

# CORVETTES OF BAKERSFIELD

## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2020

Well, it's time again for our bi-monthly newsletter. It's hard to believe, but we are rounding the corner on 2020. It has been a tough year for everyone. I thought I would start off the newsletter with the following message from our President.

### *President's Message*



On behalf of myself and the Board, we want to say "Thank You" to all COB members for sticking with us through this difficult time. Your loyalty is appreciated.

Due to the Covid pandemic, we have been unable to conduct any sanctioned club events and monthly general meetings since March, with the exception of the general meeting at Beach Park a few months back. We understand how difficult this year has been on all members. We understand the frustration

everyone is feeling about not being able to attend meetings and runs and we totally agree. However, the club is required to adhere to State mandated guidelines to keep everyone safe.

The Board is working on a location for a general "outdoor" meeting on Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Information about the location will follow. If you feel comfortable venturing out for a meeting, we would love to have you attend the October meeting. We will also understand if you decide not to attend due to your concerns about Covid. It is up to you if you wish to attend. At the October meeting, I would like to fill everyone in on everything the Board and myself have been working on through this difficult time to keep the club safe and up and running.

One item we would like to get feedback on is the Christmas Party at the Crest Drive-In on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We are still unsure if the party will go forward due to Covid restrictions but are hoping we are able to get together and enjoy each other's company. In the past, 50/50 drawings have helped defer the cost of the Christmas Party. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we have had

very few 50/50 drawings this year that could help offset the cost of the party. Please let us know if you would be willing to attend the Christmas Party, which includes a Prime Rib and Chicken Piccata dinner at the cost of \$45.00 per person. The club will pick up the remaining balance for the cost of the party.

Thanks to everyone for sticking with the club during this difficult year. The Board members are working hard on runs for 2021!!!!

I hope to see you at the meeting in October.

*Bill Dean, President*

### *From Our Past President, Larry Young:*

Just a quick note from your "EX". No, not your significant other, but your past President. 2020 was just a strange year. We took off like gangbusters and faded into the COVID-19 confusion that has literally shut the car enthusiasts down.

Our meetings got canceled at Three Way Chevrolet and we moved to our old standby Pizza Joint off White Lane. OK, but not great. Then everything got shut down in total!!!

As I had promised, my term was for only one year. We did something really different, nominations for the new offices were conducted by email. I think it worked pretty good. Got a bunch of qualified nominees and did the election by mail, which was also a first. Had my final meeting at Beach Park on a cool Saturday morning with the largest turnout of club members in maybe the history of the club. Ballots were opened and counted on site. I turned the gavel over to our newly elected President, Bill Dean.

Governor "Newsance" has still kept us wondering about the future of everything. This has been tough for Bill. Yes, I'm sorry for those who have been stricken by the COVID bug and sincerely hope for the best and a speedy recovery.

[A Note from Dave Kielty \(Resident Corvette Mechanic\):](#)

It might be a good idea to have your tires and brakes checked. It's been over 6 months since COVID hit. Now is the time to have them checked out. Hopefully, we will be driving our cars soon!

**WISHING ALL OUR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MEMBERS A SAFE AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!**



<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
Tony Ennis – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Vella – 1 <sup>st</sup>
Bill Shelby – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Terry Wiggins – 4 <sup>th</sup>
LeRoy Wallace – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pam Walker – 12 <sup>th</sup>
Abby Collins – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Joslin – 14 <sup>th</sup>
Linda Stacey – 9 <sup>th</sup>	Debra Winget – 20 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Atkinson – 15 <sup>th</sup>	Betsy Slauson – 27 <sup>th</sup>
Marvin Casey – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Miller – 28 <sup>th</sup>
Traci Garza – 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tammy Anderson – 29 <sup>th</sup>
Cynthia Newton – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Donnie Hansen – 30 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Vella – 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Mayevern Casey – 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Linda Combs – 29 <sup>th</sup>	

## *Corvette Humor:*

A fellow bought a new Corvette and was out on an interstate for a nice evening drive.

The top was down, the breeze was blowing through what was left of his hair and he decided to open her up. As the needle jumped up to 80 mph he suddenly saw a flashing red and blue light behind him.

"There ain't no way they can catch a Corvette," he thought to himself and opened her up further. The needle hit 90, 100, 130 and finally 150 with the light still behind him. "What the hell am I doing?" he thought and pulled over.

The cop came up to him, took his license without a word and examined it and the car.

"I've had a tough shift, and this is my last pull over. I don't feel like more paperwork so if you can give me an excuse for your driving that I haven't heard before you can go!"

"Last week my wife ran off with a cop," the man said, "and I was afraid you were trying to give her back!"

"Off you go," said the officer.

# TIMELINE OF CORVETTE HISTORY

From the National Corvette Museum



## C2: 1963 – 1967

- 1963. The Corvette is a total restyle based on Bill Mitchell's 1959 Sting Ray race car.
- 1963. First year for the Corvette coupe; only year for the split-window coupe. The Z06 is offered as an option on the 1963 Stingray (199 built).
- 1964. The split-window design is eliminated because it "intruded into the driver's rearward vision."
- 1965. Big Block V8 engines were introduced for the Corvette with the 396 CID L78 option. It was rated at 425 HP.
- 1966. Factory-installed driver/passenger headrests made their Corvette debut as optional equipment. First year for the 427 CID engine; up to 425 HP available. Holley Carburetors were standard with all engines.
- 1967. Optional L88 engine offered (only 20 produced).
- 1967. Standard features of the Corvette Sting Ray included an energy-absorbing steering column, four-way hazard warning flashers and a dual master cylinder brake system. Much of the exterior trim is removed or restyled, as well as the hood and fender vents.

If anyone is interested in writing a corvette related article, 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*