

CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

FALL EDITION



Ken Taylor's Beautiful 1974 Convertible



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Sponsors and much more.

In this edition of our newsletter, we report on several of our many events from these couple of months. We are a Corvette club with around 124 members. Although we don't expect everyone to attend everything we would like to see our numbers rise in the events that we do organize. If there's something you would like to see us do please don't hesitate to ask. We strive to have a fun club for everyone where everyone can participate. We have many things planned for the coming months including car shows, air shows, parades, runs and of course, food and drink. Please join us in participating and contributing to our family with Corvette Camaraderie.

We also honor the loss of our good friend and COB member, Jack Atkinson. Many COB members never got to realize the full potential of his membership in our club as he got very ill almost immediately after joining the club when he moved from San Francisco to Tehachapi. In these pages, are excerpts of the people who knew him best from the Santa Clara Corvette club. Our condolences to Yolanda, his loving wife, who intends to be active in the club. Jack will be missed.

By Adrian Medina

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As summer draws to an end and the 2022-23 COB Board has only been in office for two months, I think we all feel like so much more time has passed. The Board's first focus is on the members' well being and having fun!

We have had some good old fashioned fun! Driving, eating, laughing, just hanging out! We are a large club and we have had good turnouts for our August Brunch of Corvettes at the Crest and our all day run driving through the back roads known as the Lion's Trail to McNally's! Our member photo shoot at Kern County Museum was a new idea to collect unique photos for a member's link on our COB web page. We have a couple of car shows coming up, the wine run and more! Check out the important dates page in this newsletter and our website for all events!

We will keep the fun coming; but as everyone knows, a Board must also handle the business of the club...which we are doing. The Bylaws Committee is ready to share updated Bylaws with the general membership. The Budget Committee is working on an annual operating budget for the club and the Membership Committee has reviewed contents for new member packets.

It's time for the Publicity/Donations and Christmas Party Committees to begin their work. Who are the members with these talents and interests? Please let any Board member know if you are interested or sign up at our next meeting! Even a little help is appreciated!

The big question for COB to decide soon is if we are going forward with the 23rd Gambler's Classic . May 4-6, 2023 dates are reserved at the Riverside Resort. We will ask for input & member interest level at the September General Meeting to see if we have the member commitment it takes to plan and implement an event this large. It will take a team to commit and work on this event for the 70th Corvette Birthday Year.

In this newsletter, I am sharing about COB's Community and Charity components. I am proud of our long standing reputation in the community. Yes, we will continue to have fun and help out some of those in need along the way.

Diane Wallace

Share the Wave!



Pushing for 100!

Corvettes of Bakersfield has approximately 124 members!
*My president's goal this year is to increase COB participation
and enjoy the opportunities to have fun with each other,
help our community, and drive our cars!*

Join in the fun!

COB EVENT & ATTENDANCE

July General Meeting — 42
Brunch of Corvettes at the Crest — 28
August General Meeting — 28
KC Museum Photo Session/Rosemary's — 31
Nuuni Cunni/ McNally Run — 40 (including 6 guests)

Meet COB Member Michael Rouw

Michael has been a long time member of the Corvettes of Bakersfield. He is a member that always has a smile and a laugh to share. One of the words that always comes to mind when I see Michael is...*DAPPER*. Even though Michael works in the farming industry, and I'm sure that that is a sweaty dirty job during the day, he is always 'Dressed to the Nines' for a Corvette event. If you have not noticed, Michael always sports a long sleeve shirt with cufflinks. In our conversations, I've learned that Michael actually has several hundred pairs of cufflinks. This means that for any occasion he most likely has a pair of cufflinks that corresponds to the occasion.

Michael is not only a spiffy dresser, he is also a fun member that loves to organize runs for the club and he loves the competition of having a

good raffle and fundraising event. During Gambler's Classic, Michael, in his appropriate attire, helped to organize and run the raffle with over 95 items and helped with the public relations duties throughout the event. On our last run, Michael, along with his gal friend Melanie, put together a fun day for us driving through the Lions Trail, a long, narrow and winding back road to Lake Isabella. We visited the new Nuui Cunni Indian Cultural Center culminating the day with a fabulous lunch along the Kern River at McNallys. Yes, the day would not be complete without a fun raffle with items won by many (multiple items won by a few lucky people) and a large cash prize won by Ron Burrow.

Let's hear a BIG COB SHOUT OUT TO
MICHAEL ROUW!

By Diane Wallace



In Memory of Jack Atkinson

September 15, 1953 - July 15, 2022

The following pages are a memorial to an extraordinary man written by members of the Santa Clara Corvette Club by those members who knew him best. They were the recipients of Jack and Yolanda's many talents in organizing runs and modifying their Corvettes.

Noticed that on their long distance runs, each Corvette was equipped by CB radio for communication...all installed by Jack Atkinson.

Many Santa Clara Corvette club members were the recipients of Jack's talents where you will see many of the vehicles adorned with vinyl appliques. He was very gifted in creating and modifying body panels. If you examine his personal C6 Corvette, rear and front spoilers and ground effects were also created by him. To top it off, he would splash some color on his vehicles with vinyl appliques; all designed, cut and installed at his home with the help of his wife, Yolanda. He would also paint as needed.

He had a long history of designing body panels for his cars starting off with three versions of the Datsun 240Z which he called the Primadonna Z. two of them are currently undergoing restoration. As time went on he modified body panels for the later model 300ZX and had two beautiful examples of his work. A black 300ZX and a white one, both also called Primadonna Z.

Never content with one design, he always changed it on a whim to where you will see different reiterations of his car and swear they were different cars.

He was a car enthusiast like no other owning different marques of distinguished automobiles among which are the aforementioned Nissan Z cars, an Acura NSX (his personal favorite), a '22 Porsche 992-911 Turbo-S, a dual motor Tesla, a C8 Corvette and Yolanda's very reliable and trusty 2008 C6 Corvette with over 133,000 miles among other vehicles.

Thank you to the writers and editors of the Santa Clara Corvette club for allowing me to reprint these articles from the Santa Clara Corvette Club's **First Class Glass** newsletter.

We send our condolences to Yolanda who will remain active with COB and share her many talents and we hope to see a great turnout for his Celebration of Life ceremony on October 22, 2022.

By Adrian Medina

Jack Atkinson: Renaissance Man



It didn't take much to make **Jack Atkinson** a happy man. Just provide a trusty steed (insert Corvette, NSX or Z-Car), a deserted highway and the love of his life, **Yolanda**, and he would be in heaven. The only other item possibly missing in this idyllic scene would be ice cream but that would not be a problem for **Jack** knew every ice cream stop along the way.

Jack was fortunate because he was able to repeat this open-road scenario numerous times, in numerous vehicles with numerous participants. He and **Yolanda** researched, planned, organized and participated in many "runs" to various exotic locales. Whether it was he and **Yolanda** by themselves or with a group of invited guests like a trail of ants across the ribbons of highways...the theme song was always "On the Road Again". **Jack's** passion for the open road was infectious which prompted many to participate in their legendary road trips. There were always more who wanted to participate than space available. It wasn't only the group from Santa Clara Corvettes who were part of the **Atkinson's** "car family"-there were other car enthusiasts that **Jack** worked with and other clubs they belonged such as: Corvettes of Bakersfield; Diablo Valley Corvettes; and several Z-Car and NSX clubs.



Jack and **Yolanda** were magicians at packing up their cars for trips. They took pride in devising the optimal methods for packing the most amazing amount of clothing, drone, car parts, extra electronics in case someone in their group had a problem with their equipment, cooler with food and drink, two folding chairs and tools. There was barely space for an additional pack of gum and yet it always looked organized and they always knew right where to look for anything.

Each mealtime on these road trips **Jack** and **Yolanda** would first ensure that everyone was seated and served in proper order. It always seemed that **Jack** would be the last to be served and yet was finished first and would spend the remainder of the time available visiting each

table to chat with as many participants as was possible. He was always able to answer their many questions as to itinerary, history of the area or site and he would always inquire how they were enduring the trip.

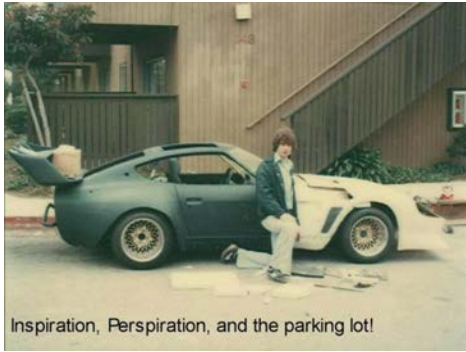
The following is a list of road trips in which Santa Clara Corvettes were the main participants-all organized and led by the **Atkinsons**:

April 2012: Gambler's Classic Run, to Laughlin, NV
September 2012: Death Valley Run, CA
April 2013: CA Poppy Reserve Run, Antelope Valley, CA
September 2013: Survivor Run, to NV, AZ, Moab, UT
May 2014: Southwest Run, to AZ, NM, CO, NV
September, 2015: Mount Rushmore Run, CA, NV, UT, WY, SD, MT.

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Inspiration, Perspiration, and the parking lot!



Jack Atkinson: Renaissance Man

January 2016: Death Valley-Barrett-Jackson Run, AZ, NV

July 2016: Oh Canada Run, NV, OR, WA, ID, MT, (Canada: AB, BC)

June 2017: Trains, Planes & Automobiles Run, NV, AZ, CO, UT

Sept/October 2017: CA to DC Run to NV, WY, SD, MN, WI, MI, ON, NY, PA, VA, DC, OH, MO, TX, NM, AZ

August 2019: Nova Scotia Run, NV, UT, CO, NE, IA, OH, PA, NY, VT, ME, (Canada: NB, NS, QC, ON), MI, ND, WY.

While **Jack Atkinson** was known far and wide as a “car guy”, few realized the depth of his knowledge and abilities. **Jack** was a true Renaissance Man in that he could design cars, fabricate body panels, design graphics for vinyl appliques, paint cars as well as design them, photography and video droning as well as fabricating several models of “wings” for Corvettes belonging to himself and other club members. These wings were artistic, aerodynamic and sturdy-all are still in daily use to this day.

Jack had an artist’s “eye” when it came to looking at the lines of a car and visualizing where the vinyl accents would be best placed to accentuate those lines depending upon how the light would hit the car. Once that was decided, he would then choose which colors of vinyl would best enhance the appearance of the car. He was a perfectionist in everything he endeavored and he wouldn’t be satisfied until all shapes and colors were just right.



Jack tended to buy white cars to enhance with his art because it was like starting with a blank canvas and white gave him more colors to choose from that would transform the car into his masterpiece.

Over the years as the **Atkinsons** collaborated on different tasks they became even more of a team than the normal husband-wife team. They would draw up the designs, she would operate the computer to produce the designs on vinyl and he would apply the designs to the cars. They drove together on all their various trips with their many car clubs and they both enjoyed attending club events together.



It seemed a natural joining of their names, **Yolanda** and **Jack** to form **Team YOJACK!** They were definitely a team... in their professional life, their social life and their private life-always together.

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Dave



Remembering Jack - Ray Gee

Friday night, July 15, the phone rang at 10:32 P.M.. I expected the worst as no good news ever comes this late at night. Caller ID shows that it's **Yolanda** calling and I answer with trepidation. Everyone knows that **Jack** has been very sick the past three years and hasn't been doing well. This is the phone call that I've been dreading to get. Yolanda confirms that **Jack** passed away earlier that afternoon at home. She plans a celebration of life memorial for sometime in September or October.

After hanging up the phone, I sat quietly and reflected on all the good times and memories we shared over the years. It would be safe to say that everyone in Santa Clara Corvettes knows **Jack** and **Yolanda**. They've been involved with the group from the moment they first joined. Who hasn't had vinyl graphics designed and installed on their car or had a CB radio or rear wing installed by **Jack**? Who hasn't partaken on one of their fun and fabulous road trips?

Betty and I first met **Jack** and **Yolanda** back in the late 70s or early 80s via ZONC (Z Owners of Northern Calif) when we both owned Datsun Z cars. **Jack** had always been creative and talented even back then and modified his Z car, not in a lighted and heated garage but in an outdoor car port. In his first major project, he created his most famous car, the Primadonna Z. ZONC used to put on car shows/membership drives at the Tanforan Mall in San Bruno and the Fashion Island Mall in Foster City. The Primadonna Z was always a hit at these shows.



Jack's 1st Primadonna Z at the Mall Car Show.

Jack built three Primadonna Zs. Two are still around with the first car's whereabouts unknown up until recently. It's been located after being lost for decades and **Jack** was able to repurchase the car. The Z Car Garage in San Jose is currently restoring the car. Google Primadonna Z for **Jack's** story and some interesting pictures.



Members of ZONC after a car show with Jack and Yolanda on the far right, second row and a guy named Ray on the floor.

Jack and **Yolanda** have literally driven over a million miles on road trips over the decades with their four-wheel drive club, motor home groups and the Z car club. Yes, the **Atkinson's** used to own a motor home. These trips were all before they bought their C6 Corvette and joined Santa Clara Corvettes. Once they joined, they started organizing road trips for SCC. Once word got out about their legendary road trips, people signed up immediately whenever a new trip was announced even before the destination and itinerary were finalized. Their trips were well planned and well organized with **Jack** leading the group in his white and orange C6.



Jack and Yolanda in their usual position-at the front leading the group on a trip.

An interesting anecdote: on many of the road trips, **Jack** likes to include stops at airplane museums and displays. Over the years, we've been to the Boeing Museum of Flight in Seattle, several military plane displays (including the SR-71 Blackbird), the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C. and several other museums I have forgotten the names of. The irony is, as much as he liked to visit these places dedicated to aviation, he was afraid of flying. That is why he's never visited his home country of England. That's a long eleven hours in a metal tube, flying across the Atlantic Ocean.

Betty and I have been on several of their trips and we will always cherish the memories, fun times and laughter shared and being able to see this beautiful country from the ground, one mile at a time. **Jack**, you will be missed but never forgotten. Rest well my friend.



Pre trip meeting of the 'Oh Canada' adventure at the Niehans.

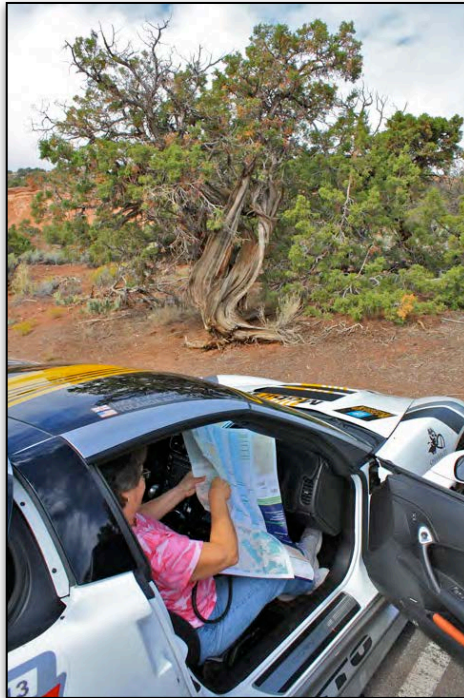
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Road Trips with Jack & Yolanda - David Johnston



Nearly everyone loves a road trip but you haven't really experienced one until you've been on one hosted by **Team YoJack**. These trips have been meticulously planned and organized with great care. They take into consideration the utmost in education, excitement and fun for their participants. **Jack** and **Yolanda** have personally been on dozens of these trips, usually covering the western USA but ranging as far as Nova Scotia and Washington, D.C.



Every detail of every trip has been addressed-all you have to do is be on time so they can keep to their tightly scheduled itinerary... and, make sure you have a full tank of gas. Where to dine, where to fill your gas tank, which attractions to see-all are preplanned by your knowledgeable guides. Even when the caravan has stopped, they continue to confirm and update plans. Regardless of the weather, the trip must go on! Keeping to their schedule, **Yolanda** has to round up the group each time they stop for a meal, gas or sightseeing so, to make her job easier, the group bought her a whistle so no one could claim they didn't hear the command to "mount up". Each trip **Team YoJack** made custom tee shirts to commemorate the event and gave them to all the participants.

All those joining in the caravans shared many exciting experiences which included visiting (and re-visiting) some of **Team YoJack's** favorite finds.



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Road Trips with Jack & Yolanda; Continued

Sno-Cap Drive-In, located in Seligman, AZ is one of their favorite stops for lunch as it provides a cooling effect on the group with many choosing an ice creamy treat after a long, hot morning drive. It's a funky joint with business cards of various visitors papering the walls and ceiling but everyone seems to be more concentrated on the cooling effect of the ice cream and the oddities around



them.

Bear Wallow Cafe, in Alpine, AZ is a great place for lunch—especially if you like delicious homemade pie (and who doesn't?). The last time we were there everyone at the table ordered a different flavored piece of pie. **Jack** even ordered some sent FedEx to his home so it would be there when he returned. One



Submitted by, David Johnston

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trip we drove hours out of our way just to re-visit for another piece of pie.

Stan's Burger Shak in Hanksville, UT is another favorite for lunch. Out in the middle of nowhere between Arches and Capitol



Reef, this oasis serves 35 different flavors of milk shakes and they are so thick and large that they have to put an extender on the top of their cups to hold it all in-all for \$4.59!

Gateway Canyon Resort on Highway 141, Gateway, CO is an unbelievable place to spend the night. Getting there is a treat in itself with steep canyon walls on one side of the road and a meandering river on the other side. The Resort is first class with



an airstrip, golf course and beautiful accommodations and grounds right out of Sunset Magazine. The first time we visited was just looking for an emergency pit stop. **Jack** was leading the caravan (as usual) and he made inquiry at the gatehouse and they allowed the entire caravan in to use the facilities, walk the grounds and visit their world-class automobile museum. Their hospitality (and the venue itself) earned them a second visit on a different trip—this time on purpose.

This article could go on for quite a few more pages due to all the places that **Team YoJack** took us, all the fun we had and all the memorable moments we shared. Unfortunately there are limits to the space available and so this concludes with a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to **Jack** and **Yolanda** for everything they have done for us over the years. Both very special people hold a very special place in all our hearts.



Jack was eager to get his hands on a C8 Corvette so much so that he ordered a special license plate for it which he was going to wear (hilariously) at the reveal in Tustin, California. He ended up buying an Acura NSX instead before the C8 came out and loved it so much that he took it everywhere and joined the NSX club. He eventually did buy a C8 Corvette but he was so sick that he could not drive it and he had it traded in for a Porsche 992-911 Turbo S... one of his dream cars. Unfortunately, he was much too weak to drive it, also.



Tributes to Jack

I'll be forever grateful for Jack and Yolanda - Ken Jacksteit

I've traveled with **YoJack** on all but their very last trip, which by my count is 17. Must have visited at least 30 National Parks, Monuments and countless museums from land, sea and air. Not to mention other places of interest too many to mention here.

I'll be forever grateful for **Jack** and **Yolanda** for taking the time to make sure everyone had a good time. I would never have seen so much of this country and Canada if it wasn't for them.

Thank you for all your hard work.

I'm glad to have so many fond memories of Jack - Alan Templeton

I met **Jack** at dinner on the Poppy run he and **Yolanda** organized in 2013. Even though we had just met, **Jack** invited me to go on the next drive to the Arches National Park which became the second of nine **YoJack** trips I was fortunate to take. These trips allowed me to see and do things I never would have done on my own including national parks, historic sites, museums, concerts, train trips, rodeo, jail (as a tourist), and much more. On these trips I became good friends with **Jack** and **Yolanda** and with **David Johnston** who I rode with.

He flew his drone on our trips, sometimes driving ahead so he could video us as we passed by. Here is a video he took on one of our trips to Mount Rushmore, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wzlCtAs4w4>. If a car had a problem **Jack** was always in the middle of people trying to fix it.

Jack was multi-talented and very artistic. He was always ready to install a radio or a graphic he designed on a friend's car. One never knew what his car would look like because it changed from time to time (I always liked "Kills Bug Fast" printed behind his front spoiler). And it always looked great. He designed artistic or clever T-shirts for each trip. He even put vinyl on their kitchen appliances so they wouldn't show fingerprints.

One can not think of **Jack** without also thinking about **Yolanda** and the loving relationship they had.



More about Jack - Tish Niehans

In addition to cars and travel, **Jack** loved good desserts and ice cream. And **Jack** also loved animals. In Chinle, Arizona, during the 2017 SCC trip **Jack** and **Yolanda** led, **Jack** was distraught to the point of tears over two emaciated stray dogs roaming our Holiday Inn. He fed them his lunch, and he and **Yolanda** spent hours finding a shelter that promised to come get and care for the dogs. At home he fed the birds everyday and after moving from South San Francisco to Tehachapi he enjoyed the larger variety and size of wildlife that surrounded the house even though the deer ate their plants and the bears sometimes rapped on the windows. **Yolanda** and **Jack** already had five domestic cats when **Jack** befriended a feral cat in Tehachapi. "Buddy" started coming daily, and **Jack** built a special entrance for him into the garage, where Buddy still spends most nights and can always find food, water and protection from the weather, bobcats and bears.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!



Happy birthday to the following Corvettes of Bakersfield members.
May you have a healthy, prosperous and Blessed birthday.



September

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Traci Garza	Stacy DeVries	Linda Combs				

October

2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Bruce Ketcherside						

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2022 Events

* Denotes an event not sanctioned by COB

COB Board Meeting

Monday, September 12, 2022 5:00 pm
2000 K Street #201

COB General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, dinner at 5:00 pm, Meeting at 6:00 pm
Salty's Barbecue Banquet Room, 6720 Schirra Ct.

2nd Annual Outlets at Tejon Car Show

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 11:00 am-3:00 pm 5701 Outlets at
Tejon Parkway, Arvin, CA Discount for club entries of five or more cars.

Historic Prescott Corvette Show

September 22, 23 and 24
Prescott AZ
More information on prescottvettesette.com

2022 COB Annual Wine Run

September 24-25,
Paso Robles and surrounding vineyards.
Check website for more information.

*Chuy's 'Cruisin with Lugnut' Car Show

Every Thursday, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Chuy's, 8600 Rosedale

October 2022 Events

Kern County 999 Foundation Event Ride

Saturday, October 1 2022 7:00 am
Go to www.kerncounty999foundation.org for more info

COB Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 6:00 pm
Leroy and Diane Wallace Residence
Location until further notice

COB General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, dinner at 5:00 pm, Meeting at 6:00 pm
Salty's Barbecue Banquet Room, 6720 Schirra Ct.

Streets of Bakersfield Cruzin' 4 Charity Car Show

October 6, 7 & 8, 2022
Check website for various locations and more info

Aerospace Valley Open House Airshow

October 14, 15 & 16 All Day
Edwards Air Force Base

Renegade Promenade

Saturday, October 15 11:00 am

Salty's Trunk or Treat

October 28, 2022
6801 White Lane

Chuy's Trunk or Treat

Time and date to be Announced.

Please Check COB website or Facebook page for more information on these and other events.

A Fun Bylaws Report

By Diane Wallace

BYLAWS OF CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD, INC.
THIS CORPORATION IS A NONPROFIT MUTUAL BENEFIT CORPORATION
ARTICLE II OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

Section 1: GENERAL PURPOSE

To promote private and public interest in Corvettes, arrange social activities and club functions, and promote and assist charitable organizations through and in conjunction with "Corvettes of Bakersfield Charity, Inc.", our affiliated corporation.

Section 2: SPECIFIC PURPOSE

To encourage interest in the ownership of the Corvette, to stimulate a sense of pride of ownership by Corvette owners, to organize and promote Corvette related activities with other car clubs, to promote and enhance the Corvette's public image, to disseminate information regarding the advantages of ownership of Corvettes and to obtain increased benefits and services for the Corvette owner.

***Have you actually read the purposes of our club written in our current bylaws?
Well, COB is on target and having fun with each other
and other car clubs in the community!***

Your board is just finishing their second month on the job and we think COB is off to a good start! The 2022-23 COB Board thanks Danny Ellison, the organizer of the "non-club" Corvette Owner Association, for including our members in his July run right after the 2022-23 Board took office. He also promoted the June Corvette Birthday Party and has worked with Jeff Salters to create the first Saturday of each month 'Corvette Cruiz-in' evening from 6-8 pm for all Corvette owners at Salty's BBQ on White Lane.

Another car club that attended and helped at the Corvette birthday party was Street Dreams! Thank you to this great group!

Plus, we were happy to have members from these two groups as our guests on the run to McNally's! (Danny, Donna, Joyce, and Hal)

**Car people are good people and we are happy
to share our excitement with each other!**

Also, I attended the August Bakersfield Car Club Council (BCCC) meeting and shared COB info with them. The BCCC is under new leadership and they are learning how to run and organize the BCCC. COB is now on the BCCC web site so our activities can be coordinated with other local clubs and we can all work together as needed.

Check us out on the BCCC website! <https://www.bakersfieldccc.org/clubs-of-the-bccc>



Gamblers Classic Charity Report

By Diane Wallace

Gamblers classic 2022 is now a memory; however, for the Reno Corvette Club & Prescott Vette Sette Gamblers Classic is in the forefront of their focus.

**These two clubs had the highest attendance at COB's Gamblers Classic!
During the planning for The Gamblers Classic, it was advertised that the two clubs
with the highest attendance at the event
would receive charity funds raised by the Corvettes of Bakersfield.**



Reno Corvette Club 1st Place (Highest Attendance)



Prescott Vette Sette 2nd Place (2nd Highest Attendance)

After looking over the event budget and earnings, the COB board voted at their May 2022 meeting to award the Corvettes of Reno Club with \$1500 for 1st Place and Prescott Vette Sette with \$1000 for 2nd Place. Each club president was contacted this summer and each of them was excited and appreciative to learn this news!

Myron Hallauer, President of Corvettes of Reno and David Weinroth, the president of Prescott Vette Sette took this information to their boards and explained that the charity funds must be donated to a 501(c)(3) charity the same as COB.


Reno Corvette Club selected two charities to share the donation Eddy House and Step 2



Eddy HOUSE
A House of Help. A House of Hope.

Our Mission
Eddy House works with homeless and at-risk youth to develop the life and job skills necessary for sustainable independence.

"The way we treat our most vulnerable is a reflection on who we are as a community. These are the community's kids. we can't ignore it. These kids are in a constant state of crisis and it's a public health issue."
-Lynette Eddy



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STEP2 provides gender-specific long-term treatment services for substance use disorders, domestic violence intervention and education, and trauma services.

**Prescott Vette Sette selected a charity similar to our scholarship program
Prescott's - Yavapai College's
C-Tec Automotive Program!**



School of Career & Technical Education
Animals, Auto, Aviation, Construction, Gunsmithing, Welding



COB Charity and Community Involvement

President's Update

By Diane Wallace

Corvettes of Bakersfield is not only a social and recreational club for members to play and have fun with their cars, we are also a highly recognized charity club in the Bakersfield community.

Parade organizers have shared with us that the Corvettes of Bakersfield are always an audience favorite! COB is now the official parade chaperone for the Miss and Mrs. Bakersfield pageant winners; transporting these beautiful and charitable women in parades and Honor Flight events. Our local veterans have also been frequent passengers in our sports cars!



This was also our first year to participate in the Westchester 4th of July Parade! We were a big hit and have been invited back for next summer!



This year 2022 - COB will participate in the
Veterans Day Parade Nov 11th 10am-12
Christmas Parade Dec 1st
Sign up soon to get one of the limited spots!

COB's Current Charity Focus Areas

By Diane Wallace

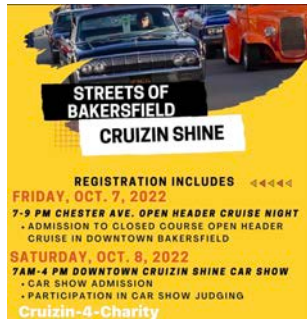
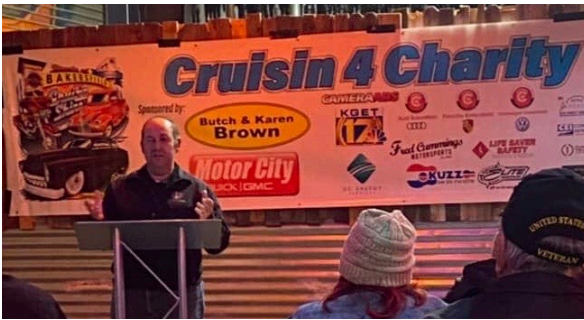
Local Veterans COB's NEW Automotive Technology SCHOLARSHIP Kern County 999 Foundation

Charity Focus - Local Veterans

COB met our first goal to support our local veterans!

The local Wounded Heroes Fund of Kern County was the recipient of \$3500 raised by COB's participation and implementation of Streets of Bakersfield/Cruizin' Shine Car Show.

COB has been a longtime supporter of this event. This year (October 7-8, 2022) Streets of Bakersfield has a new format for 2022. COB will not receive charity funds to donate to a particular group, but will help support the event for the one designated 2022 charity. COB remains one of the local clubs providing support/people power and has been asked to judge entries this year! So, we will need volunteer judges during the Saturday, October 8, 2022 show!



Several members are already signed up for the Streets of Bakersfield Cruisin' Shine Show. Check with Adrian or Diane if you have questions OR go to <https://cruizin4charity.com/> to register.

Charity Focus - Bakersfield College Automotive Tech Scholarship

Raising funds began with a Halloween raffle held at three HalloweenTrunk or Treat events earning \$500. The lucky winner won a Nintendo Switch - which was a popular and difficult item for many "Santa's" to find! Individual donations also added to the scholarship funds.



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Working with the Bakersfield College Foundation, an application with a series of questions was created. COB received about a dozen applications. The COB Board and members that visited the BC classrooms met to read the applications, score each one, and rank the top three students.



*The 2023 Scholarship window will open in December 2022 for students to apply. COB will repeat the reading and scoring process to award our second set of students with deserving scholarships! If you are interested in being a reader - let a Board member know!



Charity Focus - Kern County 999 Foundation

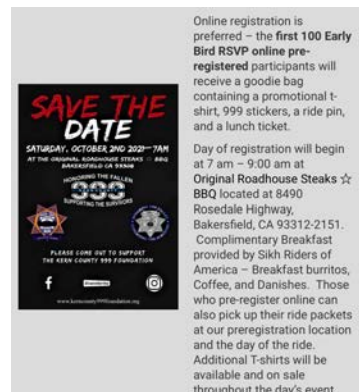
We had not yet funded this group, but they have reached out to us to participate in their big annual ride on Saturday, October 1. This has been a motorcycle only event and we are the first autos to be invited! An honor! Members are welcome to register for the event and do the run, but they also need volunteers for 3-5 poker run stops handling the card process.

It would be fun to show off our cars at each poker stop and then have a super lunch at the roadhouse Grill at the end of the run around 11:30 or noon!

There is no cost to volunteer unless you want lunch at the Roadhouse Grill - the ticket is \$15.00 (Go online to sign up). To participate in the run, which includes lunch, is a regular registration.

Click here to Register for the Run or to just buy lunch: <https://kerncounty999foundation.org/services/>

*We will also explore participating in their spring golf tournament!



Long-time COB Focus! Ronald McDonald House

COB has historically collected
can tabs and toiletries
for the Ronald McDonald house!
Let's keep it up!



How does COB raise charity funds?

The following COB actions raised \$\$
Club Sponsors (\$4750), Halloween Raffle (\$500) and
Gambler's Classic Raffle (\$2895),
Silent Auction (\$3075), plus \$255 in Cash Donations
= \$11,475 total

COB Sponsor Levels

Platinum \$1000
Gold \$500
Chrome \$250
All Donors Welcome!

Since COB activities were limited during COVID, and we still raised quite a bit of funds from sponsors, etc.

Our charity account is pretty healthy. The executive board will be scheduling a meeting to discuss and vote on the club's charity focus for 2022-23. Please provide your input for charities to support and fundraising ideas!



Westchester 4th of July Parade

Happy 4th of July to all! Today we drove to Beach Park to assemble for the Westchester 4th of July parade in Bakersfield California. 9 Corvettes of Bakersfield Corvettes got to carry the beautiful Miss Teen Bakersfield, Mrs. Bakersfield and Miss Bakersfield in the parade.

The Westchester area is divided by 24th St. with the older part being on the north side...the original Westchester. The southern part is known as Downtown Westchester. The whole area has some of the oldest, most beautiful and unique homes in Bakersfield and the homeowners have great pride in the neighborhood and its traditions. Many homes are decorated in red, white and blue with flags and bunting all on display. Here is a newspaper article describing the area in detail: https://www.bakersfield.com/.../article_c28a95bb-1abe...

As we drive through in the parade, we see many of the viewers dressed in patriotic colors and families having picnics and gatherings in the heavily tree lined front yards. Very traditional, quaint and small townesque. So "American pie ". This is the first time Corvettes of Bakersfield drove in the 4th of July Westchester Parade. Hopefully it will be an annual event for us.

For hundreds of photos go to our Flickr page at this link: <https://www.flickr.com/.../corve.../albums/72177720300309636>



Brunch of Corvettes at the Crest RV Bar & Grill

Corvettes of Bakersfield had it's "Brunch of Corvettes" on Sunday, August 7 at the Crest RV Bar and Grill at 5025 Wible road. We had about 28 people and 11 Corvettes show up and what a great time we had. I understand that the Crest is under new ownership but they had the same cooks and delicious food that they've always had in the service was excellent. It was a great experience and nice to get together with our friends, again, doing what we do best—EAT!!!



ROSEMARY'S CREAMERY AND KC MUSEUM PHOTO SHOOT



Corvettes of Bakersfield had a private event today which began with Rosemary's Creamery for lunch and ice cream at noon time and a photo shoot at the Kern County Pioneer Village afterwards. 28 of us arrived at Rosemary's creamery on 2733 F St. at noon time. We had a great time with their delicious food and ice cream and killing time while we waited for our 2 o'clock appointment at the museum. We had about 20 cars show up at the Kern County Museum Pioneer Village on 3801 Chester Ave. where our photographer, Scott Hislop, was already set up and ready to take us on.

We figured we would have around 20 cars and that it would take six minutes apiece to get everybody in position and set up to take their pictures; both with the driver and passenger outside the car and the car by itself in front of the vintage 1941 era gas station at the museum. As it was, we whipped out those cars in record time and were done with everybody in less than an hour. Had we known it would've taken this short of a time, we would've invited the public to join us for our two hour timeslot.

Many thanks to the photographer, Scott Hislop and COB members Virgil and Kim Miller for organizing this event. Many thanks, also, to Rosemary Creamery for putting up with us and to the Kern County Museum Pioneer Village for their beautiful, historical exhibits which makes excellent back drops for pictures and events.

By Adrian Medina

Click on the link for our COB Flickr page including a video of the event made by Greg Brott:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/corvettesofbakersfield/albums/72177720301299006>

Happy 100th Birthday to Katherine Parks

On August 18, 2022, Corvettes of Bakersfield and members of other clubs and organizations got together and gave a happy birthday drive-by to a US Navy veteran who will turn 100 years old. Her son and grandson flew all the way from Virginia and surprised her at this event...all the while she believed they had forgotten about her. She was presented certificates and awards by proxy from congressman Kevin McCarthy. Music was provided by a small band of Veteran musicians

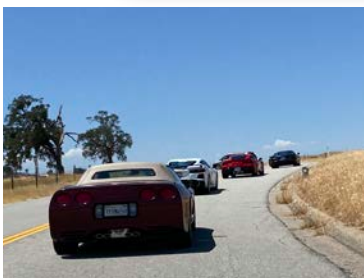
Katherine (Kay) Parks joined the Navy Nurse Corp in 1944. Her first service was in New York, NY. Followed by Parris Island, SC where she met her future husband, Jack, also a Navy vet. Her final place of service was in New Orleans, LA. Where she was discharged a Lt. Junior Grade in 1946.

Happy Birthday Katherine!!!

By Adrian Medina



Corvette Owners Association Run to P-Dubs



Hey everybody, thank you all for coming on our P-Dubs lunch run. Fun run, good time visiting and a good lunch. Can't ask for anything better than that. Well.....cooler weather would have been nice but it did make it better having ice cream at the end of the run. 😊 BTW, we had 14 Corvettes; good turnout.

By Danny Ellison

Thunder on the Mountain Car Show

Bright and early in the morning, five Corvettes from Corvettes of Bakersfield made the trek over the mountains and was met up by a Mojave member, Jim Chambers. Corvettes of Bakersfield made a big showing at Tehachapi's Thunder on the Mountain car show. The temperature is a "cool" 90° and breezy compared to Bakersfield's 104°. We were fortunate to park next to trees and the wind was breezy and kept us comfortable. There were tons of spectators here. One lady even brought her pet duck on the leash wearing footwear and a diaper. The car show is a lot smaller than previous years with a cut off of 200 cars as a result of new sponsorship by Race Communications; internet providers and landline phone service. But they had the most beautiful vehicles displayed you've ever seen. It was everything from rat rods, which tend to have a beauty of their own, to elegant vintage vehicles of old. When the clock hits 12:00 everybody starts up their big engines and revved them up to wake up the dead. We are told that next years show will be even bigger.

Thanks to our president, Diane, for bringing us cookies and snacks.

Article and Photos by Adrian & Christine Medina and Diane Wallace.

Click on our Flickr page at this link for many more photos and videos: <https://www.flickr.com/.../corve.../albums/72177720301472870>



RUN TO NUUI CUNNI CULTURAL CENTER AND McNALLY'S

We had another great run on Saturday, August 27 to the Nuui Cunni Indian Tribal Cultural Center in Lake Isabella. Corvettes of Bakersfield was joined by members of the Corvette Owners Association and Street Dreams car clubs. All in all we had 20 cars caravanning including one 'tin' SUV. The weather was a hot 96° compared to the 100° in Bakersfield which makes you wonder why in the world is it so hot up in the mountains. In spite of that, we had a great time.

We drove the back roads through what is known as the Lions Trail; a very twisty and scenic back road to Lake Isabella via Caliente, Havilah and Bodfish. We spent about 40 minutes looking at all the Indian artifacts, books and handcrafted items that were for sale there in the center. It was very informative and you can even learn Indian crafting. The cultural center was established in April 2002. The name Nuui Cunni means "Our House" and is a gathering place for American Indians of the Kern River valley about 3,000 years ago. Many members didn't even know the center existed right in the middle of the French Gulch area at Lake Isabella.

After a group photo in the parking lot, we mounted up and headed on to McNally's restaurant for a delicious lunch. It was warm in the patio but the food was worth it. The girls were very efficient and friendly and served us well. After our delicious lunch we had a drawing for a table full of gifts and also a drawing for \$175 cash. Congratulations Ron Burrow for winning the cash. Thank you to Jim Thurin for donating a \$100 gift card at McNally's for our drawings. Thank you Michael Rouw for another great run. Photos and videos taken by Adrian Medina, Diane Wallace and Danny Ellison.

By Adrian Medina

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COB News Items

GREATER KERN COUNTY SNAP!

National Corvette Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CORVETTES! These beautiful cars were celebrated June 30, National Corvette Day, at Salty's BBQ & Catering on White Lane. The free event allowed owners of Corvettes — from 1954 to current models — to show off their vehicles, and the public to check them out. Music and prizes were part of the evening festivities. Proceeds from a raffle benefited the Corvettes of Bakersfield scholarship for the Bakersfield College Automotive Technology Program. Additionally, Ronald McDonald House accepted donations of small toiletry items and pull tabs to support families. Learn more about the Corvettes of Bakersfield, a charity car club, at the organization's website, CorvettesOfBakersfield.org.

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July 6, 2022

Corvettes of Bakersfield
Attn: Diane Wallace

Bakersfield, CA

Dear Diane,

The Bakersfield Ronald McDonald House® wishes to thank you for your recent donation of pull tabs, and hygiene items. Your generous giving makes a difference for families of critically ill children. All monies raised and donations received in Bakersfield, stay in Bakersfield so your donation will help people in your own hometown.

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Thank you so much!



A couple of news items here. We got coverage in the August issue of the Bakersfield Life Magazine for the COB Corvette Birthday Party at Salty's BBQ on June 30, 2022. Also on hand at the Corvette Birthday Party were a teacher and students of the Bakersfield College Vocational Automotive Technology Program which receives donations from COB for a scholarship that helps students learn how to repair automobiles as a vocation. Corvettes of Bakersfield and attendees at our Corvette Birthday Party last June 30th also collected donations for the local Ronald McDonald house. Here's a picture from dropping off the donations of hygiene items and aluminum pull tabs on July 6. They were very appreciative. ❤️

By Diane Wallace

SAVE the WAVE!

Learn the WAVE!

The Corvette Wave is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.**
Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.**
There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.**
As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or woman. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay.**
Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of gesture that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave.**
If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.

Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them. This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.

Submitted by Diane Wallace



UGLY CORVETTES



We all understand that everybody has different tastes and they wish you respect their desires for what is beautiful and elegant... *But what were these people thinking?*



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Corvettes of Bakersfield Charity

Our non-profit 501(c)(3) organization is dedicated to charitable purposes within the communities of Kern County. We accept donations, raise money, and acquire grants to help our local community and other non-profit organizations.

Current charitable causes our club chose for 2021-2022

Corvettes of Bakersfield selected several families in need with the help of a local church. COB members donated to each family a holiday meal and gifts for the children.

COB Christmas Giving – December 2021 – \$972.35

In 2021, the Corvettes of Bakersfield's Charity Board created a scholarship for students with the desire and aptitude to be part of Bakersfield College's vocational Automotive Technology Program. This new scholarship aligns with who we are; we are a club of individuals that love our cars and value the skills required to keep all vehicles performing safely and correctly. We also value our community and see this scholarship as an opportunity to support our youth and returning students desiring a valued vocation, but with some need for financial support. Interested students are encouraged to apply for this scholarship if they are interested in this certification program (and the additional classes to earn their Associates Degree, if desired). Special thank you to our long-time Corvettes of Bakersfield member and charter donor, Ray Thurm, for his generous donation. Ray is a retired auto shop educator.

Bakersfield College Automotive Technology Scholarship – 2021-2022 – \$1500.00

The Corvettes of Bakersfield donated many man hours marking all the parking spaces and manning roadblocks for the Cruzin4Charity/Streets of Bakersfield Car Show for our chosen charity, Wounded Heroes Fund Kern County.

Wounded Heroes Fund Kern County – October 2021 – \$3,500.00 (Streets of Bakersfield)

Kern County 999 Foundation which assists families of Kern County Peace Officers who have died in the line of duty since 2007.

Local VFW to support veteran's needs.

Ronald McDonald House – COB collects and donates travel toiletries and pull tabs to help the Ronald McDonald House Bakersfield.

Keep up the good work and thank you for your volunteer hours and donations. COB is helping make our community a better place.

By Virgil Miller-COB Webmaster

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Parting Shots



Participants of the Nuui Cunni/McNally run are pictured here, all with happy faces. Apologies to those that were cut off on the left side. A waitress took the picture.