

JANUARY 2025



# The Orange Pits

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## OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well January came in like a lion, didn't it? The wind blown fires along our coastline kept most of us glued to the television coverage. I am sure we are all praying for our fellow Californians who have lost their homes. We are very lucky in Orange County that the fires didn't head this way. I know we have important papers in a to go box and made a list of important items and clothes to take with us, if we get the call to evacuate. Yorba Linda has seen several major fires since we have lived here!

Tony Siragusa and Martin Latham put together a great trip to the March Field Air Museum in Riverside on January 11th. We had 17 cars and almost 30 people that attended. The museum docents brought us onto the flight line where we parked our cars in front of a B29 Aircraft to take pictures. It was the first time that the museum allowed a car club to take pictures with the cars and the B29. The trip included docent-guided tours in the museum and on the flight line. Our lunch was under a KC10 tanker or inside a C141 Transport plane. Thank You Martin and Chris for going to pick up and set up our lunch. Everyone really enjoyed the trip and thanked Tony and Martin, as well as the docents for a very enjoyable day.

At the next general meeting please take a look at the entrance table. We still have open dates for club socials in March, June and July. I am sure you have that favorite little restaurant that you would like to introduce to your friends at the club.

Respectfully,  
Leo Mann, President

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## *OCV Events in Blue and Italic.*

**For more info contact Leo Mann at 714-323-3599**

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<b>2025</b>		
Jan 1	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	
<i>Jan 7</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>Jan 11</i>	<i>OCV Tour of March AFB Museum</i>	<i>Tony Siragusa/Martin Latham</i>
Jan 20	MLK Day/Inauguration Day	
<i>Jan 22</i>	<i>OCV Social-Monarch 9 (WEDNESDAY)</i>	<i>Pat &amp; Angie O'Keefe</i>
<i>Jan 28</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
<i>Feb 4</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
Feb 15	OC to LA Automotive Museum Car Cruise Day	
<i>Feb 18</i>	<i>OCV Social-Newport Rib Company</i>	<i>Leo &amp; Donna Mann</i>
Feb 17	President's Day	
<i>Feb 25</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
March 8-16	Corvette Pirates Cruise	
<i>Apr 30-May 4</i>	<i>Las Vegas/Route 66</i>	<i>Janet Cherry (info only)</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Slot Canyon</i>	<i>Bob &amp; Cecil Blattenberg</i>
<i>Oct 13</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Yosemite</i>	<i>Tony Siragusa &amp; Gang</i>



**MONARCH 9**  
**JANUARY SOCIAL**  
**JANUARY 22, 2025**  
**27755 Savi Ranch Parkway**  
**Yorba Linda**



Nothing is more important to us than healthy food. Hand crafted with fresh and quality ingredients every day. At Monarch 9 we work hard to provide quality authentic Vietnamese-French food at a fair price to our customers. Our menu is packed with traditional fresh flavors of ginger, lime, lemongrass, mint and coriander. The key to our success is simple; providing fresh consistent food that tastes great every single time. We pride ourselves on serving our customers with healthy authentic Vietnamese dishes the way our family has been cooking for generations.

Eat delicious food, grab a drink and relax in our beautiful restaurant!

# LAGUNA HILLS CHRISTMAS PARADE

## December 14, 2024













**MARCH AIR FORCE BASE MUSEUM  
JANUARY 11, 2025**





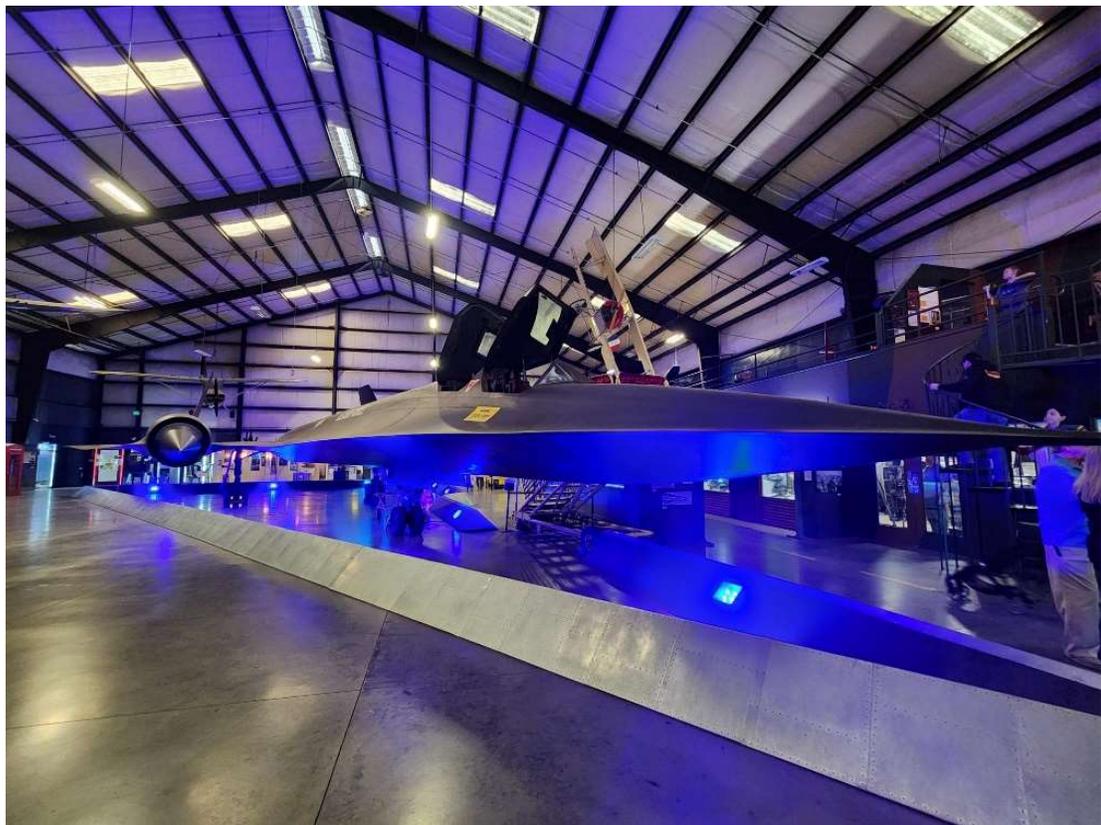






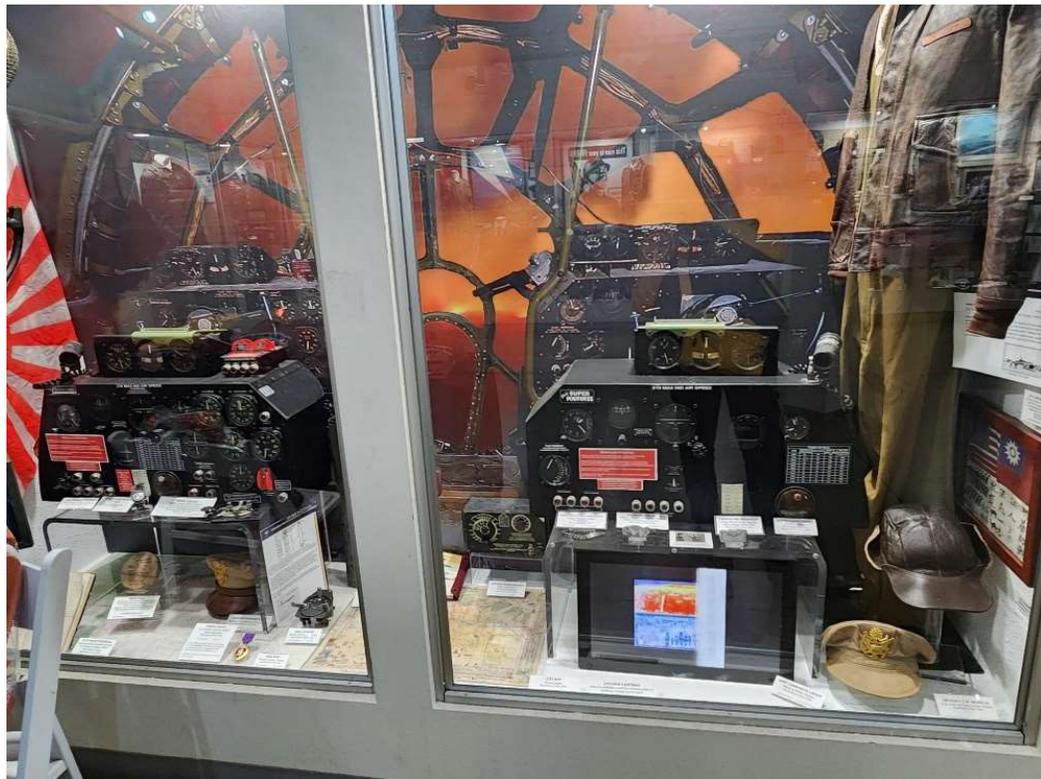




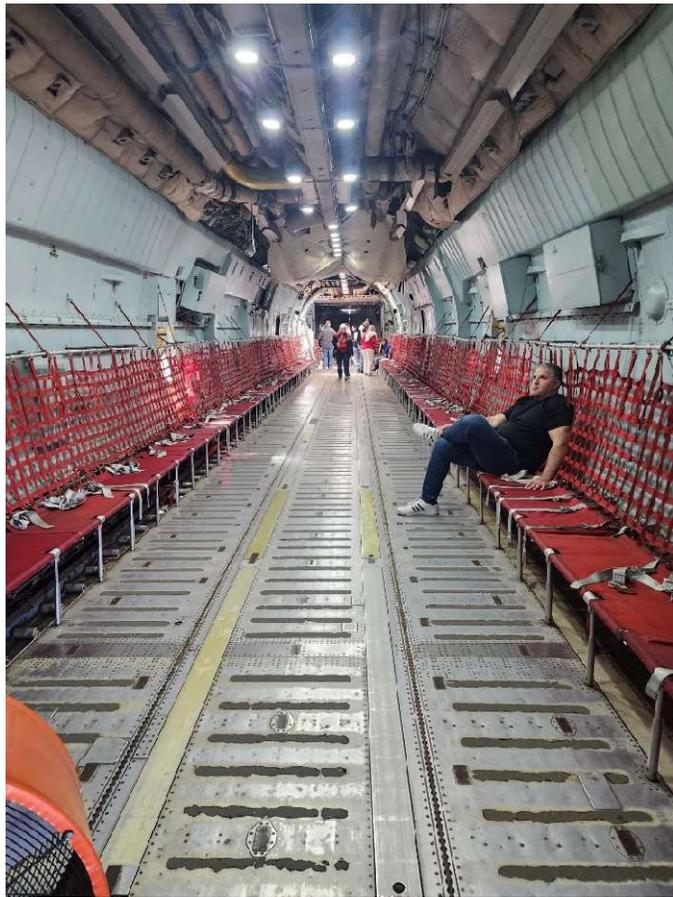




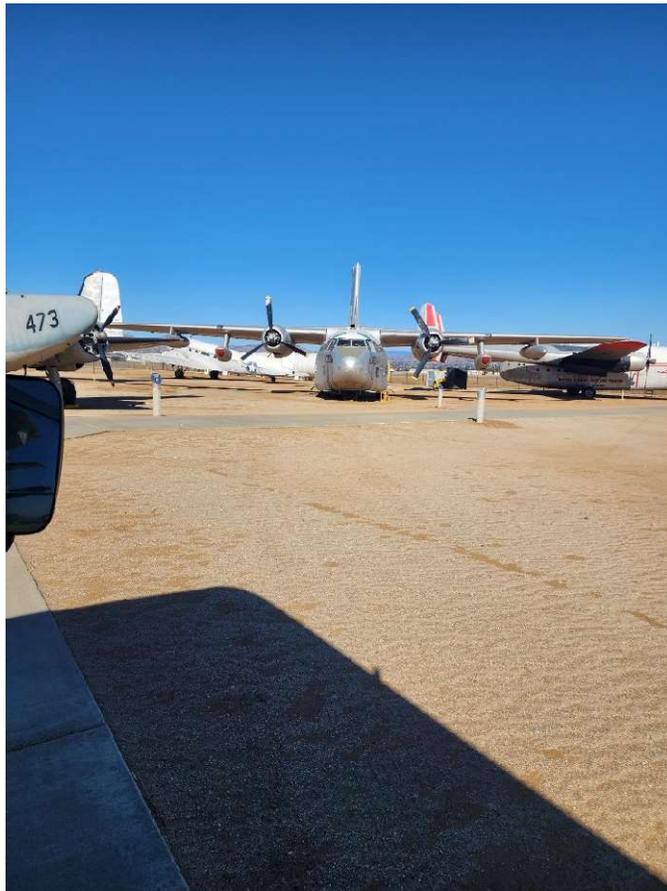


















## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
<b>JAN</b>					
2	Conda Takanabe	3	Larry & Nancy Ward	Bernie & Stephanie DeMarkey	26
15	Ruth Nichols			Barbara Hall	19
20	Bill Kupper			Bob & Deb Van der Upwich	13
20	Frank Vlchek			Art Rosen	8
24	Henry Walker			Dave & Lisa Tally	2
27	Mark Shearer			Derek Tally	1
31	Masako Burggraf				
<b>FEB</b>					
2	Sue Walker	5	Martin & Chris Latham	Ray & Ellie Cranston	44 <b>WOW!</b>
4	Hank Grampre	13	Mickey & Sue Lookman	Betsy Slauson	29
5	George McDaniel	14	Ray & Ellie Cranston	Lynda Fox	26
8	Ferris Worden			Leo & Donna Mann	14
16	Ray Cranston			Dave & Chris Hamel	6
17	Bernie DeMarkey			Ivan & Ruth Nichols	6
21	Mike Blume			Mike & Lori Blume	5
22	Fred Fossek			Pat & Angie O'Keefe	1
28	Rosemary Shearer				

# **SLOT CANYON TRIP**

## **Hosted Bob and Cecil Blattenberg**

Earlier this year we announced plans for a club trip to see the slot canyons near Page, Arizona. It's now time to get more serious about the trip details, schedule, etc.

Depending on the club's interest, Cecil and I plan to do a "site tour" sometime this winter in advance of our club trip to finalize details, check out hotels and secure reservations for touring the slot canyons. In our earlier business meeting when I asked for a show of hands from those interested in going we got a GREAT reception. We wanted to give you more details about the trip, solicit any input you may have and get a better handle on how many of you plan to attend.

What are the Slot Canyons? Take a look at the pictures below:



Pretty cool huh? For thousands of years running water formed these geological marvels on the Indian reservation near Page. Previously closed to the public, there are now tours offered. Indian guides will escort us through the canyons giving us the history and helping you take quality photos. There are two areas where slot canyon tours are available; the upper and the lower Antelope Canyons.

At our meeting I mentioned that there are mobility issues with the tour. Generally, you will be walking on flat ground (like you see in the picture). However, the passages can be narrow, there are some stairs to descend in one canyon and a short ladder with handrails in the other. Those needing a wheelchair or scooter, or with problems climbing a short ladder need to be mindful. NOTE: Cecil and I will actually take the tours during our site visit, and will be able to give much better advice on mobility when we return.

Here's our planned agenda: Our experience is that shorter travel days and easy days touring appeal to our group, so our plan is designed accordingly. Also, we are aware that the agenda dovetails with the May Route 66 trip, so we've made sure those who want to go on Route 66 can do both trips. April 28 - We'll leave Orange County mid-morning to avoid rush hour and drive 4 hours (275 miles) to Henderson for the night.

April 29 - Again, in mid-morning we will drive 4.5 hours (290 miles) to Page. Plan on checking in to the hotel for 3 or 4 nights. We'll do a boat tour that afternoon (big boat, no waves on the river... no sea sickness issues) to see the slot canyons from the water.

April 30, May 1,2 - We plan on touring both the upper and lower slot canyons. Cecil and I have done this before and felt there are enough differences that it's worth touring both. On one of those days, we will also go see Horseshoe Bend - an interesting overlook of the river.

May 2 - Plan on departing either later on May 1 or May 2, depending on what further travel plans you want to incorporate into your trip.

A note about other travel options: Cecil and I will be leaving the group after Page and going to Flagstaff to visit friends. While the club trip is only to Page, there are TONS and I mean TONS of side trips you may want to consider if you want to take advantages of the area. Zion and Bryce are on our way to Page. The Grand Canyon is south of Page. Moab and Arches National Park (one of our absolute favorite hiking parks) is not that far; neither are Canyonland or Canyon de Chelly. It really is a beautiful part of the country and provides lots of great places to visit. Kingman and Seligman, Route 66 focal points, are on the way home if you're planning on that event too.

Cecil and I feel these trips are as much about enjoying our club members as they are the location. So, we are assuming that we will all want to stay at the same hotel. That said, we will also list alternatives for those who want

to use points, have other preferences etc. We will also make dinner reservations for everyone for each night but, again, we understand if there are other arrangements some of you prefer.

What I need from you: First, if you have any suggestions on the agenda, hotels, places to eat, etc., please let me know! Most importantly, I really need to know if you are seriously interested in going with us to Page. The tour guides will need head counts, and we need to be sure the hotels have rooms, restaurants can accommodate us, etc.... So PLEASE let Cecil or me know via email with a note saying you are IN or OUT. As always, just give Cecil or me a call, text or email if you have any questions.

Thanks again,  
Bob and Cecil

**OC TO LA AUTOMOTIVE  
MUSEUM CAR CRUISE DAY  
February 15, 2025  
Submitted by Steve Bronston**

O.C. Vettes Members:

Here's follow up info on the 3 Museum Cruise that takes place on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

First off, THIS IS NOT AN O.C. VETTES event. Various vehicles will be attending, club affiliated or not. This is three fabulous car museums getting together and offering an inclusive one-day deal to visit all three locations PLUS The Hillbank Motors location, 2 doors down from Segerstrom, where they buy and sell Cobras and other high end vehicles.

Food and refreshments are included and will be provided at the various locations with lunch at The Lions Museum. If you're interested in participating, email me and I'll comprise a list of our club members so we can meet and drive together. Plan on the day lasting from 7:30 AM - 2:00 PM.

Here is the itinerary:

Cruise Package includes ACCESS TO ALL 3 MUSEUMS, coffee, and donuts at the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center, refreshments at Marconi, and lunch at Lions. Each package is the same except for sandwich choice. \$60.00 per person. Purchase tickets online.

**SCHEDULE:**

Arrive at Segerstrom at 7:30am

Leave for Marconi at 10:00am

Arrive at Marconi at 10:30am

Leave for Lions at 11:30am

Arrive at Lions at 12:30pm

Package 1 Includes all above, with a Turkey Bacon Jack Sandwich Box Lunch

Package 2 Includes all above with a Cafe Chicken Club Sandwich Box Lunch

Package 3 Includes all above with a Pastrami & Swiss Sandwich Box Lunch

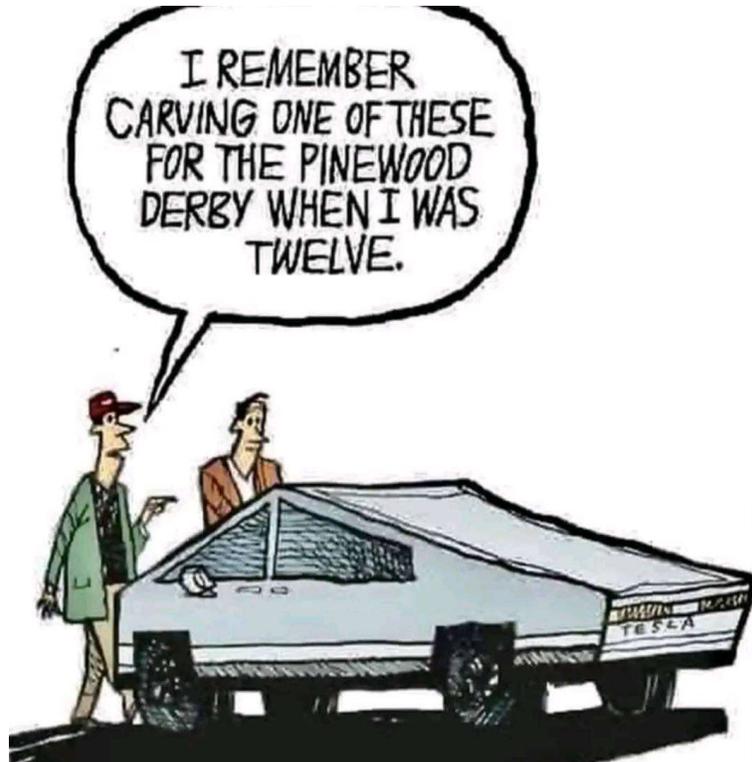
Package 4 Includes all above with Vegetarian Sandwich Box Lunch

Package 5 includes all above with a Roast Beef Sandwich Box Lunch

## **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/](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.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH



## OC VETTES MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING January 7, 2024 Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:20 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Daryl Martin, Treasurer Ray Cranston, Secretary Carol Thompson, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. Forty members attended the meeting.

- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for December 3, 2024, moved for approval by Bob Blattenberg and seconded by Janet Cherry. Minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports -
  - A. Board of Directors
    - i. President: Leo Mann. No report.
    - ii. Vice President: Daryl Martin. No report.
    - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson. No report.
    - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston – Ray passed out the Treasurer’s statement.
    - v. Director: Steve Bronston. No report.
  - B. Appointed Positions
    - i. NCCC Governor: Janet Cherry. No report.
    - ii. Membership: Donna Mann. No visitors or new members tonight.
    - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. No report.
    - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. Barb Hall was welcomed back to the meeting as she has recovered from surgery. Lynda Fox had knee replacement surgery and Ellie Cranston had a hip replacement. Both are recovering.
    - v. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedeker. No report.
    - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. No report.
    - vii. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda apologized for the short December newsletter since she was ill during that time. She said to email any outstanding information to her, and it will be included this month. She will be having surgery next month, so she won’t be attending events post-surgery. She asked for any pictures or newsletter info to be emailed to her. She reminded everyone that articles, jokes, and recipes are due to her by this weekend.
    - viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
    - ix. Elks Club Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. No report.
    - x. Homecoming Fundraiser Liaison: Conda Takanabe. No report.
- V. Past Events
  - A. December 7, OCV Christmas Party, Orange County Mining Company.
    - i. There were over fifty attendees.
    - ii. The Restaurant ran out of prime rib and about 20% of guests did not get any. The restaurant gave us some money back and 3 gift certificates for brunch. The Board will have to decide how to distribute them.
    - iii. Everyone had a wonderful time at the party.
    - iv. Santa and his elf visited, and Vicky Siragusa sang a song to Santa.

- v. The Cranstons planned a fun party, and Dave Hamel did a fantastic job with entertainment.
- B. Laguna Hills Holiday Parade Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 10AM
  - i. Twelve cars participated. The OCV group had the best decorations of any group in the parade, including another Corvette club.
  - ii. Afterwards, most of the group went to the Rose Canyon Cantina for lunch.
- VI. Upcoming Events
  - A. January 11 trip to March Air Force Base Museum, 9:00AM.
    - i. The group will leave from Anaheim Hills Community Center, at 8201 E Santa Ana Canyon Road at 9:15 to arrive at the museum by 10AM. Use Weir Canyon exit off I-91.
    - ii. The cost is \$75 for a car with 2 occupants. One occupant is \$50.
    - iii. There will be two tours, one of the hangars, and one of the 100+ planes on the flight line. The participants will be divided into groups to take the tours concurrently. Docents will provide the tours.
    - iv. Lunch will be provided from Jersey Mike's.
    - v. There will be photo opportunities for Corvettes under the wing of the B-29.
    - vi. Tony emailed the info to participants on Monday Jan 6.
  - B. January Social, Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Monarch 9 restaurant.
    - i. Located at 22755 Savi Ranch Pkwy in Yorba Linda.
    - ii. Hosted by Pat and Angie O'Keefe.
    - iii. Restaurant is Vietnamese/French cuisine. You order at the counter, and they bring your meal. They have great egg rolls, curry, etc.
  - C. February 15th, 2025, Three Museum Cruise starts at 7:30AM.
    - i. Includes visits to the Segerstrom, Marconi and Lions Museums.
    - ii. The cost is \$60.00 per person which includes coffee and a box lunch.
    - iii. This is not an official Club event.
    - iv. Members who want to attend need to order tickets online from the Lions Museum web site per Steve Bronston's email.
  - D. Slot Canyons Tour with Bob and Cecil Blattenberg Apr 28 thru May 2, 2025.
    - i. If you want to go, you need to sign up so the count will be correct when planning accommodations.
    - ii. The first night will be at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas for \$65.
    - iii. In Page, OCV will stay at the Comfort Inn for \$189/night for 3 nights.
    - iv. The Upper Canyon tour will cost \$85pp. The Lower Canyon tour will be \$115pp.
    - v. There is a signup sheet. Bob will send out more info when it is time to book.

- vi. The trip will end in time for members to participate in Route 66 Fun Run if desired.
- E. Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks, October 13-16, 2025
  - i. Twenty-three members have signed up to go on the trip.
  - ii. We will have one night at Oakhurst and two nights at Murphy's.
  - iii. Tony Siragusa sent an email with information regarding accommodations, and everyone interested should call for rooms ASAP if they have not already done so.
  - iv. More people are welcome to join the group. You can cancel up to 30 days out and still receive a full refund.
- VII. Member Forum
  - A. Bob Blattenberg recently purchased an Austin Healey.
  - B. Conda Takanabe asked how difficult it is to change the front turn signal on a C5. Richard Thompson said it is not hard and suggested she Google it to get instructions.
- VIII. Opportunity drawing of \$65 won by George McDaniel. Additional prizes were won by Sue Lookman, Bob Blattenberg, Angie O'Keefe, Spike Nichols, Conda Takanabe and Henry Walker.
- IX. Next Board Meeting is January 28, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.
- X. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
  - A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by January 30.
- XI. Badge Fines \$1.00 paid to Ray Cranston.
- XII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:07 by Vicky Siragusa, seconded by Janet Cherry. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Thompson, Secretary

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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  
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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 2023 - 2024 Club Officers

### BOARD MEMBERS

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<b>Director</b>	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675

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<b>Website Liaison</b>	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675
<b>Newsletter/Historian</b>	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070
<b>Member News</b>	Sue Lookman	(714) 767-3451
<b>50-50 Coordinator</b>	Masako Burggraf	(714) 936-8528
<b>Homecoming Chair</b>	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070

