

FAMILY AND FRIENDS  
HOLIDAY PARTY  
December 5, 2009

The Cavanaugh's, DiLiddo's, Billie Talley and Phillip, Cox's, Natali's, and Looney's rolled out of the parking lot at the corner of Hwy 99 and Herndon at 7:45 AM on December 5. When we got just north of Madera the caravan grew by one, the Ware's.

Our first stop was at the rest stop near Turlock where we met the DeVoe's.

We continued north on Hwy 99 until we entered Lodi where we turned west on Hwy 12. As we exited on Hwy 12 we stopped at the McDonalds to eat and "rest".

We arrived at the Hilton in Fairfield at about 11:30 AM, and waited about 1½ hours for our hosts to arrive. Bruce was accused of making a U-turn, which is entirely untrue. Bruce turned too soon to hit the driveway of the Hotel and ended up driving through the parking lot, where I was able to turn back on the access road to the Hotel. While we were waiting for Friends and Family Nick discovered he had forgot his charger for this cell phone, so he and Bruce made two trips to the store. The first one he bought didn't work. On the second return trip Bruce ended up using the wrong lane to turn left and landed on the wrong side of the street. That made for an exciting story when Nick got back.

Family and Friends took us to Napa for some wine tasting. We went to the Silverado and V. Suttui Wineries.

Between the visits to the wineries we stopped for a small picnic at a small private park contiguous to a convenience store. Family and Friends used the small picnic area and served all types tid bits. There were strawberries, cheeses of all types, crackers, chips with homemade dip and wine, which we were not supposed to have, but we figured what the hay!!!!

We'd been there for about 15 to 20 minutes when a Law Enforcement Officer rolled up and stopped. Those of us who had wine turned around, and dumped it on the ground. As it turned out the Police Officer stopped there all of the time for a sandwich and had a Corvette and wanted to talk with us about ours.

Later that evening we strolled down the party. It started at about 7:00. There was plenty of good food, great music, and a bar that everyone used.

There were raffle prizes. Liz and Terri won gift baskets, Ruth won a 32" flat LCD flat screen TV which Lloyd and Gwen brought home for them. Lloyd and Gwen's car is in the shop, so they drove a Buick with a big trunk.

All in all it was a great run that concluded with a great party with a group of great fellow Corvetters.

If they do it next year we'll have to make a return visit.