

AMERICANA Corvette Club

Newsletter

Northern California

February 2017



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

RUTH & CLINT
TOWNSEND



**Next ACC Meeting
Feb. 16,
2017
7 p.m.**

Dorothy McClure is collecting gently used stuffed animals for a fundraiser for "Relay For Life," The fight against cancer. She is co-captain for the team, sponsor is the Elks. Also, anyone interested in participating in the event on May 6th, please contact her. Walkers are needed for the 24-hour continual walk. Walkers walk for 1 hour on a track, which is on grass, at Pleasant Valley High School. Thank You.

Dorothy McClure, Home 893-5075, Cell 514-1577 after 5 pm.



Happy Birthdays

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| Gerry Grandstaff | 2/7 |
| Jane Talavera | 2/9 |
| Judith Keen | 2/9 |
| Susan Dunn | 2/15 |
| Jami Heinsohn | 2/16 |
| Myrna Hagerty | 2/19 |
| Rick Kuntz | 2/24 |
| Donna Nunley | 2/27 |

Find out what the No. 1 song was when you were born. Visit: <http://playback.fm/birthday-song>

Happy Anniversaries

Bonnie & David Ford 2/10

Mary Helen & Rick Hughes 2/21



Annual club fees of \$30.00 per family are due. Please remit dues to Sharon Brent, ACC Treasurer, or send payment to:



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CONGRATULATIONS BRENTS AND STUDYBAKERS ON YOUR NEW LOVES,
THE 2017 GRAND SPORT 3 LT!

Sharon and Ken Brent have a new 2017 Grand Sport Convertible, which was purchased on December 20, 2016. The exterior is Arctic White, the interior is Adrenaline Red. Options Include 3 LT Preferred Equipment Group, Grand Sport chrome wheels, 8-speed automatic transmission, Grand Sport Heritage Package, and red brake calipers. The Brents say they love to drive it, however it takes a little getting used to. The steering is faster than a C6, and the brakes are more sensitive than a C6. There are a lot things to play with, such as the five driving modes available. One mode is TOURING, good for driving down Interstate 5 with a soft ride and easy steering. When the setting is selected for SPORT, the ride gets rougher, the steering gets harder, and the pipes get louder, good for Highway 36. Other modes available are WEATHER, ECONOMY, AND TRACK.



For Judy Studybaker's early 75th birthday present, husband Jack gave her a 2017 Grand Sport Corvette, Blade Silver 3 LT package with black suede and leather interior. The built-in camera on the front dash will be used for their trips. They say their new Corvette is such a better ride than their 2009 Corvette, which they sold the day they bought their new Grand Sport. The Studybakers consider themselves lucky to have their new Corvette. They also say they have lots to learn for an older couple!



*It was love at first sight when Rick and I met...
our new 2015 Corvette!*



Notes from the Prez

The first meeting of the year is history. We have been enjoying an abundance of rain for the last couple of months, but soon we will be able to focus on having some fun with the Corvettes. From what I am hearing, our calendar should start filling with annual runs and events, as well as some new ones. This is also a milestone year for the club as we will celebrate our 40th anniversary this coming Fall season.

Since my last article got lost in cyber space because of my not so great computer skills, I would like to look back for a moment. First, I would like to thank all of those who took the time to support the club at the Esplanade House visit. We had approximately 15 Corvettes there. They really appreciate what we do for them, especially since most of their Federal funding has dried up. Following the visit, many of us continued over to Pete's Restaurant for a very nice lunch and visit. Next, I want to thank Susan Dunn and Corie Cavagnolo for arranging the Christmas Party. They did a wonderful job, and all had an enjoyable evening. It was somewhat bittersweet, as the Dunns said this would probably be their last Christmas Party with ACC. We are really going to miss them! Last, but not least, my sincere thanks to last year's Executive Board for all of their time and efforts. Their assistance made my job easy.

Looking forward again, our next event will most likely be the Chili Cook-Off. Dig out your recipes, cookbooks, etc. This is an event that was started by the Dunns and held at their home for several years. It was the event we looked at to kick off the new season. It was a lot of fun and always well attended. A couple of years ago, the torch was passed to the Leadbetters, who continued the tradition. This year the torch will once again pass, this time to the Fulwoods. A date should be announced at the next meeting. Till then!

Merritt

Save the Wave!



VP Ramblings

This month I would like to introduce new members Ruth and Clint Townsend. They own a 2003 C-5 yellow convertible Corvette with black interior, automatic transmission, and 350 engine. They moved to the North State about 5 months ago and now reside in Magalia. Ruth is a retired bus driver who attended high school at Bella Vista. She has two sons. Clint is also a retired bus driver and road supervisor and has two daughters. Clint also served in the Marines. (Thank you for your service). He attended high school at Jefferson High and furthered his education at USC Riverside and Calstate. Ruth and Clint like to quilt; they have made quilts for all their grandchildren when they graduate from high school. They have 19 grandchildren and a great-grandchild on the way. Clint likes Corvettes because he wanted a fast and beautiful car that was well-built. Other Corvettes they have owned are a 1990 coupe, a 1990 convertible, and a 1993 six-speed coupe. They have also made a trip to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



On an added note, car show season is fast approaching. If you would like to attend one next month, a show worth going to is Autorama 2017 at Cal Expo in Sacramento. The show runs from February 17 through February 19. It's mostly indoors and has quite a lot of great cars to enjoy viewing. The best time to go is on Friday afternoon if you want avoid large crowds.

2016 ESPLANADE HOUSE/JESUS CENTER CHARITY EVENT by Dorothy McClure, Charity Coordinator

We were blessed with a sunny yet chilly day as 20 members (9 Corvettes) met on Saturday, October 8, 2016, for our annual update and tour of the Jesus Center. We were greeted by Executive Director, Laura Cootsona, and Director of Development, Amber Abney. They graciously accepted our monetary donation and provided us with a brief, yet informative review of the past year and tour of the facility. Their annual food drive was very successful. The center served 101,678 meals in 2016. The Sabbath House, a safe haven for women and children, accommodates 26 individuals per night up to 6 months, and served a total of 268 in 2016. Resources available consist of a Free Store providing clothes and hygiene items. There is mail service for over 400 people. The charge for this is \$5 per month. Social Services consist of case managers and a Joblink program partnered with Behavioral Health to help clients develop vocational skills through the Jesus Center's own projects: The Community Farm and Bloomin' Hope. Flower arrangements are made by the women of the Sabbath House for sale during holidays. A flower cart is located downtown during holidays. Valentine's Day is just around the corner. (You can go to the Jesus Center website at <http://jesuscenter.org/> to place an order.) There is a library, computers, and phones for clients as well. They continue to meet their goals with transitional housing projects. There are now four houses, three for women and children and a new one for men. Another house was donated to open this summer for pre- and post-maternity. Their vision is becoming a reality with more to come.

This was the 11th year for the "Run For Food" event. There were 5,084 participants, and enough funds were raised for 49,508 meals. That is significantly higher than last year. The ACC is a gold sponsor, and several of our members participated again this year. We were given a beautiful plaque in appreciation of our generous donation and support. The plaque will be on hand at the February ACC meeting. They continue to review all programs to make sure they are benefiting their guests.

We were also happy to have a sunny, dry, yet chilly morning on Saturday, December 17, 2016, when 25 members and 2 guests (sons of members) (14 'Vettes), met at the Esplanade House for our annual monetary presentation and update. The Esplanade House is a transitional housing program through the Community Action Agency (CAA) of Butte County. This is usually a great time for our newest members to learn about our charities. We were greeted by the CEO of the CAA, Tom Tenorio, and newly appointed Program Manager, Tom Dearmore. Due to the very chilly morning, it took a little while for the families to join us. We enjoyed visiting with the families, and the children were excited to see our visit and have their pictures taken with the cars. Everyone helped unload the children's Christmas gifts. I'm so happy to report we were able to fulfill our list of 40 children. Thank you to all those members who provided gifts. They were also blessed this season to have a few new organizations step up and provide gifts to the remaining 50 or so kids as the giving trees did not provide as well as they have in the past. We were given an informative update and heartfelt life changing stories that were shared by a female resident and Tom Dearmore's wife who had experienced the program herself many years ago. These are both success stories.

The past year has been a very challenging one with many changes in staff. Their funding sources have been realigned to the county from federal government. While they are working with less money, our donations are even more important this year. They are looking toward a more stable 2017. They are increasing their job readiness training and are looking to partner with local companies willing to hire their residents. They are also instituting a GED program onsite with nine participants. They have purchased laptops from "Computers for Classrooms" for each participant, and they will be able to keep the laptop if and when they complete their GED program. This is called "Laptops For Learning." The Esplanade House continues to provide supportive services to help residents transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency and to be a contributing member of society. In 2016, a total of 272 clients were served consisting of 91 adults and 181 children. Other services provided consist of intensive case management, substance abuse treatment, financial management, parenting daily living skills, nutrition, health, and wellness.

The Esplanade House continues in their mission in changing lives and to help homeless families move from crisis to self-sufficiency. Our monetary donations of \$6,000.00 were presented to each of these amazing organizations and were graciously accepted. It is so gratifying to know we are helping to make a difference in our community and helping to change lives for the better. In supporting our two wonderful organizations, we are helping them to reach their goals.

I'm so happy to report we had two amazing turnouts of members at both events and afterwards at the luncheons at a local restaurant. Great food, great company, and a great time was had by all!! Thank you to all who participated. We have the most generous members!!
Thank You Everyone!!

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational once again invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are some of the winners:

1. **Intaxication**, adj. Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
2. **Giraffiti**, n. Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
3. **Sarchasm**, n. The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
4. **Inoculatte**, v. To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
5. **Karmageddon**, n. It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bumner.
6. **Decafalon**, n. The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
7. **Caterpallor**, n. The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers were asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And some of the winners are:

1. **Coffee**, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted**, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. **Abdicate**, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade**, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Gargoyle**, n. Olive-flavored mouthwash.
6. **Balderdash**, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
7. **Frisbeetarianism**, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.



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A PAGE OUT OF ACC HISTORY

The ACC will celebrate its 40th anniversary later this year! Here are some tidbits from our club's past newsletters.

Blast from the Past February 2007 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 by President Dennis Perkins at Logan's. Guests introduced were Bob Dempsey, Shauna Huston, and Ryan Grandstaff. Twenty-nine members were present. Minutes from the January meeting were read by Pam Henning and approved as read. Dorothy McClure read the Treasurer's Report. The current balance is \$2479.32. The raffle brought in \$95.00.

Old Business

We have two throws that have been paid for, but are missing the owners??? We received a nice thank-you from the Esplanade House, with letters from some of the children.

New Business

Our calendar of events need more runs - anyone have any ideas? Tom Huston talked about Thunder Hill on March 29. Quite a few members are going. For more information, see Tom or check out thunderhill.com. "Hooked on Racing." The Perkins will be hosting a planning party for the 30th anniversary party on February 24 at their home. The by-law modification was read by Dennis Perkins. Dave Nunley made a motion to adopt the by-law as changed. Merritt Odor seconded. 14 members voted in favor, 12 voted against. The motion was defeated due to lack of 2/3 majority vote. Ross McClure reported the club meeting is still listed in the ER, but needs new phone numbers and updates. Jack Hoffman says we are still missing pictures of members and their cars on the website. He would also like for more people to send him pictures of our club runs. The next E-Board meeting will be changed to March 6 at Cornucopia at 6:30. Our next general meeting will be a Logan's at 7:00 on March 15. Several members participated in the jacket show and tell. Ross McClure showed off his 70's jacket and glasses, Liz Henton modeled Ernie's football jacket, and Ernie wore his fur coat with the awesome lining. Merritt Odor sported his Team Racing jacket. Bob Dempsey had three club jackets from the past, and Bart Rose had various jackets from Desert Racing, his motorcycle club, and our Corvette Club. Thanks to those who shared and to Bart for the fun idea. Meeting was adjourned by Dennis Perkins at 8:00.



FIVE THINGS I LIKE

ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

- 1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.**
- 2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.**
- 3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.**
- 4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.**
- 5. BACON.**

CLUB POINTS FIRST OF THE MONTH

Andes, Jeane	0	Hoffman, Jack	0	Rowan, Del	1
Andes, Dane	0	Hoffman, Mary	0	Schoelen, Marie	1
Boles, Karl	0	Howell, Squire	0	Scott, Cindy	0
Boles, Michele	0	Hughes, MaryHelen	1	Sonnenberg, Chuck	2
Bagwell, Brenda	0	Hughes, Rick	1	Sonnenberg, Shelley	2
Barton, Rick	0	Huston, Carol	3	Studybaker, Jack	2
Brent, Ken	1	Huston, Tom	3	Studybaker, Judy	2
Brent, Sharon	1	Keen, Bill	1	Swaner, George	0
Caldwell, Bob	3	Keen, Judith	1	Talavera, Ernie	0
Cavagnolo, Corie	7	Kellogg, Dave	0	Talavera, Jane	0
Cavagnolo, Emil	4	Kellogg, Sonja	0	Terry, Chuck	0
Corbin, Devora	0	Koester, Pat	0	Terry, Wendy	0
Corbin, Dino	1	Koester, Tony	0	Townsend, Ruth	0
Cushman, Kathy	0	Kuntz, Judy	5	Townsend, Clint	0
Cushman, Ron	0	Kuntz, Rick	5	Waller, Charlene	0
Dauterman, Sue	0	Landingham, Bonnie	0	Wheeler, Mike	0
Dauterman, Tom	0	Landingham, Joe	0	Wheeler, Tina	0
DeFriese, Ali	1	Leadbetter, Eileen	2	Woodard, Betty	2
Donoho, Babs	3	Leadbetter, Tim	7	Woodard, John	1
Donoho, Bob	3	Lewis, Ray	2		
Dunn, Susan	4	Luck, Klaus	0		
Dunn, Terry	1	Luck, Linda	0		
Edmondson, Margaret	1	Mansfield, Brooke	0		
Edmondson, Jack	1	Marks, Erin	1		
Eltzroth, Jamie	0	Marks, Russell	2		
Eltzroth, Eric	0	Marron, Dan	3		
Falconer, Karen	0	Marron, Julie	3		
Fulwood, Connie	2	Marron, Bobbi	0		
Fulwood, Russ	2	Marron, Tom	1		
Ford, Bonnie	1	McClure, Dorothy	3		
Ford, David	1	McClure, Ross	1		
Gaines, Robert	1	Moralli, Darlene	0		
Grandstaff, Gerry	0	Moralli, Darrell	0		
Grandstaff, Linda	0	Nunley, David	5		
Green, Donna	1	Nunley, Donna	3		
Green, Gary	1	Odor, Klaren	2		
Hagerty, Bruce	0	Odor, Merritt	3		
Hagerty, Myrna	0	Parsley, Darrel	0		
Heinsohn, Jami	1	Parsley, Joanne	0		
Heinsohn, Richard	1	Perkins, Beth	1		
Henton, Ernie	3	Perkins, Dennis	1		
Henton, Liz	3	Piper, Brad	0		



JANUARY MINUTES

* The January 19, 2017, meeting of the ACC was called to order by President Merritt Odor at Logan's Roadhouse in Chico at 7:00 p.m. The meeting started with the regular raffle of prizes followed by the 50/50 raffle.

* In the absence of Sergeant at Arms Corie Cavagnolo, Vice President Rick Kuntz introduced our new members Ruth and Clint Townsend of Magalia.

* Secretary Eileen Leadbetter read the minutes of the November 27, 2016, meeting. David Nunley moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Sharon Brent seconded the motion. The motion passed.

* Sharon Brent gave the Treasurer's Report. Our current balance is [REDACTED] Tonight's raffle brought in \$83.00, the 50/50 raffle brought in \$28.00, badge fines were \$3.00, and lanyard sales were \$12.00.

* Vice President Rick Kuntz announced that we still have club window decals at a cost of \$9.00 each and lanyards for \$6.00 each.

* Historian Bob Caldwell reported that due to a broken 3-hole punch, he is still working on the 2016 yearbook. Members still have time to submit material for the 2016 yearbook.

* Webmaster David Nunley gave the website report for 2016. In 2015, we had 3,727 unique visitors vs. 9,562 in 2016. The website costs \$157 per year to run. We have \$540 in revenue from our website sponsors, giving us a net of \$383. We added three website sponsors in 2016. The three most-visited pages are: 1. Google Calendar; 2. Current Year's Photos; and 3. Members Page.

Old Business:

* President Merritt Odor recapped the club Christmas party at Butte Creek Country Club. We have had the Christmas party there before, but this was the best one yet. We had a good location near the bar, the service and food was great, and everyone had a good time.

* The Hearst Castle run was recapped by David Nunley. David said the run was wonderful with good weather and they had a chance to explore Cambria before the spectacular evening tour of Hearst Castle. Friday night members attended a karaoke night and had a lot of fun.

* The club visit to the Esplanade House was on December 17, with a lunch afterwards at Pete's Restaurant. 14 car attend-ed, so the kids got to see the Corvettes. The staff gave a report of the year's activities, and they were very appreciative of our donation.

* Club members can order club jackets directly from Limey T's.

* The club's 40th Anniversary Party committee members are Bob Caldwell, Julie Marron, and Corie Cavagnolo. The party will be held in the fall; the date will be announced later in the year.

New Business:

* Annual club fees are due tonight. The price is \$30.00 per couple.

* President Merritt Odor explained the proposed amendment to the club bylaws concerning points awarded from participating in car shows. The proposed changes had been published in the newsletter. Members present at the meeting had the wording in their agendas. David Nunley moved that we adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws. Ray Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

* President Merritt Odor announced that after the November meeting in which Margret Edmondson had been elected the 2017 Club Secretary, Margret resigned her post. Eileen Leadbetter agreed to be Secretary for 2017.

* The January Newsletter President's column was lost in cyber space, so President Merritt Odor read his column at the meeting.

* Russ and Connie Fulwood will host the 2017 Chili Cook-Off in February or early March.

* President Merritt Odor announced that we need runs for 2017. Carol Huston announced that they are considering a day run to Murphys in the Gold Country.

* It was announced that Corning Chevrolet has renewed their sponsorship of the ACC for 2017.

* The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Leadbetter, ACC Secretary





Sometime I think we're alone. Sometimes I think we're not. In either case, the thought is staggering. ~ R. Buckminster Fuller



The first step toward getting somewhere is to decide that you are not going to stay where you are. ~ Source Obscure



A kiss makes the heart young again and wipes out the years. ~ Rupert Brooke



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**Chili Cook-Off at
the Leadbetters Saturday,
(date soon to be in Feb. or Mar.
determined)**

**Maxwell Car Show Saturday,
(early notice) May 20, 2017**

**9th Annual Ribs & Saturday,
Rods Event June 10, 2017
(early notice)**

CAR(RIAGE) TIDBITS

Corvette Body Spotted at GM Battery Lab Powers Rumors of an Electric 'Vette

Would you buy a hybrid or electric Corvette? While the very idea might sound sacrilegious to some gas-loving enthusiasts, to others, it sounds like a great way to increase the performance of our favorite car, while continuing to remain environmentally friendly. *CarAdvice* says it saw GM engineers working on Tesla-esque cylindrical battery cells that might fit in the tight confines of a car like the Stingray. More information at www.corvetteblogger.com



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