



River City Corvettes of Sacramento November 2008 Newsletter

PERFORMANCE CHEVROLET on Madison Avenue is our proud club sponsor.

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 **December 4, 2008**.

President Ran Yates's Message

Hello fellow Corvetters

Thanks to all RCCC members who attended our November Planning Meeting. This is by far the largest turn out I have seen since I have been in the club. THANK YOU!!! We have some great runs planned for next year. If you think of another event or run contact Patti by December 4th if you would like to have it added to our calendar.

We are heading into the holiday season; it's time get dressed up and dust off your dancing shoes and sign up with Rick Sutter for our Christmas Dinner and Dance on December 20th. We always have a great time.

If you have not already, please bring unwrapped toys to our next meeting. Terri Hunt (Kops to Kids toy drive) needs our support. For those of you who are going to help deliver toys the date was changed to December 18th. See you at the next meeting.

Happy driving

Ran

Vice-President Patti Herberger's Message

For those of you who did not make the November meeting.....the Toy/FOOD Delivery has been moved to THURSDAY, Dec. 18th, because of the chicken delivery. For those who have never delivered before, you need to do this. You have such a great feeling helping others, plus, you really appreciate what you have yourselves.

Performance Chevrolet has graciously agreed to finance our RCCC Calendars, again, this year. Thank you, John. We still have a couple of months which do not have any events planned. Boring! Remember, the more events, the more fun we have. So far, we have nothing planned for the months of January and November of 2009, except our RCCC Meetings. So, if you want an event printed on our beautiful RCCC Calendar, contact me no later than the December 4th's meeting.

I want to thank each of you who did plan an event. You are brave souls. ;o) I, also, want to remind the members that when you do commit to an event you need to show up or, at least, cancel with the one sponsoring the event, in time for them to make arrangements. It is not fair for the sponsor of the event and/or the club to be out the money because you failed to notify anyone.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and lots of love and humor in your lives. See you at the December 4th meeting and this meeting will be your last chance to buy your Holiday Dinner and Dance tickets, at the Dante Club. \$40 a couple, \$20 single, \$40 each for non-members.

Patti Herberger

RCCS Business Meeting Minutes (November 6, 2008)

President Ran Yates called the November meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Due to this meeting being set as a Planning Event meeting, the Club introductions were not conducted. There were no guests or new members to vote into the club at this meeting.

November Birthdays ~

President Yates read the Birthday Kiddlets for the month of November. Birthday wishes and cake were extended to these members:

Rosie & Jim Bjornsen, Michael Condon, Jim Barber, Kelly Barrington, Charles Bolden, Tom Doherty, Barbara Dyer, Don Herberger, Terrie Hunt, Steve Hunter, Dina Mistretta, Dennis Osterdock, Richard Petrie, Sandra Pugh, Dan Quigg, Julie Robinson, Terry Snow, Wayne Turrell and Richard Whitmire. WHEW!! **Happy Birthday, everyone!**

October Monthly Minutes ~

President Yates asked for a motion from the floor that the October minutes be accepted. Brenda Mounce made the motion and Ken King seconded. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report ~

Rick Sutter gave his report for October 2008. Rick told the membership a copy would be available for members to see, after the meeting.

Past Events ~

Vice President Patti Herberger invited members to share the Past Events with the membership. There were four events that were shared with everyone:

Rudy Antonucci shared he had **38** cars on his **Fall Colors Run** on Oct. 4th. Rudy said everyone enjoyed the BBQ in the park in Quincy, Ca. The food and service were great! The drivers enjoyed the Fall colors as they drove through Feather River Canyon. Ed Dunbar enjoyed letting his Vette stretch and go!! Thanks, Rudy, for hosting this run!!

Anne Dunbar reviewed the run she and **Joan Mason** put on to **Ft. Bragg** the weekend of Oct 10th. This was a two night, three day run, with the members staying at the Harbor Light Hotel. Anne and Joan hosted the members in the hotel conference room, with members sharing beverages and appetizers prior to dinner on Friday. Anne said there were 23 cars on this run and everyone had a great weekend. Anne also shared that the first weekend of October, 2009, there will be an Abalone Festival held, which will be fun to attend. Anne said hotel reservations at the Harbor Light can be made in April, 2009 for the Oct. trip. Thanks, **Anne and Joan**, for hosting our members on this run!!

Ashland Run ~ Hosted by **Ralph and Dodie Pockress**, on Oct 23-26th. Ralph shared with everyone there were 12 cars in attendance and the highlight of the trip was visiting the Harry and David facility. This lively group also dined in Weed, Ca. and on Saturday the group went to a dinner show at the Oregon Cabaret. Ralph said he and Dodie will host this run again in 2009!! Thanks for putting on a great run, **Ralph and Dodie!!**

Murphy's Brunch Run ~ **Tom and Joan Mason**, members hosting, were not at the November meeting, so VP Patti Herberger shared that the run was great and everyone had a nice time. The brunch was enjoyed by everyone, as well as the driving. Thanks, **Tom and Joan!!**

This 'N That ~

Best Wishes to **Val McMichael**. Val has a minor ankle/foot injury and is on the road to wellness. Get well, Val !!

Our continued best wishes to **Dottie Lindner**. Dottie, our thoughts and prayers are with you today and always, during your time of healing.

Diana Schneider announced that she and **Bob** were presented with their first grandchild, a boy, William R. VanDerwerker IV, born on 11-2-08, entering the Corvette world at 4:52 am. Son-in-law Bill, a Fireman EMT, delivered William, with the doctor standing by his side. William weighed 9.5 lbs and is 21 inches long. He is very calm and content and is already sleeping 3-4 hours between his feedings! We are very happy!!!

Upcoming Events ~

December 9th ~ Ladies Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange, hosted by **Val McMichael and Cyndee Reed**. Location is **High Hand Nursery** on Taylor Rd in Loomis. Val shared they have sold 65 tickets to date and to please participate in the gift exchange with gifts priced at \$15 or above. Flyers were handed out at the November meeting, along with the "Get To Know" article from the Sierra Style Publication, showcasing Val and Cyndee with personal bios. Nicely done!!

December 18th ~ Charter Member **Terrie Hunt** is heading up the **TOY RUN** on Dec 18th, with club members assisting in making home deliveries to needy families. This year there will be volunteers surveying the families and checking the needs of the families prior to deliveries. Our members brought many toys to the November meeting. We can continue to donate toys/games/books, etc, at the December meeting, along with donations of Christmas wrapping paper. Please do not wrap items. On December 6th,

7th, 13th and 14th, there will be wrapping and basket packing done by senior citizens and local school children. Terrie also shared that this year has been very challenging in getting donations from the general public, and thanked our members for everything we have provided. **PLEASE NOTE** ~ Date change **FROM** Dec. 19 **TO** Dec.18 for the home deliveries!!

December 20th ~ Club **Christmas Party** at the Dante Club ~ Tickets are two for one - \$40 total cost. **Rick Sutter** is accepting the money for this event. Many members purchased tickets at the November meeting. Rick will continue ticket selling at the December meeting.

Car of the Month ~ Roger Aylstock presented the “car of the month” with clues of: It’s a vette!! Corvette Virgins – It’s a C-5! And the recipients were **Jim and Marilyn Tomasello**, driving their torch red 2003 Coupe. Jim and Marilyn have been members of RCCC since 2004. Congrats, **Marilyn and Jim!!**

Barbie Car ~ Proud recipient last month, **Ken King**, thought outside the box, when the Barbie Car was given to him in October. Ken was creative and made a “garage” for Barbie’s car, sleek and contemporary in style and design. Good job, Ken. Ken presented the entire package to **John and Barbara Dyer**. John and Barbara will bring the car to the December meeting with their new update. Thanks, Ken King.

Planning Portion of Meeting ~ VP Patti and President Ran ~

Here is the agenda for events in 2009. As we move into and through the year, it is possible there could be a few changes ~ Here we go!!

January 2009: Club meeting will be held on Jan. 8th ~ **NOTE** – This is the SECOND Thursday of the month.

February 2009:

Feb. 5 - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

Feb. 14th - RCCC Valentine Party - Carmichael Elks Lodge (Ann Petrie, Patti Herberger & Joyce Sathre)

Feb. 27th - Bunco - Rancho Cordova Elks (Joyce & Chuck Sathre)

March 2009:

March 5th - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

March 21st - Crab Feed - Dante Club (Ann Petrie, Patti Herberger & Joyce Sathre)

March 27th - Myo-Wa-En Japanese Garden and Teahouse private tour (Val McMichael, Cyndee Reed, and Marilyn Tomasello).

April 2009:

April 2nd - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

April 5th - Brunch Run (Ed and Anne Dunbar)

April 25th - Napa Run (Sutters and Quiggs)

May 2009:

May 7th - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

May 9th - Cinco de Mayo - Rancho Cordova Elks Lodge (Jack and Darlene Harris)

May 16th - Foothill Wine Run – (Charity Smith, Kelly Barrington, Dodie Pockress)

June 2009:

June 4th - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

June 6-7th - Alcatraz Run/Overnight (Val McMichael and Cyndee Reed) (No, we won’t be staying overnight ON Alcatraz!)

June 12-14th - Mystery Run (Yates and Sathre)

June 18-21st - Ashland Run (Ralph/Dodie Pockress)

July 2009:

July 2nd - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

July 17-19th - Rogue River Run (Stelters and Sutters)

July 26th - Catamaran Run (Ken King)

August 2009:

Aug 6th - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club

Aug 7-8-9th - Santa Cruz Run (Tarters and Quiggs)

Aug 15 - RCCC Anniversary/Birthday Party (Ann Petrie, Patti Herberger & Joyce Sathre)

September 2009:

Sept 3rd - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club
 Sept 5th - Barrington BBQ - (Gaylord/Kelly Barrington)
 Sept 18, 19, 20th - Santa Barbara Run – Barrington
 Sept 26th - Shrimp and Pasta Dinner - Elk Lodge, Rancho Cordova (Jack/Darlene Harris)

October 2009:

Oct 1st - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club
 Oct 2,3,4th - Ft. Bragg Run (Ed/Anne Dunbar)
 Oct 17th - Fall Color Run (Rudy Antonucci)
 Oct 31st - RCCC Halloween Party - Dante Club

November 2009:

Nov 5th - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club (No club functions at this time in Nov)

December 2009:

Dec 3rd - RCCC Meeting - Dante Club
 Dec. 8th - Ladies Christmas Luncheon (Val and Cyndee)
 Dec 12th - RCCC Christmas party
 Dec 18th - Toy Run (Exact Date TBD by Terrie Hunt)

Club Raffle: No raffle was held in November. There will be a December raffle.

The calendar planning concluded the meeting. **Anne Dunbar** made a motion to adjourn the November meeting. **Chuck Sathre** seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM. Members were invited to enjoy the birthday cakes and socialize before departing. **President Yates** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Submitted by ~ **Diana Schneider**/Secretary RCCS/ds

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River City Corvette Talk

Corvette Problems

Yes, it is hard to believe, but the Corvette is not a perfect car. Three members have sent me problems they have had with their Corvettes and asked me to share them with the membership.

Both Jim Bjornsen and Dennis Kocher have had rear seal failures on their C5's. The problem Dennis encountered was rather simple; when he was having the oil changed at the Chevy dealer in Grass Valley they told Dennis that his Corvette had a rear seal leaking. They went on to tell him that Chevrolet had issued a bulletin on this issue because it is a problem that has come to their attention across the United States, for this particular year Corvette. Dennis paid the first \$100.00 and GM paid the rest. (Actually I've been told that this bulletin covers all years of the C5's)

Jim's story took over a year and much frustration to finally get resolved. It all started one day while cleaning his '99 Corvette. He noticed a black mist all over his rear bumper. The following week Jim took his Corvette to his regular Chevy dealer. The dealer dismissed the black mist by saying the car was running too rich and that the black mist was coming from the exhaust.

This black mist kept appearing every time it was taken on a trip. So, Jim took the car back to the same dealer for the exact same problem. They kept the car overnight and inspected it, but came to the same conclusion; no oil leak. The car sat for almost six months before Jim and Rosie took it on a trip. Sure enough the black mist appeared all over the rear bumper.

This time when Jim went back to the dealer, they told him that the Warranty had expired. At this point Jim contacted the Chevrolet Customer Service Department to see if he could get some type of resolution. As a result, the Chevrolet Customer Service approved the dealer to replace the driver's side transaxle seal at no charge. Unfortunately, the black mist reappeared.

There were several more trips to the dealer, Jim had taken photos and timed displays showing them that the problem had not been fixed. Finally the dealer agreed that there was an oil leak of some type. Jim left the car and they replaced more seals, to a tune of just under \$1000.00.

As soon as Jim got the car home he put a sheet of white paper under the car. The next morning there was oil on the sheet of paper. Back to the dealer he went and so the story goes... (To be continued next month)

Bob Hinchman was experiencing a "clunk" at the rear end of his C-6 Corvette upon acceleration and deceleration. He took to his C-6 to Performance (where the car was purchased) for an inspection. It was discovered that the noise was caused by the factory installed axle nuts losing their torque. As they backed off it allowed the tolerances between the axle and the gears to grow to the point of "clunking". The fix was easy enough, they just installed new torque pinch nuts and problem solved. So, if you have any strange noises coming from the rear-end area, it might be a good idea to have it checked as soon as possible.

Richard Mastro would like me to include a "Swap Meet" section to this article. So if you have any auto parts, preferably Corvette parts lying around your house and want to sell them, send me a list. If you have a Corvette for sell, let me know. I will add a small section listing parts and Corvettes for sale when space is available.

If you have not turned in a "Tire Survey" yet, please send one in. If you need a copy, send me an e-mail asking for one and I will send it to you.

If you have any questions on these topics or any other Corvette issues, please contact me at rivercitycorvettetalk@hotmail.com.

Hollis McNatt

Happy December Birthdays: Brenda Mounce 12/20; John Bellomy 12/21; Barbara Yates 12/17; Darlene Harris 12/25; Hollis McNatt 12/17; Kitty Lund 12/12; Ronnie Reed 12/2; Mike Schultz 12/27; Darrell Reeves 12/28; Ralph Pockress 12/30; Marie Ramos 12/5; Kathy Gill 12/15; Joel Karam 12/14; Dave Ketchum 12/30 & Lee Henderson 12/28.

Thank you to our Phone Tree People... they are: Bette Mastro (phone tree manager), Patti & Don Herberger; Tom & Joan Mason; Lisa McNatt; Marge Sutter; Pamela Cameron; Rich Whitmire; Carol Glaush; Dottie Lindner; Terry Snow; Patty & Tom Doherty; Gary & Charity Smith; and Marty Farnetti. These people really help us coordinate our events!!

New events are listed above; also check out our web site at WWW.RIVERCITYCORVETTES.ORG; it provides info on upcoming events and also includes the current and past newsletters, many good photos of our cars and articles and photos of featured cars of the month and other club & Corvette related information. This website is provided by our Webmaster, Roger Alystock.

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