

CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

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It seems as though time is passing us by much too quickly as we are now out of our holiday season and the end of our 2023 year. The last couple of months have been chock-full of events and runs and December was especially busy with a lot of events...such as at the Outlawz Car Club Toy /Rosemary's Run, the Honor Flight Run to honor a 100 year old veteran as well as other seniors in care facilities, the COB and Golden Empire Mustangs Car Club's Run to see Christmas lights in Haggin Oaks and then to Marie Callenders, the COB Christmas Party as well as our monthly Corvettes and Coffee at the Links at Riverlakes Golf Course.

Many events are planned in the New Year starting off with a three day cruise to Mexico in mid January and leading up to our biggest event in April 18-21... the Gambler's Classic in Laughlin.

As always, if you have any ideas for a run or a get together, please don't hesitate to inform our Event Coordinator, Liz Zaninovich, and we will help get things rolling for the New Year. We have the greatest club in Bakersfield, and that's because of the participation from our members.

By Adrian Medina

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear fellow club members,

Happy holiday season!

Just a few thoughts I'd like to share:

Here we are at the half year mark since I became the president of our Corvette of Bakersfield club and what an eventful ride it has been.

We've had an extremely busy time with many events and activities from car shows, fun runs, lunch runs, parades...and there is more to come.

Our second half of this year looks to be just as promising as the first. We have our famous Gamblers Classic, coming up and is shaping up to be a great event. We have registrations coming in daily from all over the south western states. If you haven't turned in your registration, I highly recommend that you do not hesitate. We can only accommodate a total of 300 people in the banquet hall and that includes club members. Please remember this is our main fund raising event and it takes a lot of effort and members to make it happen. We will be forming various committees to finalize various functions of this event so even if you are not able to attend Gamblers Classic, we can still use your assistance on the committees.

I know for many of you there are numerous reasons why we haven't seen you at our events and this is understandable. Our club really appreciates it when you can participate at whatever level of involvement and want you to know that you are always welcome.

I hope you bear with me on the multitude of email notifications I send out. I would like nothing better than to send out one monthly notice but there are always new things cropping up that needs to be disseminated to the membership. I understand the meaning of junk mail but hopefully the information I send has some meaningful purpose to many of the members.

For me personally, the most rewarding experience I have had is being a part of a great board of directors. This team makes it all happen with the highest level of professionalism, dedication and enthusiasm.

On a final note, I'd like to thank Adrian Medina for his outstanding newsletter that he publishes for our club. It captures photos and stories of our many events and, in a couple of cases, it has caught the attention of new Corvette owners which resulted in them joining our club.

See you all soon!

Danny Ellison
President, Corvettes of Bakersfield



Events and Happenings

We start off our Events and Happenings with kudos to our board members who get together every 1st Tuesday of the month to plan and organize the workings of our club; as well as events to come. We all gather at the home of COB President Danny Ellison and Secretary Donna Ellison and discuss and hash out problems and fine tune the workings of our club. Everyone gets along great and works well with one another. We have to because, sometimes, our meetings run up to two to three hours and, also, having sweet snacks makes everything go down better.

We would like to give a prayer and best wishes to Secretary Donna Ellison who is recovering from back surgery and is doing very well. Also, recovering from back surgery is COB member Don Allen. Let us keep them in our prayers.

By Adrian Medina



Fillmore Historical Museum & El Pescadero Restaurant Run

Many thanks to COB event coordinator, Liz Zaninovich for organizing a run to the Fillmore Historical Museum on Highway 126 in Santa Clara County on September 9. It was a beautiful, small and very clean museum with some beautiful buildings such as the Hinckley house (a craftsman home built in 1905) the Southern Pacific Depot (built in 1887) and many other old buildings and artifacts including two cabooses from the SP railroad.

The houses were beautifully furnished with antique period pieces; most of it donated by local families, and, in the case of a huge music box, very operational.

We were treated to a slide presentation by one of the docents of a disaster that happened in March 1928 when the Saint Francis dam, just east of what is now Santa Clarita, failed sending 12 billion gallons of water down the Santa Clara River with waves 40 feet high. Over 400 people were known to have been killed in the ensuing flood. The City of Los Angeles, who built the dam, took full responsibility and compensated the survivors, families and property owners. This is just one of the many disasters that have hit the area which were presented to us.

After visiting the museum, we took the short drive through congested traffic to El Pescador Mexican restaurant. The food was delicious and was ably served by a single waitress named Nicole. After she got the orders, 26 of us quickly received our meals and boy was it delicious!

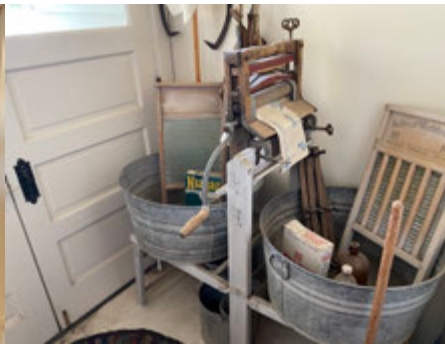
12 Corvettes made the trip over the ridge and through heavy traffic but we all made it safely and in one piece. We came across a fellow Corvette driver named Joey on the congested part of our trip to the restaurant who was interested in the club and loves to go on runs. He didn't join us for lunch, however, because he had a previous engagement to attend.

We had a great time and we all headed home after our lunch.

By Adrian Medina



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Corvettes & Coffee

Thanks to Danny Ellison for coming up with the idea over 5 years ago of having an informal breakfast open to the public for Corvette owners. He started this gathering at Panera's on California Avenue long before Covid intervened and eventually moved to the Links at Riverlakes Ranch clubhouse. Later, then president, Linda McNitt, resumed having our COB breakfasts' at various Mexican restaurants. Afterwards, with the severity of Covid long over, we resumed congregating at the Riverlakes Ranch clubhouse for our monthly breakfast with the number of participants growing considerably averaging 15 to 20 people. Although we may have several regulars, we're also surprised with having new or prospective members and also old members that have never done a breakfast with us, show up. Come and join us when we get together again tentatively on January 17, 2024. By Adrian Medina



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Honor Flight Drive-By for Jules J. Ghyselinck

Corvettes of Bakersfield was invited to participate in a Honor Flight Drive-by for Jules J. Ghyselinck, a veteran of the Army Air Force. Jules had a 99th birthday on September 13th and he was very appreciative of all the recognition that were bestowed upon him. He received many awards from such dignitaries as Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy and State Assemblyman, Vince Fong and more. Jules was so humble that when asked when he was going to go on an Honor Flight to Washington DC, he replied, "I am waiting for all the others to go before I go."

10 Corvettes of Bakersfield Corvettes drove around and through his neighborhood along with military vehicles and other appreciative drivers of custom cars. The organizers of this event would like to show their appreciation to our club for being able to attend these events at the last minute. She says all the recipients get really excited and appreciate what we do for them.

Afterwards, a few of us went to Rosemary's for ice cream while several others went to La Cabaña on White Lane for dinner and drinks.

By Adrian Medina



Salty's Cruise-in with Mark209

On the September 29 Cruise-In at Salty's Barbecue and Catering, we were entertained by a Country/Christian vocal group from Nashville, Tennessee named Mark209. They are a great sounding, charismatic, chart topping vocal group that sing a dynamic blend of Christian and Country music. They have a great sound reminiscent of the Oak Ridge Boys and are accompanied by a very talented keyboardist. They get their name, Mark209, from mile marker 209 on the I-40 in Tennessee; the crossroad for the Country Music Hall of Fame in Music Row in the heart of Nashville. They were in Bakersfield for a short while and I highly recommend it for a good show when they come back. Thank you Jeff Salters for bringing them down to Bakersfield.

Also on hand were the Kern River Blue Star Moms who were doing a fundraiser for the organization and to collect Socks for Veterans. A fun time was had by all.

By Adrian Medina



Rankin Ranch Lunch Run

It is 12 miles wide with 31,000 acres; Rankin Ranch is situated in the beautiful Tehachapi mountains amidst rolling hills, and beautiful trees and is much cooler than Bakersfield which is only 30 miles away. The curvy roads leading up to the ranch lends itself to beautiful scenery and a nice drive in our Corvettes. Nine Corvettes and 1 "tin" car made the trip up the mountain to Rankin Ranch on September 23 for lunch.

Rankin Ranch was established in 1863 by Walker Rankin and it's now in its fourth generation of family ownership by Bill and Glenda Rankin. These are wonderful down-home people who just opened the ranch up to the public within the last 50 years. They offer lodging, horseback rides through some beautiful scenery through creeks and hills, a small petting zoo, a swimming, pool, games, community dinners and much more.

We were granted a tour of the old house filled with many antiques and beautifully decorated with family heirlooms by Bill, the owner and patriarch of the family, and his wonderful daughter Amanda. Subsequent 5th and 6th generations of the family were on hand to help manage the ranch and its guests and were very helpful and welcoming. They are very proud of their beautiful cattle ranch. We were also able to tour the grounds and some of the cabins that were available for rent.

It was wonderful place to spend the day, but we intend to plan another trip with an overnigher in the near future. You may also order beef directly from the ranch by going to their website www.rankinranch.com. Thanks to Virgil and Kim Miller who led the run and to Liz Zaninovich who organized it.

For more photos, click on our Flickr Page link: <https://www.flickr.com/.../corve.../albums/72177720311424118>



Streets of Bakersfield Cruzin' Shine Car Show Day 1

On October 5, Day 1 of our 3 day 6th Annual Streets of Bakersfield Cruzin' Shine Car Show, COB members were called upon to show up at Buck Owen's Crystal Palace bright and early to tape and broadcast live promotions for KGET TV 17 and KBAK TV 29. Tony Castiglione and Jeff Salters were both interviewed promoting Bakersfield's largest 3 day car event. Some of the participants on hand were also interviewed alongside their beautiful vehicles.

Later that evening, we had a wonderful dinner at the Crystal Palace. Our special guest was none other than Erik Estrada of CHiPS TV show fame. As well as taking pictures with all the guests, he regaled us with stories of growing up, wanting to be an actor and of his days as an actual police officer after the end of the CHiPS TV show.

It was a wonderful evening and got everyone geared up for the next event, which should be Friday's cruise night between 6 and 9 PM on Chester Ave and surrounding streets. The car show will follow on Saturday all day in downtown Bakersfield.

By Adrian Medina

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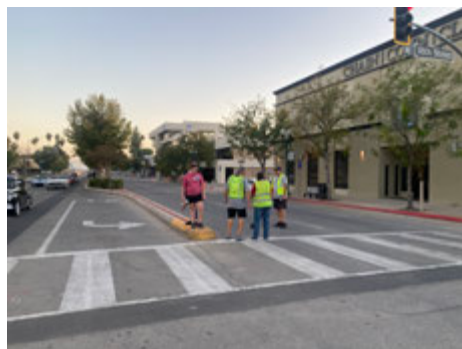


Streets of Bakersfield Cruzin' Shine Car Show Day 2

It started off at 6:00 in the morning when we all gathered at Tina Marie's restaurant and started numbering the streets with chalk for the car show coming up on Saturday, October 6. It took us about 3 1/2 hours to get everything numbered except for the median on Chester Avenue which we were going to do later on that night when the street was closed to the public. At six in the evening, we started up again while everybody was staging for the cruise, which began at 7:00. It took us one hour to do the whole median on Chester Ave. from 23rd St. to 17th St.

Just as we were done, the cruise started with the CHP running an escort up and down Chester Avenue. Lots of beautiful cars were rolling up and down Chester with a whole bunch of people and cars parked at curbside watching the procession and taking pictures.

Thank you to the crew of 9 that helped us chalk the streets, including a student and a teacher from Bakersfield College. A crew of six helped draw the lines during the evening portion. Many thanks for volunteering!



Streets of Bakersfield Cruzin' Shine Car Show Day 3

Day three of the 6th Annual Streets of Bakersfield Cruizin' Shine Car Show has finally arrived. And boy was it a hot one. Temperatures reached 98° even though the previous days had been in the 80s and will go back to the 80s after the weekend is over.

In spite of at least three other car shows happening around Bakersfield and the County, the Streets of Bakersfield had hundreds of beautiful cars on display. There was a multitude of food booths, including delicious Salty's Barbecue...Jeff Salters is a proud sponsor of this car show and of Corvettes of Bakersfield.

This year's proceeds will be donated to The CAHP Widows and Orphans' Trust Fund. This fund is dedicated to assisting families of California Highway Patrol officers in the event they die, regardless of cause.

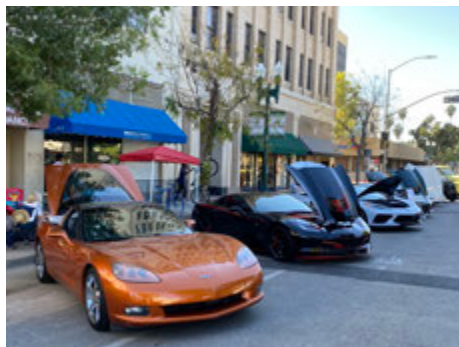
Music and entertainment was provided by a DJ and live music was played by the Foster Campbell band.

Special mention should be given of Bill Dean for winning a trophy for best import with his 1987 Porsche 911 Carrera and to Liz Zaninovich for winning a gift card in the raffle.

Next year's event should be even better since the date will not clash with other car shows.

By Adrian Medina

Photos by Adrian Medina, Diane Wallace and Liz Zaninovich. For more pictures, click on the link to our Flickr page:
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National Water Ski Racing Association Event

Corvettes of Bakersfield got a special invitation from Michael La Frenz, President of the National Water Ski Racing Association (NWSRA) to show our Corvettes at the US open at Buena Vista Lake on October 14. Actually, other car clubs got the same invitation but Corvettes of Bakersfield was the only one to show.

12 Vettes and 1 support SUV carrying canopies, goodies and refreshments attended on a beautiful sunny day to watch water skiers get pulled behind boats racing each other in excess of 50 miles an hour for points and glory. Some racers were from around the country.

It was great to see some regular old COB members and a potential new member attend this run.

Thanks to Liz and Chris for bringing the sandwiches and fruit and, also, hauling over the canopies and tables. Thanks to Diane for making some delicious chocolate chip cookies and to Bruce for bringing some delicious treats.

By Adrian Medina



Trunk or Treat at Salty's BBQ

Corvettes of Bakersfield participated in the annual Trunk or Treat on October 27 being held at Salty's BBQ and Catering at 6801 White Ln. Last year we had a theme where COB members dressed up as characters in the Wizard of Oz. This time we dressed up as characters of Peter Pan. We had Diane dressed up as Peter Pan, a Wendy, two Tinker Bells, Tiger Lily and a 'Plethora of Pirates'.

Everyone got there early to decorate and by 5 o'clock the cutest kids in costumes started strolling by and received candy from all the participants in the trunk or treat. It was a steady stream of kids and, in fact, young adults trick-or-treating. Unfortunately, the candy started running out by 8 o'clock. It was a very successful event with many beautiful cars all decked out in the Halloween tradition. Afterwards, a few members went to La Cabaña next door to celebrate Kim Miller's birthday. Happy birthday Kim!

We had a lot of fun, as we always do, and are getting ready for our next adventure such as the High Desert Corvette Run to Tehachapi's Red House BBQ

Thank you to Jeff Salters for having this event and to Danny Ellison and Diane Wallace and other contributors for the additional photos which can be seen on our Flickr page at this Flickr link:

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COB/Antelope Valley Corvettes Run to Red House BBQ, Tehachapi

We had a great time today on October 29 with our run to the Red House in Tehachapi for lunch where we met up with members from several other Corvette clubs.

Liz, even went so far as to recruit a traveling Corvette couple (in their yellow C-7) as they cruised beside them on Highway 58. They were from Turlock Ca, enroute to Las Vegas. They fell into our convoy and joined us for lunch. They fit right in as if we were all long time friends.

After lunch several of our group went to Kohnen's Country Bakery in Tehachapi where we continued our adventure eating German style pastries and baked goods as well as a whole lot of laughing and joking. If you felt your ears burning, now you know why. 😊

Thank you to the gentleman who worked at the Starbucks at our staging area who brought us samples of pumpkin spice lattes and to Adrian for coordinating and leading this event with the High Desert Vettes club. Great job!

By Danny Ellison



COB/Antelope Valley Corvettes Run to Red House BBQ, Tehachapi



COB October Membership Meeting

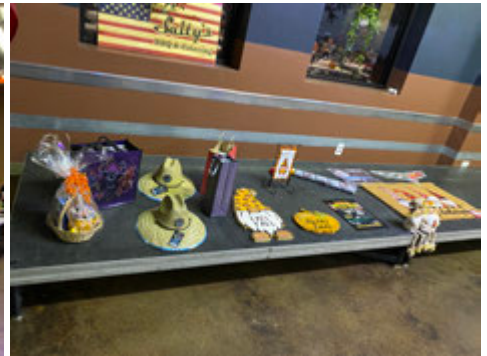
Although the turnout was a little smaller than last month we still had a fun and productive membership meeting. It must be football season.



After we finished with the business part of the meeting, we got down to the fun stuff with raffle prizes and 50/50 drawing which Michael Rouw was the winner as you can see by the smile on his face. Also new member, James Norquay, owner of a beautiful blue 1969 C3 Corvette, was introduced.

There were a lot of prizes donated not only for tonight's meeting but also for our upcoming Gamblers Classic three day event in Laughlin.

By Danny Ellison



Streets of Bakersfield Check Presentation to CHPWOF

On October 30, I had the honor of being in attendance with my fellow club mate, Terri Romanoff, to the presentation of a \$25,000 check; the proceeds of the Cruisin' 4 Charity Streets of Bakersfield three day event and car show. The presentation was made to the California Highway Patrol Widows and Orphans' Trust Fund to help the surviving family of a fallen CHP officer.

Many committee heads and sponsors were on hand to view the presentation, including Terri Romanoff, who was head of the parking detail.

The event was catered by Jeff Salters at Salty's BBQ and Catering event hall at 6801 White Ln. A delicious spread of tri-tip, chicken, mac & cheese, salad, and roll was laid out and "boy was it good". Jeff Salters is very top and foremost to giving back to the community and helps in anyway possible.

Thank you Jeff for all you do. Between him and Tony Castiglione and others, they have brought to Bakersfield the second largest event in our city.

By Adrian Medina



Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade

Today was a beautiful day to have a Veterans Day parade in Bakersfield. The cool morning warmed up to a nice 69° and we had 20 Corvettes gathering up at the Rite Aid parking lot at 23rd and Eye streets. Once we got everybody together, minus a couple of stragglers, we proceeded to our staging area at Chester and 22nd St. As we decorated our cars, we had a great time talking to all the visitors and veterans that came by. We, of course, thanked all the veterans for their service, and prepared ourselves for the parade to start.

While we were waiting for the parade to start, one such veteran came up to me and asked if I was a veteran. I told him no that I wasn't but I wholeheartedly support veterans and would often drive my veteran brother, who passed earlier this year, in the parade. At any rate, he presented me with a beautiful challenge coin. The brotherhood of veterans is very strong, much as that of the Corvette club.



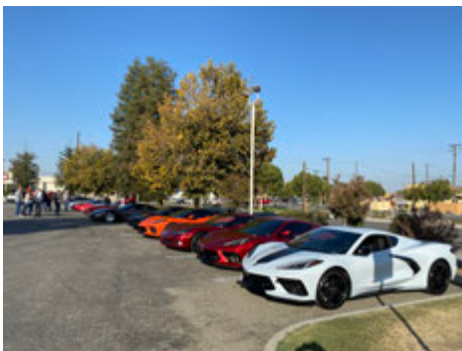
We had the privilege of escorting the beautiful Bakersfield Pageant Queens and, as always, they receive a lot of attention from the audience. For good reason. "I would describe this pageant as a community oriented sisterhood of women who knows that it is not the crown, but your attitude that makes a difference – Kimberly Price."

After the parade, we all headed down to Woolgrowers Restaurant for a delicious lunch and sparkling conversation. Afterwards we were serenaded by a young trumpet player.

Thank you to all the veterans who served this wonderful country of ours and sacrificed their time, and in some cases, their lives to preserve our way of life.

By Adrian Medina

Hundreds of photos are available on our Flickr page. Click the link: <https://www.flickr.com/.../corve.../albums/72177720312630939>



Bakersfield Veterans Day Parade



Outlawz CC Toy Drive Hart Park/Rosemary's

What a wonderful, fun day we had on this beautiful Saturday morning. We had 16 COB Vettes participate in the Outlawz Car Club's 16th Anniversary Toy Drive benefiting the Kern Medical Pediatrics on December 2nd. It was cool in the morning when we gathered up at the Riverwalk park in West Bakersfield. Usually these gatherings involve getting everybody together and greeting each other and exchanging "how have you been?", "what have you been doing?" and "what's new"? It's a wonderful way to reacquaint with each other and let new members feel welcome into our Corvette culture.

We then head on down White Lane to Salty's BBQ and La Cabana restaurant's parking lot where they are having a nice car show with a drive up depository for toys for kids in Kern Medical Pediatrics. The lot is pretty well packed so we do a drive-by dropping off our toys and proceed with our planned run to Hart Park. It is a nice long, drive through the back streets and country roads through the fields and farms of outlying Bakersfield. While we are at the park, we find it relatively empty and take advantage for a photo op. The beautiful autumn trees and open expanse of the park make for a beautiful backdrop behind our Corvettes.

After quite a few pictures and conversation, we head on back up the hill towards Rosemary's Ice Creamery where we enjoyed a nice lunch and ice cream treats amidst raucous conversation. It was a wonderful way to spend the beautiful day.

By Adrian Medina

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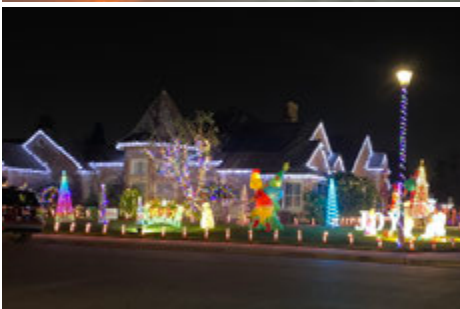


COB/Golden Empire Mustangs Haggin Oaks Christmas Lights Run

On December 13, COB had a very nice run with the Golden Empire Mustangs through the upscale neighborhood of Haggin Oaks to view Christmas lights displays throughout the neighborhood. COB started the cold evening early with a meal at Tahoe Joes Steakhouse in the heated patio. After our meal, we drove to our staging area to meet with members of the Golden Empire Mustangs Club and proceeded to nearby Haggin Oaks. The neighborhood is all decked out with beautiful light displays surrounding very beautiful homes.

We had up to 20 Corvettes and Mustangs (some were decorated with lights and other Christmas decorations) cruise up and down the streets weaving in and out and stopping in a cul-de-sac for a photo op. We then headed down to Marie Callender's for some well-deserved treats. We would like to thank the Golden Empire Mustangs for joining us for our 2nd annual Christmas lights run and we plan on doing it again next year. By Adrian Medina

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Corvettes of Bakersfield Christmas Party

Corvettes of Bakersfield held its Christmas party on Friday, December 15th, at Salty's BBQ and Catering at the White Lane banquet facility. It was an exciting evening with a lot going on starting with the cocktail hour hosted by our two beautiful bartenders. As we all mingled around the room, everyone is happy and conversing with one another. Just before dinner was served, we got together for a mass photo shoot of about 55 of us.

And then dinner was served. And what a dinner it was. Rib eye steak, chicken, macaroni and cheese, salad and a roll were ably served by Jeff Salters and his crew. There was plenty of delicious food to eat and then dessert afterwards.

Next we celebrated one of our favorite emcee's, Michael Rouw's, birthday. We sang Happy Birthday and presented him with a Fireball liqueur cake.

Then it was time for our notorious, thieving gift exchange. When your number is called the participant goes to the table to pick a gift. You cannot count on keeping that gift because if someone else who has a turn later on wants it, they can snatch it right out from under you. The victim can now choose another gift from the gift table. Many a gift was stolen with the favorite being liquor.

After we cleared the table of all the gifts, we played a game called heads or tails. Beads were sold to those who wanted to participate and a coin was tossed to determine who is going to be eliminated by those who placed their hands either on their head or on their hips; therefore heads or tails. The winner of the competition was new COB member, Robyn Tennison, who won the member contribution of \$360.

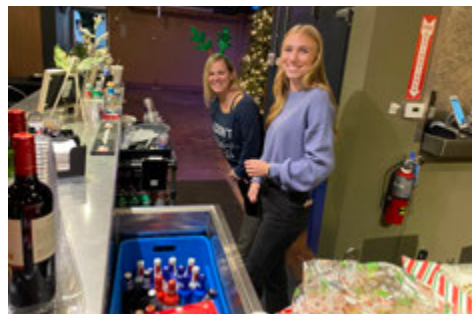
Finally, we had our 2nd Annual Cookie Exchange in which members brought in two dozen (in some cases more) of their favorite cookies to exchange for others. There was quite an assortment to choose from and everyone went away happy with their box of cookies.

Many thanks go out to all those who participated. It was great to see some old faces that we hadn't seen in a long time as well as the many new faces that have become members just recently as well as prospective members.

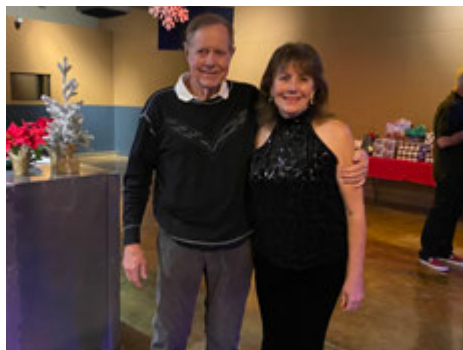
Thank you to Linda Stacey who brought in all the decorations for the tables including toy Corvettes, flowers and Barbie dolls. A special thanks goes out to Jeff Salters and his crew for his excellent food and hard work in making our event a great success.

For many more photos of this event, click on our Flickr page link:

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Corvettes of Bakersfield Christmas Party



Honor Flight Drive-By for 100 year Old Bill Glaspie

The month of December has proven to be a very busy month for Corvettes of Bakersfield. We started off the month with the Outlawz Car Club Toy Run and then we had the Haggin Oaks Christmas Lights run with Golden Empire Mustangs. On the 15th we had the Corvettes of Bakersfield Christmas party at Salty's and on the 16th of December we had a drive-by at the residence of Bill Glaspie who turned 100 years old today.

Bill and his whole family were very grateful for the love that was shown by everyone who caravanned and stopped to say hi to him. We had the honor of carrying the Bakersfield Pageant Queens Maddie and Peggy and Mayor Karen Goh was also present to honor Bill.

While we were at it. We drove by many of the senior centers that were in the area to play homage to all the veterans who reside in the centers; such as Brookdale, Magnolia Place and Solstice senior centers. We had a great time, and I believe the seniors were excited and enjoyed seeing the big army trucks and all the beautiful cars drive by and wave at them.

By Adrian Medina



The Gallegos Win Big

Heads-up everybody, I got a text message from Kathy Gallego and she wanted to pass the information on as I'm sure you'll get a kick out of seeing our club members on the TV show "Price is Right".

Henry & Kathy went to the "Price Is Right" with a couple of their grandkids for a Grandparents Day special. Henry & their granddaughter Marriah, got called up on stage while Kathy & their grandson Noah, was going crazy in the audience. Their grandson said it was the best day of his life.

Henry was wearing a hilarious t-shirt with the graphic "The Wife is Right" and did a great job with his granddaughter in guessing the amount of the value of the prizes he was presented. He was hampered by a camera in his line of sight with Kathy who was screaming out numbers and also with all the noise of the studio audience. Granddaughter, Marriah, overrode his guess on the final run and stated the amount closest to the actual value of the items presented...and they won big! A total of 104,000.00 in cash and prizes. They stated that winning the prizes was fun but filling out the paperwork and paying the taxes, was not!

The program was televised on October 23, 2023 on CBS. You can view parts of the show on YouTube by clicking on the following links or use the YouTube search bar and type in "The Price is Right Primetime, 10/23/2023". There are several clips to view. CONGRATULATIONS GALLEGOS!!

By Danny Ellison and Adrian Medina

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GAMBLER'S CLASSIC 2024



Get ready for an automotive extravaganza like no other as the Corvettes of Bakersfield proudly present the eagerly anticipated Gambler's Classic 2024. Building upon the triumph of previous editions, the 24th Gambler's Classic vows to set new benchmarks. The preceding year's event attracted 33 Corvette clubs from across the western US. Scheduled for April 18-20, 2024, at Don Laughlin's Resort and Casino in Laughlin, NV, Gambler's Classic 2024 – All Corvette Car Show promises a stunning showcase of sleek and powerful Corvettes spanning various generations, celebrating the timeless charm of this iconic American brand. The event adopts a patriotic theme, "Celebrating America's Sports Car," enveloping attendees in the red, white, and blue spirit.

Prepare for three days of Corvette camaraderie, offering a platform to make new friends, share conversations, enjoy laughter, indulge in delicious food, dance, drive, display your car, and perhaps try your luck at gambling. The event includes not only an all Corvette car show but also a fun run and a poker run. Staying true to tradition, the event underscores the Corvettes of Bakersfield's commitment to giving back to their supportive community. By engaging in fundraising activities targeted at local charities, participants can revel in the knowledge that their shared passion is effecting positive change and leaving an enduring impact on the lives of others.

Mark your calendars and rev up your anticipation, because Gambler's Classic 2024 is on the horizon. Enjoy a celebration of the vibrant community formed around these extraordinary vehicles. Whether you're a seasoned Corvette enthusiast or a curious newcomer, the event offers a welcoming environment where the passion for Corvettes unites people from all walks of life. The Corvettes of Bakersfield cordially extend their invitation to partake in this unparalleled experience. Click on link to register: <https://corvettesofbakersfield.org/events/gamblers/>
Event limited to the first 300 people. Early Registration Discount Ends January 10, 2024. Final registration deadline is March 15, 2024.

Birthdays

January		February		March		April	
Greg Brott	4	Bryan Wooster	2	Denise Hollister	3	Virginia Norquay	8
Shirley Sparks	4	Diane Wallace	3	James Norquay	15	Dick Compton	9
Danny Ellison	16	Mary Mazzei	4	Ron Griffin	16	Kelly Buonauro	11
Mark DeVries	18	Angelo Mazzei	15	Paul Adams	16	Kimberly Cobbs	16
Ed Combs	24	Jess Perez	15	Mark Buonauro	21	Heath Kelsey	16
Cathy Frye	26	Karen Wolfe	22	Don Allen	23	Jonathan Cobbs	17
Pam Taylor	30	Virgil Miller	23			Brad Hayden	17
						David Pratt	19
						Steve Dallons	23
						Mark Pucilowski	29

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL OUR
WONDERFUL COB MEMBERS!**

MAY ALL YOUR BIRTHDAY WISHES COME TRUE!

Flag Caddie Product Recommendation



I have been asked where I got the flags that I display on my Corvette during our patriotic outings. I would like to recommend the Flag Caddie from flagcaddie.com. These flags are screwed into the holes that are exposed when you takeoff your targa top and they are made to fit 1956 and up model Corvettes, Pontiacs Solstice and Saturn Skys without any damage to your vehicle. There are different models and ways to attach these flags depending on the year of your vehicle. They are capable of being attached securely and hold tightly even at speeds faster than a parade. Custom flags are also available and replacement flags can be ordered should you need to replace them for only \$6.50 a pair. A set of two American flags cost \$31.95 plus tax, shipping and handling. These flags were designed and sold by a Northern Illinois Corvette owner who noticed that several people lost their flags during a parade and he refused to attach a couple of flags haphazardly on his 1990 ZR1 that were given to him before a parade. The rest is history and he is successfully selling his flags to fellow Corvette owners.

By Adrian Medina



Automotive Technology Scholarship



In 2021, the Corvettes of Bakersfield's Charity Board created a \$500.00 scholarship for students with the desire and aptitude to be part of Bakersfield College's vocational Automotive Technology Program. It has since grown to three \$1000.00 awards. 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). Applications for the scholarship open on October 1, 2023 and end February 1, 2024. 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.
By Virgil Miller

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Enrolled in Automotive Technology AA or certificate program
- ✓ Minimum 2.0 GPA
- ✓ 2 Letters of Recommendations

Start applying October 1st

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<https://kccof.academicworks.com/opportunities/utb-33259C1926item-corvettes-of-bakersfield>

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Corvettes of Bakersfield would like to thank and honor our very first TITANIUM sponsor, Jeff Salters of Salty's BBQ and Catering. Salty's has been featured on Guy Fieri's Diner's, Drive-ins and Dives on the Food Network and became famous *Nationally*. Guy Fieri says "This is the real deal!". Jeff has also been a proud supporter of Kern County Honor Flight and Kern County first responders. As a fellow Corvette owner, Jeff has supported Corvettes of Bakersfield in many ways including the use of his banquet room as a place to hold our meetings and special events such as our annual Christmas party and Corvette Birthday celebrations. All the while we have been enjoying his delicious food and service. Thanks Jeff!!

By Adrian Medina

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Parting Shots



An evening at the Crystal Palace with TV Star Erik Estrada on Day 1 of the Streets of Bakersfield Car Show



The Gang has lunch at the Woolgrowers Restaurant after the Veterans Day Parade