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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

Mailing Address:

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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...

July 15, 2025: Mimi's Café, Riverpark Shopping Center

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL
MEET July 1 2025**

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



Greetings From SD

Nope, not San Diego but beautiful South Dakota! Cheryl and I are visiting for her family reunion in Deadwood. So many great places to visit, wonderful roads to drive and sights to see.

Maybe our time here would be best spent on doing a "pre-ride" for a future tour of the area with our great little club! We have been shown some great back roads of the Black Hills. The hills are all very lush green from the frequent rains. Could this be an idea for a major run for next year? Only the shadow knows!

A fun time was had by all at our club picnic and miniature golf tournament held at Blackbeard's. Mokey Cowger was the big winner with the low score and on the opposite end of the spectrum was Elaine Goudelock with the high score. We had six members with hole-in-ones including Mitch Koligian, Bruce and Ruth Looney, Darrick Duerksen, Mokey Cowger and new member Ted Pistoresi. A no-show of the catering trucks resulted in us going to a meal get-together at DiCicco's in East Fresno.

Don't forget to be at our next general meeting which will be held July 15th at 6:30 at Mimi's Café where we will be installing our newest members, Ted & Patty Pistoresi.

Make sure to check out our schedule for future runs as we will be busy in July & August and of course our special event run at Table Mountain where we will need all your participation as club members. Be sure to find Bruce Looney's sign-up sheets for your help as needed.

That's all for now as we are enjoying a beautiful midwestern thunderstorm!

So... Let's keep the fun Rolling!

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2025

Call to Order: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Bruce Looney, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner, John Karlie, and Margaret Tejerian. Absent were VP of Activities, Darrick Duerksen and Past President, Louis Biglieri. This meeting was held at Mimi's Café. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Bruce Looney.

Secretary's Report: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Bruce Looney, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner, John Karlie, and Margaret Tejerian. Absent were VP of Activities, Darrick Duerksen and Past President, Louis Biglieri. This meeting was held at Mimi's Café. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Bruce Looney.

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 Lisa Chaney; motion approved.



Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen gave the Membership Report as follows. As of June 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 51 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 26 members and 3 guests. Our guests this evening were Ted & Patty Pistoiresi. Ted & Patty have completed the requirements for membership, were board approved and will be installed at our next General Meeting in July. Jeanette Harris was also a guest this evening. Jeanette has a 1963 white, rag top corvette.



Communications Report: Lisa Chaney had nothing to report.



Webmaster: Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. He and Bruce Looney are working with Wells Fargo Bank to get the online registration set up for the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic event.



Activities Report: Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at www.corvettesoffresno.com. In Darrick's absence, President Lee gave the activities report.

Past Events:

June 5-7: Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club – Corvettes by the Bay; COF members that participated in the run had a good time. They had a busy weekend with lots of activities.

June 12: COF Miniature Golf and Club Picnic; President Lee reported that everyone had a great time. Despite the food trucks canceling, last-minute reservations at DiCicco's Restaurant proved better and much cooler for the golfers. President Lee also promised that he would have some awards to give out at the General Meeting, which were as follows: Hole-In-One – Mokey Cowger, Rita (Dave's friend), Bruce Looney, Ted Pistorresi and Ruth Looney. Mitch Koligian also had a hole-in-one but was somehow overlooked. Our apologies Mitch. Your award will be forthcoming at the next General Meeting. Cathy Cholakian scored the highest, while Mokey had the low score. Each received a \$25 Mimi's Gift

Card. Cheryl Blackstone did NOT make par on very many holes, so she was given the most 6's award. It was a fun evening for all.

Upcoming Events:

Future Events:

June 27: Grizzlies Game; A night at a Grizzlies game. Darrick has set this up and those that will be attending the game were given their tickets at tonight's meeting.

July 18-20: Southern Oregon Corvette Club; So far, no one from COF is going, however, If you are interested, check out the Southern Oregon Corvette Club's website, sovette.com/30th-corvette-weekend for all the information.

July 19: Mystery Run; Mitch and Margaret are planning this run. Please RSVP to Mitch or Margaret no later than July 11th. Meeting at 3:30 pm to leave by 3:45 pm at Clovis Hills Church, Willow and International.

July 27: 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 16: Bass Lake Sunset Dinner Run; Clay and Lan Mumby are sponsoring this run. Please make sure to sign up at the next General Meeting.

September 5: Rods on the Bluff;

September 18-20: 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. Bruce got word that the Hedricks family is allowing us to display their vintage C1 Corvette at the event. 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 25-27: All Corvette Car Show, Prescott, AZ

October 3: Rods on the Bluff;

November 8: Warbirds, Wings and Wheels – Paso Robles

November 11: Veteran's Day Parade – a signup sheet will be coming in the next few months.

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

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 special dignitary for a ride.

Next Board Meeting: July 1, 2025, by Zoom

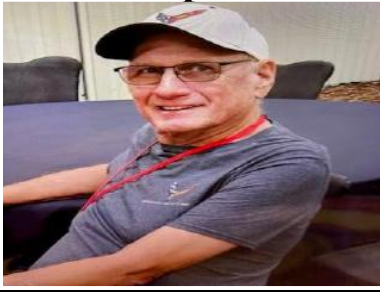
Next General Meeting: Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30 dinner; 6:30 meeting

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: Nothing to report from John this evening.



Sunshine Report: Margaret Tejerian gave the Sunshine report. Louie Biglieri is doing well but in rehab for a short while, a card was sent. Margaret tried to contact Billie Talley to see how she was doing but was unable to reach her. Mokey is healing well and almost ready to get back to playing golf again. He thanked everyone for their well wishes. Julianne informed Margaret during the meeting tonight that Walt experienced a stroke recently. His condition is improving daily, although his vision has been impacted somewhat. And congratulations are in order for Lee Delap's grandson who is a new graduate of Cal Poly.



Old Business / New Business:

Old Business:

Terry's House Donations: President Lee reminded everyone that since we did not do a raffle at the club picnic for Terry's House, it will be done at our Club Christmas Party in December.

New Business:

None

Name Tag Drawing: The winner of the June name tag drawing was Alice Mancillas. Alice was not present to win, making the July name tag drawing worth \$30.

Raffle: The winners of the raffle drawing were Dave Trauger and Gary Linsner. A total of \$140 was collected.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cece Karlie and seconded by Betsy Lindegren; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

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



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Corvettes of Fresno - Caravan Rules October 2008



1. Turn on your cell phone. Have the leader and other members' numbers handy.
2. Your vehicle should have a good FRC/GMRS radio. Be prepared to relay messages to those around or behind you that may not be in range of the event leader's radio signal. Mien asked to do so. While participating in an event, try to use your radio sparingly so as not to interrupt necessary directions from the event leader.
3. Mystery run sponsors should provide their cell phone number, sealed directions, and destination.
4. Enter traffic safely. Safest way to pull onto the roadway is the Lemans method: all vehicles angle 45 degrees onto road and move forward together at the same time.
5. Be courteous to other drivers. This includes both personal and on-air etiquette. You are representing COF while on runs. Watch your language and don't give COF a bad rap.
6. Follow instructions. The leader knows the best route; any changes, hazards and/or detours should be avoided.
7. Caravan leader should select a "sweeper" with a strong FRS/GMRS radio to be at the rear of the group. The sweeper's role is to keep the group together, notify the leader of situations that arise, and notify the leader if anyone needs assistance or plans to separate from the group. The leader then can decide what action to take for a disabled vehicle. If the group becomes spread out beyond radio range, the sweeper should have the leader's cell phone programmed in his/her cell in order to make calls to the leader as necessary.
8. Don't tailgate or lag too far behind. Tailgating creates dangerous situations and does not allow time to react or room for civilians to maneuver through the column. Lagging too far behind can cause those behind you to become lost and/or separated from the group.
9. Communicate. If you are having car or any other type of problems, or if you observe a dangerous situation, inform the leader and others in the group of the situation and the available options. It is the responsibility of the leader to set a safe pace. If you feel that the pace is too fast for you, do not slow down and separate the group. Communicate with the leader. The leader will then make a decision as to what action to take. Remember, an overly slow group can be more dangerous than a fast one. The CHP will pull over a group that becomes a traffic hazard.
10. Keep in single file with enough room for traffic to maneuver through the column when necessary. In heavy traffic areas, the leader may call for multiple groups if appropriate. The caravan can re-group when traffic thins out. Safety is more important than keeping cars in formation. If you become separated from the group, communicate with the leader with your FRS/GMRS radio or your cell phone.
11. The practice of pulling the group over to wait for others to catch up is not recommended and is discouraged. The leader should try to anticipate areas where a separation might occur and plan for them. When this is not possible, other strategies should be used, such as slowing down or picking a rendezvous point. If pulling over is necessary, do so only where the group can do so safely - where the cars are fully off of the roadway and re-entry can be done safely. Also see #14.
12. Absolutely no passing of other members unless that member waves you around. If you have a reason to be at the front, arrange this with the leader before leaving.
13. If you need to separate from the group before the event is over, be sure to inform the event leader. If you are unable to reach the leader or others in the group by radio, be sure to use a cell phone to make contact with the event leader. He/she is responsible for you and your actions for the duration of the event. If you leave the group and don't tell anyone - others will be going back to look for you.
14. Divide and Conquer. In today's traffic, it is becoming impossible to keep a large group together even on short runs. The event leader should assess the route and decide what size group is manageable. Divide the column into groups (about 5 to 7 cars) each with a leader. Each member in that group can then communicate with that sub-leader. That way, communication errors and lost members can be avoided or improved upon.

