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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe  
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**If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.**

The one-time initiation fee is \$30.00 and covers the cost of your Corvettes of Fresno window sticker, membership directory, club by-laws, caravan rules and nametag. This fee is due at time of application for club membership along with pro-rated dues amount for the first year.

Our Club Year runs from October 1 through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Annual dues are \$95.00 per year per couple, or \$77.00 per year per individual, payable in advance.



## **CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **ELECTED OFFICERS**

**President: Lee Blackstone  
1st Vice Pres. – Events: Darrick Duerksen  
2nd Vice Pres. – Membership: Gary Pflepsen  
Secretary: Cheryl Blackstone  
Treasurer: Bruce Looney  
Communications Director: Lisa Chaney**

### **APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES**

**Webmaster: Gary Linsner  
NCCC Governor: John Karlie  
Sunshine Representative: Margaret Tejerian  
Past President: Louis Biglieri**

### **Mailing Address:**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO, INC  
P. O. Box 26223  
Fresno, California 93729-6223**

### **General Meeting Site:**

**We will be designating a meeting site each month until we can find another ‘permanent’ place for our meetings! We will also send a reminder out by email...**

### **COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET April 1 at Spaghetti Factory,  
5:30 pm Dinner, 6:30 meeting.**

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS WELCOME**

**“Fiberglass Forever” is a monthly newsletter striving to provide information regarding Corvettes of Fresno, Inc. to the public at large and to share information regarding COF Club Events/Activities with the general membership.**



# PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Just a taste of spring... Please?

The grass is green, there is snow in the Sierras, the weather has teased us with temperatures in the 80's. What a great way to stimulate our 5 senses, well about 3 ¾ in my case, to invigorate our desire to get out and explore our beautiful countryside with the vehicles and people we hold dear in our heart. Now with two fun and successful overnight runs under our belt for this year, we look forward to the anticipated runs we have on our busy schedule!

The Karlies (Okay, mostly Cece) led us on an outrageous St. Patties weekend adventure to the foothills north of us in Jamestown and Sonora including the annual Murphys parade. The "Green Goddesses" were in fine form again with the shenanigans worthy of another repeat performance. We had 14 members and guests in 8 cars for the long weekend including a stay at the brand new Chicken Ranch Hotel and Casino. A great venue that is on par with our local Table Mountain! Thanks to Cece for putting together a very memorable weekend that included beautiful drives through rain, green hills, a smattering of wildflowers and even snow lined roads on the way home!

Speaking of wildflowers, the Koligians are putting together a run this **Saturday (April 5<sup>th</sup>)** on a route to view the flora and fauna of our region. Following our nature trek, we will be visiting the Armenian home that will be preparing pizza and drinks for a little "show & shine" event that we will be providing for the residents. Mitch has asked that we pitch in \$5-\$10 for the meal served. Thanks to Mitch and Margaret for arranging this "can't miss" run.

First VP/Activities attended a meeting last week with the members of the Pontiac Club discussing the All GM car show they are scheduling for

**May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We need 6 volunteer judges to make a team to score several classes of vehicles. Please sign up at the meeting and I will speak to you personally for further information. Another meeting will take place prior to the event at Bi-Centennial park in Clovis. We have also been encouraged to enter our vehicles into the show.

Cheryl and I will be hosting a “cruise-in” to Kingsburg on car show **Friday afternoon/evening on April 18<sup>th</sup>** with reservations made to DiCicco’s on Draper St. We will meet at the Carl’s Jr.- Dennys parking lot at Jensen & East Ave (East of Hwy 99) at 4:15 to leave by 4:45. Please sign up at the meeting so I can give the restaurant an accurate head count. We should be able to have street parking with the early arrival. We have walked the streets after dinner to view the car show festivities on this wonderful event. Be sure to wear the new shirts so we can make a statement of our passion.

The last meeting at Black Bear Diner was met with mixed reviews, **so we are in the process of researching other venues**, we will keep everyone posted of the next meeting place. This is a very important planning season for the “Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic” committee with another meeting planned for **April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mimi’s Café at 6:30**. A successful meeting was held at Table Mountain Resort/Casino with the committee heads and things are progressing well with the welcoming party, car show, possible slot tournament, and banquet menu being finalized. Bruce Looney is the chairman of this event, be sure to reach out to him to be of assistance.

In the meantime,  
Let’s keep the fun rolling!

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackston



**Corvettes of Fresno**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**March 18, 2025**

**Call to Order:** President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Bruce Looney, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner, Margaret Tejerian, Gary Pflapsen, and John Karlie. Past President, Louis Biglieri was absent. This meeting was held at Black Bear Diner on West Shaw. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran David Molletieri.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last General meeting dated February 18, 2025, were published in the February 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Gary Linsner and seconded by Cece Karlie; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Dave Trauger; motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce Looney reported on the accounts' activity for the past month, which is on file to be reviewed by members only. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Lee Delap and seconded by Frank Stafford; motion approved.



**Membership Report:** Gary Pflapsen gave the Membership Report. As of March 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 55 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 31 members and 2 guests, Louie & Kelly Avila. Louie & Kelly have 2 corvettes, a 2021 Black C8 and a 2024 Z06 Red Metallic convertible. **Welcome Louie & Kelly!** Gary also mentioned that Clay & Lan Mumby recently purchased a 2021 Z51 Torch Red hardtop convertible.



**Communications Report:** Lisa Chaney reported that everything is good!



**Webmaster** Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. Gary will be working with Bruce Looney to get the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic registration form on our website.



**Activities Report:** Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com).

### **Past Events:**

**March 8: Sanger Car Show;** Lee Delap thanked everyone for coming. There were 385+ cars in attendance. Hank Ramirez attended and said that it was a great event and very clean.

**March 14-16: Murphys St. Patrick's;** Cece reported that everyone had a great time. The weather cooperated for the parade on Saturday, but we had rain all day Friday on our way up to Murphys and had to go to Plan B for a few stops. The corvettes and gorgeous green goddesses were a hit again, and we are already planning for next year. Saturday afternoon after lunch at the Murphys Hotel the girls and guys did an escape room competition. No one won, as neither group was able to escape, but we had a fun time trying. We then finished our evening off with a delicious meal at an excellent steak house in Sonora. Thank you John & Cece for a great run!

### **Upcoming Events:**

**March 29: Tower Car Show, Culture & Chrome;** see Darrick for more information

**April 1: COF Ladies Card Party;** at Margaret Tejerian's home. Please let Margaret know if you plan to attend and please bring a dish to share.

**April 3: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic Meeting;** Mimi's Café at 5:30 for those that would like to have dinner. The meeting will start at 6:30. Please come if you would like to be involved in our new fundraiser. Your help is needed!

**April 5: Wildflower Run and visit to the California Armenian Home;** Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian have done the pre-run. Mitch reminded everyone to please bring your radios. We will be meeting at the 180 and McCall Park & Ride between 9:00 & 9:15, leaving at 9:30 am. The Armenian Home will be providing a salad and pizza lunch for us, and it would be appreciated if we all could give a few dollars to help offset the cost of lunch. There will also be time for a mini Show & Shine as the residents are looking forward to seeing the corvettes..

**April 12: Visalia Car Show** – sponsored by the Visalia Pharoahs, see Darrick for more information.

**April 12: Clovis Water Tower Car Show;** see Darrick for more information.

**April 18: Kingsburg Car Show;** Lee Blackstone will lead the group down Friday evening. Meet at Carl's Jr/Denny's parking lot, corner of Jensen and East Ave (2568 S East Ave) at 4:00 pm, leave at 4:30 pm to caravan to Kingsburg. We hope to make it early enough for all of us to park in front of the new DiCicco's Restaurant downtown (across from Fugazzis Restaurant).

**April 26: Caruthers Lions Club Car Show;** see Darrick for more information

**May 3: Pontiac Club of Central California;** Lee Blackstone said that the car show will be held at Sierra Bicentennial Park, 84 N Sunnyside Ave, Clovis. Lee still needs about 6 volunteers to help with judging cars at the car show. Please let Lee know if you would like to help.

**May 17: Silver State Classic;** Gary Linsner. Gary will be going again. If anyone would like to join him, just let him know.

**May 17: Visalia Lions Club Car Show;** please see Louie Biglieri for more information

**June 5-7: Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club – Corvettes by the Bay;** rooms can be booked now. For more information, visit their website, [montereycorvettes.com](http://montereycorvettes.com)

**June 27: Grizzlies Game;** Darrick is working on a night at a Grizzlies game. If you are interested, please sign up asap, as tickets have to be purchased in advance.

**July 18-20: Southern Oregon Corvette Club;** If you are interested, please see Dave Trauger, or go to the Southern Oregon Corvette Club's website, [sovette.com/30<sup>th</sup>-corvette-weekend](http://sovette.com/30<sup>th</sup>-corvette-weekend).

**September 18-20: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic;** Plans are moving forward, and things are falling into place. All hands-on deck! Please see Bruce Looney or Cheryl Blackstone if you have any questions or would like to serve on one of the committees.

**September 25-27: All Corvette Car Show, Prescott, AZ;** if you have any questions or would like to go on this run, please see Louie Biglieri or visit their website at [prescottvettesette.com](http://prescottvettesette.com)

**December 4: Corvettes of Fresno Christmas Party, Belmont Country Club;** we are looking for anyone who would be interested in heading this committee.

**December 6: Sanger Christmas Parade;** a signup sheet will be going around soon for the parade.

Darrick Duerksen



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. - Activities

**NCCC Report:** John Karlie had nothing to report for NCCC.



**Sunshine Report:** Margaret announced the March birthdays and anniversaries and asked if you know of anyone from the club with any illness or surgery, went on a vacation, had new babies or grandbabies, weddings, graduations, accomplishments, or just any other news to share, please let her know.





## **Old Business / New Business:**

Club Shirts & Jackets: Sheri Garlock put out another post on our COF Facebook page with the information to order the new club shirts and jackets. If you have any questions, please see Sheri.

COF Club Picnic: We are still looking for a date and place for our annual Club picnic. Volunteers are welcome to help with organizing this.

COF Banner & Car Decals: A big **THANK YOU** to the Garlocks & Karlies for having a new club banner made. It was on display at the general meeting and looked pretty sharp! It matches our new club shirts. And another shout out and **thank you** to the Garlocks for having Club decals (cling-ons) made for our cars to use in parades. They look great on the cars and are reusable too.

New meeting place: Mitch Koligian offered to check with Lunas Restaurant in Clovis for our next general meeting date. We will be letting everyone know.

Radios: The Rugged radios worked very well again on our trip to Murphys. If you have not bought yours yet, please see Bruce Garlock and he can give you all the information on them.

Club Business Cards: New Club business cards have been made. Cheryl Blackstone passed them around to everyone at the meeting. If you would like more, please let Cheryl know.

Terry's House Donations: Start gathering items for Terry's House. The Club will be making another donation in May. Lisa Chaney will be posting the list of items you can donate on our Facebook page, or if you need it any other way, please let one of the board members know and we can get a copy of the list for you.

Mystery Dinners: Please sign up with Bruce Looney if you are interested in putting on a Mystery Lunch or Dinner. They are always a lot of fun.

**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner of the March name tag drawing was Hank Ramirez. Hank was present and won \$30. The April name tag drawing will now be worth \$10.

**Raffle:** The winners of the raffle drawing were Lee Blackstone who chose DiCicco's gift card, Darrick Duerksen chose The Five gift card and Hank Ramirez chose the Manhattan gift card. A total of \$250 was collected again this evening.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cece Karlie and seconded by Dave Trauger; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm

**Next Board Meeting:** Tuesday April 1, 2025, at The Old Spaghetti Factory  
**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at TBD

**Respectfully Submitted by:**  
**Cheryl Blackstone, Secretary**



### **March 14-16: Murphys St. Patrick's Day Run**











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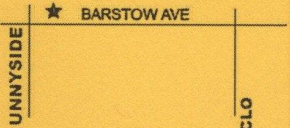
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### ***April Birthdays***

14- Darrick Duerksen  
15- Mitch Kolligian  
17-Gerri Ware  
19-David Goudelock

### ***April Anniversaries***

5- Louis & Sdocorro Biglieri  
15- Gary & Jan Pflepsen



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