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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

November/December 2022



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**Meeting Schedule:** First Thursday of each month, except when otherwise noted.

**Location:** Discovery Bay Yacht Club

**Board Meeting:** 6:30 PM

**General Meeting:** Meeting 7:30 PM

**All members are urged to attend the meetings and guests are always welcome!**

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**Next Meeting: January 5th, 2023**

# President - Dave Peck

Hello everyone:

I know you are reading this in early January, but for me it's coming up on the holidays, so Merry Christmas and a Happy, Happy 2023.

Last weekend we had the annual DBCC Christmas luncheon. The event was at Smith's Landing in Antioch. Beautiful place and excellent food. We had a Christmas Corvette trivia contest and at the end the game was tied by two couples. The Cernera's and Montgomery's. Ralph and Bill answered the 5-tie breaker questions, and again ended in a tie. The game was decided in the end by a coin flip. ( I was out of questions, and they were out of patience.) The winner was Ralph Cernera taking home the Grand Prize of a gorgeous Christmas basket that Karen Murphy provided. The event was a lot of fun, and it was nice to see members who have not been around in a while.



As is our tradition, we asked each member to bring an unwrapped toy or gift card for our annual toy drive. All the donations support the Delta Community Service Agency, and the Brentwood Community Chest. Everything they collect stays here in our area. I want to thank all of you who supported this cause again this year. We are all so blessed to live here in this wonderful place and be with such good friends at this time of year, it just makes it that much more special to help someone who is less fortunate and give them a bit of Christmas joy. Again, thank you all for your generous support.



I am very excited about the coming year. Karen is putting together a full calendar of events with some new Destinations and a few old favorites. Shari has been able to bring in several new members in 2022 so our membership is strong going into the new year. Things look very good going forward for DBCC. In closing I would like to thank the Board of Directors for all their hard work and commitment this past year. They do so much behind the scenes to make this club what it is. It is an honor and a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated group.

I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday season and a high octane, horsepower driven 2023.

C-Ya Down the Road!!!

Dave Peck

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# Secretary- Bill Montgomery

## DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DATE: 11-3-22

**Call to Order: Time:** 7:33 pm by Dave Peck at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Bilge Room

33 Members present. 0 Guests present

**President's Report (Dave Peck):** Dave started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no new guests tonight. Badges were presented to Roeland and Karen deSterke. This is our last meeting of the year.

**Vice President's Report (Shari):** (not present, no report)

**Treasurer's Report (Brian Enbom):** Brian reported the bank account balance (see BOD Minutes for amount). Time to renew your membership. Letter and application sent out earlier this week. Renewal is due December 1st, and is delinquent on December 31st. (note that the first email to the Membership failed so a new one went out the day after this meeting.)

The Club sponsorship was renewed. Lowell talked to ABLE Chevrolet, and ABLE agreed to sponsor the DBCC for another year and gave the Club a generous donation to help with ongoing expenses. Members will continue to get favorable pricing for service work at ABLE, so please use their services. They have some of the best Corvette mechanics in the Area.

Zelle was discussed as a potential method of payment, but since our Club is a non-profit, they won't set us up with an account. Now looking into Venmo as a possible method.

**Secretary's Report (Bill Montgomery):** Please sign the sign-in sheet.

The results of the recently held Bylaws vote were; out of 91 ballots issued, there were 37 votes made, and the results were YES by a 95% margin. The measure was passed. The new Bylaws are now posted in the members only section of the website.

Call for approval of last meeting minutes from the October meeting (see October Newsletter). Motion to approve made by Brian Enbom and seconded by Nancy O'Brien. All in favor – yes. Motion approved and carried.

Standing rules were discussed and were released to be posted in the Members Only section of the website. New 'Clings' are available for the 2024 Caravan from Don Herzer, the Pacific West Caravan Leader. Go to the NCM (National Corvette Museum) website and look under Caravan for details. The clings are \$10 and the funds are used to offset Don's expenses in setting up this caravan.

**Events Report (Karen Murphy):**\*November run is to Morris Nursery in Riverbank. Date is Nov. 5th, at 9am at Chase Bank. \*Christmas parade coming up the first Saturday of December (Dec. 3rd). \*Tammy Guth has formed a committee to go with the Cowboy theme for the DB Christmas Parade. 6 Corvettes so far, and 1 truck. Need to find out where to send money. \*The Christmas luncheon and toy drive will be coming up on December 11th at Smiths Landing in Antioch. Pricing to be \$50/pp or \$40/pp if paid early. See flyer for details and for the donations that we are hoping everyone participates in. 10% off Target gift certificates on December 3rd and 4th, about a week before our luncheon. \*Cars and Clutches this Saturday, 8-10am  
Run ideas for 2023:

\*Bowling, \*Go-Carts, \*Bocce- DBYC, \*Blackhawk Museum, \*Dutra Museum, \*Disney Museum in SF, \*Merrill Gardens / Westmont, \*Cars and Coffee, \*East CC County History Museum, \*Wineries near Brentwood or Lodi, \*Oakdale Cheese, \*Elk Grove Casino, \*Gimmick Run – Ralph is going to put this together again, \*Mystery Run, \*Runs with Corvettes of Lodi, \*Griff's in Copperopolis, \*Boathouse, \*2023 Inaugural – Ed working on location, \*Angels Camp (overnight?)

**Public Relations Report (Jenifer Montgomery):** Working on fixing the Club Facebook page, or taking it down. It is a mess. Target gift certificates for donations at our December luncheon are 10% off the December 3rd and 4th before our luncheon.

**Quarter Master Report (Nancy O'Brien):** Nancy has samples of women's shirts for sizing. Decals are available for \$5 each. Logo decals are available for \$1 each.

**Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera):** Newsletter, Bylaws and Standing Rules are now posted to the Club website.

**Publication's Report (Laura Hardt):** (not present – no report), Be sure to send Laura your photos of Club events, and also of personal outings and vacations.

**WSCC Report (Tim Denham):** For those that want to remain members of the WSCC, please be sure to renew by 12/31/22. Go to the WSCC website. If you are currently a WSCC member, and most people are in our club are, then they should be sending you a renewal notice. Tim reported that the Museum in Motion (MIM) event recently held in Oregon was a success, and the MIM is planning another run out west next year.

**Sunshine Report (Connie Miller):** Connie reported that Roy Brett and Amy Pera and Jenifer Montgomery are doing much better. Snacks for November Meeting are: Joanne Onstadt, Connie Miller and Karen Murphy. Snacks for January meeting will be: TBD. Connie sent around a snack list signup for 2023. Upcoming birthdays were announced as published in the recent Newsletter.

**NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt):** The NCM Museum has announced that the Corvette factory/plant tours will start up again at the end of this year. Tours stopped in 2017. Tickets go on sale Nov 1st. Z06 production on standstill at this time. Regular Stingrays at being produced. Dave mentioned that he has finished his car, by adding a clear engine cover, and carbon fiber accessories. Car can do a launch in 2.8 seconds, 0-60.

**Board Member at Large Report (Ed O'Brien):** Ed is looking for a place for the next Inaugural in 2023, and would like our ideas. Some ideas so far are Reno or Sacramento. Murphy's was also mentioned.

**Old Business:** Update Sponsorship – Dave's report. PA system now available and working for our meetings.

**New Business:** None

**Close:** No December meeting. 50/50 Raffle: Won by Tammie (\$47, split 50/50).

Motion to close by Tim D., 2nd by Dave Guth. Motion approved and carried.

**Meeting adjourned by Dave Peck @ 8:24 pm**



# Morris Nursery run! 11/5/22







## *Happy New Year Discovery Bay Corvette Club!*

### 2023 Anniversary Milestones

#### 5 Years

**Roy and Elaine Brett**

**Wes Cernera**

#### 10 Years

**Roger and Mary Hodel**

**Al and Paula Sauvadon**

#### 15 Years

**Trudy de Leon**

#### 20 Years

**David and Danica Harris**

#### 30 Years

**Lowell and Joanne Onstad**

A warm welcome to all the members that have joined this year:



Lance Austin joined our club in February as soon as he got his new C8 from the factory in Bowling Green. He actually texted me while he was getting the introduction to all the bells and whistles on his car as they had it live on video. He has been a personal friend for 8 or 9 years and we are so glad he is in our club.



Tammie and Carl Guth became members in April when they bought Mat and Diane Mathews Yellow C7 Corvette and quickly recruited them to become members. Dave and I have known them for years as well when we used to boat together with the yacht club. As you can see, she is a go getter and quickly took charge of the Discovery Bay Land Parade for our club. Unfortunately, the weather was pretty bad, so Dave and I dropped out, but those die hard's still participated. You go Tammie! Thanks for your spirit and participation!



Kathleen and Rick Craig came to their first meeting in May and Rick asked the club if we go on road trips and caravan together, we all said yes, and he said, "We are in!". Since then, they have been participating in our runs and Rick has been to all the Cars and Coffee shows as well as our Serendipity car show.



Wendy and Dean Geary joined in May – I actually stalked Wendy! Dave and I saw their car on Bixler one day and we thought what a great paint job as we loved the red stripes. Later that same week I was on Bixler again and was behind the same car. When it turned to go into Lakeshore development I followed it all the way to their house, which happens to be one street over from our house. I pulled up in front of their house and met Wendy. I actually said, I promise I'm not a stalker, but I really like your Corvette, have you thought about joining the Discovery Bay Corvette Club? She said yes and the rest is history!



Diane and Mat Mathews – Dave and I have known them for years, boating with them on the delta with the yacht club. You don't have to think twice about Diane's drink of choice with their boat named "Champagne Lady"! I look forward to seeing them in their C8 and going on runs with us. Unfortunately, they haven't been to a meeting for me to present their badges, but I'm hoping they will be at our January meeting



Karen and Roeland de Sterke—We heard about the Corvette club at Cars and Coffee! You told us about it! The first event we went to was lunch at Griffs! It was your birthday! It was a lot of fun! You can find Roeland around town with his landscaping business or helping maintain their church property. I'm always getting XOXOs from Karen on her texts .

# Thank you!

*"I would like to thank the club for the beautiful plant dish for your condolences on my Mom's passing. I really appreciate the kind thoughts. Thank you very much. Debbie Gatt "*

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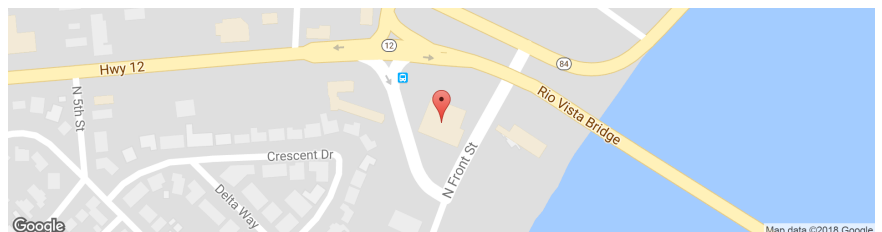


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# Discovery Bay Street Parade!



12/3/22





# Christmas Luncheon!

12/11/22







# Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!

Diane Enbom at Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico and the Grand Canyon!



Members having fun at Cal Virgin!



Roger Hodel in Cape Town South Africa!



Laura Hardt at Diego Rivera's Exhibition!



Laura Hardt at the Pittsburg Yacht Club's Commodores Day Cruise Out!



# Sunshine - Connie Miller



## **November Sunshine Report**

I have good positive news to report.

Amy Pera is getting out and about and is feeling more and more positive as she feels better. Watch for her and her artistic creations in the December light parade.

Roy Brett's use of his hand continues to improve. He looks forward to his final surgery on Thursday, December 17th.

Sending Rays of Sunshine to everyone for continued good health and happiness and wishing you a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Hoping to see you all at the Christmas Luncheon at Smith's Landing.

If you know anyone in need of extra sunshine, or celebrating something special, please call or text me at: 408-340-3166

## **December Sunshine Report**

It saddens me to tell you that Debbie Gatt's Mother passed away recently. A card was sent to Debbie as well as a special Christmas Cactus that will bloom every Christmas reminding her of her dear Mother's love.

Roy Brett's hand and wrist continues to heal, but unfortunately, he was in an automobile accident and broke his other arm. Elaine continues to be his loving reliable nurse.

Charlie Wheeler broke his ankle while working on the street parade float. He was doing real well, but it wasn't healing properly, so it was operated on. He reported that he is doing well.

Charlie and Cheryl are engaged. In front of a packed crowd at the Yacht Club's change of Watch, Charlie Wheeler went down on his knee and held out a ring and proposed to Cheryl Fleb'ut. The crowd was elated. Congratulations Charlie & Cheryl.

December Sunshine cards were sent to Roy, Charlie, Gina and Debbie.

Delicious January snacks are by Cheryl Fleb'ut and Tammie Guth.

Scheduled for February are Karen Denham and Mary Hodel. Thank you Ladies!



## **A Farwell from our Sunshine Connie Miller**

It has been an honor and a pleasure acting as Sunshine representative. Unfortunately, at this time I find it necessary to resign from this position. I apologize for any delays in communication with members these last few months. I'll always care and send my own quiet sunshine when needed. I wish you all a wonderful, happy, and healthy 2023 with Lots of Sunshine.



Ed O'Brien 11/14   Amy Pera 11/25   Sandy Mize 11/29



Loretta Parker 12/8   Judy Young 12/9   Jack Pera 12/10  
Jerry Hardt 12/30



Susan Lucas 1/3   Trudy de Leon 1/5   Rhonda Stark 1/8   Ken Lucas 1/8  
Kristen Rupnik 1/19   Carol Wilson 1/21   Gina Bischofberger 1/27  
Connie Miller 1/29   Paul Bischofberger 1/29   Jerry Zechmeister 1/30  
Paul Bischofberger 1/31



Tami Lopez 2/1   Nancy O'Brien 2/5   David Harris 2/13  
Patti Brunetto 2/14   Rich Allen 2/22   Wendy Geary 2/23

## Corvette to Launch as a Brand in 2025 with a Four-Door and an SUV

These new EV spinoffs will reportedly aim to distill the "essence of Corvette" in terms of design and driving dynamics.

The next move for GM with its valued Corvette nameplate will be to launch a Corvette subbrand.

It will include a four-door "coupe" and a sporty high-performance crossover to partner with the upcoming two-seater Corvette EV.

The new Corvette lineup will be positioned well above its rivals, such as a future trio of electric Mustangs. What's in a name? When you are a carmaker, the answer is: everything. Arguably, people buy a BMW or a Benz at least as much for the name as for the car itself, and the same goes for Corvette. In terms of brand value, Corvette is among the auto industry's most heralded and valued nameplates, and yet it currently only pulls a small percentage of the potentially huge profit. But according to those in the know, this is going to change.

We have already seen the new Z06, and there are several more versions of the C8 still to come, including a possible E-Ray hybrid, the revived ZR1 and the even more extreme Zora hybrid named after Zora Arkus-Duntov, father of the original C1. There's also a Corvette EV on the horizon slated to use GM's Ultium architecture.

Step two of GM's Corvette brand strategy is even more ambitious and far-reaching. Starting in 2025, GM plans to launch a Corvette brand that will also include a sleek four-door coupe and a brawny crossover. Both of these future new Vettes will be EVs.

Sports cars are useful image builders and sometimes very profitable, but as Porsche proved in the early 2000s with the Cayenne SUV, there's a lot of profit to be made stretching the brand into other vehicle segments. Played intelligently and with authenticity, the name Corvette should be a license to print money. At a point in time when Ferrari and Maserati and Porsche are all offering one or more SUVs—the antithesis to the hard-core sports cars that put them on the map in the first place—why shouldn't Corvette also consider building sedans, crossovers or, heaven forbid, even pickups?



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