

Welcome to the Verde Valley Vettes
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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).

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. Jude's 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 or call 928-282-1718.**

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Happy New Year! And a joyous January. Our next meeting will be a ZOOM meeting and will be on Sunday, January 31st at 11:00 am. I will send the Zoom meeting link beginning at 10:45 AM on the day of the meeting. That should give everyone time to log in and say hi before the meeting begins. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom there are several good videos on YouTube that will explain it very well.

In anticipation of a highly effective Covid-19 vaccine and an improving outlook on pandemic relief, we should schedule our events and outings for 2021. If things do not improve, we can always postpone or cancel. We will discuss events and outings at the meeting.

I have seen two Corvette C-8's in Cottonwood recently. I don't know who owns them. They could be someone from Larry Green's or visitors to the area. Do any of our members know of anyone locally who might have purchased one? I will be purchasing one for Judy and one for me.....as soon as I win the lottery.

I am looking forward to seeing you all again. It has been too long since we broke bread together. Looking forward to our next "Burger Night".

Be proud of your Corvette, be proud of you club. Please stay HEALTHY.

Jim Dawson, Pres.



Governor's Report

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season and are looking forward to a better and brighter new year.

I only have a couple of items to report on as there are no upcoming events on the calendar for this year and only one sanctioned event that was actually held in 2020.

The Sierra Vista club was able to hold their annual Corvette Thunder weekend event in November, although they had to cancel the autocross events. I understand they had a good time with a couple of “socially distanced” dinners and socials, a PC Car Show and three chance rallies (I haven't listed the results as no one from our club attended the event). It was great that they were able to hold this event under the difficult current circumstances.

Just a reminder that there are four tire raffles, starting in February, to support St Jude Children's Research Hospital, our national charity. Details can be found on the NCCC web site.

Hopefully, we will have some news on upcoming events in the near future.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CLUB AND ROADRUNNER REGION EVENTS – WHEN WE HAVE ANY

Stay Safe and Save the Wave

Bob McFarland, NCCC Governor

From the Editor

You may notice that this newsletter is not in the same format you are accustomed to seeing. Due to attrition, with the sole exception of Larry Green Chevrolet, those few who had been receiving a printed copy of the newsletter are no longer members. Having to create a printed version along with the pdf version created more work in that I had to reformat the newsletter to be printed. Therefore, a printed version of the newsletter will no longer be available, and I am going to develop a new format for future use. I will arrange for Dave Connors at Larry Green to receive a copy. Consequently, I am not going to seek “sponsors” for the newsletter as there will be no copying or mailing costs incurred and local businesses are suffering financially.

I am including a separate attachment that is the January 2021 member contact list. To print it as a booklet, set the output for your printer to duplex (print on both sides) and to flip pages on the short side. If your printer does not have the capability to print on both sides, print only the first page and reinsert the page so that it prints on the reverse before printing page two. Or you can just print the first page and skip printing the cover on the reverse side.

February Birthdays:

Tia Gozzi - 2/16 Rod Rosenbarger – 2/16

February Anniversary:

Gregg Law & Anne Bauer – 2/1

A TRIBUTE TO LARRY MCCARTY by Ron Osborne

On October 12, 2020 shortly after 1: PM I lost a very dear friend, and our community lost a very special person.

I first became acquainted with Larry McCarty back in 1966 when he threw rocks at me for driving too fast past his house where his little girls were playing in the yard. I never knew about the rocks until years later but had no doubt he did just that because ... well ... that was Larry, and no doubt, I was driving too fast.

Larry and I became good friends in 1975 when we were members of a local car club back in Iowa. I would admire his 1967 Corvette and we would talk cars and enjoy special car events and get together. Of course, his '67 Corvette was not in good shape when he got it, so he rebuilt it into a show car that he and his wife, Donna, would take on long cruises and race events even on frozen lakes in Minnesota.

In the 45 plus years I have been friends with Larry I have seen many close calls where he was injured from either motorcycle crashes, car mishaps or work-related accidents. These stories are nearly endless. One time Larry and I had a discussion about his close calls, and the thing he said that I remember most was "When I'm done there won't be many usable parts left", and that was how he lived.

We all know Larry as a person with a talent to build things seemingly out of nothing but a pile of junk, and the projects would come out looking better than new. I considered Larry to be a very fine artist/ sculptor. A few years ago, he built a street rod from scratch - that means from the frame to the finished product. I don't know anyone else that could singlehandedly accomplish such a feat especially with no feeling in his legs. I,

for one, considered Larry a genius when it came to setting up the geometry without any modern equipment.

Even more than his gift of restoring cars, trucks and old gas pumps, Larry was a giver. In all the years I knew him he had a passion for giving back and helping others in need. He would be the first in line to help or just organize the task of helping others. His overwhelming desire to assist and help others was most apparent when it came to the needs of children. Larry believed in helping create wonderful positive memories whenever he could for children. A few years ago, Larry presented an idea to the local Corvette club to give back to the community by helping children in the local Big Brothers/Big Sisters have a Christmas with Christmas presents. This idea was approved by the club members, and Larry set out to organize a spring car show and fall rally to raise money with 100% of the proceeds going to buy presents for as many as twenty-six children who otherwise would not be having much of a Christmas. This became an annual event that would have never happened if not for the desire and determination from Larry to get the ball rolling. Through his efforts more than twenty thousand dollars have been raised and given back to the community children. When I talked with him a week before he passed, he was trying to work out a way for these children to have a Christmas this year with all that's going on. He wanted smiles on the children's faces. He never wanted recognition for his giving back this was just the way he was, and it meant as much or more to him to give as it did to those he helped.

I never knew Larry to be any different in the past 45 plus years - he was always just Larry. He was an excellent example of a good father and a best friend who gave back to others and lived every day. He will be and is missed."