



# River City Corvettes of Sacramento

## February 2015 Newsletter

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**Business Meetings start at 7 pm on the first Thursday of each month at the Dante Club. Food is not served at the meeting, but there are nice restaurants close to the Dante Club. Next meeting is March 5, 2015.**

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

Looks like all had a great time at Bunco and Monster golf. Lots of things on the near horizon so check your calendar and plan on joining your fellow Corvetters on some runs. Some of the runs are during the week so that may be good time to come along and explore. Speaking of fellow Corvetters, don't forget that all friends and relatives are welcome at the Crab Feed. The only other thing from me and my Crab Shack is WE need more items for the raffle and people to fill 300 seats. Although Nash wasn't at the meeting he would want everyone to come out and enjoy the runs. That's it for now.

**Tom Mason, President**

### **Vice President Nash Dhillon's Message** *(not present for meeting)*

### **RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (February 5, 2015)**

The meeting was called to order at 7p.m. by Tom Mason.

January Meeting Minutes were recognized and approved, 1<sup>st</sup> by Anne Dunbar and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Mounce.

**Treasurer's Report – Rick Sutter** - The Treasurer's Report was given by Rick Sutter and recognized by the membership.

**Visitors and New Members- Rosie Bjornsen** – Rosie welcomed several visitors. Rosie introduced Alan Steinhofel as a first time visitor. He introduced himself and told the membership that he has his 2005 Corvette for sale. Next Rod Meskell and his son Dennis were also introduced. Dennis is 17 years old and due to his high grades and along with money he saved he and his father purchased a 1993 Coupe Corvette. Congratulations to Dennis and Rod. The final first time visitors were introduced and welcomed, Brian Barrington and Jennifer Friedrichs from Auburn who own a 2006 Z06 and a 1974 Stingray. Bill and Nora Benner (friends of the Abbeys), as second time visitors, were reintroduced and welcomed back

Rosie announced six February birthdays.

Don and Susan Hess were thanked for bringing the birthday goodies to the February meeting.

Jeannie and Ron Kayl volunteered to bring the birthday goodies for the March meeting.

**Tom's Part:** Tom reminded members they are welcomed to contact him directly should they have any club related matters discuss or if they have any questions related to the club. You can contact Tom at 916-722-7858 or email: [tomscars@surewest.net](mailto:tomscars@surewest.net)

**Nash's Part:** In Nash's absence, Tom addressed and introduced past and future events.

### **Past Events:**

#### **January 24 – Bunco – Chuck and Joyce Sathre**

Joyce spoke saying Bunco was a fun night. There were quite a few cancellations due to people down with the flu. 63 people played Bunco and had a wonderful time. Joyce thanked those members who brought desserts to share and those who brought card tables. John Klunder was the big winner and Terri (Hunt) Neil's friend was the biggest loser taking home the bottle of wine labeled "The 2015 Biggest Bunco Loser".

### **January 31 - Monster Golf and Meatballs - John Klunder**

John spoke of his "golf balls" and "meat balls" event saying everyone had a good time and enjoyed their Spaghetti Factory lunch. The golfer with the "highest" score was Keri Berkler and the golfer with the "lowest" score and the winner was Paul Regnier with a score of 41! John said it was a fun day and was looking forward to next year. He followed this up by saying maybe next year someone would like to take over putting on a "Monster Golf" event.

**Tonight's Raffle "Vanna" Volunteers** – Keri Berkler and Margo Henderson, thank you very much.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **February 28<sup>th</sup>, Mystery Run – Mystery Run Solved!**

The mystery run will be held at the California Auto Museum who is hosting a member appreciation party for our club on Saturday, February 28, 2015, at 6 p.m. The party is cost free and will include live entertainment, dancing, music, ice cream, and a bar. Members attending the party will have free entrance to the museum for the evening. The museum currently holds over 150 cars and includes a section with cars for sale. Tom said a sign-up sheet will be passed around at the next club meeting. Tom said to be sure and dress warm as the building is quite large and it can get a little cold. He also said that members may want to drive their "generics" as the parking lot is gravel and not level.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>, Daffodil Hill Run – Joan and Tom Mason** - Joan spoke saying she and Tom were going to try this run again this year barring rain or snow. Plan to meet at Latrobe Road and I-80 at the Starbucks coffee shop at 10 a.m., depart at 10:30 a.m. The run should arrive at Daffodil Hill at 11:30 a.m. and will depart Daffodil Hill for Jackson around 12:30. Lunch will be at Jackson Rancheria around 1 p.m. and then you can head home at your own time.

#### **March 22nd, Annual Club Crab Feed – Nash Dhillon and Tom Mason**

Tom spoke saying they have approximately \$1,400 worth of donations so far and that donations are still being accepted. He said many companies are saying they will let you know in a couple weeks. Tom mentioned that some people are buying full tables worth of tickets, but reminded members to encourage their family, friends, neighbors and anyone they know who would like to eat their fill of crab to attend. Should you have someone in your group who does not want to eat crab, there is an alternate chicken dinner offered at \$40. Please let Tom know right away, if you want to order a chicken dinner. See Joan Mason to purchase tickets for the event. Make checks payable to River City Corvettes of Sacramento. Members are also asked to donate desserts for a silent auction dessert table. Tom reminded members that this is the largest money maker for the club and helps to fund future club sponsored events.

#### **April 25<sup>th</sup>, Day at the Races – Robert Ramirez and Peter Brandt Sign-up sheet passed around**

Robert and Peter began their turn at the mike with a recording of a bugle sounding the start of a horse race. This event is at the Golden Gate Field in Berkeley, California. Cost is \$45 per person and \$20 for minors (4-17 years old). There will be Turf Club (premium) seating, an all you can eat Turf Club Buffet, valet parking (there will be an area where we will park our own cars) and each participant will be given a free official racing program. Our club will be welcomed on the infield tote board and in the printed racing form. In addition, our group name will be mentioned by the track announcer. Six "Winner's Circle" privileges will be given to six of our club members. Peter read through the Turf Club Buffet Menu, which was deliciously extensive including a long listing of salads, entrees, sides and desserts with carvings of slow roasted prime rib, roasted turkey and roasted ham. Meet at the Carl's Junior, Northgate at Hwy 80. More specifics related to the departure will be provided at later meetings.

#### **May 1<sup>st</sup> – 3rd, Corvette Corral at the Continental Tire Monterey Grand Prix – Rick Sutter**

Rick spoke saying this event is a combination of the old Rolex and American Lemans Series with about four classes of cars including the Corvette Racing Team. There will be about 300 Corvettes, a tent with TV monitors. Friday 200 Corvettes will have two parade laps. Speak with the drivers and other such as famous Corvette Team and sports car drivers. Rick said that last time Ron Fellows spoke. Saturday night a banquet is put on by the National Corvette Museum with Corvette Chief Engineer and Vehicle Line Director as well as Doug Fehan, Corvette Racing Team's Manager.

#### **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, Color Corvette Run – Gary Smith**

Gary said this run is being put on by a past member, Doug Rosa, to benefit Veterans. It will take place in Southern Nevada, close to Las Vegas. Gary said he will provide information on this run to those that request it of him.

#### **May 29<sup>th</sup>, Horton Iris Garden/High-Hand Nursery Lunch – Bob and Roberta Hinchman**

Roberta spoke saying this run will be limited to 20 people, email Roberta and the first 20 people will go. Plan to wear walking shoes. We will meet at 9:30 a.m.– depart 10 a.m. at the McDonald's at 4211 Sierra College Blvd., Rocklin, off Sierra College Blvd., Exit 109, off Hwy 80. **First stop:** High-Hand Nursery, Loomis. Meander around then we will have lunch at their cafe. **Second Stop** Horton Iris Garden, Loomis. We will start with a short informational presentation and

then you can go walk around gardens to see late blooming irises. An information flyer will be provided at the April and May meetings.

**June 7<sup>th</sup> Elk Horn Saloon Brunch – Ed Dunbar**

Currently working on the menu and pricing, more information to come. Plan on going to two venues, go to brunch and then you are on your way home.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Rogue River Run – Rick Sutter with Barbara Stelter**

Rick spoke saying they are planning a Rogue River 5 1/5 hour white water run on a 32 passenger boat. Rick said there will be an informational flyer at the next meeting. Make your reservation at the Lodge at the Riverside, Grants Pass, Oregon.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> – 12th, Western States Corvette Counsel's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convention and Celebration - Rick Sutter** This event will be held in Reno, NV, at the Grand Sierra Resort. It is estimated that 150 Corvettes will be attending and participating on and off. There will be auto cross, car shows, track day (professional driver to drive with you and give suggestions), poker runs, Naval Air Station Lunch and Tour, a bowling tournament, a BBQ, an Awards Banquet with attempts be made to set up a show and additional events. Corvette Driver Los Vegas Corvette Driving School with raffle for free two days driving school.

**Jokester of the Month – Ed Dunbar** “Shake em up Joyce” in memory of Joyce Wildman . . . Lost Keys . . . Ten Speed Bicycle . . . An emergency Call Center Worker . . . . You just had to be there, very funny. Enjoyed by all.

**Featured Corvette of the Month – Charity Smith**

Charity gave clues to the members presented with her photo for the Corvette of the Month ... not their first Corvette ... Corvette not red ... on their 5<sup>th</sup> Corvette ... World travelers ... Calloway intake and exhaust ... Enjoy golfing . . . No one could guess that it was our very own Ed and Anne Dunbar

Tom Mason requested a motion to adjourn the meeting with Terrie Neil providing a 1<sup>st</sup> and Jim Bartylla providing a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Respectfully submitted by Roberta Hinchman, Secretary**

**Happy March Birthdays to: Rie Bowers 3/7, Douglas Campbell 3/5, Mary Lou Carlisle 3/26, Sharon Condon 3/8, Anthony Fifer 3/8, Jerry Neil 3/1, Gary Johnson 3/13, Keith Little 3/15 and Cyndee Reed 3/4.**

**Thanks to Raffle Donors: The Bartyllas, Herbergers (2), Vasiles, Mounces (5), Barringtons, Brunellis, Dunbars, McMichaels, Klunders, Littles, Gaustads, Sutters, Sathres, Menzies, Neils, Petries, Harris's, Pierces, Dohertys and Sue Faccisola.**

Thank you to our **Phone Tree People**... they are: Patti Herberger (phone tree manager), Rosie Bjornsen, 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 selling goods and/or services; Check our web site [www.rivercitycorvettes.org](http://www.rivercitycorvettes.org) for a list of those members and their businesses; they'll appreciate it!!**

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Birthday Desserts	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 a 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!