

MARCH 2026



The Orange Pits

OC VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all. It is my hope that this message finds you well and in good spirits.

As we welcome March and the arrival of spring, I'm excited to see our club gearing up for another season of adventures, camaraderie, and unforgettable drives. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the club, your passion and enthusiasm for Corvettes continue to make our organization thrive. This month of Irish fun with shamrocks, green beer, Leprechauns, rainbows leading to pots of gold, we are looking forward to another Corvette cruise season. So, cruise on down to the Panda Inn on March 17 for the club social hosted by Bob and Masako Burggraf and enjoy a St. Patrick's Day dinner with the club and hopefully find your pot of gold.

Let's make spring a season of fun and horsepower. Please check your emails for event updates, volunteer opportunities, and club news. Thank you for your ongoing support—let's keep our engines roaring and our spirits high!

If you have a cruise idea for a one-day trip or for several days, please let me know and we'll add it to our calendar. We've had some very good trips in the past and we are all looking forward to the next adventure.

See you on the road!

Daryl Martin
President, OC Vettes

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
OCV Events in Blue and Italic
For more info contact Daryl Martin
at 562-522-5753

DATE	EVENT	HOST
2026		
<i>March 3</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
March 17	ST. PATRICK'S DAY	
<i>March 17</i>	<i>OCV Social-Panda Inn, La Palma</i>	<i>Bob & Masako Burggraf</i>
<i>March 24</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
April 2	PASSOVER	
April 5	EASTER	
<i>April 7</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
April 16-18	Corvettes of Bakersfield Gambler's Classic (see flyer)	
<i>April 21</i>	<i>OCV Social-The Crab Pot, Long Beach</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting @ Black Bear Diner, Buena Park</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>April 29-May 4</i>	<i>OCV Route 66 Centennial Fun Run</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>May 5</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, Santa Ana Elks Lodge, 1751 S. Lyon Street, Santa Ana. Dinner cost is \$30 per person.</i>	<i>OCV Board</i>
<i>May 9</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>May 19</i>	<i>OCV Social-Rose Canyon Cantina</i>	<i>???</i>
<i>September 19</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>
<i>November ??</i>	<i>NCCC Regional Meeting Via Zoom</i>	<i>Janet Cherry</i>



MARCH SOCIAL
at
PANDA INN
6:00 PM
2 Centerpoint Drive
La Palma, CA



聚豐園

A LIVING LEGACY

Panda Inn is a legacy built on family, tradition, and the belief that food brings people together. Founded by Master Chef Ming-Tsai Cherng and his son Andrew, Panda Inn blends time-honored Chinese cooking with a spirit of generosity and care. What began as a father and son's tribute to their heritage has grown into a living celebration of their immigrant journey, and of those who paved the way before them.

For more than 50 years, Panda Inn has remained a place where consistency, warmth, and care create lasting connections with our guests and community. It's a tribute. A home. A table where all are welcome.

FEBRUARY SOCIAL **at** **ZUBIE'S DRY DOCK**











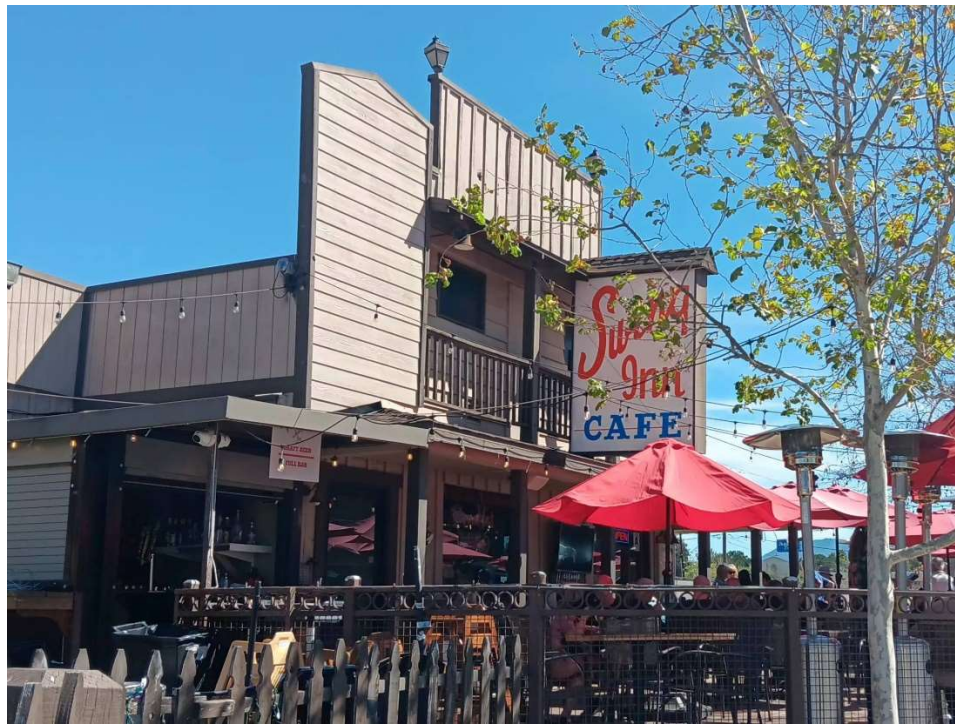
OCV TEMECULA TRIP

(Photos courtesy of Karen Goettsch)



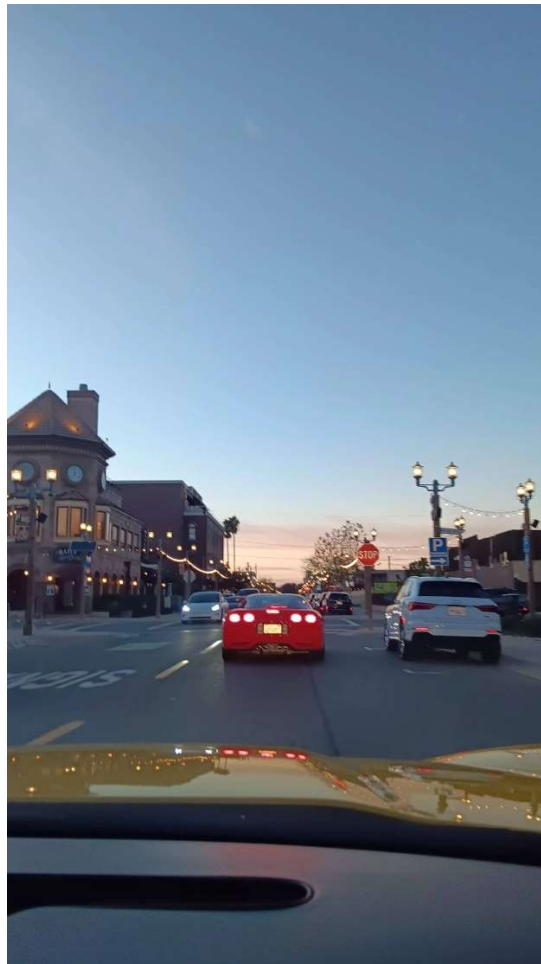












RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Irish Soda Bread



Ingredients

- ☐ 4 cups all-purpose flour
- ☐ 4 tablespoons sugar
- ☐ 1 teaspoon baking soda
- ☐ 1½ teaspoons salt
- ☐ 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) cold unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- ☐ 1 ¾ cups cold buttermilk, shaken
- ☐ 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- ☐ 1 cup raisins

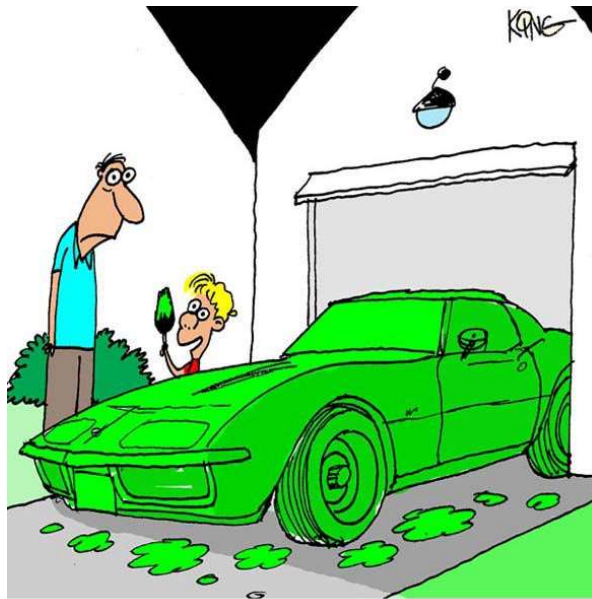
Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line Dutch oven (or cast iron skillet) with parchment paper. You can also use a baking dish or cookie sheet.

2. Combine flour, sugar, baking soda and salt in a large bowl. Place 2 T of flour mixture in a medium bowl. Add raisins and toss to coat raisins well (this will keep them from sinking to the bottom of the bread).
3. Using a pastry blender, fork or food processor, to cut the cold butter into remaining flower mixture.
4. In a small bowl, beat buttermilk and egg, with a fork or whisk until well combined. Using a wooden spoon (or rubber spatula) add buttermilk mixture to the flour mixture and stir until just combined. Fold raisins into mixture.
5. On a heavily floured surface, knead dough. It's easier to work with half the dough at a time. Add enough flour so it is not sticky, but be careful not to add too much flour.
6. Form dough into a ball and place in prepared pan. Using a serrated knife, cut a 1-inch deep X into the top of the bread.
7. Bake for 45 to 55 minutes, until perfectly golden brown. Serve warm and store any leftovers in an airtight container for up to a week.



JOKES OF THE MONTH



"In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I painted your car green. I knew it would leave you speechless, dad."

What do Corvette owners have trouble seeing?
The difference between want and need.

When does the light bulb go on for Corvette owners?
When they get their first insurance bill.

What's the difference between a Corvette owner and a beer at a bar?
The beer doesn't spent 20 minutes explaining its specs.

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 staff is waiting to help you with your order.



INTERESTING ST. PATRICK'S DAY FACTS

St. Patrick was not Irish. He was born in Roman Britain, likely in Wals or Scotland, and was kidnapped by Irish raiders at age 16, spending six years as a slave in Ireland before escaping and later returning as a missionary to spread Christianity.

The famous story of St. Patrick banishing snakes is symbolic, as Ireland never had native snakes. It represents driving out pagan practices.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	CLUB MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARY	Years
MAR					
4	Ellie Cranston			Bill & Teri Kupper	26
15	Dave Talley			Bob & Cecil Blattenburg	17
22	Bob Blattenburg			Kevin Donnelly	4
25	Richard Thompson			George & Sarah McDaniel	3
				Daryl & Valerie Martin	3
APRIL					
3	Doris Dix	9	Michael & Doris Dix	Conda Takanabe	24
4	Debb Van der Upwich	17	Fred & Sue Fossek	Larry & Nancy Ward	24
7	Pat Beucler			Bob & Masago Burggraf	10
16	Sue Fossek				
17	Teri Kupper				
21	Janet Cherry				
23	Chris Hamel				

2026 ROUTE 66

By Janet Cherry



We are planning a different caravan route for the Rt 66 Fun Run 2026 focusing on the Centennial (100 year). Below is a rough outline. As of today, we have a total of 15 cars and 30 members signed up. The Fun Run is limited to 900 cars.

The dates are:

Wednesday April 29th – Sunday May 3rd

Wednesday April 29th - drive to Laughlin

Thursday April 30th - drive to Williams, AZ

Friday May 1st - drive to Seligman (pick up bags drive to Kingman)

Saturday 2nd - fun run Seligman to Kingman

Sunday 3rd – drive Oatman to Topock (on your own to go home) or opted to stay in Topock for the after party and drive home Monday

If you are interested, please email me as soon as possible for a list of the hotels and how to register for the Fun Run.

Thank you.

Janet wuwublu@gmail.com

OC VETTES
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
March 3, 2026
Santa Ana Elks Lodge

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Daryl Martin. Vice President Janet Cherry, 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 February 3, 2026, were moved for approval by Daryl Martin and seconded by Tony Siragusa. The minutes were approved.
- IV. Reports -
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Daryl Martin. Daryl mentioned the birthdays and anniversaries that will be celebrated in March.
 - ii. Vice President: Janet Cherry. No report.
 - iii. Secretary: Carol Thompson. No report.
 - iv. Treasurer: Ray Cranston –Ray distributed the financial report.
 - v. Director: Steve Bronston. No report.
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. NCCC Governor: Janet Cherry. No report.
 - ii. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. Tony reported that the NHRA has announced that ZR1 Corvettes will not be allowed to compete in drag race competitions because they go too fast.
 - iii. Membership: Donna Mann. No report.
 - iv. Member News: Sue Lookman. No report.
 - v. Newsletter: Conda Takanabe. Conda asked members to send her any pictures or articles.
 - vi. Website: Steve Bronston. Steve has downloaded the corrected new member form to the website.

- vii. Apparel Coordinator: Gary Oedekerk. No report. Daryl said he is not able to find the style of club shirt he ordered, so members will need to select their own style when they place an order with Land's End.
- viii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf. No report.
- ix. Elks Club Ambassador: Tony Siragusa. Tony asked for meal requests and comments regarding the food at the meeting.
- x. Homecoming Fundraiser Liaison: Conda Takanabe. No report.

V. New Business

- A. Steve is updating the OCV website.
 - i. He was having an issue with the membership registration form.
 - ii. Steve was able to use the old form and download it so he could make the necessary changes.
- B. Signing vendor contracts for hotels, trips or events.
 - i. Daryl reminded members that if they sign a contract for lodging or events, it is their responsibility to make sure the contract requirements are met.
 - I. Any money lost is the responsibility of the member setting up the contract.
 - II. The best way to avoid issues is to collect the money in advance and tell members that the payment is non-refundable.
- C. Club equipment
 - i. OCV owns several pieces of equipment that were used in the past for the Poker Run and other events.
 - I. The club has a microphone, amplifier, playing cards, forms, signs, etc.
 - II. If you have any of this equipment, please contact a member of the Board.
 - III. The Board wants to consolidate all equipment to one location so it doesn't disappear due to changes in membership and officers.
- D. Possible Poker Run This Summer
 - i. Daryl reported that the Board did a cost analysis for holding an updated Poker Run this year.
 - I. Several revenue sources from past years are no longer available, such as Angel tickets, Mother's car products,

etc. Those items generated significant amounts in a silent auction.

- II. If we purchase gift basket items instead of having them donated, that reduces the net income from the event.
- III. A good percentage of the money comes from Poker Run registrations from our own members
- IV. It was decided that the amount of work is not worth the money that might be earned.
- ii. There are several options the club could choose instead for fun with less work.
 - I. We could have an OCV-only Poker Run as a fun event.
 - I. There would be no event registration fee.
 - II. Members would pay \$5 for each poker hand.
 - III. We could start anywhere we designate and end up at any chosen restaurant to have a luncheon similar to our Tuesday night socials.
 - IV. There would be a card given at the start of the run. There would still be three stops along the route to collect playing cards, and the fifth card would be selected at the restaurant at the end of the run.
 - V. The top 3 hands would win \$100, \$75 and \$50 respectively.
 - I. The prize money should be offset by the sale of poker hands.
 - II. Another option is to use a previous route map to have a drive without any poker hands or prizes.
 - I. This would provide a fun event where we can get out and drive our Corvettes over a scenic route for fun.
 - I. The drive should take 60 to 90 minutes and could include lunch either before or after the run.
 - III. Both of these options could be done this year.

VI. Past Events

- A. February 17 Social at Zubie's Dry Dock in Huntington Beach.
 - i. Hosted by Richard and Carol Thompson.
 - ii. Twenty-five members attended. It was a good turnout for a rainy night.

- iii. There was plenty of room, so members were able to stay and visit until nearly 8PM.
 - B. February 25, Temecula Creek Inn, Temecula.
 - i. Hosted by Dave and Chris Hamel.
 - ii. The hotel was very nice, situated next to the golf course.
 - iii. The group started in Old Temecula where they shopped until lunchtime.
 - iv. Lunch was held at the Swing Inn restaurant, offering large portions of delicious barbecue. Dinner was on the patio at the Longhorn Steakhouse. Breakfast was held at the Corkfire Kitchen restaurant by the golf course.
- VII. Upcoming Events
 - A. March 17, March Social, 6 PM, at Panda Inn, 2 Centerpointe Drive, La Palma.
 - i. Hosted by Bob and Masako Burggraf.
 - ii. Bob said to make sure that we only sit 8 to a table or the restaurant will not give us separate checks.
 - B. April 21, April Social at 6 PM, at The Crab Pot, 215 N. Marina Drive, Long Beach.
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - C. April 29-May 3, 2026, Route 66 Fun Run
 - i. Hosted by Janet Cherry.
 - ii. There will be a prep meeting before the trip.
- VIII. Member Forum
 - A. Several C6 owners have reported an issue with their cars being stuck in Park due to an issue with the anti-theft device.
 - i. It involves a problem with the wiring harness. It's very expensive to have fixed at the dealership, but owners can replace the harness for about \$180 and 4 hours of labor.
 - B. Robert Strada, the film student who came to a meeting a few months ago asking for assistance in making a video about Corvettes came to show a sample of his film. He met with Anita Tse, who volunteered her Corvette for the project. Robert said he got an A on the video and it's being entered into various film festival competitions. He left his cards at the meeting in case anyone wants to create a video or have photos taken of their Corvette.
- IX. Opportunity drawing of \$65 was won by Gary Oedekerker. Additional prizes were won by John Bova, Janet Cherry, Vicky Siragusa, Spike Nichols, Fred Fossek, and Mike Blume.

- X. Next General Meeting is Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 6:30 at the Santa Ana Elks Lodge.
 - A. Agenda items for the next meeting are due to Daryl Martin by March 31.
- XI. Next Board Meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM at the Buena Park Black Bear Diner, 7005 Knott Ave, Buena Park.
- XII. Badge Fines \$1.00 paid to Ray Cranston.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn at 7:20 by Donna Mann, seconded by Barb Hall. 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. 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.

O C Vettes 2025 – 2026 Club Officers

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Daryl Martin	(562) 522-5753
Vice President	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-1053
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) 293-1386
Website	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

SAVE THE DATES

**Gambler's Classic returns to
the Riverside Resort and
Casino**

April 16 – 18, 2026



[Download Save the Date flyer](#)

Mark your calendars and rev up your anticipation, because Gambler's Classic 2026 is on the horizon. The Corvettes of Bakersfield's Gambler's Classic 2026 is