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# River City Corvettes of Sacramento

## September 2013 Newsletter

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**Business Meetings start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Dante Club. No food will be served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close to the Dante Club. Next meeting is October 3, 2013.**

### **President John Klunder's Message**

A new Club year is here and I'm looking forward to taking over the reins from Mr. Dunbar. Thanks, Ed for the great job you did last year. I think we'll be seeing a few changes in this upcoming year which should benefit the Club in different ways. I would like to see an increase in the number of day runs, but at the same time continue with the more popular weekenders. As more of us retire from our old day jobs it becomes increasingly easier to participate in midweek runs and events which can have less of an impact on our wallets.

With that in mind, we are going to have our next year's event planning meeting on October 3. I would appreciate those who have chaired events in the past to continue to do so, and encourage the rest of the membership to provide support or initiate your own event. We are all here to help in whatever way we can.

I'm looking forward to another great, fun year of 'Vetting' with you all!

**John Klunder, President aka "JohnnyK"**

### **Vice President Tom Mason's Message**

Welcome to another year of fun with our cars and family. First thing on our agenda is the Chili cook off. Please let Patti or your call around person know if you are coming and what you are bringing. We will have a driving challenge again this year BUT without any blindfolds. ALSO our next meeting is on Oct. 3rd. It will be our annual planning meeting for next year's runs. Remember there will NOT be a raffle at this meeting. I know some of you have tours and other fun things you usually do for us throughout the year and other things up your sleeve. Although it seems that a few members put on a lot of events, there is always room for more. As I mentioned we are a big Family and all of us have favorite things we do. Jerry Neil has offered the use of some of his runs that he did for the Horseless Carriage Club. All you have to do is contact him and see what he has to offer. If the Horseless carriage club can use these roads, our Corvettes can surely handle them. The Fort Bragg run will have two routes available to enjoy getting there. Any runs you have planned already please email me with dates and people putting them on. Thanks.

**Tom Mason, [tomscars@surewest.net](mailto:tomscars@surewest.net) , Vice President**

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (September 5, 2013)**

The meeting was called to order at 7 by **John Klunder**

The July minutes were approved as written by Patti Herberger and seconded by Carol Klunder.

The Treasurers report given by Don Williams.

Rosie introduced and welcomed new visitors (and 1<sup>st</sup> time Corvette owners) Gary and Julie Menzies, and Cindy Latino.

Rosie announced the August Birthdays and thanked Ralph & Dodie Pockress for providing the cake and cookies.

**John's message to the group to start his year as president:**

1. He asked for a round of applause from everyone for being so supportive and caring of members in crisis.
2. He asks that if anyone in the Club has any kind of issue with him or how he is doing anything to please speak with him rather than talking about things behind his back.

3. John feels we should drop the Crab Feed as a fundraiser as there are usually too many going on in the community at the same time and people are getting tired of them. He suggested that instead we consider having a bbq/luau perhaps in late spring (May) and is in the process of working out the details.
4. He admitted that he initially joined the club for the contacts he could potentially make to promote his business and suggested that there are many other members who have businesses they could promote. Members' business info is posted on the website. Just get the information to our web manager Bill Vasile.
5. As of this time the Halloween party is still scheduled. He asked how many people were interested in going this year and next year as it is close to time to schedule events with the Dante Club. Approximately half of the members in attendance (attendance at this meeting was noticeably lighter than usual) indicated by a show of hands that they would like to have the Halloween party.
6. Calendar planning will be done early at the October meeting in order to get the calendar to the printer sooner and save money. **Reminder: There will be no raffle at the October meeting.**
7. John had the people in the club who have put on runs in the last couple of years stand up so others who may be interested in putting on a run would know who to ask for advice. He encouraged people who have never put on a run to try it, or volunteer to help out on someone else's run. He also encouraged the group to come up with more one-day runs. Jerry let the group know he has a lot of pre-planned routes already to go if anyone was interested.

### **Past events presented by Vice President Tom Mason:**

**August 10<sup>th</sup> . . . Club Birthday Bash:** Keith said that 98 people attended. Food was well done, and everyone agreed it was very good. Terri says thanks for over \$1,800 raised for the Christmas for Kids charity.

**August 20<sup>th</sup> . . . Full Moon Run by Joyce & Chuck Sathre:** Joyce said they underestimated the number of people who would want to go topless! 49 signed up and the restaurant had to go with an alternative menu costing a little more. Terri generously bought wine for all the tables at dinner. Weather was beautiful and it was a fun run.

### **More information from Tom:**

1. California Auto Museum: he will keep us up to date on the goings on at the museum. They have a new website (cam.org) that is coming out this weekend.
2. Emphasized the need for CB radios on the runs, especially the lead car. Cobra makes a radio that does not require an external antenna and a couple of members are going to try it out on the Empire Mine run.
3. He is requesting assistance in setting up the driving challenge at the chili cook-off.
4. Announced that Keith Little won an award at the CAM Car Cruise last month for best Corvette 1984-present and he brought his trophy to show the group.
5. The Gaustad's paid for a group membership at the Auto Museum for us which entitles each member to one free visit. There was discussion regarding what information was to be given the museum so they know we are members of the club. Plan is to provide them with a roster and whoever visits will just need to show ID.

### **Future events:**

**September 11th** the Empire Mine Run - Bill Abbey. 1-1/2 hour private tour at \$9 per person. Please see flyer for more details. Meeting in Colfax @ 9:30. Taking back roads to Empire Mine. Then to Lake of the Pines and taking boats around the lake after lunch.

**September 21st** The Chili Cook-off at Tom & Joan Mason's . Usually a big function – last year 70 people, 18 crockpots. 3 judges will be there to choose the best Hot Chili, Wimpy Chili and Corn Bread competition. Starts at 3 pm; bring \$5 for driving games. Please RSVP if you are bringing Chili so they know how many electrical outlets will be needed. Patti Herberger will do a call around. If you are not bringing chili or cornbread, please bring an appetizer or a dessert. BYOB. Last years winners were Helen Little for cornbread, the Barringtons for chili and Janet Butler for wimpy chili.

**October 11-13th** Fort Bragg sponsored by Tom & Joan Mason. Call the Harbor Lights for room reservations. See the flyer for more details. Lunch stop will be at the Blue Wing Cafe in Upper Lake. Friday night please bring hors d'oeuvres and Saturday dinner will be at Silva's Wharf. Napa Corvette Club to join us for dinner Sat. 8 rooms remaining as of today.

Raffle tickets were drawn. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to the Kochers and the Sutters for their work.

Dennis Kocher mentioned that due to word of mouth from members of the club who have been on his Beale AFB tours he has 10 more tours scheduled through the end of the year!

**"Bette & Ed's Corner"** Bette told us jokes (they were funny).

**Corvette of the Month . . .** John presented the Corvette of the Month to Michael & Sharon Condon.

President John reminded members to order their name tags from John/Carol Klunder, Shirts from Jim Bjornsen and Hats from Tom Doherty.

Rudy mentioned that this weekend there is a car show in Grass Valley at the fairgrounds that will have 1,000 cars.

Closing remarks; Next month (October) is planning – no raffle!

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patti Herberger and seconded by Joyce Sathre.

**Respectfully submitted by Karen Vasile, Secretary**

**Thanks to Raffle Donors: the Mounces, Dohertys, Stelters, Hinchmans, Vasiles, Butlers, Terrie Hunt and Jerry Neil, Brunellis, Marchands, Masons and Burnetts.**

**Happy October Birthdays to: William Abbey 10/12; Jim Bartylla 10/16; Bonnie Bradt 10/27; Sue Byler 10/1; Vince DeCaro 10/31; Nash (Dhillon) Prabh 10/4; Jeanie Kayl 10/15; Roberta Hinchman 10/17; Val McMichael 10/8; Lisa McNatt 10/18; Mary Powell 10/31; Cathy Quigg 10/3; George Ramos 10/26; Linda Kirk 10/26; Rick Sutter 10/4, Ran Yates 10/26, Paul Willett 10/19 and Patty Vassilopoulos 10/4.**

Thank you to our **Phone Tree People**... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, Sue Byler, Patty Doherty, Marty Farnetti, Kathy Greene, Roberta Hinchman, Lisa McNatt, Charity & Gary Smith, LaRee Brunelli, Marge Sutter and Chuck Sanchuk. These people really help us coordinate our events!!

**A SPECIAL NOTE to support our fellow members that have businesses or sell goods or services; Check our web site for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!**

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Birthday Cake	Rotating	Rotating	Rotating

**SAFETY NOTICE: We have nice cars in our club and some of us like to drive very fast, but it's very important to put SAFETY FIRST!!! If you are not comfortable going fast, especially on a club run, please stay within your speed comfort zone. Stay toward the back of the pack, or volunteer to run with the slower group, if possible. It's better to show up at the next location a little late, than to drive faster than you feel safe!**