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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...September 16, 2025 at Mimi's Cafe

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET September 2, 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



It Never Rains in California...

Until COF plans a mystery run on a Saturday afternoon to the central Cali foothills. Okay, so it's monsoon season, but c'mon! So, Clay and Lan Mumby planned a great dinner run to Oakhurst when he received a phone call that the entire Madera County foothills are without power, including the planned destination restaurant. Thankfully, they had an emergency generator, so we were accommodated without much delay or drama. We proved once again that the cars we love to drive do not melt! We were even going to see Mokey Cowger play in his band, only to be told they had to cancel. Thanks to the Mumbys for a fun afternoon and evening.

Mitch & Margaret hosted another dinner run with a short ride in the Fresno County foothills followed by a wonderful meal at the 500 Club in Clovis. These cars do well in the heat with no issues reported!

I am proud to announce our membership is growing with the addition of Louis & Kelly Avila, Ted & Patty Pistoressi with three other couples that have completed two thirds of their membership requirements with applications in hand!

Our future runs include a meet & eat to be developed later this month and in October, a day run to the central coast to the Paso Robles Warbirds and Cass Winery followed by a three nightery to South Lake Tahoe on the 12th to the 15th. The purpose of the Tahoe run is twofold; 1) to have a good time and relax in the beautiful area and, 2) to explore the possibilities of doing a true "Tahoe Tour" as next year's flagship run. This will be at the Forest Inn & Suites with killer rates available. Be sure to sign up to be involved on the ground level of this event!

Until then... See you at the next general meeting on the 16th at Mimi's Café.
Let's keep the fun rolling!

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
August 19, 2025

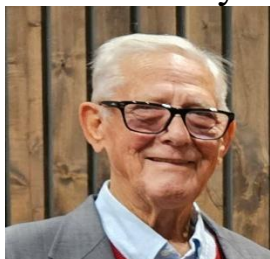
Call to Order: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Bruce Looney, Gary Linsner, Margaret Tejerian. Absent were Gary Pflepsen, John Karlie, Louis Biglieri, and Lisa Chaney. This meeting was held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

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last General meeting dated July 15, 2025, were published in the July 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Bruce Looney and seconded by Margaret Tejerian; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Dave Trauger and seconded by Dave Molettieri; 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 Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Lee Delap; motion approved.



Membership Report: In Gary Pflepsen's absence Cheryl gave the Membership Report as follows. As of August 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 59 members and 51 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 33 members and 6 guests. Our guests this evening were prospective members Karl and Mary Buetner, Leslie Garlock, Bernie Duree, and first time visitors Dan and Melanie Hagen. President Lee also inducted Ted and Patty Pistoiresi into the club as new members. Welcome Ted and Patty.



Communications Report: Lisa Chaney was absent, no report was given



Webmaster: Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. Gary needs a picture of Ted and Patty with their car, and he will also put in any new and upcoming activities. Additionally, please continue to forward photos from the runs to Gary.



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

Past Events: July 19 – Mystery Dinner Run – Great run hosted by Mitch Koligian & Margaret Tejerian. The group met in north Clovis for a ride through the lower foothills on Millerton Rd coming down 168 and ending the run at the 500 Club in Clovis. The group had the backroom almost full of COF members where they were served great food and delicious desserts. Everyone had a wonderful time. Fifteen cars and 26 members made up this Mystery Run. Thank you, Mitch & Margaret for a fun time.

July 26 – Slay the Dragon Run – Twenty-three members, one guest and 16 cars left early Saturday from Judy's Donuts in Riverstone for a fun spirited ride starting on Hwy 41 to Hwy 49 through the hills to Hwy 120 finishing at the Iron Door Saloon. Those corvettes were driven like they should be! There was a short stop along the way for a little "Slaying of the Dragon." Two members managed to slay that darn little dragon and split the winnings. The Iron Door Saloon served a delicious meal and the service was exceptional. Thank you Garlock's & Karlie's for organizing a great day

Upcoming Events:

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; informational

September 6: American Legion Post 589 Car Show; informational

September 13: Clovis Old Town Car Show; informational

September 20: Selma Car Show; informational

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

September 27: All Mopar Car Show Clovis; informational

October 3: Rods on the Bluff; informational

October 4: Fallen Heroes Car Show; Club One Casino

October 11: Fly in Car Show; Sierra Sky Park

October 11: Paso Robles Warbirds; Dave Trauger

October 12-15: Tahoe Run; Looneys and Blackstones; this trip will serve as an exploratory visit to assess the feasibility of organizing a fundraiser in 2026.

Anyone is welcome to come along. Please let Bruce Looney know as soon as possible! We still need more sign-ups to qualify for a room rate discount.

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.

October 18: Mariposa Hot Rod Car Show

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 this 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, September 2, 2025, at the Spaghetti Factory – 5:30 pm

Next General Meeting: Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30 dinner; 6:30 meeting

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: John Karlie was absent. President Lee did mention that NCCC's dues will probably be going up so that would mean our dues will be going up also. The Board will make their decision at the September board meeting as to what our increase will be.



Sunshine Report: Margaret Tejerian mentioned the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of August. Those that have been under the weather lately are John Karlie suffered from some kidney stones and Lisa Chaney is still recovering from her knee surgery. Margaret will be sending cards to both of them.



Old Business / New Business:

Old Business:

President Lee stated that members have volunteered for two out of the four officer positions. Dave Trauger has volunteered for the position of President and Clay Mumby has volunteered for the position of Vice President of Activities. President Lee thanked both gentlemen for stepping up. We still have the positions of Vice President of Membership and Communications Director to fill. Anyone interested please let any board member know.

New Business: Bruce Garlock spoke to the membership about Hagerty Insurance and the options they have available for insuring your corvette - More coverage for a lesser premium. Several members expressed interest, so Bruce will arrange for a Hagerty agent to speak to the membership at one of our general meetings.

Name Tag Drawing:

The winner of the August name tag drawing was Hank Ramirez. Hank was present and won \$10. The September name tag drawing will be worth \$10.

Raffle: The winners of the raffle drawing were Betsy Lindegren, Darlene Trower and Walt Spate. Congratulations!

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Frank Stafford; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cheryl Blackstone, Secretary



August 23: Mystery Run Clay and Lan





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September Birthdays:

2- Pam Linsner
7- Billie Talley
18- Jim Setrakian
25- Louis Biglieri

September Anniversaries: None



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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. When 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.

