

## Welcome to the Verde Valley Vettes

The Verde Valley Vettes was formed in August 1996 by a group of Corvette enthusiasts who wanted to enjoy their common interest and give back to their community. Located in central Arizona, the club is a member of the Roadrunner Region of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC).

Throughout the year the club organizes events in support of local charities, such as the Big Brothers - Big Sisters Christmas giving program, and, through the NCCC, supports St. Judes Children's Research Hospital.

Members enjoy rallies, car shows, picnics, drive-outs, competitive driving and many other activities, all of which make owning a Corvette an even more enjoyable experience. **To join, e-mail Bob McFarland at [bluec5@live.com](mailto:bluec5@live.com) or call 928-282-1718.**

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### President's Message

As you know, March has been a terrible month. The Covid 19 Virus has affected our State, Country and the World in unprecedented ways. The lasting effect will not be determined for months to come. Locally, State of Arizona, Yavapai County, Cities of Cottonwood and Sedona have taken [measures that severely restrict activities](#) of residents, businesses and the Verde Valley Vettes. Even before these measures were taken, we saw that the threat of the virus was affecting attendance at events in the Verde Valley. Attendance at the [Clarkdale Car Show](#) was down noticeably from last year and our club's participation in the show was minimal. Attendance at VVV Burger night was down, and very little interest was being shown for our Hare and Hound / Poker Run events. With the government restrictions in place The Mingus Union High School Car Show was cancelled / postponed, and Larry McCarty has suggested the postponement of the Hare and Hound / Poker Run events. I agree with Larry and we will postpone. Our March meeting at Annie's likewise will be cancelled. Anne Bauer has suggested that the Larry Green Show be delayed / postponed until we have a better understanding on the length of time before we can all move about freely again. I agree with Anne.

I pray that all of you will remain safe and healthy. I am looking forward to seeing all of you again soon.

In the meantime, wash your hands, eat your veggies, remain civil. If you need someone to talk to, feel free to give me a call.

Be proud of your Corvette, be proud of your club!

Jim Dawson, president

### Editor's Note:

In order to make the newsletter more informative I have included web browser links in several articles. Click on a link to open a browser window directing you to a related web page. If you are receiving a printed issue, consider switching to on-line delivery.

## Governor's Report

Hi Everyone,

First, I hope everyone is well and coping with all the changes in your and your family's lives. Hopefully everything will begin to settle down soon.

I am sure you all know by now that all our club near term activities have been postponed or cancelled, as well as all the regional sanctioned events through the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. The Larry Green car show is the next sanctioned event and the decision on whether to go on with that event will have to be made in the coming days. **(This event has now been postponed – ed)**. The national and regional executives have left it up to each club to decide whether to hold an event or not and should base their decisions on the local health and civic environment, and the expected support and attendance of the event. Please check the [Roadrunner Region Sanctioned Events Calendar](#) for the latest listing of events.

There were a couple of items that came out of the NCCC National Meeting that was held last month:

1. There was a discussion about allowing a sanctioned event to be held on the Friday following Thanksgiving. This would require a change to the rule book and the Regional Competition Directors would like feedback from their club members before voting on the change at the next meeting May. If you have any thoughts or comments please let me know.
2. Rule Change for 2020-2021 – Rule 5.12 Rallye Route Instructions:  
“8. Answers to questions, clues, and similar items must (instead of should) be a minimum of 100 yards beyond any turn so the driver and navigator are completely finished with all driving safety issues involved in making the turn safely before they must start following rallye instructions again.”

3. There were some other rule changes affecting autocross workers and officials, and if you are really interested you can check out the entire competition rule book on the NCCC website.

C8 Info: Deliveries had started on the new Vette, [first museum delivery](#) was on March 10, but production was suspended on March 20 and will not resume until at least March 30. According to Barry Engle, GM NA President, [the 2020 model run is sold out](#) with no official announcement on when orders will be opened up for the 2021 model – there is a “leaked” email circulating the internet that says orders will be opened in April, a month earlier than usual. There are lots of YouTube videos of the C8, something to keep you occupied while “social distancing”.

Upcoming Sanctioned Events:

- 7/5 – 10/2020 – [NCCC National Convention](#) – Indianapolis, IN
- 7/17 – 19/2020 – [Great Summer Escape](#) – Phantom Vettes – Ruidoso, NM
- 10/10 – 11/2020 – VVV Monopoly C/S & Rally Weekend – Verde Valley Vettes – Cottonwood.

### PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND REGION EVENTS

Hopefully we will have our next meeting in April.

Stay Safe and Save the Wave

Bob McFarland, NCCC Governor

#### April Birthdays:

Katie Osborne	4/20	Vicki Mendenhall	4/19
		Dick Gozzi	4/20

#### April Anniversaries:

Ron & Katie Osborne	4/2	Chris & Kiersten Cole	4/7
Russ & Vicki Mendenhall	4/19	Dick & Tia Gozzi	4/20

## Verde Valley Vettes February 23, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Annie's Restaurant, 660 E. Mingus Ave. Cottonwood

Jim Dawson, President

Attendance: 13 members

The January minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's report was submitted by the Treasurer, Anne Bauer.

Governor's Report - Bob McFarland

- Check the VVV web site or the latest newsletter for all upcoming events, both sanctioned and non-sanctioned.
- The 2020 Kickoff Event and Governors' Meeting was held the previous week. Bob, Bernie and Connie attended. Next year's Kickoff will be held in Laughlin and will be hosted by Colorado River club.
- Review of the Regional Bylaws is ongoing
- For insurance purposes, waivers need to be signed whenever there is a sanctioned event or competition or a club function.
- The Competition Manual is on the Regional website
- The region is in good shape financially
- A Chair is still needed for the VVV Monopoly and Poker Runs.
- See Bob's report in this month's newsletter for an update on the C8 Vette.

Old Business:

- Jim thanked Bernie for designing the club letterhead. If you need supplies, see Jim.
- Anne Bauer submitted an update on the VVV All Chevy show. The date has now been confirmed for May 16. Flyers have been printed and already given to Big Brothers/ Big Sisters and Larry Green. If you can distribute flyers, please contact Anne. The cost for a DJ for the show is prohibitive but if anyone has a sound system that would suffice please let Anne know.

- BB/BS will have a tent, maybe a banner, or some other type of presentation area with brochures and information about what they do. They are also asking the Bigs to stop by with their kids.
- Club members were asked to begin collecting raffle prizes, door prizes, baskets.
- Invitations will be sent to other car clubs. At the next meeting volunteers will be solicited to assist with the show.
- The next Burger Night will be held at 5:30, March 11, at Robbie's in Rimrock.
- A "Thank you" letter from BB/BS was circulated

New Business

- Those attending the Clarkdale show on March 14 will assemble at the Cottonwood Safeway at 7:30 to caravan to the show.
- \* The Mingus Show is March 21 and volunteers are needed to help with registration, raffle etc.
- \* Larry McCarty and Gregg Law are organizing the Hare and Hound event on April 5. It will be an all-Corvette event. Flyers have been sent to other clubs.
- Bernie needs photos, or new photos, of all members and their Vettes. It is hoped that a group photo can be arranged for submission to Blue Bars since next year is the club's 25th anniversary.
- There was a discussion of alternatives to trophies to reduce costs.

50/50 Drawing won by Judy Dawson

\* Next Meeting: 9:30 AM March 29 at Annie's Restaurant.

Submitted by Tia Gozzi

**\* These events have since been cancelled or postponed – ed.**

**Next meeting is not yet scheduled, and timing will depend on circumstances.**

## WHO NEEDS A TRUCK?

It was spring of '70 and I was taking some friends back to Hotel Del Coronado in the '48 Chevy. It was raining and the pavement on Interstate 5 was slick. There was an accident ahead, I braked gently and the '48 came to a smooth stop, leaving plenty of room between it and the car ahead. A young fellow, driving a brand-new Dodge (still with paper plates), was not paying attention and rammed (Dodge terminology) into the poor Chevy. The '48 suffered a bent bumper, gravel shield and a dented trunk lid, no other damage. The Dodge was not so lucky, with the radiator wrapped around the fan and the engine kissing the front seat, it went to "junkyard heaven". They sure did not build them as they used to ....

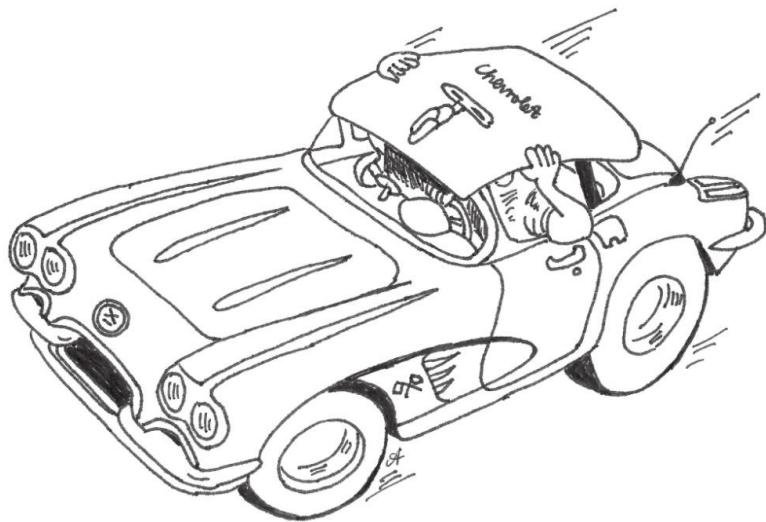
The insurance adjuster for the other guy kept hounding me, wanting to settle. I told him I wanted to wait six months to make sure that none of us suffered the dreaded lawyer's disease called "whiplash". It turned out we were all fine, except for the Chevy. I got enough estimates for how much it would cost to do the repairs, but they all hinged on one factor – IF THEY COULD FIND A REPLACEMENT TRUNK LID. I made many frantic phone calls, even to Los Angeles, but to no avail.

One day my friend Jim and I decided to do some "junk yarding" and see what we could come up with. We took my '59 Corvette (things did not look too promising) so we did not even think how we would carry one home. We cruise down I-5 to South Bay where most of the "yards" were located. We drove from gate to gate, but with no luck. We were almost ready to give up as we cruised down the frontage road to last few auto graveyards. All of a sudden we saw a junkyard wrecker coming the opposite way hauling a '48 Chevy sedan! We swung a "U" and followed the treasure to its destination. Yes, I could have the lid and anything else I wanted, all we had to do is take the stuff off ourselves. That was no problem, the Corvette carried tools, so a few minutes and \$10 later we had it!

But how do we get bit home? The Corvette has a trunk big enough to carry a toothbrush and room for only two people. We came up with a solution – rest the trunk lid on top of the windshield and the roll bar and hang on to it with your life while traveling home on a wild California freeway! Jim clutched the lid on the right side in a death grip while I did the same on the left. Our hopes were that the Corvette would not take up flight with this new "wing" or that the "CHIPS" (California Highway Patrol) would not see us. We were in luck and made it home without a problem. The tale ended with a check from the insurance company that not only paid for the repairs, but also a beautiful paint job at Slim's Foreign Auto Refinishing.

Andy





Thanks to Andy Keksis for this article.

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