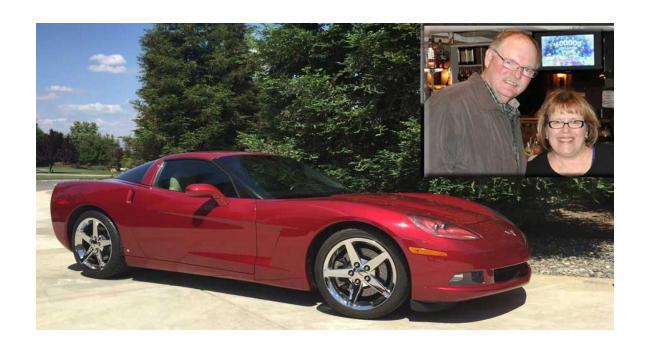


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## If you are an interested Corvette owner, we invite you to attend.

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...

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30

dinner; 6:30 meeting

#### **COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET June 3 at The Old 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



#### How 'Bout a "Pop-up" Club Picnic?

In today's world of "pop-up" boutiques, food vendors, flower sales, and even produce, why not a "pop-up picnic"? So after a little brainstorming the idea has surfaced for a club picnic at Blackbeard's Family Entertainment Center for the evening of June 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30. The board will provide finger foods, water and soft drinks while the on-site food trucks will have meals to sell. **A miniature golf tournament** will take place with an awards presentation to follow. The informational flier is included in this newsletter (please see the end of the newsletter!). **Please RSVP to Cheryl** so we can get an accurate attendance expectation. We are not able to reserve parking, so don't feel compelled to bring your Vette. We look forward to seeing you there!

It's always great to install new members as we did at the last general meeting with Louie & Kelly Avila. We look forward to enjoying their friendship and company on our future endeavors. We have two more prospective member couples in the process of fulfilling the requirements with installations scheduled for June & July meetings.

We have registrations being received from out of town and out of state participants for the Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic. Be sure to sign-up for the assistance needed in registration, raffle ticket sales, parking, car show, poker run and awards banquet duties.

As mentioned at the last meeting, our officer election is coming up in September with vacancies for the office of President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Activities and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership. So far, nobody has stepped up to me to place their name on the list, so the dreaded nomination process will ensue if nothing changes. This is a great opportunity to become active in leadership shaping the club's direction, policies and viability!

We are still asking for folks to step up and create a run, whether it be a day run, overnighter, or a mystery meal run, step out of your comfort and bring an idea forward to Darrick or myself! We will even help you with the logistics!

Until next time, Let's keep the fun rolling!

#### Lee Blackstone





President

President, Lee Blackstone



Louie & Kelly Avila with Lee

#### Corvettes of Fresno General Meeting Minutes May 20, 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, VP of Membership, Gary Pflepsen, and Past President, Louis Biglieri. This meeting was held at Mimi's Café. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Dave Trauger.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last General meeting dated April 15, 2025, were published in the April 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Bruce Looney and seconded by Lisa Chaney; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Dave Trauger; motions 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 Harry Bellow; motion approved.



Membership Report: In the absence of Gary Pflepsen, Cheryl Blackstone gave the Membership Report. As of May 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 57 members and 51 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 31 members and 3 guests. Our guests this evening were Karl & Mary Beutner and Ted Pistoresi. Karl & Mary recently moved to the Fresno/Clovis area from Fairfield, CA. Ted & Patty Pistoresi live in Madera. President Lee welcomed & inducted new members Louie & Kelly Avila to the club. Welcome to Corvettes of Fresno Louie & Kelly!

Communications Report: Lisa Chaney had nothing to report.



**Webmaster** Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. He and Bruce Looney are still working on the Sierra Classic payment portion of the registration forms.



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

#### **Past Events:**

**April 18:** Kingsburg Car Show; a fun night! Fourteen cars, 20 members, and 4 guests attended the car show. We convoyed from Fresno, enjoyed street parking in Kingsburg (thanks to Clay & Lan), and had a delicious meal at DiCiccio's. After dinner, we strolled the streets of Kingsburg admiring the beautiful cars and enjoyed some ice cream.

**May 3:** Pontiac Club of Central California; President Lee reported that there were seven COF members who kept busy judging some fantastic cars and the guys were very much appreciated by the Pontiac Car Club.

**May 13**: Ladies Card Party; Elaine Goudelock reported that the group was small, but they all had a wonderful time, and Mary Beutner joined the group as a new prospective member to COF.

May 17: Silver State Classic; Gary Linsner

#### **Upcoming Events:**

June 5-7: Monterey Peninsula Corvette Club – Corvettes by the Bay; For more information, visit their website, montereycorvettes.com

June 27: Grizzlies Game; A night at a Grizzlies game. If you are interested, please sign up with Darrick. If you have already signed up to go, Darrick will have your tickets at the June General Meeting, and if you are unable to attend the meeting, he will make arrangements to get your tickets to you.

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/30<sup>th</sup>-corvette-weekend for all the information.

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.

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

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

**Next Board Meeting:** June 3, 2025, at The Old Spaghetti Factory **Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30 dinner; 6:30 meeting



#### **NCCC Report:**

John Karlie reported that NCCC dues will be increasing. Dues for renewing members will be \$40, with an additional fee of \$15 for a spouse/companion. The initial dues for a new member will be \$50, with an additional fee of \$15 for a spouse/companion.



**Sunshine Report:** : Margaret Tejerian gave the Sunshine report. Louie Biglieri will be having back surgery in June. Billie Talley has been under the weather and not feeling well. Wishing them both a quick recovery.



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

<u>COF Club Picnic</u>: The club picnic this year will be a miniature golf night and eat out at Blackbeard's in Fresno. Make sure to read your email for the flyer. <u>Terry's House Donations</u>: A lot of items came in this evening for Terry's House. Thank you to everyone who brought donations.

#### **Old Business:**

<u>Elections:</u> President Lee mentioned that there will be three board positions open starting with the 2026 year. Offices to be filled will be for President, First VP/Activities and Second VP/Membership. Anyone interested in any of these positions, please let President Lee or any board member know. Nominations will be held in July & August.

**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner of the May name tag drawing was Ron Lindegren. Ron was not present to win, making the June name tag drawing worth \$20.

**Raffle:** The winners of the raffle drawing were Margaret Tejerian and Lee Delap. A total of \$185 was collected.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Lisa Chaney; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cheryl Blackstone, Secretary



Pontiac Club of Central California (judges cars)



Ladies Card Party hosted by Elaine Goudelock. Small but mighty!





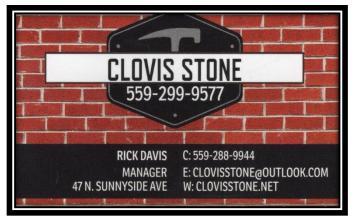
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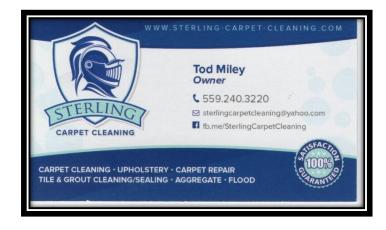


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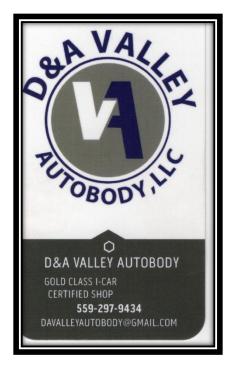


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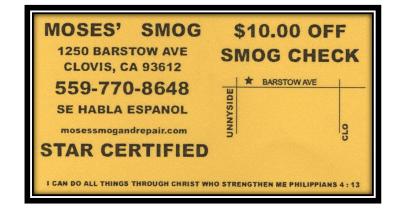












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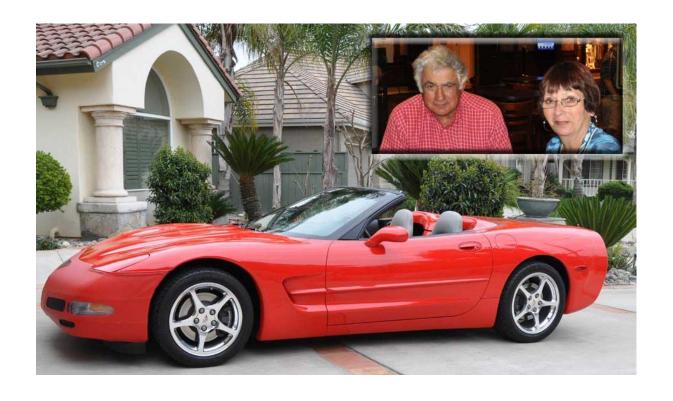
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Participate in a game of miniature golf, have dinner at various food trucks, and spend time with your COF Family. \$14.00/pp for golf + \$\$ for food trucks







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