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Pete and Toni's 1957 Venetian Red Convertible (with grandson Andrew on his 8th birthday!!!)

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 15TH, 2012

Meeting was called to order by Vice President, Nancy Guadagno at 7:00 pm.

Nancy said there was no mail. She passed around a signup sheet for the swap meet.

MEMBERSHIP: Vickie introduced Mike from Infineon Raceway. Alan Jaroslovsky was voted in as a new member.

SECRETARY: Motion was made by Joe Swart and seconded by several to approve the minutes. Motion was passed.

Treasurer: Jack gave a report of money spent and received for the month of April.

WEBMASTER: Tony reported that WSI is making progress getting our website together. Motion was made by Diane Swart that we pay the monthly fee of \$19.99 for 1 year so we can get one month free. It was seconded by Larry Ligon. Motion was passed.

Publicity: Wayne had hard copies of the newsletter. Get your articles in early. He has brochures for the Corvette Museum.

P.R.: Tom thanked Larry Williams for passing out flyers at Stokes Old Car Day. He has put an ad in the Press Democrat for 2 months. The ad will start May 17.

V.P.: Nancy said she is getting organized for the swap meet. Helpers are needed.



Minutes continued.....

Social: Al reported that 6 cars had gone to Monterey. Three trophies were won by our members, including Ed & Bev and Bob & Peggy.

May 26: Fiesta Day Parade in Vacaville

June 15-16: Trip to Caramel Valley staying at Los Laureles Lodge. Cost is \$300.

SUNSHINE: Sue sent a sympathy card to Karen whose mother has passed on.

HISTORIAN: Ralph has pictures from the trips to Laughlin, Monterey, and Murphys.

PROPERTY: Dave said that he has shirts and hats for sale.

OLD BUSINESS: Jerry Courteau made a motion to approve the updated By-Laws and Standing Rules. It was seconded by Tony Varella. Motion was passed. They will take effect at the June meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Joe Swart told about the trip to Murphys. He said that Myra and Frank had done a wonderful job putting the trip together.

Mike from Infineon handed out flyers about events happening at the raceway and talked about them. There would be car corrals at various races. They will be featuring the Corvette in 2013.

Larry Williams mentioned a golf tournament at Foxtail in Rohnert Park on Friday June 15. It is to benefit the Military Order of the Purple Heart.

RAFFLE: Dave Bessler won the raffle and Toni Kastanis won the name badge drawing.

I would like to thank Susan Courteau for taking care of the raffle. (Toni)

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 pm

“BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME”

In the movie “Field of Dreams” that saying meant build the field and the players will come. In my story it means build the buildings and the cars will come.

Pete’s love of old cars started when he was a teenager, long before I knew him. We got married in 1960 and moved from Ohio to Southern California in 1963. A few years later he got restless and bought a 1940 Ford. This is when I found out what was in store for the future. After doing some restoration he traded it for a 1930 Model A Roadster. Our kids grew up riding in the rumble seat. On one outing we were going down the off ramp on the freeway and the muffler fell off. We pulled to the side of the road and thank heavens for duct tape. We moved to a home with a 3 car garage. Soon a 1931 Slant-Window Model A Sedan joined our family. It went through a full restoration. Since the garage wasn’t full he acquired a 1929 Model A pickup (in pieces).

We decided to move to northern California in 1977 and we brought the 3 cars with us. However we had a 2 car garage so the roadster was stored. Soon we built a large “barn” that would hold 4 cars comfortably and 5 if needed. Well it didn’t take long for another Model A pickup and a 1965 Mustang to appear. By this time our son had an interest in old cars too. His first car was a 1938 Ford.

Now it’s time for the Corvettes to appear. Our son bought the first one (1961). Pete bought a 1962. When he bought the 1964 Silver Stingray I bribed him into remodeling the house. We started going to Hot August Nights and both the Mustang and the 1964 Stingray made the trip and went in the parade. We ran out of space again and it was time to build another “barn”. This time it would hold 3-4 cars. A 1957 Corvette was added to the fleet. When our bodies started to give out on the long trips in the older cars we decided it was time to ride in style and the 2002 Blue Coupe came on the scene.

It has been quite an adventure. We have met many wonderful people and gone to places and events we wouldn’t have done on our own. Our son has the Model A Roadster and one of the Model A pickups.

The biggest thrill is having people wave at us or give us a “thumbs up” when we’re out in one of the old cars.

“SAVE THE WAVE” Toni

Two brave and adventuress souls began their journey; a cloudy sky, possible thunder showers, wind whistling through the trees, tree branches resembling giant claws reaching out to grab the unsuspecting, tortuously narrow winding roads endlessly turning back on themselves over the mountains and through the woods, and nary another soul to be seen at that hour.

Soon enveloped in heavy wet mists as well, then more mist, and even heavier mist, they soldiered on

Finally arriving at their destination, a sleepy resort town on the shores of Clear Lake in front of Lakeport's lovely Library Park, in the first hints of daylight they found a few other hardy souls driven by the obsessive-compulsive passion of perfectly spotless and shining cars. Where some drivers may have had meltdowns due to the weather, they reveled in the discovery that their Corvettes did not actually melt in the moisture.

And, so it began, the 9th Anniversary "Run To The Lake" Car Show hosted by Corvettes of Lake County. Sunday, May 27, 2012.

Slowly, very slowly, as the temperature began to rise, the clouds cleared, the boats began to appear on beautiful Clear Lake, the fishing poles began to appear on the docks, the jackets began to come off, the polishing rags were being worn to the nub, the toothbrushes and Q-Tips were busy cleaning tires, the frenzied activities of the day were underway.

Alas, no coffee or donuts were to be found by the weary travelers. After trudging through deserted parking lots a small gas station was found. Coffee was dispensed from a machine and stale packages of Little Debbie Chocolate Donuts were discovered. Not exactly home made, but life sustaining, for now . . .

Eleven o'clock - Rags down! The serious mingling began, checking out the competition in the same classes. A few other members of Corvettes of Sonoma County were seen idling in after the sun came over the mountain. One CSC member was seen in camouflage of DVC clothing. A vintage CSC member from Ukiah, who would now only be recognized by a handful of current members, showed up with his vintage baby Blue 'Vette. And, one other former member was present representing another club.

Across the street with a view from the restaurants outdoor balcony overlooking the car show, and through the trees to the lake, one of the best hamburgers tasted in quite awhile was enjoyed with relish, and the fries were good too! Now, that was sustenance.

As the rain clouds began to fill the sky once again, the cleaning paraphernalia began to be stowed, the hoods came down, the folding chairs folded, the show came to a close. And, the awards were awarded:

Victor Victorious Viti	Best of Show Award (A 4' tall trophy) 1 st Place in his class with a perfect 100% score
Rich McColgan	1 st Place in his class with a perfect 100% score Sponsor Award for Best Engine
Cliff Johnston	2 nd Place in his class
Jerry Courteau	2 nd Place in his class

With smiles on their faces the two brave and adventuress souls set forth once again over the mountains.



Why is the Fleur De Lis on the Chevy Corvette logo?

Answer:

This is a fantastic question and it took some research for me to get the truth about the Fleur De Lis. I wanted to know the answer myself as I had often wondered about that very thing. Here is the answer I found.

Over the years, the Corvette has gone through many design changes; some subtle, some not so subtle. The Corvette's symbolic crossed flags emblem has also seen its fair number of changes. If you've taken a close look at the emblem over the five generations of Corvette, you'll notice that even though the design has changed dramatically from time to time, a few design cues remain. These include some form of a checkered flag and a bow-tie emblem. From time to time, a strange, maple leaf type of insignia, called a "fleur-de-lis" also shows up from time to time in the emblem. So what does all this mean and how did it get started?

The original Corvette logo was designed by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet in 1953. This emblem was destined to appear on the 1953 Corvette prototype which was introduced to the public for the first time at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel in January of 1953. It had crossing staffs with the checkered flag on the right hand side, and the American flag on the left hand side. However, four days before the Corvette was to go on display at the show, Chevrolet management decided that it should be redesigned. The problem with the proposed emblem was that it included the American flag which is illegal to use on a commercial product. Right before the show, redesigned emblems were attached to the front hood and steering wheel of the Corvette. The new emblem contained the checkered flag on the right side as well as the white racing flag, red Chevrolet bow-tie symbol and a fleur-de-lis.

Where did the fleur-de-lis come from? At the time, Chevrolet was conducting research on various emblem designs for the 1953 and 1954 passenger cars. They looked at the Louis Chevrolet family history in an attempt to discover a crest or some type of heraldry that they could utilize. Unfortunately, they came up empty, but they did realize that Chevrolet is a French name and the fleur-de-lis (flower of the lily) is a French symbol meaning peace and purity. They decided to use the fleur-de-lis along with the famous blue Chevrolet bow tie on a new flag which replaced the American flag on the Corvette. When the 1953 Corvette first appeared to the public at the Waldorf Historia Hotel, the redesigned emblems were in place.

However, this emblem was temporary and used only for press photography at the show. A new emblem was designed prior to the 1953 Corvette going into production.

If you're wondering what ever happened to the original 1953 Corvette emblem by Robert Bartholemew, it's currently on display at the National Corvette Museum!

Thanks Mary for the article!!!!!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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Happy Anniversary

June Birthdays

Rita Beth

Larry Williams

Rod Ferreira

Joe Swart

Pam Roarick

Carol Orme

Kevin O'Brien

Karl Switak

Dave Bessler

Debra Van Stigt

June Anniversaries

Susan and Rod Ferreira

Karen Peterson and Butch Nordin

Bev and Ed Christenson

Diane and Joe Swart

Jeanette and Ted Meyer

Have you given us your Birthday and Wedding
Anniversary dates? If not, email Wocvette@aol.com

Please send any additions or corrections to Wayne O'Connor at Wocvette@aol.com.



Corvettes of Sonoma County Clothing

QUARTER ZIP SWEATSHIRTS

Small—XX \$28| XXX \$30| 4X+ \$32

Embroidered left chest \$3

FULL ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRTS

Small—XX \$35| XXX \$37| 4X+ \$39

Embroidered left chest \$3

ASH TEE-SHIRTS

Small—XX \$12| XXX \$14| 4X+ \$16

JACKETS—EMBROIDERED BLACK

Small—XX \$85| XXX \$90| 4X+ \$95

Embroidered left chest \$3

NO ZIP HOODED SWEATSHIRT

Small—XX \$30| XXX \$32| 4X+ \$34

Embroidered left chest \$3

POLO SHIRTS BLACK

Racing Trim [Men's Sizes]

Small—XX \$29| XXX \$31| 4X+ \$33

Embroidered left chest \$3

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With Collar Small—XX \$29| XXX \$31| 4X+ \$33

Without Collar Small—XX \$22| XXX \$24| 4X+ \$26

Embroidered left chest \$3

SPORT TEK SHIRTS

[Men's & Ladies]

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HATS—\$15

Non-Corvettes of Sonoma County Events

- * June 2nd and 3rd: 37th Annual Vette Magic car show and drags in Sacramento
Carole 650-218-8965
- * June 21st—24th: Corvettes at Lake Tahoe—www.laketahoecorvetteclub.org
- * July 28th—Penngrove Park—Annual Hot Rods and BBQ—(707)981-7765 John
- * October 13th—Oakhurst—Corvettes in the Park—www.highsierracorvetteclub.com



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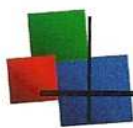
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SUNDAY - JULY 15, 2012

6a.m. to 1p.m.

**Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building Parking Lot
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Hwy. 101 to Santa Rosa, East on Hwy 12

First off Ramp, then left at 2nd light and left again.

**SWAP MEET: (Cash Only) Vendor spaces: One space is 19' X 19' Cost for
one space = \$25.00, Two spaces = \$40.00, Three spaces = \$55.00.
Vehicles with a trailer and/or long trucks must rent 2 spaces.**

**CAR SHOW: (Cash Only) The drive in car show entry fee is \$15.00. Cash
Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The amount will depend on the
number of cars entered. You must be present to win and the Prizes will be
awarded at noon.**

CAR SALES: (Cash Only) Space = \$15.00

Parking & General admission are free.

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I had the pleasure of working my 2nd Marin Sonoma Concours d Elegance in May. It's a great event that benefits 2 great causes. Hospice by the Bay and The Marin and Southern Sonoma Boys and Girls Clubs both receive funding from this event. It's great to be able to blend a desire to help raise monies for good causes with my love for the automobile.



On Saturday I worked at Keller Estates Winery in Petaluma where the luncheon was held for the "Tour". About 80 beautiful cars

left downtown Larkspur in the morning for a 90 mile tour of western Marin County ending at the winery. I was a part of the crew to set up and break down the tables / chairs and I also was able to help with the parking of the cars. Once at the winery, the participants were wined and dined as they swapped car stories. After the luncheon, they were given a tour of 2 of the many car showrooms at the winery. If you ever have the opportunity to view either the winery or any of the showrooms.....don't pass it up.

Sunday was the day of the concours and I lucked out with an easy assignment. I was stuck with the job of standing at one of the entrances to the VIP tent to make sure only the privileged entered!!!! It was terrible being in the shade watching the "beautiful people"!!



If anyone is interested in working next year, please let me know. They are always looking for volunteers and you get free admission to the concours. See you there next year!

The 2 pictured cars are the "Best of Show" winners for 2012.



CLUB UP-COMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- ✓ **June 19th—Corvettes of Sonoma County Monthly Meeting**
- ✓ **June 15/16th—Trip to Caramel Valley staying at Los Laureles Lodge**
- ✓ **July ??????—BBQ at McConnell Chevrolet**
- ✓ **July 15th—Corvettes of Sonoma County Swap Meet**
- ✓ **July 28th—Gilroy Garlic Festival Trip**

[See inside newsletter for details on events]

Club meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month—dinner & social 6 pm, meeting 7 pm
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