

AMERICANA



Corvette Club

Newsletter

Northern California

March 2017



WHEN: Saturday, March 18 at noon.

WHERE: At the Fulwood's home.

WHAT: Bring your best chili, adult beverages, and folding chairs.

Water, soda, and antacids provided.

(Chili *not* required for attendance, but please bring dessert if you don't do chili.)

LAVISH PRIZES FOR:

Men's Fave, Women's Fave, Hottest, and Overall Best.



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



**Americana Corvette Club
P.O. Box 5425
Chico, CA 95927**



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

Happy Birthdays

Michele Boles	3/8
Liz Henton	3/11
Jack Edmondson	3/29
Babs Donoho	3/30

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

Happy Anniversaries

Donna & David Nunley	3/15
Jami & Richard Heinsohn	3/17
Liz & Ernie Henton	3/19
Dorothy & Ross McClure	3/20
Donna & Gary Green	3/23



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Notes from the Prez

As most know, I missed the February meeting, as I had a new hip installed early that week. I would like to thank everybody for the nice cards, visits, and phone calls. We really appreciate your concern. In addition, a big thank you to Rick for filling in for me. I was told by many that he did a great job.

I am recovering quite well and had my first visit with the doctor last week. I graduated from my 2-week in-home therapy program, so I asked the doctor what I can do now. He said, "Go home and continue to do your exercises and walk, nothing else." I told him I was bored and needed to do something. His reply was to walk more and come back in a month. So I'm on REAL LIGHT DUTY for a while, but I'm looking forward to the changing weather and more club activities.

I have very little to report from isolation, so I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming Chili Cook-Off.

Merritt

Save the Wave!



VP Ramblings

Have you ever wondered what the numbers and letters mean in the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on your vehicle? There are 17 characters in every VIN. Here is a sample taken from a 2014 C7 Corvette; its VIN is 1G1YA2D7XE5123456.

The first character is the region of build, **1** = United States.

The second character is the manufacturer, **G** = General Motors.

The third character is the vehicle brand/type, **1** = Chevrolet Passenger Car.

The fourth character denotes the car line. Corvette is a "**Y**" body.

The fifth character provides more information about the car. **A**=1LT M/T, **B**=1LT A/T, **C**=2LT M/T, **D**=2LT A/T, **E**=3LT M/T, **F**=3LT A/T, **G**=Z51 1LT M/T, **H**=Z51 1LT A/T, **J**=Z51 2LT M/T, **K**=Z51 2LT A/T, **L**=Z51 3LT M/T, **M**=Z51 3LT A/T, **N**=Z06 1LZ M/T, **P**=Z06 1LZ A/T, **R**=Z06 2LZ M/T, **S**=Z06 2LZ A/T, **T**=Z06 3LZ M/T, **U**=Z06 3LZ A/T, **V**=GS 1LT M/T, **W**=GS 1LT A/T, **X**=GS 2LT M/T, **Y**=GS 2LT A/T, **Z**=3LT M/T (**GS**=Grand Sport, **M/T**=Manual Transmission M7, **A/T**=Automatic Transmission A8) A/T, **9**=non USA/Canada.

The sixth character is the body style, **2** = Coupe, or **3** = Convertible.

The seventh character is the restraint code, **D** = Active Manual Belts, Driver and Passenger Airbags, and Seat Side.

The eighth character is the engine, **7** = LT1.

The ninth character is a check digit, 0 to 9 or an **X**.

The tenth character is the model year, **E** = 2014.

The eleventh character is the plant, **5** = Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Characters 12-17 are the production sequence number that starts with the number 100,001 for each model year, so this would be the **23,456** car produced in 2014.

Rick

CLUB POINTS FIRST OF THE MONTH

Andes, Dane	0	Hoffman, Jack	0	Rowan, Del	2
Andes, Jeane	0	Hoffman, Mary	0	Schoelen, Marie	2
Boles, Karl	0	Howell, Squire	0	Scott, Cindy	0
Boles, Michele	0	Hughes, MaryHelen	2	Sonnenberg, Chuck	3
Bagwell, Brenda	0	Hughes, Rick	2	Sonnenberg, Shelley	3
Barton, Rick	0	Huston, Carol	3	Studybaker, Jack	3
Brent, Ken	2	Huston, Tom	3	Studybaker, Judy	3
Brent, Sharon	2	Keen, Bill	2	Swaner, George	0
Caldwell, Bob	4	Keen, Judith	2	Talavera, Ernie	0
Cavagnolo, Corie	8	Kellogg, Dave	0	Talavera, Jane	0
Cavagnolo, Emil	5	Kellogg, Sonja	0	Terry, Chuck	1
Corbin, Devora	0	Koester, Pat	0	Terry, Wendy	1
Corbin, Dino	2	Koester, Tony	0	Townsend, Clinton	1
Cushman, Kathy	0	Kuntz, Judy	6	Townsend, Ruth	1
Cushman, Ron	0	Kuntz, Rick	6	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	3	Woodard, Betty	2
Donoho, Babs	4	Leadbetter, Tim	7	Woodard, John	1
Donoho, Bob	4	Lewis, Ray	3		
Dunn, Susan	4	Luck, Klaus	0		
Dunn, Terry	1	Luck, Linda	1		
Edmondson, Jack	2	Mansfield, Brooke	0		
Edmondson, Margaret	2	Marks, Erin	1		
Eltzroth, Eric	0	Marks, Russell	2		
Eltzroth, Jamie	0	Marron, Dan	4		
Falconer, Karen	0	Marron, Julie	4		
Fulwood, Connie	3	Marron, Bobbi	0		
Fulwood, Russ	3	Marron, Tom	1		
Ford, Bonnie	1	McClure, Dorothy	3		
Ford, David	1	McClure, Ross	1		
Gaines, Robert	1	Moralli, Darlene	0		
Grandstaff, Gerry	1	Moralli, Darrell	0		
Grandstaff, Linda	0	Nunley, David	6		
Green, Donna	2	Nunley, Donna	3		
Green, Gary	2	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	4	Perkins, Dennis	1		
Henton, Liz	4	Piper, Brad	0		



"You didn't talk about your Corvette today, so I assumed you were sick. So I called an ambulance."

FEBRUARY MINUTES

- * The February 19, 2017, meeting of the ACC was called to order by Vice President Rick Kuntz 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.
- * Sergeant at Arms Corie Cavagnolo reported that there were 39 members present at the meeting and she had collected \$5.00 in badge fines.
- * Secretary Eileen Leadbetter read the minutes of the January 19, 2017, meeting. Russ Fulwood 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 the regular raffle brought in [REDACTED] with the 50/50 raffle earning [REDACTED] Badge fines were \$5.00.
- * Vice President Rick Kuntz reminded members that 2017 dues are due tonight.
- * Historian Bob Coldwell reported that the 2016 yearbook is finished. He welcomes any additional input to the yearbook.
- * Newsletter Editor Judy Kuntz reported that the March newsletter would be issued later that usual.
- * Webmaster David Nunley had no report.

New Business:

- * The final date to turn in dues 2017 is the March meeting.
- * The Chili Cook-Off is March 18 at Connie and Russ Fulwood's home starting at 12:00 noon. A flyer will be sent out. Bring your chili or a desert to share. Bring along your favorite beer and folding chairs.
- * Russ Fulwood announced that Merritt Odor had undergone surgery on Monday and was now home recovering.
- * Vice President Rick Kuntz announced that Corning Chevrolet would sponsor our club for 2017. Corning Chevrolet will have a Show and Shine car show in May.
- * Jack Edmondson gave the 2017 car show update. The car show will be on June 10. The t-shirts will be dark blue for the staff and red for the participants. We have 490 special flyers giving past participants \$5.00 off of the registration fee.
- * Vice President Rick Kuntz announced that it has been brought to the Executive Board's attention that there are some members who would like the Bent Hubcap and GPS awards to be discontinued. Club members discussed their feelings about the awards. Margret Edmondson made a motion to continue the awards. Babs Donoho seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- * Vice President Rick Kuntz announced that we need volunteers to audit the treasury. Margret Edmondson and Shelly Sonnenberg volunteered to be the Audit Committee.
- * Bob Caldwell announced that there seemed to be interest in visiting the Sacramento Car Museum. Bob will look into when would be the best time for the ACC to visit the museum. Please let Bob know if you have any special requests for what you would like to see at the museum.
- * Eileen Leadbetter announced that she and her husband Tim will host the ACC Bowling Party at Orland Bowl on April 9, 2017, at 1 p.m.
- * 2017 Fort Bragg Run – Corie and Emil will be lining up the motel rooms next month.
- * The ACC meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Eileen Leadbetter, ACC Secretary



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.

TAKEN OUT OF THE MARCH 1997 NEWSLETTER

The following is what some of our members are famous for and are thinking about having books published on the following subjects:

Bart Rose - How to Sell Corvette Steering Wheels.

Fred Andree - Communication of Where Important Meetings are to be Held.

Mary Hoffman - How to Go On Poker Runs and Not Get Involved in Garage Sales.

Darrell Moralli - How to Pick Out Good Restaurants When Going Club Runs.

Jack Hoffman - Three Simple Steps so as Not to Run Out of Gas.

Mickey Milton - Mechanical Check List Before Going on Runs so as Not to Have any Problems.

Jim Burkart - How to Keep People Under Control During Club Meetings.

March 2007

Corvette Day at Thunderhill Raceway

Words: Klaren Odor
Pictures: Jack Hoffman

There were three drivers and thirteen spectators, the drivers were: Dennis Perkins, Tom Huston, and Merritt Odor. Spectators were: Jack and



Tom "trackman" Huston

Mary Hoffman, Terry and Paula Tweedale, Klaren Odor, Terry Dunn, Jack and Margaret Edmondson, Bob and Babs Donoho, Gary and Donna Green, and Mitch Crooks.

The drivers left early to arrive at the track by 7:30 a.m. By arriving before 7:30 anyone can drive the track at low speed, (not over 40 mph) to get a feel for the track. Drivers were then assigned

a class A,B,C,

or D. Merritt was assigned to Class A as he was considered novice. Dennis and Tom were assigned to Class B, as they both had driven the track previously. Car numbers were assigned and taped on the front window and side of the car, which made it easy for us to cheer when "our guys" sped by, which we all did every time.



Merritt's mighty Z06 at speed

The Greens, Babs Donoho, and I met at 8:30 in Chico and caravanned to Orland to pick up the Edmondson's and then on to Willows to pick up the Hoffman's and Tweedales. We all caravanned from there on to Thunder Hill.

There were eighty-four corvettes participating that day. There were some fantastic drivers in Class D, especially the parts manager of Winter Chevrolet in Fairfield. We didn't realize who the driver was at the time, but



clearly he was the best driver on the track and we all enjoyed watching him race. Later, when we were talking in the parking lot, Gary Green put the dots together and realized who the driver of that car was — Gary, Merritt and Jack Edmondson had met him before, so we all went over to talk to him and praise his driving.

Celebrities and Their 'Vettes



Paul McCartney's got a ticket to ride his C5.



Jay Leno with his '63 Stingray.



Robert Downey, Jr. takes his vintage Stingray for a ride.



Bruce Springsteen in his C2 Stingray convertible.



George Clooney in his C1 convertible.



Angelyne's pink C5 Corvette.



Happy
Saint Patrick's
Day



- How often I found where I should be going only by setting out for somewhere else. ~ R. Buckminster
- Sam and Ella, such a sickening couple! (Say their names quickly and you'll know why;-)



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 CLUB CALENDAR	
Chili Cook-Off at the Fulwood's	Saturday, March 18, 2017 begins at noon
Leadbetter's Bowling Party in Orland	Saturday, April 9, 2017 at 1 p.m.
Kool April Nites in Redding	Friday, April 28, 2017
Maxwell Car Show (early	Saturday, May 20, 2017
9th Annual Ribs & Rods Event (early notice)	Saturday, June 10, 2017

CAR(RIAGE) TIDBITS

The Wearing of the Green



Happy St. Patrick's Day

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