

CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

NEWSLETTER
JULY/AUGUST 2020



I hope everyone had a safe and Happy 4th of July. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, it has put a damper on everyone getting together. Hopefully, this will change soon as I miss seeing your smiling faces and beautiful Corvettes.

With everything going on in the world right now, I would like to start the Newsletter with a little Corvette Humor. I hope this brings a smile to your face during these trying times.

One night this guy takes his Vette out for a spin and stops at a red light. An old man pulls up next to him riding a moped. The old man looks over at the Vette and says, "What kind a car ya got there sonny?" The man replies, "It's a Corvette, the best sports car in the USA; it cost me over \$50,000.00."

“That’s a lot of money” says the old man. “Why do they cost so much?” The man answers, “Because they can go over 180 miles an hour!” The old man pokes his head in the window and looks around. Leaning back on his moped, the old man says, “That’s a pretty nice car all right!”

Just then the light changes, so the guy decides to show the old man what the car can do. He floors it, and in a few seconds the speedometer reads 120 MPH. Suddenly, he notices a dot in his rearview mirror that seems to be catching up to him. Afraid it might be a cop, he slows down to 65 and suddenly whhhoooossh!!!! Something whips by him going much faster!

“What on earth could be going faster than this Vette?” the guy asks himself. Then, ahead of him, he sees a dot coming towards him. Whhhoooossh!!!! It goes by again heading in the opposite direction! And it sort of looked like the old man on the moped!

“Couldn’t be,” thinks the guy. “How could a moped outrun a Vette?”

Then again he sees a dot in his rear view mirror! Whhhoooossh – Blam!!!! It plows right into the back of the Vette! The man jumps out. It’s the old man! Of course, the moped and the old man are in a world of hurt. The guy runs up to the old man and cries, “You’re hurt real bad! Is there anything I can do for you?”

The old man groans and replies, “Yes, could you please unhook my suspenders from your side view mirror?”

Upcoming Events:

July 25, 2020, 9:30 a.m. – Three Rivers Run to The Gateway Restaurant for lunch and then on to Reimer’s Candies, Gifts and Ice Cream. We will be meeting at Champs BBQ on Merle Haggard. Please bring your mask and remember social distancing as much as possible.

August 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m. – COB Board meeting with the location to be determined.

August 11, 2020, 6:30 p.m. – Regular Meeting. The Board is working on a location. We will keep you posted.

JULY & AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
Jack Hobmeier – 1 st	Kathy Gallego – 2 nd
Lillian Buckles – 4 th	Gail Watkins – 11 th
Adrian Medina – 5 th	Michael Anderson – 12 th
Larry Young – 6 th	Vickie Bohannon – 13 th
Connie Chase	Bill Dean – 13 th
Kristi Townsend – 10 th	Bruce Powelson – 13 th
Ron Burrows – 12 th	Jeanne Allen – 15 th
Carl Lange – 15 th	Tony Sparano – 15 th
Louise Ray – 15 th	Cher Silliman – 22 nd
Tommie Mongold – 16 th	Annie Bailey – 25 th
Berry Stokes – 16 th	Linda Thurm – 31 st
Wendy Watson – 16 th	
Mitch Townsend – 19 th	
Julie Hayden – 20 th	
Diane Stokes – 22 nd	
Allen Piercucci – 25 th	
Carol Brott – 31 st	

PONDEROSA LODGE FUN RUN

Saturday, June 27, 2020

We had a great turnout for the run to the Ponderosa Lodge. A big thank you to Steve Dallons for arranging the run. Great job!!!!

The morning started off with everyone drooling and admiring Bruce and Veronica Powelson's beautiful new White C8!!!

Congratulations to Bruce and Veronica.







We left extremely hot weather and ended up at the Ponderosa Lodge in nice cool weather. The food was excellent and so was the company. After lunch, we headed back down the hill to Rosemary's for some much needed ice cream. As always, it was delicious.

Thank you again Steve for arranging the run.

A LITTLE ABOUT THE CORVETTE

From the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

GM began production of the esteemed Corvette in Bowling Green in 1981, and the facility has remained the exclusive home of the Corvette for over 30 years. Known around the world as America's sports car, the Corvette exemplifies the definition of innovation. The Corvette is the world's longest-running, continuously produced passenger car. When the first Corvette rolled off the line over 60 years ago, it was born an icon.

Corvette didn't always call Kentucky home, however. In 1953, the first 300 were built by hand in Flint, Michigan, just after General Motors unveiled the Corvette as a "dream car" in the Motorama show in New York's Waldorf Astoria hotel. The following year, production moved to St. Louis. In June of 1981, Corvette production transferred from St. Louis to Bowling Green, Kentucky.



C1: 1953 – 1962

- 1953. The first full-scale Corvette concept was displayed as a “dream car” at GM’s Motorama in New York’s Waldorf Astoria Hotel in January.
- 1953. On June 30, the first production Corvette rolled off of the assembly line in Flint, Michigan.
- 1953. Production of the 1954 Corvette began in St. Louis, MO in December of 1953.
- 1955. The small-block V8 displacing 265 cubic inches was introduced. Also, a three-speed manual transmission was available.
- 1956. The restyled Corvette features exposed headlamps, sculpted side coves and rolled up windows. Factory-installed removable hardtops are offered for the first time.
- 1957. Optional fuel injection and optional 4-speed manual transmissions are offered for the first time.
- 1958. First time for dual headlights.
- 1960. The last year Corvette features taillights formed into rounded rear fenders, and the last with heavy grill “teeth.”

President's Message



I know these times are tough on all of us. We will all come through this the best we can, with faith in God and knowing that times will get better. We have a great new board of directors this year and we are working hard. We also have a fun run planned July 25 to The GateWay Restaurant, so check the website for more information and I hope to see you there.

What do you think of our first Newsletter in a long time? Looks pretty good! Newsletter Chairperson, Donnie Hansen, has done a great job. Bravo!!

Okay, the grandkids are after me, so I have to go. Stay safe and take care.

Bill Dean,

COB President

If anyone is interested in writing an article corvette related, just let me know. I would be happy to add your article to the next newsletter.

Signing off until next time. Stay safe and hope to see you soon!!!!

Donnie Hansen
Newsletter Editor