</i>	<i>Dave and Lisa Tally</i>
<i>Jan 23</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
April 6, 2024	Corvette Pirates Cruise	



OCTOBER SOCIAL

Tuesday, October 17

A great time was had by all at the October social at Luna Grill. Members went all out on costumes, with the top three winners being Rick and Monique, Barb and Leo and Donna. Enjoy the pictures!



1st Place – Monique and Rick



2nd Place - Barb



3rd Place – Leo and Donna









JOKE(S) OF THE MONTH

**What did the turkey say to the turkey hunter on Thanksgiving Day?
Quack, Quack!**

**Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had his own drumsticks.**

Eat whatever you like because:

...the inventor of the treadmill died at the age of 54.

...the inventor of gymnastics died at age 57.

...the world's bodybuilding champion died at age 41.

...the best footballer in the world, Maradona, died at at 60.

And then...

...the KFC inventor died at 94.

...the inventor of Nutella died at 88.

...the inventor of Hennessy died at 98.

**How did doctors come to the conclusion that exercise prolongs life,
when...**

...the rabbit is always jumping but only lives for around two years, and

...the turtle that doesn't exercise at all, lives over 200 years.

So, rest, chill, eat, drink, and enjoy life!

RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Vicky Siragusa

(Editor's Note: This recipe is for the delicious cookies that Vicky brought to the Fall Festival.)

This recipe can be halved, as the ingredients below make a large quantity.

4 ¼ cups all purpose flour	1 ½ cups brown sugar
2 t. salt	2 t. vanilla extract
4 large eggs	8 cups chocolate morsels
2 t. baking soda	¾ tin of large peanuts (from Costco)
2 lb. (4 sticks) softened butter	
1 ½ cups granulated sugar	

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar until creamy. Add vanilla and beat a few more seconds. Add eggs one at a time until completely blended after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture, adding chocolate morsels until all are incorporated. Transfer dough to a large bowl and fold in the nuts. Using a small ice cream scoop, gather up dough and place on parchment paper covered cookie sheets. During baking, rotate the cookie sheets on the oven racks to ensure even cooking. Bake until desired brownness. When cooled, store cookies in Zip Lock bags in the freezer for freshness. Optional: Coconut can be added if desired.

OC VETTES CLUB APPAREL

OCV clothing and hats can be ordered from Land's End. To start, view products online at: 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.

OC VETTES FALL FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 4



On November 4, 2023, our Second Annual Fall Festival held at Bob Burggraf's "Man Cave". We had 48 members in attendance with Catering by Blue Agave. Dave Hamel provided vocal entertainment. Our Corn Hole Tournament was won by Doris Dix. Thanks to Bob and Masako for the use of their great venue and for providing drinks. Thanks to Leo & Donna Mann, Richard and Carol Thompson, Lisa Tally and Barb Hall for help setting up. Also, a big thanks to Barb Hall for donating the tablecloths, coffee and decorations. Thanks to all who provided desserts. And finally, thanks for all the help cleaning up. Everyone made this a fun & successful event. We appreciate you all!!!















The Winner Doris Dix!



RED TRIANGLE SOCIETY PRESENTATION

At the Fall Festival, the Red Triangle Society made a special presentation. The presentation was made by Bernie DeMarkey, the Society's representative.

The society is a secret organization in the Automotive Club world that was formed many years ago to recognize and honor car folks who have had an on-the-road failure or problem. Sometimes we honor the folks who go out of their way to help those who are in trouble. The presentation was made to Tronya Nelson, Karen Goettsch, Janet Cherry and Conda Takanabe. We all had a good laugh when the letters were read to those attending. Two other recipients were George and Sarah McDaniel, who could not attend the Fall Festival, but were given their letter and red triangle at a later time.





CAMBRIA GETAWAY October 25-28, 2023



CRUISERS WRAP UP

Day 1

Thirty-three OC Vette members and 18 Corvettes made the trip to Cambria in October. Thirty-three members and 17 Corvettes arrived with only two mishaps. Leo took a fall at the McDonalds potty stop and broke a bone in his left hand. The injury did not stop him from enjoying the rest of the trip. On our lunch stop at the Hitching Post in Buelton, Tronya's Vette was attacked by a parking block and had to be towed back to Huntington Beach. Thanks to Janet Cherry and Conda for their help communicating with AAA and for loading Tronya, Karen and their belongings in their Vettes so they could continue our trip. Other than that, lunch

was great. Afterwards our group enjoyed a beautiful drive up the coast to Cambria and a brief introduction to the scarecrows.

Day 2

Leo and Donna led our fearless band of travelers on a scenic cruise through Cambria to view more scarecrows and up the coast to Ragged Point where we parked our cars on a grassy field overlooking the ocean, took lots of photos, and enjoyed lunch. Folks took their time returning to Cambria, stopping at overlooks to take more photos and enjoy the views. Then we enjoyed free time for the afternoon and evening.

Day 3

Everyone had free time to do their own thing. Some folks took tours of Hearst Castle. Others spent more time checking out the scarecrows at the garden center and in town. That evening some of the group traveled to Paso Robles to enjoy Sensorio, an amazing light show.

Day 4

Everyone left at their own pace. Some of us reluctantly returned home. Others extended their trip by visiting friends and family before returning to their homes.

The weather was beautiful the entire trip.

Cambria Pines Lodge was a lovely and convenient location with a good selection of room choices, an onsite restaurant and a fun bar where many of us spent parts of the evenings enjoying the music and camaraderie.

We hope everyone left with good memories.

Your hosts, the Cranstons, the Manns and the Wards.

(Editor's Note: This was a FABULOUS trip, and many thanks to Leo, Donna, Larry, Nancy, Ray and Ellie! It took A LOT of time to put this trip together.)



(Editor's Note: I cannot believe I did not take pictures at our lunch stop, the Hitching Post. I guess dealing with the vehicle emergency took precedence (you can see the crowd around Tonya's Vette). Fabulous food and location, and the owners could not have been more helpful and accomodating.)



































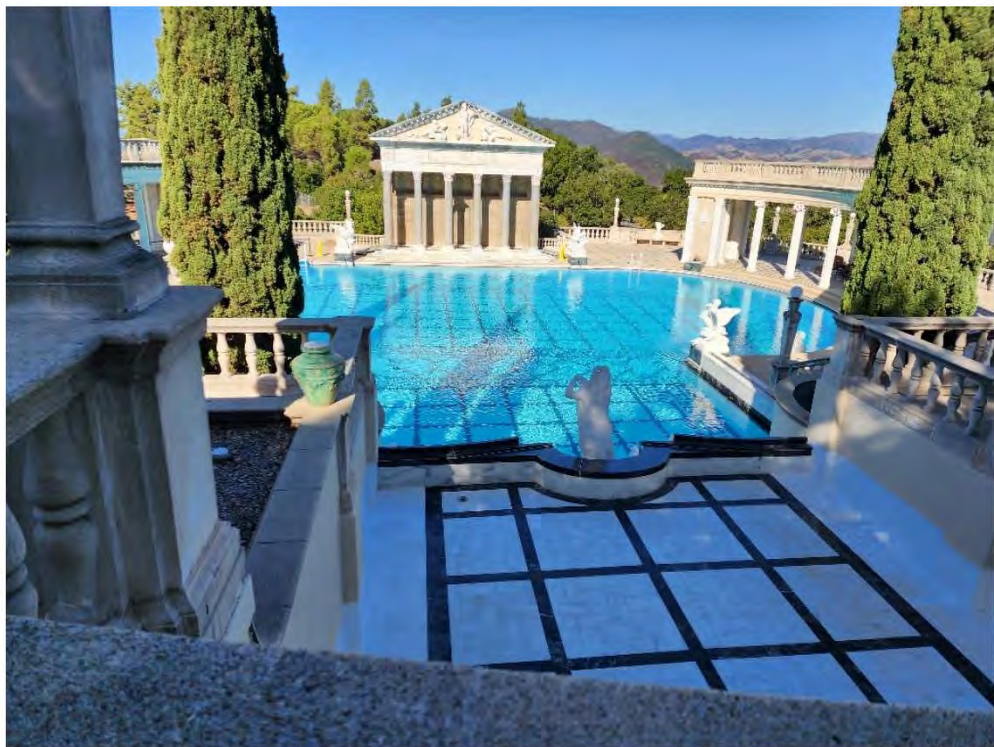
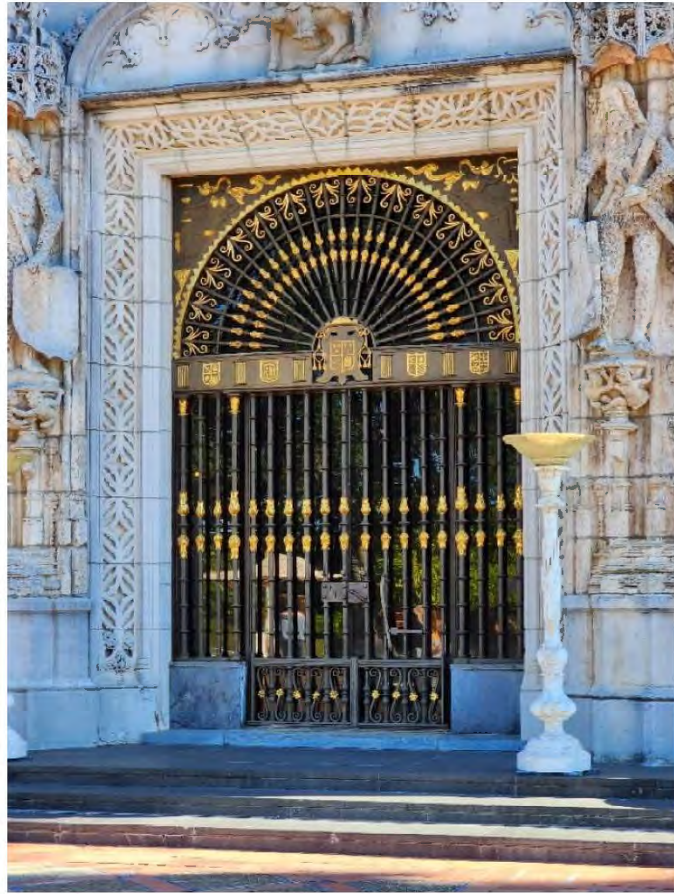


















Annual Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run Trip

SAVE THE DATES!

May 1-5, 2024

This annual club trip will be here before you know it. Planning is underway.

More than 800 vehicles carrying thousands of friends will be joining the Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona for a weekend of fun and adventure. Historic Route 66 Fun Run participants from across the globe will meet in Seligman, AZ to travel a 140-mile stretch of Route 66 with events planned in communities along the way. The procession will conclude at the finish line in Topock/Golden Shores. Signup sheets will be available at the General meetings of November 7, December 5, January 2, and February 6.

Reminder: You must register your car for the Fun Run. See the registration form in this newsletter. Make sure your form is marked for Kingman pickup of your registration packet.

All monies and reservations to be collected and confirmed by our General meeting of March 5, 2024.

Tentative Itinerary:

Wednesday, May 1

Drive to Las Vegas, lunch at Big B's BBQ in Henderson, attend the Vegas show "Soul of Motown" at the Westgate Hotel and Casino followed by dinner at Benihana Restaurant in the Westgate.

Thursday, May 2

Free day to visit and relax in Vegas.

Friday, May 3

Travel to Boulder City, NV for lunch at the Boulder Dam Restaurant followed by the drive to Kingman, AZ. Pick up Fun Run registration packets at the Kingman Powerhouse Museum. Staying at Best Western Wayfarers Inn in Kingman. Happy hour in hotel lobby followed by dinner at La Catrina Mexican Restaurant.

Saturday, May 4

Drive to Seligman, AZ for the start of the Fun Run – 146 miles back to Kingman visiting sites along the way. Dinner at Cracker Barrel followed by dessert back at the hotel lobby.

Sunday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo sees us visiting Oatman Ghost Town and then off to the finish line.

This event is limited to 40 participants so sign up early. Let us know if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Hosted by Ron and Michael Molendyk

MORE WEDDING BELLS!
Bernie & Stephanie
November 11, 2023



CORVETTE TECH TIPS

Submitted by Richard Sheff

Greetings, OC Vettes!



This month's *Tech Tips* introduces you to a simple device that can help maintain your C7 and C8 gas direct injected (GDI) engine's performance and prolong its trouble-free service life. Got it? Read on and find out how this enhancement can benefit your Vette.

Gen 7 and 8 Corvettes are blessed with engines that have proven to be reliable, run strong and are surprisingly efficient. Much of this is said to be the result of GM's adoption of fuel delivery by direct injection. Without getting too technical, "a direct injected engine delivers fuel at high pressure directly into the (ICE) engine's combustion chamber. The result is more complete combustion and greater power and efficiency." You gotta love that.

Unfortunately, all is not roses with direct injected engines. This improved fuel delivery system comes with an ugly down side on high mileage engines. The contaminated air from the crankcase that's fed back into the cylinder tends to foul intake valves with carbon. The resulting carbon build-up can negatively effect your engine's performance and even result in costly repairs. Fortunately, there is an easy to install, inexpensive "mitigator" available to help keep your intake system clean... the inelegantly named: Oil Catch Can.

The oil catch can is a passive device that traps crankcase contaminants before they enter your engines intake system and fowl the valves. So, how easy is an oil catch can to install? It's very easy to install. I installed "cans" on my C7 and C8, and you can install one on your ride, too. Time on job, about 30 minutes,

max. And as a bonus, I didn't even get my hands dirty. Don't believe me, check out Paragon's installation video below. I've also included a hot link to give you the science and engineering theory behind using this device.

<https://youtu.be/-BcWMnJ3pTU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-B4VRxAtbw>

While using an oil catch can continues to be somewhat controversial, my research indicates you'll have no warranty issues with GM. That said, I suggest you do your own due diligence before installation to make sure you understand all the pros and cons. The Paragon Performance unit I have cost \$155, fits coupe or convertible, and has worked flawlessly in my C8 for over a year. Servicing your "can" is a snap. Just empty the "can's" contents when you change your oil. If you're concerned about your engine bay's aesthetic, "cans" are manufactured by lots of companies, sold at different prices, come in many sizes and are even available in the color of your choice. My engine bay's black. My "can" is black.

Live the dream. Make your Corvette your own. Enhance its appearance and performance. It's fun, inexpensive and can make you fall in love all over again.

More tips will be coming your way in next month's issue of, *"The Orange Pit."*

That's how we roll.

Safe travels, everyone.

SWAP AND SELL

This is a new section to our newsletter. This is to be an informative and helpful section that is not limited to your Corvette. If you have Corvette parts to sell or seeking parts, this is your place. If you have a car to sell or looking for a car, this is your place. If you have a refrigerator, sofa or other household item to sell or looking for, this is your place. If you have a service to offer or can recommend someone or a business for a service, this is your place. Contact Conda if you would like something to be included in this section.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
NOV		NOV			
1	Larry Ward	28	John & Dorothy Treece	Jan Hartzog	25
5	Carol Thompson			Ron & Val Molendyk	18
15	Cecil Blattenberg			Janet Walsh	18
17	Lynda Fox			Fred & Sue Fossek	15
17	Alice Willard			Brian & Margaret Hoiem	12
18	Gary Oedekerck			Mickey & Sue Lookman	12
18	Art Rosen			Richard Sheff	4
				Michael & Doris Dix	3
DEC		DEC			
6	Barbara Pavek	17	Ron & Barbara Pavek	Ron & Barbara Pavek	11
11	John Patun	18	Michael & Michelle Molendyk		
15	Brian Hoiem	27	Bill & Teri Kupper		
15	Jerry Wheeler	28	Ferris & Ruth Warden		
17	Sarah McDaniel	31	Bob & Masako Burggraf		
21	Sue Lookman				
22	Angelic Hines				
26	Mickey Lookman				

NEWS YOU CAN USE
Submitted by Nancy Ward

Many people don't like taking tests, especially the DMV test to renew your driver's license. We've all heard the horror stories of perfectly capable drivers who can't pass the test. If you know someone in that category, may we suggest checking out the DMV eLearning alternative test done at home instead of going to the DMV. You need to have a DMV account, but that's easy to set up. Then go to their website, click on the eLearning segment, register, pay the fee and get to work. Designed for folks who have trouble with tests or just want to try something else, it should take about 45 minutes to finish on your home computer. There are seven sections and a brief multiple-choice quiz at the end of each section. If you get an answer wrong, just review the information, and try again. Once you finish, you will receive an email verifying you completed the course. Wait at least 24 hours for your fee to process, then head to whatever DMV location you prefer to get your new photo, fingerprint and your temporary license. Note: this is NOT the knowledge test. The eLearning course is easier. Happy trails!

OC VETTES
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
November 7, 2023
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:31 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Ron Molendyk, Secretary Carol Thompson, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. There were 47 members in attendance. There was one visitor: Vince Rossi.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2023, moved for approval by Jerry Wheeler and seconded by Donna Mann. Minutes approved.
- IV. Reports -
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Leo Mann
 - ii. Vice President: Ron Molendyk
 - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson
 - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston – Ray passed out the Treasurer's statement
 - v. Director: Steve Bronston
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. Membership: Donna Mann. Our guest is Vince Rossi. He is a friend of Mark Shearer, and he drives a 2001 red coupe.

- ii. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman. Mickey and Sue are working together to update the member database. They asked for members to look over the existing roster information and inform them if any addresses, email addresses, or phone numbers have changed. Also check if your car information is up to date.
- iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler. No report.
- iv. Member News: Jane Wheeler. Val Molendyk took a fall and broke her nose and her arm in 2 places. Recovery is going slowly. Vicky Siragusa is having a hard time recovering from surgery, because some other health issues are coming up and she is in some pain. Leo Mann fell on the way to Cambria and ended up with a broken hand.
- v. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerker. No report.
- vi. Website: Steve Bronston. Seventy cars were photographed for the web site. So far, only 20 have had photos selected and posted on the site. If you have not posted a photo, please look through the photos sent by Bernie DeMarkey and choose the photo you like, then send the ID number of the photo to Bernie. If you still need photos taken, please contact Bernie to schedule.
- vii. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Articles for the newsletter need to be sent to Conda by the end of the day on Friday. She needs members to submit jokes and other content for the newsletter.
- viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.

V. Past Events

- A. October Social October 17 at Luna Grill
 - i. Great turnout with very creative Halloween costumes.
 - ii. Hosted by Janet Cherry and Jane Wheeler.
- B. October Homecoming Games
 - i. Three schools had homecomings this month.
 - ii. \$900 was raised for the club
 - iii. It was very hard to find volunteers for the last game because many members had gone to Cambria. Conda encouraged members to volunteer next year when we need participants to help.
- C. Cambria Getaway October 25-28
 - i. Tronya had trouble at the lunch stop at Buellton on the way up and her car had to be towed home. But all the members worked together and found Tronya and Karen rides for the week so they could continue on the trip.
 - ii. The trip was excellent, and everyone really enjoyed the time away. It was fun to see the scarecrows. The weather was perfect.
 - iii. The group enjoyed the drive up to Ragged Point for lunch with great scenery and good food.
- D. Fall Festival November 4 at 3PM.
 - i. Wonderful turnout, lots of fun.
 - ii. Held at Bob Burggraf's Mancave, thanks to Bob for offering up the space.
 - iii. Blue Agave catered the Mexican food.
 - iv. Doris Dix was the big winner at corn hole.

- VI. Future Events
- A. November 14 Bunco is hosted by Conda Takanabe. Poker is at Bob Burggraaf's Mancave.
 - B. No November Social due to Thanksgiving
 - C. Christmas Party December 3 at 5 PM at Alta Vista Country Club, 777 E. Alta Vista St. Placentia.
 - i. Hosted by Ray and Ellie Cranston.
 - ii. \$85 per person was due at the Nov 7th General Meeting. If members did not pay, mail payment to Ray Cranston by 11/15. Cost is \$125 for non-members.
 - iii. The entrees are sirloin or salmon. There was a signup sheet at the meeting to indicate choice of entrée. There will be a hosted bar and wine with dinner.
 - iv. We will collect gifts for Toys 4 Tots again this year, so bring along one or more unwrapped gifts to donate.
 - v. There will be an ornament gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a wrapped ornament worth approximately \$5.
 - D. Route 66 Fun Run 2024, May 1-5.
 - i. Limited to 40 attendees. Sign-up sheet available at tonight's Nov General Meeting, Sign-ups will continue until February 2024.
 - ii. Tuscan Inn booked for \$75 per night. Kingman Best Western confirmed for \$139.
 - iii. Please sign up if you are planning to attend. Ron needs an idea of how many will attend so he can plan restaurant reservations, show tickets and transportation.
- VII. Member Forum – Nancy Ward reported that a really easy way to take your DL renewal test is to go on the DMV website to their e-learning. She said you cannot fail the test. Ron Molendyk also brought up that passports are taking longer to renew so if due in the next 6-8 months, you should renew now.
- VIII. There are no Board meetings in November or December. Next Board Meeting is January 23 at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.
- IX. Next General Meeting is Tuesday December 5 at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
- X. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by December 1.
- XI. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf. 50/50 drawing of \$85 was won by Chris Hamel. Conda Takanabe, Lori Blume, Art Rosen, George McDaniel and Alice Willard and Jane Wheeler also won a prize.
- XII. Badge Fines \$1.00 to Ray Cranston.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:24 by Jerry Wheeler, seconded by Ron Molendyk. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Thompson, Secretary



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. All written correspondence to the club should be mailed to:

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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.

O C Vettes 2023 - 2024 Club Officers

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