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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 30th. 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

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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 August 5, 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.



A PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



Not an easy decision, but the correct one

“I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying” - Michael Jordan

With a huge sense of gratitude to the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic committee, the word shortcoming is more accurate. I can tell you firsthand, the planning of this event was just as on-key with the last two successful “Tahoe Tour” events. It is my belief that folks from outside the area cannot get over the stigma of the Fresno/Central Valley perception. We don't have the name recognition of Reno/Tahoe. It just did not make sense to go forward with the members time and expense of doing this for basically ourselves. A big thank you to Bruce and Ruth Looney and Cheryl Blackstone for their hours of planning and numerous phone calls and trips to Table Mountain. Fortunately, we did not sign a contract that would have handcuffed us and break out the red ink. Moving forward, we will brainstorm for a future event, whether it be in Reno, Tahoe or wherever, we cannot give up!

For the month of July we had two successful and fun runs that had great turnouts! First, thanks to Mitch & Margaret for leading us on a “mystery dinner run” through the lower foothills and ending up at the 500 Club in Clovis for a wonderful meal with great service! Secondly, the Garlocks and Karlies conspired the “Slaying the Dragon” run with lots of twists and turns putting our cars through their paces. The Iron Door Saloon was our destination with good food and good service as well. If it was up to our “slaying the Dragon” game for the future of dinosaurs, they would not be extinct!! A great time was had by all, thanks again.

We now have a hole in our schedule for September for a day run, don't be afraid to step up and sponsor a run of some sort. Just contact Darrick and he will be more than happy to help.

Let's keep the fun rolling!

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2025

Call to Order: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Bruce Looney, Gary Linsner, John Karlie, Margaret Tejerian. Absent were Past President, Louis Biglieri and Lisa Chaney. This meeting was held at Mimi's Café. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Gary Pflepsen

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last General meeting dated June 17, 2025, were published in the June 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Margaret Tejerian; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Randy Forrester; 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 Dave Trauger and seconded by Lee Delap; motion approved.



Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen gave the Membership Report as follows. As of July 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 51 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 34 members and no guests. Dave Molletieri is the new owner of a brand new 2025 Z06 in Sea Wolf Gray Metallic. Congratulations Dave!



Communications Report: Lisa Chaney was absent, therefore, there was no report.



Webmaster Gary: Linsner reported that he hit a “snag” with trying to add the pictures from the Dodger/Giant game. Gary is working on that. All activities are up to date, and he is continuing to work on the online registration portion for the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic.



Activities Report: Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club’s website at www.corvettesoffresno.com.

Past Events:

June 27: Grizzlies Game; A night at a Grizzlies game. Darrick reported that 14 people attended the game. Everyone enjoyed the game, and the fireworks show after the game.

July 12: Dodger/Giant Game; Ten COF members attended the game at Oracle Park in San Francisco. Good game, good food and a great time. Everyone had a fun time.

Upcoming Events:

July 19: Mystery Run; Mystery Run sponsored by Mitch & Margaret. Everyone is to meet at the Clovis Hills Community Church parking lot at 3:30 pm.

July 26: Slaying the Dragon Run; Bruce and Sheri Garlock will be leading this curvy run with lunch at the Iron Door Saloon in Groveland. Everyone is to meet at

8:30 am at Judy's Donuts in the Riverstone Shopping Center at Hwy 41 and Avenue 12.

August 23: Mystery Run; Clay and Lan Mumby are sponsoring this run. Please notify Clay if you want to sign up, otherwise a signup sheet will be available at the next General Meeting.

September 5: Rods on the Bluff;

September 16: American Legion Post 589 Car Show;

September 18-21: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic; Registration is open!

Submit your information soon and be ready to lend a hand with the event. Please see Bruce Looney or Cheryl Blackstone if you have any questions or would like to serve on one of the committees.

We are also asking all members if you could contribute either a raffle prize or a cash donation. Any contribution you are able to provide would be greatly appreciated. Cece Karlie is collecting the raffle prize gift if you should have any questions.

September 20: Selma Car Show;

September 25-27: All Corvette Car Show, Prescott, AZ

October 3: Rods on the Bluff;

October 4: Fallen Heroes Car Show; Club One Casino

October 11: Fly in Car Show, Sierra Sky Park

October 18: Godelocks Halloween Party; COF members are once again invited to the Godelocks for their annual Halloween Party. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next general meeting. Please come dressed in your best costume and bring a dish of some type to share.

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade – Lee Delap reported that Billie Talley is working on the entry/registration, and a sign-up sheet will be coming in the next few months.

December 3: Ladies Christmas Luncheon: Ruth Looney and Cece Karlie are coordinating the annual event. The luncheon will take place at the Fresno Breakfast House, and a signup sheet will be coming soon.

December 4: Corvettes of Fresno Christmas Party, Belmont Country Club; anyone interested on working on the committee please let Cheryl know.

December 6: Sanger Christmas Parade; a signup sheet will be going around soon for the parade. It is a great parade to show off your Corvette and take a special dignitary for a ride.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at the Spaghetti Factory

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30 dinner; 6:30 meeting

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: John Karlie reported that NCCC dues may be going up, but nothing has been finalized yet. John will also be requesting the sanctioned number from NCCC for the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic.



Sunshine Report: Margaret Tejerian mentioned the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of July. Jan Pflepsen also shared that Chuck Ware had a heart procedure done recently and to please keep Chuck in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers.



Old Business / New Business:

The Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic's status was discussed. Bruce Looney will meet with Table Mountain representatives next week. The committee will meet Thursday, August 7, 2025, at Mimi's Café at 6:30 pm; dinner is available from 5:30 pm.

Miniature Golf Awards: President Lee had two more awards to give out. Mitch Koligian received his hole in one award and Cathy Cholakian received her \$25 Mimi's gift card for high score.

New Business: None

Name Tag Drawing: The winner of the July name tag drawing was Betsy Lindegren. Betsy was present and won \$30. The August name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

Raffle: The winners of the raffle drawing were Ruth Looney, Margaret Tejerian and Randy Forrester. Congratulations!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pete Cholakian and seconded by Clay Mumby; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cheryl Blackstone, Secretary



Corvette 72nd birthday Party hosted by CVMC /CVC





July 19: Mystery Run





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August BIRTHDAYS

4-Peter Cholakian

7-Bruce Garlock

7-Alice Mancillas

18-Elaine Goudelock

19-David Molletieri

23-Ron Lindegren

24-Mokey Cowger

August ANNIVERSARIES

7-Rolando & Lori Martinez

16-David & Elaine Goudelock

17 Don & Debbie Dukes

25-Bruce & Sheri Garlock

29- Randy & Pam Forrester



Slay the Dragon! By Sheri Garlock

Our day started as any other COF fun run, we gathered at a meet location, had our pre ride meeting, in our cars doing a radio check. When knock, knock, Clay Mumby, is locked out of his Vette, what should we do??? After much trying to figure out how we are going to break into this Vette, we decided to do the most logical thing, was to call On-Star! Were in and ready to go, when out the parking lot we go and there is Lawrence Coelho, still in the parking lot, back around we go. Okay now we are finally ready to head out to "Slay the Dragon"! Everything went smooth to our first stop in Mariposa, we maneuvered the traffic and kept those Vettes together like true pros.

It was now time to test our skills and see if we can play the game of "Slaying the Dragon"! This was a kids toy to shot the little ball into the month of the dragon, while it spins around. We had NO winners and realized that maybe we didn't have the skills of a 3yr old. We then decided that maybe we should just have the dragon stay stationary, so everyone got another 3 shoots to "Slay the Dragon". We did have a couple of "Sharp Shooters" who did slay one dragon each, Gary Linsner and Louie Avila. After much consideration the 2 "Sharp Shooters" decided to split the winnings.

Now we were off to "Slay the Dragon" with continuous twist and turns as we made our way to the "Iron Door Saloon" which is the oldest continually open saloon in California. It was built in 1852 and even sold alcohol during the prohibition. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful, fun filled lunch and fellowship. After lunch we all headed for home in whatever direction your Vette took you. Some of us need gas, so we took a more direct route home, while others wanted to try their luck at "Slay the Dragon" one more time. Let's just say "Louie Avila is still smiling from ear to ear"!!!

We traveled about 200 miles round trip, with 16 Vettes, 22 Members, and one guest, all enjoyed the beautiful scenery as they tried their luck at "Slaying the Dragon".

The Garlock's and The Karlie's would like to Thank Everyone who attend. Thanks for making this another great run!

The Dragon ??



