

MARCH 2025



The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Club's first scheduled road trip is April 28 to May 1st The Slot Canyon Trip to page AZ. Cecil and Bob Blattenberg are hosting the trip. They gave a good presentation of the daily events on the trip at our February 4th General Meeting after just getting back from their final dry run of the trip. It sounds like an outstanding way to start off 2025's Club Trip season.

Tony Siragusa is working on trip to a Go Cart track, K1 Speed in Winchester, CA. The outing is for both Ladies and Men, you will be driving a rented racing Go Cart. He will have more information on this as things progress. Thanks Tony for trying to plan more trips for the Club.

We have to start planning trips now if we hope to get them on the calendar for June. We "Hinted" last month that It has been a while since the Club has gone to Idlewild, Julian, San Diego, Oak Glen or Mt. Baldy to name just a few places. Please someone step up and plan a Day trip to keep the fun going this summer.

Our next event is the Club Social on March 18th is at Tutto Fresco, 1808 N. Tustin Ave. Santa Ana, CA. It is Hosted by Nancy and Larry Ward and starts at 6PM. The April 15, 2025 Club Social is at the Crab Pot Restaurant and Bar 215 N Marina Dr. Long Beach, CA. Hosted by Janet Cherry starting at 6PM.

Please stop by the entrance table at the next general meeting and sign up for a Club Social. We still have open dates for Club Socials from August to November. The new 2025-2026 Social sign up calendar is located behind the current page. 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
2025		
<i>March 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>
March 8-16	Corvette Pirates Cruise	
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	
<i>March 18</i>	<i>OCV Social-Tutto Fresco, Orange</i>	<i>Larry and Nancy Ward</i>
March 23	OCMAFC Pancake Breakfast	Hart Park, Orange
<i>March 25</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Keno's Anaheim Hills</i>	<i>Leo Mann</i>
April 1	April Fools Day	UNCLE SAM
<i>April 1</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>
April 12	Passover	
April 15	TAX DAY	UNCLE SAM
<i>April 15</i>	<i>OCV Social-The Crab Pot, Long Beach</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>April 20</i>	Easter	
<i>April 28</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Slot Canyon</i>	<i>Bob & Cecil Blattenberg</i>
<i>Apr 30-May 4</i>	<i>Las Vegas/Route 66</i>	<i>Janet Cherry (info only)</i>
<i>May 6</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>Oct 13</i>	<i>OCV Trip to Yosemite</i>	<i>Tony Siragusa & Gang</i>



MARCH SOCIAL
TUTTO FRESCO

1808 N. Tustin Avenue, Orange/Santa Ana
March 18, 2025
6:00 PM



FEBRUARY SOCIAL NEWPORT RIB COMPANY







RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Corned Beef Hash



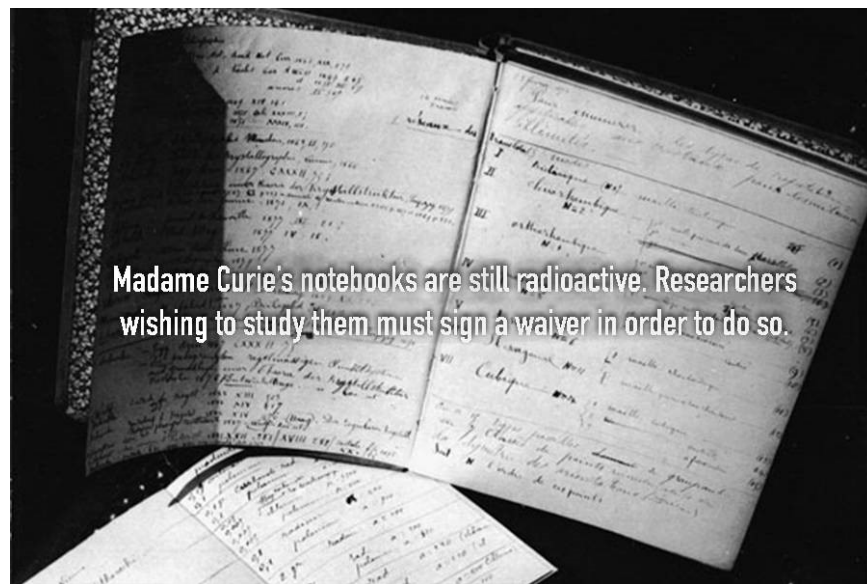
Ingredients:

1 T	Unsalted Butter
2 cloves	Minced Garlic
1	Diced Onion
2 Cups	Corned Beef
2 t	Worcestershire Sauce
2 T	Fresh parsley
1 lb	Russet potatoes
1T	Olive Oil
½ t	Dried thyme
½ t	Dried oregano
½ t	Dried basil
Kosher salt and ground black pepper	

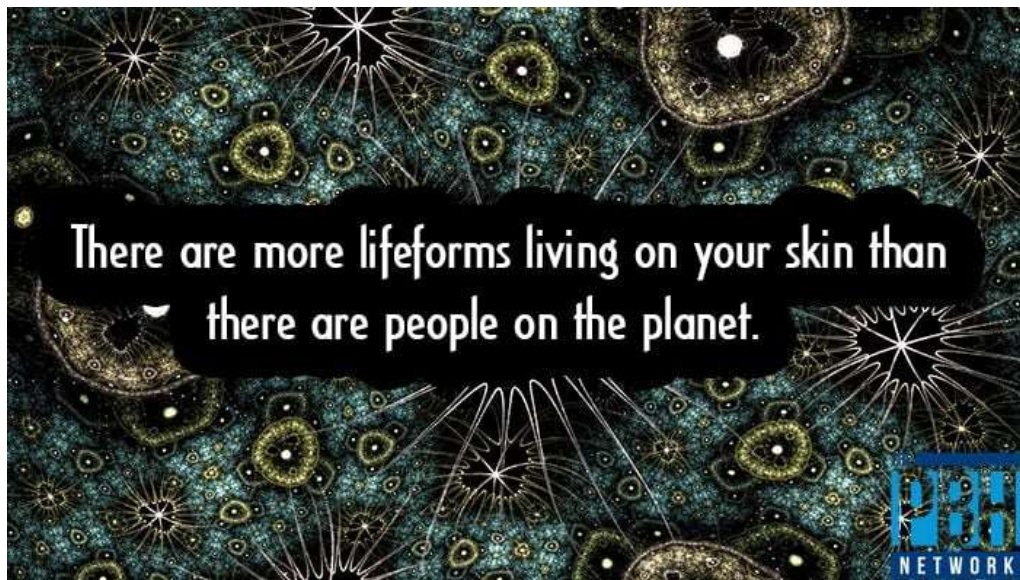
Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Lightly oil a backing sheet or coat with nonstick spray.
2. Place potatoes in a single layer onto the prepared backing sheet. Add olive oil, thyme, oregano and basil; season with salt and pepper to taste. Gently toss to combine.
3. Place into oven and back for 18-20 minutes or until golden brown and crisp. Set aside.
4. Melt 1 tablespoons butter in a large cast iron skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic and onion to the skillet and cook, stirring often, until onions have become translucent, about 3-4 minutes.
5. Stir in corned beef and cook, stirring frequently, until s lightly browned, about 3 minutes. Stir in potatoes and Worcestershire until the potatoes are evenly browned, about 4-5 minutes. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
6. Serve immediately, garnished with parsley, if desired.

INTERESTING FACT(s)



Madame Curie's notebooks are still radioactive. Researchers wishing to study them must sign a waiver in order to do so.



There are more lifeforms living on your skin than
there are people on the planet.

JOKES OF THE MONTH



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Who's there?
Irish.
Irish who?
**Irish you a very
happy St. Patrick's
Day!**



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
MAR					
4	Ellie Cranston			Bill & Terry Kupper	25
15	Dave Tally			Bob & Cecil Blattenberg	16
22	Bob Blattenberg			Kevin Donnelly	4
25	Richard Thompson			George & Sarah McDaniel	3
				Daryl & Valerie Martin	2
APR					
3	Doris Dix	9	Michael & Doris Dix	Conda Takanabe	23
4	Deb Van der Upwich	17	Fred & Sue Fossek	Larry & Nancy Ward	23
7	Pat Beucler			Bob & Masako Burggraf	9
16	Sue Fossek				
17	Teri Kupper				
21	Janet Cherry				
21	Judy Quick				
23	Chris Hamel				
27	Leo Mann				

SLOT CANYON TRIP Hosted Bob and Cecil Blattenberg

Cecil and I just returned from our “site tour” at Page, AZ. We had a great trip with lots of beautiful scenery. We even got to drive through a light sleet/snow storm. There’s no question in our minds that everyone will be glad to have taken the trip and those who didn’t will wish they did.

Leo has set aside enough time during our upcoming meeting for Cecil and me to discuss the trip with all of you and answer any questions you may have. This email is to set out the agenda for our discussion Tuesday. Of

course, if you cannot make the business meeting Tuesday feel free to give us a call any time. Here's our agenda for Tuesday's meeting:

1. We'll highlight each stop/tour on the trip.
2. We'll discuss the mobility issues (or lack of) with the 4 tours... the upper slot canyon, lower canyon, horseshoe bend and the boat tour. We're confident that the vast majority of you will take all of the tours. Our discussion Tuesday should help those of you with concerns and allow you to make a final decision on which tours you want to attend.
3. We toured the Comfort Inn. It was just OK. We'll talk about the possibility of changing hotels from the Comfort Inn to the Best Western Plus.
4. There are other things to see/do around Page. If you aren't going to do some of our organized tours we will talk about alternatives.
5. Last week we "took the scenic route home". While not part of the OC Vette trip, we have ideas to share if you want to make it a longer trip.
6. Our cancellation deadline is just a few weeks away so it is time to make final decisions on tours and the hotel. We'll discuss the associated costs and let you know how to repay us for the deposits we've made.
7. Cecil is preparing "goodie bags" and an information folder for each car. We'll talk about what will be in the bag and other stuff we think you may want to bring.

My technical skills are weak so I've asked Janet to send each of you a few pictures we took last week. Pay attention to the photos of the stairways and walkways in the Canyons.

In the next week we will be reaching out to each of you to ask for your money for the tours and (if we agree to change hotels) instructions for that. In early April we will send you a detailed agenda giving you addresses and timelines for the trip. Of course we will also have time for any other questions at our April business meeting. Mother Nature truly is amazing! It's gonna be a great trip!!!



Thanks again,
Bob and Cecil

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
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
March 4, 2025
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:25 by President Leo Mann. Vice President Daryl Martin, Treasurer Ray Cranston, Secretary Carol Thompson, and Director Steve Bronston were also present. Thirty-nine members attended the meeting.
- II. Flag Salute: President
- III. General Meeting Minutes for February 4, 2025, moved for approval by Janet Cherry and seconded by Nancy Ward. 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 report.
 - iii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. No report.
 - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. Absent. Donna Mann reported that Frank Reese took a bad fall and was not found for several hours. He has been hospitalized, and his condition is guarded.
 - v. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerk. Absent.
 - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. No report.
 - vii. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda requested contributions and asked if any newsletter information can be emailed to her by the end of the week.
 - 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. New Business
 - A. Raffle for Brunch tickets
 - i. Ray Cranston is raffling off three sets of brunch tickets for a future OC Mining Company Brunch. Each set is good for brunch for 2 people.
 - I. We are using the proceeds to reimburse \$20 to members who did not receive prime rib or a substitute main course at the 2024 party.
 - B. 2025 Club Socials
 - i. Leo announced that the months of August, October and November are still open to book a Social.
 - I. Martin Latham volunteered to take August.
 - C. Day Trips and Outings
 - i. We still need volunteers to set up new driving adventures for the club.
- VI. Past Events
 - A. February Social, February 18, at Newport Rib Company in Costa Mesa.
 - i. Hosted by Leo and Donna Mann
 - ii. Great turnout and good food.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - A. March Social, March 18, 6PM at Tutto Fresco, 1808 N Tustin Ave, Santa Ana.
 - i. Hosted by Larry and Nancy Ward.
 - ii. There is a signup sheet.
 - B. April Social, April 15, 6PM at the Crab Por Restaurant, 215 N. Marina Dr, Long Beach.
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - C. Slot Canyons Tour Apr 28 through May 2, 2025.
 - i. Hosted by Bob and Cecil Blattenberg.
 - ii. There are 14 cars attending. There is room for 3 more. If you want to go, you need to contact Bob and Cecil.
 - iii. The first night will be at the Tuscany Suites in Las Vegas. There is a Rat Pack show available at the Tuscany Suite, with tickets selling for \$100. A variety of restaurants are available nearby.

- iv. The 2nd day includes travel to Page, AZ. Group will now be staying at the Best Western Plus instead of the Comfort Inn since it is nicer and less expensive.
- v. That afternoon the group will visit Horseshoe Bend at around sunset. Parking there is \$9-\$15 if you don't have a park pass. Afterwards you have your choice of 3 restaurants for dinner.
- vi. On the 3rd day we'll have a boat tour and hike the Upper Canyon. The boat is easy to get on and off. The canyon has stairs, but it should not be too hard for members to access the trail.
- vii. On the last day we will tour the Lower Canyon. It has the best scenery.
- viii. The canyons may be dusty. Bring a mask if dust bothers you.
- ix. Participants should bring their Golden Age pass or senior park pass if they have one.
- x. No selfie sticks are allowed in the parks. Purses and backpacks are not allowed in the canyons. Cecil will provide clear bags to hold items for the Upper Canyon tour. Binoculars would be good to have.
- D. May Social, May 20, 6PM, Rose Canyon Cantina and Grill, 20722 Rose Canyon Rd., Trabuco Canyon.
 - i. Hosted by Henry and Sue Walker
- E. June Social, June 17, 6PM, Location TBD.
 - i. Mickey and Sue Lookman are hosts.
- F. July Social, July 15. 2025 Club Appreciation Social. Free to members.
 - i. Hosted by the OCV Board.
- G. Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks, October 13-16, 2025
 - i. Twenty-three members have signed up to go on the trip and plans are set.
- VIII. Member Forum
 - A. Nancy Ward offered copies of the Corvette Buyer's Guide and a recent copy of Corvette Magazine to anyone who is interested.
- IX. Opportunity drawing of \$70 won by Henry Walker. Additional prizes were won by Angie O'Keefe, Sarah McDaniel, Tony Siragusa, Steve Bronston, Fred Fossek, Sue Walker, and George McDaniel.

- X. Next Board Meeting is March 25, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Keno's in Anaheim Hills.
- XI. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
 - A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Leo Mann by March 30.
- XII. Badge Fines \$1.00 paid to Ray Cranston.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:05 by Martin Latham, seconded by Larry Ward. 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:

OC Vettes
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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 2024 – 2025 Club Officers

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Leo Mann	(714) 323-3599
Vice President	Daryl Martin	(562) 522-5753
Secretary	Carol Thompson	(714) 749-1486
Treasurer	Ray Cranston	(562) 665-1709
Director	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675

VOLUNTEER OFFICES

NCCC Governor	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-1053
Membership Chair	Donna Mann	(714) 323-3555
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Tony Siragusa	(714) 308-0096
Apparel Coordinator	Gary Oedekerker	(949) 733-1047
Website Liaison	Steve Bronston	(714) 458-1675
Newsletter/Historian	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070
Member News	Sue Lookman	(714) 767-3451
50-50 Coordinator	Masako Burggraf	(714) 936-8528
Homecoming Chair	Conda Takanabe	(714) 595-1070



OCMAFC - 62nd Annual Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Hart Park, 701 S. Glassell St, Orange, California
7:30am-11am

Large Raffle Selection

Adults \$10 /
Children \$5 (Ages 2-10)

Pancakes

Sausage

Eggs

Juice

Hot Cocoa

Hot Coffee



For more info contact:

Aaron Magdaleno Frank Reese
714-862-5773 714-348-2507

Entrance & Parking

All cars will enter/exit on Shaffer St off of East La Veta Ave.

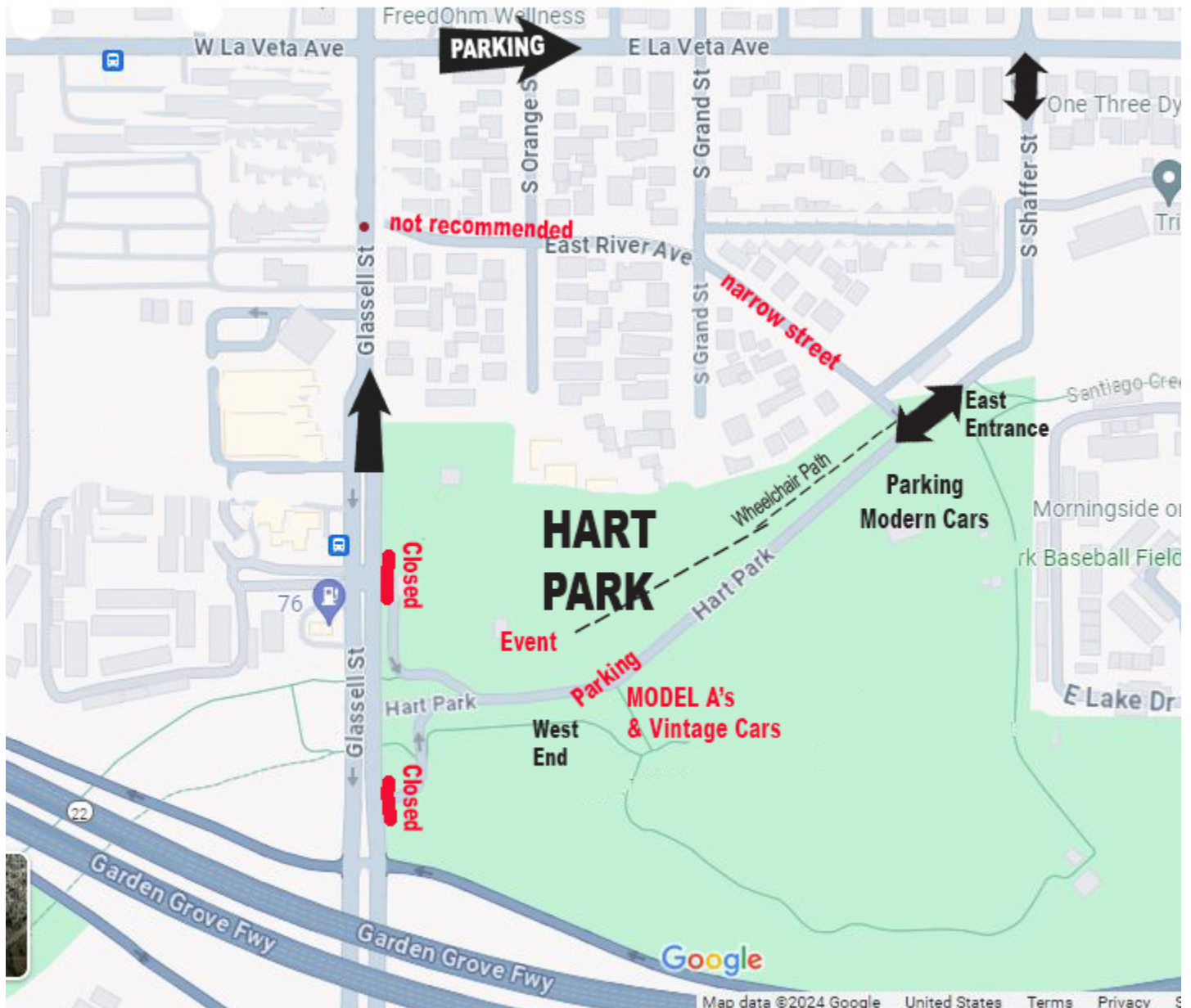
Modern cars will park immediately at the East end of the parking lot near entrance.

Model A's and vintage cars will continue thru the parking lot to the West end.

Best access for handicap and wheelchairs is the Modern car parking area at the East end of lot. Handicap parking at West end of the lot requires climbing steep, concrete stairs to the event.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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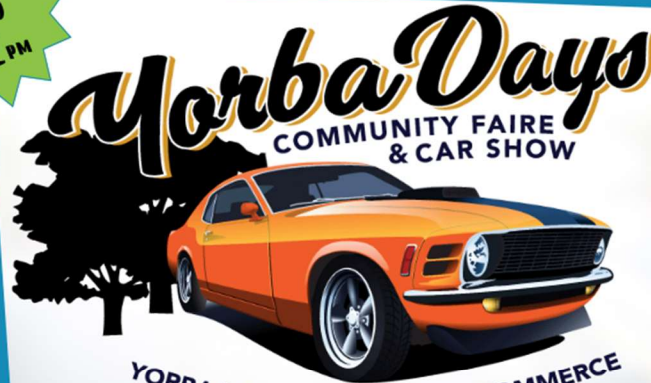




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