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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: Debbie Dukes
Treasurer: Dave Trauger
Communications Director: Lisa Chaney**

APPOINTED OFFICERS/REPRESENTATIVES

**Webmaster: Gary Linsner
NCCC Governor: John Karlie
Sunshine Representative: Jan Pflepsen
Past President: Louis Biglieri**

Mailing Address:

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COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET Tuesday December 17, @6 pm for dinner At DiCicco's at Cedar & Nees, Fresno

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.

**** Board Meeting:** This is open to all outgoing & incoming board members, spouses, and/or guests. Outgoing board members, please remember to bring all our officer materials to pass on to the incoming officers. **Please RSVP to Cheryl at (559)232-5489 before December 13.** Thank you!



PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST



'Tis the season to be grateful!

December has descended upon us in breakneck fashion and for me, I'm grateful for what this season brings to us. As we reminisce about our youth, I remember being totally focused on the spoils of the holiday season and what was going to be our bounty without totally appreciating the source of these gifts and celebrations. Fast forward a half a century, the material things don't mean as much as they used to, but the relationships with friends, family and loved ones ascend to the top of what the season is all about.

As far as our club is concerned, this President's gratitude is paramount with the busy fall/winter activities such as parades, parties, runs and charitable events. All of which we are the providers of these events and to a much lesser degree, the recipients. A big thank you to the chairperson(s) of these activities for your organizational skills for pulling off these events for the rest of us!

We can all be grateful for this year's busy schedule with multiple runs and activities on the calendar every single month. I have no doubt this will continue into next year with a busy start with the "Ice Breaker" run being finalized for January 24-26 in Monterey. Be sure to sign up if you haven't yet. We are in need of leadership for a February "Valentines" type run. (hint, hint)

Our gratefulness can be extended to the future as we make plans for a replacement of the longstanding Reno/Tahoe Tour with our only fundraising event run will have more of a local flavor with the Table

Mountain Resort/Casino being the base for the activities. A big thank you to The Looneys and Cheryl for spearheading this monumental task! The date will be the weekend of September 18-21 2025. Keep your eyes open for upcoming committee meetings to be a part of this “All hands on deck” event so we can continue in our charitable ways.

And finally, this Presidents sense of gratitude toward the current, outgoing and incoming Board members, Committee chairpersons and general membership individuals who all make this club viable, entertaining and fun. **Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!**

Happy Holidays and...
Lets keep the fun rolling!
Lee Blackstone

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024

Call to Order: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Gary Pflepsen, Debbie Dukes, Dave Trauger, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner and Jan Pflepsen. John Karlie and Louis Biglieri were absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lee Delap.

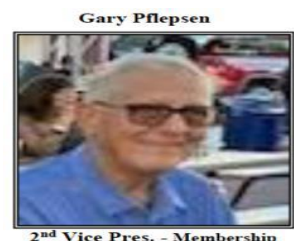
Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last General meeting dated October 15, 2024 were published in the

November 2024 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Frank Stafford and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion approved. A motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Gary Linsner and seconded by Cheryl Blackstone; motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Trauger reported 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 Margaret Tejerian; motion approved.



Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen reported as of November 19, 2024, Corvettes of Fresno has 55 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 38 members and 2 guests. Our guests tonight are Karen Pearson; the President and CEO of the Sanger Chamber of Commerce and attending his second meeting is David Noall, a friend of Hank Ramirez.



Communications Report: Lisa Chaney has nothing to report.



Webmaster Report: Gary Linsner stated that the website is up to date.



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

Past Events: October 18: Hearts on Fire, Rock N Roll Choir, Dave and Elaine Goudelock.

October 19: Breakfast run, hosted by Gary & Pam Linsner. Gary stated that they went to Turlock for breakfast then drove to Roberts Ferry bridge where attendees could take pictures of their cars in front of the covered bridge.

October 21: Ladie's Card Party, hosted by Betsy Lindegren. Betsy stated that nine women attended and they all had a really good time. Whoever will be hosting in January, please contact Betsy to arrange pick-up of the box of card game supplies.

October 26: Halloween Party, Dave & Elaine Goudelock. Margaret Tejerian stated that the party was a lot of fun with lots of food and everyone dressed in costumes! There was a live band there and Mokey played the keyboard and Dave played the guitar.

October 30: Fairwinds Car Show: Darrick Duerksen stated the he and Walt Spate both participated in the car show. There were a total of 12 cars there.

November 9: Movie Night; “Rush”: Dave Trauger attended this event and stated that it was a good movie.

Upcoming Events:

November 22: Collections for Terry’s House: Mitch Koligian. Mitch thanked everyone for the donations and he will deliver them to Terry’s House tomorrow; November 20th. On Friday November 22nd please meet in Cosmo’s parking lot at 9:20 a.m. to caravan to Terry’s House for a tour of the facility. Afterwards, they will return to Cosmo’s for lunch.

December 6: COF Christmas Party, hosted by Cheryl Blackstone. The party will be at the Belmont Country Club starting at 5:30 p.m. There are currently 47 people signed up and we need a minimum of 50. Please invite any friends that would like to attend. Every person please bring a gender neutral, wrapped gift with a value of approximately \$10 - \$15 for a gift exchange.

December 7: Nations Toyland Christmas Parade, hosted by Lee Delap. Lee stated they will be staging at McCall and Highway 180 at 8:30 a.m. to caravan to Sanger. Lee Blackstone will lead the caravan. After the parade they will meet at the Red Caboose for lunch. **Karen Pearson;** the President and CEO of the Sanger District Chamber of Commerce stated that the parade has approximately 100 entries and will be about two hours long. COF will be in divisions A & B, which will go through the parade early on. The parade will be filmed and played on YouTube. Karen presented T-shirts with the Nations Christmas tree on them to Dave Trauger for being the first person to sign-up to participate in the parade, Billie Talley for being the first woman driver on the sign-up sheet, Harry Bellow for participating in at least eight of the Nations Toyland Christmas Parades, Margaret Tejerian for being raised in Sanger and Walt Spate for signing-up to participate when Karen stated that she needed one more car! Chuck Ware received a commemorative Christmas Tree ornament for escorting the “Mother of the Year” through the parade last year.

December 11: Ladie’s Brunch: Cheryl Blackstone, Cece Karlie & Ruth Looney. This event will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Fresno Breakfast House located at Bullard & West. They need a head count by December 6th.

January 24-26: Ice Breaker to Monterey: hosted by Lee & Cheryl Blackstone. Lee Blackstone stated that they will be leaving at approximately 8:00 a.m. from the Gulf station at Cherry and Jensen. They will caravan to Harris Ranch for breakfast where the members from Visalia and Lemoore will join them. After breakfast they will travel through Coalinga and take 198 to 101, then through Fort Hunter Liggett. If you are prone to motion sickness, it is advised to take I5 instead of 101, as the road through that area is very windy. To travel through Fort Hunter Liggett, which

is an active base, you will need a valid driver's license and a current proof of insurance. There will be a poker run on Saturday which will include a stop at Phil's Fish Market. Hotel information will be in the newsletter and on the club website. The room rates are approximately \$119 to \$129 per night. Currently there are 13 cars signed up to go. More information to follow.

March 14-16: Murphy's St. Patrick's Day: hosted by John & Cece Karlie – Save the date!

June 5-7: Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise: Save the date!

July 18-20: Southern Oregon Corvette Club: Save the date!

The next Board meeting: December 17, 6pm for dinner at DiCiccios (Cedar & Nees Fresno) RSVP to Cheryl[559-232-5489] by Dec. 13 if attending!

The next General meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on January 21, 2025 at Yosemite Falls Café, 4020 N. Cedar Ave.

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: None



Sunshine Report: Lee Blackstone stated that John and Cece Karlie are both in quarantine because Cece will be having a procedure done within the next couple of

weeks and she is not to be around large groups of people. Jan Pflepsen announced birthdays and anniversaries for November and December.



Jan Pflepsen

Old Business / New Business:

Sunshine Rep: Jan Pflepsen is stepping down from the position of Sunshine rep. If anyone would like to volunteer as her replacement, please contact Lee Blackstone.

2025 Fundraiser: Lee Blackstone announced that logistics makes it hard for COF to continue to hold the fund-raising event in Reno as has been done in years past. Bruce Looney has contacted Table Mountain Casino about possibly having the event there on September 18 – 21, 2025. The personnel at Table Mountain are very cooperative and easy to work with. The venue is approximately three years old and everything looks very nice and clean. Lee stated they are planning a welcome party on Thursday night which will coincide with a line-dancing event that everyone can join in on. There will be a car show on Friday morning and possibly a black jack tournament for Friday afternoon. A poker run will be held on Saturday morning through the Shaver, Huntington Lake and Big Creek area with the awards banquet planned for Saturday evening. There is a nice golf course across the street from the venue that participants can add to their package if they would like to play golf. In lieu of including food vouchers in each registration packet, as was done in the past, they are considering including gift cards which can be used at any of the restaurants located in Table Mountain Casino. Lee stated that they are also considering inviting our charity benefactors to attend the awards banquet and have them elaborate on what their organization does. All other Corvette Clubs will be invited to attend this event as well. The contract for this event requires a minimum commitment of fifty rooms at a rate of \$189 & \$199 per

night. Bruce Looney volunteered to be the chairperson for this event and he will coordinate a meeting to form committees soon.

Name Tag Drawing: The winner for the November name tag drawing was Lisa Chaney. Lisa was present, with her name tag on and won \$10. The January name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

Raffle: The winner of the raffle was Gary Linsner. Gary declined the prize and will leave it for someone to win at the January meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Lee Delap; motion approved.

Meeting was adjourned at: 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Debbie Dukes, Secretary



November 22: Collections for Terry's House: Mitch Koligian







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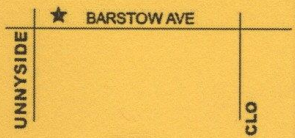
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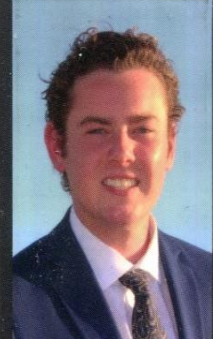
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December Birthdays

- 2- Gary Gagnebin***
- 5- Lori Martinez***
- 7- Gary Pflepsen***
- 18- Rolando Martinez***
- 24- Kirk Yergat***
- 26- Lee Blackstone***

December Anniversaries

None this month!

Happy Holidays and a Safe and Healthy New Year!



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