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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at Yosemite Falls Cafe
4020 North Cedar, Fresno
Located between Dakota & Ashlan Avenues on the east side of Cedar Avenue**

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**

Mailing Address:

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

General Meeting Site:

**BLACK BEAR DINER
3602 W Shaw Ave**

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 March 4 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



Is it cold & flu or spring fever season?

This time of year with the fragrance of almond blossoms in the air is always filled with anticipation of warmer weather, more outdoor activities, baseball and of course, driving our beloved sports cars to places known and unknown. What better way to do this than with friends whose company we enjoy getting into various forms of mischief together! With our full schedule of upcoming runs, meals, card parties and of course meetings, your participation is key to the club's mission statement which reads;

“The purpose of our club is to bring together owners of Corvettes to have fun, fellowship and to participate in activities involving the only True American Sports Car – The Corvette”

There is still limited availability to participate in the St. Patrick's Day weekend at the Murphys parade and tour of the Sonora, Groveland and Mariposa areas with a spirited drive through Bagby Canyon on Hwy 49! **Contact Cece Karlie** for information.

There is a full list of sign-up sheets available at the general meeting for the upcoming runs, car shows and parties. First VP Darrick Duerksen has been very busy keeping our schedule full. Thanks Darrick!

Without stealing Bruce Looney's thunder, I want to comment that we have a name (Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic), logo, all committee chairs in place and a schedule of events. This is coming together very nicely however this will be an “All Hands on Deck” event that will need your participation. There are sign-up sheets available at the general meeting or you can call Bruce Looney to volunteer your time and talents.

The March General meeting will be held on the 18th at the Black Bear Diner located at 3602 W Shaw Ave starting at 7:00. We can occupy the room at 5:30 if you choose to have a meal. Black Bear has an extensive menu with generous portions at a reasonable price. Please keep in mind

there is a \$400 minimum for our group. Be sure to bring your appetite and order appropriately!

This is your club, so take advantage for your own self-indulgence, pleasure, and an elevated sense of self-worth or something like that!

With that being said, Lets Keep the Fun Rollin’

Lee Blackstone

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
March 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 and Ruth Looney. John Karlie and Louis Biglieri were absent. This meeting was held at Club One Casino and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Harry Bellow.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last General meeting dated January 21, 2025, were published in the February 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Dave Trauger and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Clay Mumby; 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 Clay Mumby; motion approved.



Membership Report: Gary Pflepsen gave the Membership Report. As of February 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 55 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 26 members and no guests.



Communications Report: Lisa Chaney was absent, therefore there was nothing to report.



Webmaster: Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. Gary always needs pictures to post on the website.



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

Past Events:

January 24: Ice Breaker Run; hosted by Lee and Cheryl Blackstone. Lee reported that there were 9 cars that participated in the run. We had a nice leisurely, curvy drive over to Monterey on Friday and that evening the group had a delicious dinner at Domenico's on the Wharf. Saturday was the Poker/Dice Run, with guess the mileage also. Dave Trauger was the winner for both. Lucky Dave! The cars got wet, as it rained on and off all day, but the run was a fun drive through the varied terrains of beautiful Monterey County. Saturday evening, we were on our own. Some went to dinner and a few couples walked, in the rain, to the local movie theater and watched Flight Risk – an action-thriller with a little comedy. Sunday was our day to come home from another fun-filled, food-packed, fabulous weekend.

February 6: Fundraiser Meeting; Bruce Looney mentioned that the name of the event was decided. It will be called the **Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic – California's Best Kept Secret**. The committee is working on the event flyer and getting information gathered for the registration packets. Committee sign-up sheets

were passed around at the meeting and will continue to be passed around at each meeting from here on.

Upcoming Events:

March 6: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic Meeting; Mimi's Café at 5:30 for those that would like to have dinner, with the meeting starting at 6:30. Please come if you would like to be involved in our new fundraiser. Your help is needed!

March 8: Sanger Car Show; Lee Delap mentioned that the Sanger Car Show will be held in conjunction with the Blossom Days Festival. There is a \$25 entry fee and \$10 for a t-shirt. Lee said that there is usually anywhere from 350 to 400 cars at this event.

March 14-16: Murphys St. Patrick's; John & Cece Karlie. Cece reported that we are signed up for the parade and she is working on other side excursions for us to do. Rooms can now be reserved at the Chicken Ranch Casino Resort. Ladies, get your tutus ready!

March 29: Tower Car Show; see Darrick for more information

April 5: Wildflower Run and visit to the California Armenian Home; Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian. Mitch reported that we have been invited for a visit at the Armenian Home. A pizza lunch will be provided for us, but it would be nice if we could each donate a few dollars to help with the cost of lunch. There will also be time for a mini Show & Shine as the residents are looking forward to seeing the corvettes. Mitch is also working on a run before we arrive at the Armenian Home.

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 18-19: Kingsburg Car Show; we will need someone to lead the group down Friday evening for dinner. If anyone is willing to do this, please let Darrick know.

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

May 3: Pontiac Club of Central California; Lee Blackstone. Lee needs about 6 volunteers to help with the judging of cars at this car show. More information will be forthcoming.

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

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/30th-corvette-weekend.

September 18-20: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic; 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

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

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: No report tonight as John Karlie was absent.



Sunshine Report: Margaret reported that a long-time COF member, Bert Sherman, had passed away recently. Billie Talley had not been feeling well, and a card was sent to her. Margaret then announced the February birthdays and anniversaries



Old Business / New Business:

Club Shirts & Jackets: President Lee had the club members stand that were wearing the new club shirts and jackets. Many club members have purchased them already and we would like to see most of the club purchase them. They are very nice and of good quality.

If you need the information on how to order them and where to get the graphics done, please see Sheri Garlock.

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.

New meeting place: Cheryl Blackstone has contacted Black Bear Diner in Fresno and a room has been reserved for us on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 5:30 pm

Name Tag Drawing: The winner of the February name tag drawing was Cece Karlie. Cece was not present to win, making the March name tag drawing worth \$30.

Raffle:

The winners of the raffle drawing were Margaret Tejerian who chose the Manhattan gift card, Gary Pflepsen who chose The Five gift card and Cheryl Blackstone chose the Amazon gift card. A total of \$250 was collected this evening.

Next Board Meeting: March 4, 2025, at The Old Spaghetti Factory

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025, **Black Bear Diner**, 3602 W Shaw Ave, Fresno.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Dave Molletieri; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51p.m.

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



Valentines Day : unexpected get together!



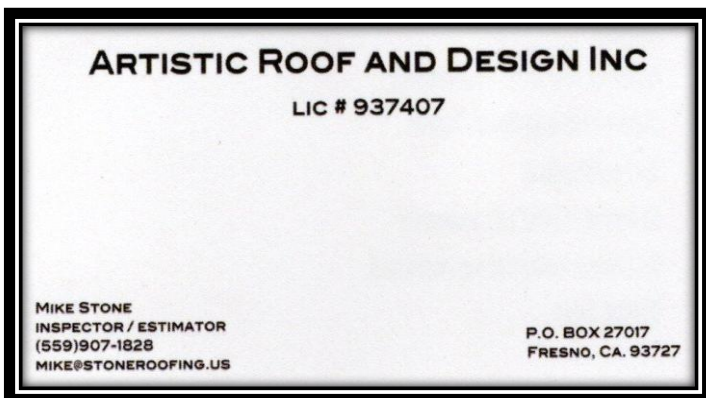
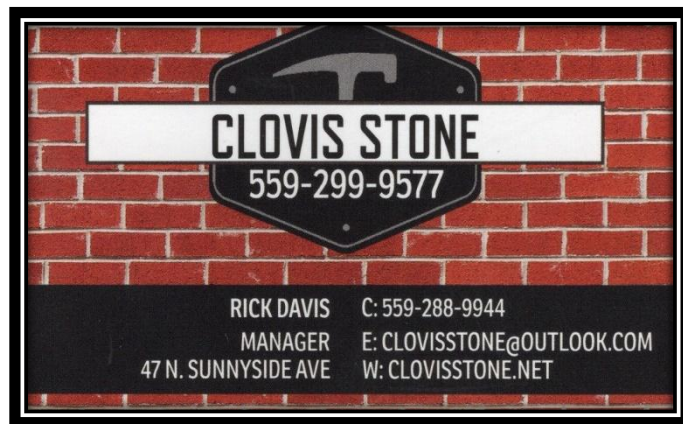


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