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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

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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

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Communications Director: Lisa Chaney

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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...

February 19 (WEDNESDAY) Club One Casino in Granite Park . It is the room marked ‘private’ just before the casino entrance

COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET February 4 at Spaghetti Factory,
5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. 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



Off To A Great Start!

This January has seen a few changes come our way with a new semi-permanent meeting site, meaning with the closure of Yosemite Falls Café, we have moved over to Club One Casino on the same Granite Park property. Our January meeting proved to be a successful transition with excellent service and great food. The only hiccup was the lack of an American flag. That will be resolved by the February meeting. This is only a semi-permanent move as the venue will be closed starting in March for remodeling for up to 6 months which means we need to be flexible and somewhat nomadic in our quest for another location. We had a semi-mystery run to Sakura Chaya with approximately 30 members in attendance! A beautiful day with lots of laughter at the teppanyaki tables. Thanks to Dave Trauger for putting this together! This rambling contribution is being penned from our motel room in Monterey on our "Ice Breaker Run" which includes nine cars on an out of the way trip to the Monterey Peninsula starting with a breakfast at Harris Ranch, a twisty trek via Priest Valley out of Coalinga and taking Carmel Valley Rd from the east in Greenfield to Carmel. Saturday we had a "poker" with a picturesque run through the hills and coastline of the area with a lunch at Phil's Fish Market in Castroville. The evening had people enjoy a movie, various restaurants and just hanging out among friends. Today (Sunday) we will depart for home and get back to reality. Thanks to Cheryl Blackstone for organizing much of this run on a rainy weekend. It only proves the theory that these cars do not melt! There are rumors of a February mystery run being set up, but this is obviously a mystery to me! Stay tuned for upcoming information. March has the St. Patrick's run being set up by Cece for the Murphys parade. Always a fun filled event with the "Green Goddesses" being the

highlight. Mitch is working on an event for April and the ladies are talking about pre-running some roads for future over-night runs.

Bruce Looney is chairing the next “Fund-Raiser” (formerly Tahoe run) with his second organizational meeting on February 6th at Mimi’s Café to start at 5:30. All Volunteers are welcome as this will be an “All Hands On Deck” event scheduled for September 18-21st.

Lots of things going on for our enjoyment, please try to be a part of it!

Lets Keep The Fun Rollin’

Lee Blackstone

Lee Blackstone



President

President, Lee Blackstone

Corvettes of Fresno
General Meeting Minutes
February, 2025

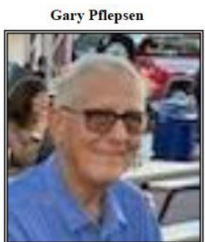
Call to Order: President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Bruce Looney, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner, John Karlie and Ruth Looney. Gary Pflepsen and Louis Biglieri were absent. This meeting was held at Club One Casino and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mokey Cowger

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last General meeting dated November 19, 2024, were published in the November 2024 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Betsy Lindegren and seconded by Clay Mumby; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Ruth Looney and seconded by Nina Gagnebin; 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 Dave Trauger and seconded by Frank Stafford; motion approved.



Membership Report: In Gary Pflepsen's absence Cheryl Blackstone gave the Membership Report. As of January 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 55 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 33 members and 1 guest. Our guest tonight is Karl Beutner. Karl has a red 2005 C6 Corvette and is looking to get involved with a Corvette Club.

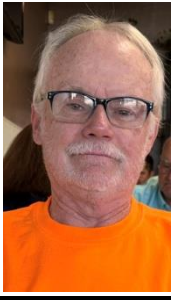


2nd Vice Pres. - Membership

Communications Report: Lisa Chaney reported that everything is good. Just keep sending in your pictures to be put into the newsletter.



Webmaster Report: Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. Gary also asked for pictures from any of our events to be put on the website.



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

Past Events:

November 22: Terry's House Visit; Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian. Mitch thanked those that came for the tour of Terry's House. Margaret thanked everyone for their donations. The staff was very appreciative of the donations that they received from Corvettes of Fresno. Corvettes of Fresno was presented with a plaque of appreciation for our donations and support to Terry's House. The plaque will hang on one of the walls for visitors at Terry's House to see. After the tour of Terry's House, those that were able to stay had lunch at the Cosmopolitan.

December 6: Christmas Party Cece Karlie, Ruth Looney, Cheryl Blackstone, and Margaret Tejerian. Cheryl reported that the Christmas party was a success. Everyone had an enjoyable time and the Night Before Christmas Story was well received. Cheryl thanked everyone for coming.

December 7: Sanger – Nations Toyland Christmas Parade; Lee Delap thanked everyone who participated. The parade was very well attended by over 10,000 people. All the COF drivers were then treated to lunch at the Red Caboose, hosted by Lee Delap.

December 7: Ladies Christmas Brunch: Ruth Looney reported that 17 ladies attended the brunch. Everyone had a wonderful time just visiting and enjoying the tasty food. Hopefully, this will become an annual event.

January 11, 2025: Mystery Run and dinner at Sakura Chaya; Dave Trauger led the large group of cars through the foothills on what was a nice sunny day with a final stop for a delicious teppanyaki lunch at Sakura Chaya.

January 11: EAA Movie Night; Sheri Garlock reported that there were not as many people in attendance and the movie was different.

Upcoming Events:

February 6: Fundraiser Meeting; Bruce Looney mentioned that there will be a fundraiser meeting at Mimi's Café beginning at 5:30 pm for those that would like to order dinner, with the meeting beginning at 6:00 pm.

March 8: Sanger Car Show; Lee Delap mentioned that the Sanger Car Show will be held in conjunction with the Blossom Day Festival. There will be several food and craft booths there. Lee will bring more information to our next meeting.

March 14-16: Murphys St. Patrick's; John & Cece Karlie. Cece reported that we are signed up for the parade and she is looking into rooms at the Chicken Ranch Casino Resort.

April 12: Wildflower Run and visit to the California Armenian Home; Mitch Koligian and Margaret Tejerian. Mitch reported that we have been invited for a visit to the Armenian Home. Bring your corvettes for a mini car show for the residents to see and they in turn will provide a pizza lunch for us. Mitch is also working on a possible run to and around Wonder Valley.

May 3: Pontiac Club of Central California; Lee Blackstone. Lee is hoping to get some volunteers from Corvettes of Fresno to help with the judging of cars at this car show. Lee will have more information at future meetings.

June 5-7: Monterey Coast Corvette Cruise; rooms can be booked now.

July 18-20: Southern Oregon Corvette Club; Dave Trauger mentioned some changes in their registration packets for the different events. If you are interested in more information, see Dave Trauger, or go to the Southern Oregon Corvette Club's website

Darrick Duerksen



1st Vice Pres. - Activities

NCCC Report: John Karlie gave everyone the login information to get on the NCCC website.



Sunshine Report: Margaret Tejerian announced the January birthdays. There are no anniversaries in January. Margaret reported that Lawrence Coelho is doing well since his heart surgery and Walt Spate has been sick recently with fever and pneumonia and is home resting.



Old Business / New Business: Thank you: Mitch Koligian thanked everyone for his Outstanding Member of the Year award. Club
Banner : Bruce Garlock is looking into a new Club banner.

Club Sponsor: Bruce Garlock has a sponsor (who wants to remain somewhat anonymous) that is willing to give us a monetary donation to help with some of the new fundraiser costs. Frank Stafford also offered to speak with Hedricks to see if they would be interested in a sponsorship for the new fundraiser.

COF Club Picnic: We are looking for a date and place for our annual Club picnic. Volunteers are welcome to help with organizing this.

New meeting place: In light of the event of the closing of Yosemite Falls Café, this meeting was held at Club One Casino and will also be held there for **our February meeting, Wednesday, February 19. Club One Casino** will be undergoing renovation, beginning in March for approximately 6 months, so we will be in active pursuit of another location for those months. If anyone has any ideas for a meeting place, please contact President Lee

Name Tag Drawing: Last month's winner was Lisa Chaney who was present and won \$10.00; so this month's drawing is worth \$10.00.

The winner of the January name tag drawing was Helen Jolly. Helen was not present to win, making the February name tag drawing worth \$20

Raffle: The winners of the raffle drawing were Mokey Cowger and Dave Trauger. A total of \$215 was collected this evening.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pete Cholakian and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cheryl Blackstone, Secretary



Sakura Chaya Mystery Run Jan.11, 2025







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6-Harry Bellow

11-Margaret Tejerian

19-Darlene Trower

21-Frank Stafford



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February ANIVERSARIES

3-John & Cece Karlle



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