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**Our club meetings are held 7:00 pm on the third Tuesday of the month at**

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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...

**Mimis Café May 20<sup>th</sup>** (dinner 5:30p, meeting 6:30p)

### **COF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

**CORVETTES OF FRESNO BOARD WILL MEET May 6 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



## **40% CHANCE OF RAIN, 100% CHANCE OF FUN!**

The intrepid members and guests that have braved our winter and spring runs will all tell you they are not sorry about joining the previous runs to Monterey, Murphys and to Wonder Valley. The weather has not completely cooperated with our run schedule, but the fun factor was high on the charts! We have proven these cars do not melt or diminish the experience when the windshield wipers are needed. Coming from a couple that has driven 50555 miles in 8 years, 8 months and 8 days, for a non-daily driver, that's 5800 annual miles average, trust me, we have seen some weather! To have these cars sit in the garage and not join in the fun is a mystery to me. We had a great turnout at our last two runs to Wonder Valley & the Vineyards and at the "Cruise-in night" at downtown Kingsburg. We had 16+ cars on each run with members and guests (perspective members) in attendance.

Now with the warmer weather on the horizon, why not join in on the fun with some of your friends? There are ladies card games, car shows, overnights to Monterey, Dodger/Giants game and another overnight run to the central coast with details to follow.

The Sierra Foothills Classic is progressing nicely with the plans being made. Bruce Looney is chairing this event and needs everyone's help. The committee chairs for registration, parking/car show, poker run, and banquet all have a need for volunteers to make this a successful and hopefully profitable event for our charity benefactors. Be sure to sign-up at the meetings or contact Bruce directly for your contribution of your time and talents.

The May general meeting will be at Mimi's Café with the gavel pounding at 6:30 once again. Be sure to come early to sign up for the fun and the help needed!

Let's Keep the Fun Rolling!

Lee Blackstone

**Lee Blackstone**



**President**

President, Lee Blackstone



**Corvettes of Fresno**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2025**

**Call to Order:** : President Lee Blackstone called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. Board members present were: Lee Blackstone, Cheryl Blackstone, Darrick Duerksen, Bruce Looney, Lisa Chaney, Gary Linsner, Gary Pflepsen, John Karlie, and Past President, Louis Biglieri. Sunshine, Margaret Tejerian was absent. This meeting was held at Mimi's Café. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Veteran Clay Mumby

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes of the last General meeting dated March 18, 2025, were published in the March 2025 Fiberglass Forever newsletter. A motion to waive the reading of the minutes was made by Pete Cholakian and seconded by Ruth Looney; motion to accept the minutes as published was made by Clay Mumby and seconded by Frank Stafford; 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 Lan Mumby; motion approved.



**Membership Report:** Gary Pflepsen gave the Membership Report. As of April 2025, Corvettes of Fresno has 55 members and 49 Corvettes. Tonight's attendance is 34 members and 4 guests, Louie & Kelly Avila, Carl Buettner and Steve Stewart. The Avilas have fulfilled the membership requirements and will be inducted as new members at the May General Meeting.



**Communications Report:** Lisa Chaney reported that the pictures she has received from the runs are great, keep them coming!



**Webmaster:** Gary Linsner reported that the website is up to date. Keep sending run pictures to Gary also.



**Activities Report:** Please refer to the Calendar of Events on the club's website at [www.corvettesoffresno.com](http://www.corvettesoffresno.com).

**Past Events:**

**April 1:** COF Ladies Card Party; at Margaret Tejerian's home. Betsy Lindegren reported that the ladies had a fun time.

**April 5:** Wildflower Run and visit to The Vineyards, the California Armenian Home; In Mitch and Margaret's absence, members who attended the run said it was a beautiful drive through the foothills seeing lush green hills and blooming wildflowers. Our destination was The Vineyards for a delicious pizza and salad lunch provided by The Vineyards, and the residents enjoyed coming out in the sun to take a look at all the corvettes. There were even a couple of the residents who took a seat in some of the cars. It was a great run. Thank you Mitch & Margaret for putting it together.

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 18: Kingsburg Car Show;** Lee Blackstone will lead the group down Friday evening. Meet at Carl's Jr/Denny's parking lot, corner of Jensen and East Ave (2568 S East Ave) at 4:00 pm, leave at 4:30 pm to caravan to Kingsburg. Clay and Lan Mumby will be arriving in Kingsburg before the caravan to reserve some parking in front of DiCicco's.

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

**May 3: Pontiac Club of Central California;** Lee Blackstone said that the car show will be held at Sierra Bicentennial Park, 84 N Sunnyside Ave, Clovis. Lee and volunteers will help with judging the cars at the car show.

**May 10: Jefferson Car Show;** see Darrick for more information

**May 13: Ladies Card Party;** Elaine Goudelock will be hosting the ladies card party for May. Please let Elaine know if you will be coming and what dish you will be bringing.

**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: Old Town Clovis Motorama;** please see Darrick for more information.

**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](http://montereycorvettes.com)

**June 27: Grizzlies Game;** A night at the Grizzlies game. If you are interested, please sign up asap, as tickets have to be purchased in advance.

**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/30<sup>th</sup>-corvette-weekend](http://sovette.com/30th-corvette-weekend).

**September 18-20: Sierra Foothills Corvette Classic;** Plans are moving forward, and things are falling into place. All hands-on deck! 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](http://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

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

Darrick Duerksen



1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres. - Activities

**Next Board Meeting:** May 6, 2025, at The Old Spaghetti Factory

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at Mimi's Café – 5:30 dinner;  
6:30 meeting

**NCCC Report:** John Karlie had nothing to report for NCCC.



**Sunshine Report:** In Margaret's absence Betsy Lindegren announced the April birthdays and anniversaries. Also wanted to send good wishes for a speedy recovery to Mitch who is having knee surgery on April 17.



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

**Club Shirts & Jackets:** Sheri Garlock put out another post on our COF Facebook page with the information to order the new club shirts and jackets. If you have any questions, please see Sheri.



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.

Radios: The Rugged radios are a definite plus on runs. If you have not bought yours yet, please see Bruce Garlock and he can give you all the information on them.

Terry's House Donations: Start gathering items for Terry's House. The Club will be making another donation in May. Lisa Chaney will be posting the list of items you can donate on our Facebook page, or if you need it any other way, please let one of the board members know and we can get a copy of the list for you.

**Name Tag Drawing:** The winner of the April name tag drawing was Lisa Chaney. Lisa was present and won \$10. The May name tag drawing will now be worth \$10.

**Raffle:** The winners of the raffle drawing were Harry Bellow, Gary Pflepsen and Kathy Yergat and a total of \$250 was collected this evening.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lisa Chaney and seconded by Pete Cholakian; motion approved. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm

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



4/1/2025 Ladies Card Party Margaret



4/5/2025 Wildflower Run Mitch and Margaret







4/18/2025 Kinsburg Dinner (Cruise in!) Lee & Cheryl





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### ***May BIRTHDAY***

10-John Karlie  
20-Debbie Dukes  
24-Ruth Looney  
26-Walt Spate  
26-John Watkins  
27-Clay Mumby

### **May ANIVERSARIES**

No Anniversaries this month!



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**2007 Yellow Coupe    Owner: Dave Trauger**  
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