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Newsletter of the Discovery Bay Corvette Club

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In Loving Memory Al Sauvadon



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

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President - Dave Peck

Merry Christmas.

Well, I know it's over, but I like saying it. I hope everyone had a great time with friends and family. Our Christmas was pretty quiet. I was down with some sort of evil bug. Lots of stuff going around.

The New Year is upon us. Time to get ready for a fun 2024 with the Club. I just wanted to thank the outgoing Board for all their hard work over the last two years.

We got some good things accomplished, and I think the Club is in a very good place going forward.

The incoming Board has a lot of experience as well as some new people with new ideas and perspectives. We are in very good hands.

I would also like to thank all the members of DBCC. All your kind words, suggestions and support made this job seem easy and enjoyable. It's a great group and we're all lucky to be able to hang around together, enjoying something we all love.

Happy and Healthy 2024!!!!

C-Ya Down the Road....

Dave Peck

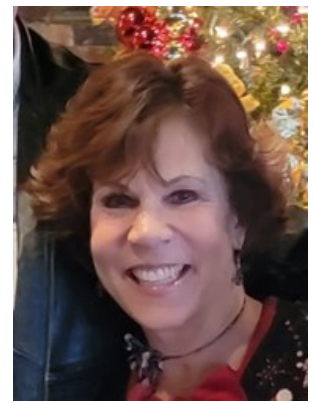
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***A BIG THANK YOU to Our
2023 President
Dave Peck!***



President's Message



Hello DBCC Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your friends and families and I want to wish you all the best in the upcoming new year. I also want to wish all the best to Dave as our Member at Large and outgoing President. He did a fantastic job and will do a great job in mentoring the incoming board. I had a great time as your VP of Membership, as we gained a lot of great members in the past two years that have also become great friends. We have two additional board members that I want to welcome, Diana Cernera has offered to be the interim Sunshine person and Lisa Walker has accepted the position of Public Relations. We now have a complete board of directors!

We had our annual Christmas luncheon at Cap's this year and I thought they did a good job on the food and keeping us warm and hydrated. We had a couple of fun games hosted by our favorite game host, Denise Zupan! Thank you Denise, it was great to see you and Mark at the party all the way from Idaho. You will always be welcome as guests. We definitely miss you both! I think everyone had a blast seeing how badly our pictures looked on our paper plates. Congratulations to all the winners from each table. A special shout out to Trudi DeLeon for being the master at swinging her hips to get the ball in the cup consistently and winning the grand prize of an oil change at Abel!

I want to thank the club members for all the toys and gift cards that help support the Brentwood Community Chest. It is such a good cause as everything donated stays here locally.

I am very excited about the upcoming year with my new and longtime board members. As always, Karen Murphy strives to bring you fun and unique runs for our club. Please reach out to her for your ideas, she can follow up and make the arrangements.

As for Dave and I, our Corvette had its one year Vette-a-versary on Christmas Eve. It's always going to be hard to top that present for us both.

I'm looking forward to a great year with fun runs and good times with great friends.

Shari



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Secretary- Bill Montgomery

DBCC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES DATE: 11-2-23

Call to Order: Time: 7:33pm by Dave Peck at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club, Bilge Room. 27 Members present. 1 Guests present.

President's Report (Dave Peck): Dave started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. *Honor Bar – Bar upstairs to be used by DBCC members for now until we get someone RBS trained. The Club will pay for training. See the standing rules for further details. Downstairs Honor Bar to remain closed until further notice.

Vice President's Report (Shari): Working on anniversaries for the Christmas Party. 25/30 year badges will be distributed at the Inaugural.

Treasurer's Report (Brian Enbom): Brian reported on the amount of money in the account. (See BOD minutes for amount)

Secretary's Report (Bill Montgomery): Please sign the sign-in sheet. *Call for approval of last meeting minutes from the October 5th meeting (see October Newsletter). Motion to approve made by Rich B, and seconded by Rick W.. All in favor – yes. Anyone opposed? No. Motion approved and carried. Minutes passed as published. *Bill mentioned that the 2024 NCM Caravan started registration yesterday. Flyers were in the DiscoVette newsletter this month. We will have a brief meeting after the General Meeting tonight. For more information, go to <https://www.corvettecaravan.com/ca-northern/> and pre-register with Don Herzer, Pacific Central Captain (corvdon@wsccpubs.net). *Bill stated (with details of the changes listed) that the Standing Rules and ByLaws were under review by the BOD. Approval of these changes will occur under the new Board in 2024. Membership will need to vote on the ByLaw changes at that time. *Merrill Gardens show this coming Saturday. Have about 14 Corvettes. Meet at 10:45am at Merrill parking lot.

Events Report (Karen Murphy): Run ideas for the remainder of 2023: **November:** Merrill Gardens BBQ and Car Display on November 4th weather permitting. (Bill coordinating this). Flyer has been distributed. 2023 Inaugural – Scheduled for November 11th, 2023. Individual pricing to be \$61 for Chicken and \$68pp for Steak, if paid for by October 20th, otherwise the prices increase by \$25pp each. (O'Briens are coordinating this event)

December: The Pecks and O'Briens will be in charge of the Christmas Luncheon. It will be at Caps on Dec. 10th. Cost to be \$53pp. Discovery Bay Christmas Parade is Dec. 2nd. No plans for the Club to participate at this time. Hot Dog party at the Yacht Club in December. Sabbatical Distillery run on November 2nd. Flyer coming soon.

Other: Possible runs to Morris Nursery, Bocce in Clayton, Go Carts, Disney Museum, and Cobra Museum.

Run ideas for 2024: **January:** Looking for Bowling event. Possible overnight runs to be considered.

Some discussion by the BOD regarding a trip to Evergreen Lodge near Yosemite and a Dunsmuir trip in February (need a leader).

Public Relations Report (Jenifer Montgomery): (no report) (not present)

Quarter Master Report (Nancy O'Brien): Nancy thanked the membership for the orders. Nancy mentioned that we made \$592 on the sale of model cars and that 'Thanks You's' were going out. \$163 of that money went to the DBC Foundation. \$439 is going to Steve Walde as a donation.

Webmaster Report (Ralph Cernera):(no report) (not present)

Publication's Report (Laura Hardt): Be sure to send Laura your photos of Club events, and also of personal outings and vacations. Also send photos of your Halloween costumes and of Al Sauvadon. Laura's email is: corvettenewsletter@hotmail.com.

WSCC Report (Tim Denham): WSCC — See list of events on their website. There will be a December 7th WSCC meeting that Tim will attend. There are no dues needed for 2024 if you are already a member.

Sunshine Report (Sandy Ramos): Snacks for November meeting are: Lisa Williams and Sandy Ramos. Snacks for January meeting TBD.

NCM Ambassador Report (Dave Gatt): (Not present) (no report)

Board Member at Large Report (Ed O'Brien): See Old Business for Inaugural. Ed mentioned that there will be a breakfast at the DBYC the morning after the Inaugural at 10am. Let Ed know if you are interested. No money needed ahead of time. You will order and pay off the menu.

Old Business: The Inaugural will be on November 11th, 2023. The Inaugural will be at the Discovery Bay Country Club. Flyer was issued in Newsletter and is posted on website. Marilyn Allen is leading the decorations for the Inaugural and mentioned that help is needed to set up for the Inaugural starting at about 3pm on November 11th. *The 35th DBCC Anniversary is coming up next summer. A Committee is being formed, lead by Karen M. and Cheryl F. has volunteered to help. Looking for 3 other volunteers.

New Business: Final Positions for the 2024-2025 Board are:

WSCC Rep: OPEN.

Publications: Laura Hardt said she would continue.

Webmaster: Ralph Cernera said he would continue.

Quartermaster: Nancy O'Brien said she would continue.

Public Relations: OPEN. (editor note: after the Inaugural, Lisa Walker accepted this position.)

Events: Karen Murphy said she would continue.

Secretary: Bill Montgomery will continue as Secretary.

Treasurer: Lisa Williams is our new Treasurer.

Vice President: Tim Denham is our new Vice President.

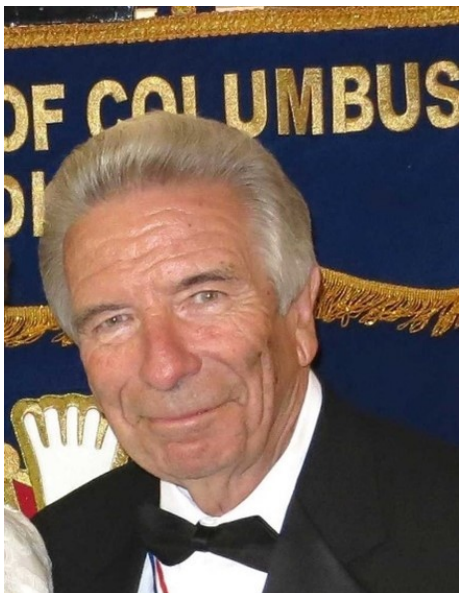
President: Shari Peck is our new President.

Close: 50/50 Raffle: Won by Sean Murphy (\$70 pot) split 50/50, so Sean gets \$35. The other half goes to the Club account to help fund social events. *Motion to close by Mary H., 2nd by Karen D. The motion was approved and carried. *Dave thanked the membership and BOD for the success of his 2 year run as president.

No Meeting in December.

Meeting adjourned by Dave Peck at 8:08pm





AL SAUVADON

With great sadness, California Association of School Transportation Officials sadly announced the passing of Life Member, Al Sauvadon on Friday, October 20, 2023, in Discovery Bay, California. Al was an integral part of the California school bus industry.

Al's achievements in his career and personal life have made him the person we adored and loved. Even though he struggled at a young age to learn English and to become a true American, he became a prominent speaker in the pupil transportation industry where he has made his career. After 31 years, Al retired as Director of Operations and

Transportation for the Lucia Mar School District on the Central Coast in California. He went on to become the West Coast Administrative Vice President for Student Transportation of America (STA) and was currently Public Relations Administrator for STA until his death. Al also spent many years with the California Highway Patrol as a volunteer community officer in San Luis Obispo County. Al proudly served in the United States Air Force as a young man which taught him of being the man we knew today.

CASTO members and school bus drivers who have encountered Al will always remember his kind and humorous personality who really cared about the school bus driver and the children who rode the yellow school bus.

Al was the State President of CASTO for three terms: 1981-1983 and 1986-1987. He also sat on the State Board of Directors for many more years.

During the 1991 Annual State Conference in San Luis Obispo, Al was honored to receive the highest recognition in CASTO: the LIFE MEMBER AWARD. He always wore his Life Member pin proudly on his lapel (over his heart) at every CASTO event, including the most recent state conference in Burbank, California in February 2023.

Al received the Fred Sowash Award (the founding father of the CDE Instructor Program) in 2011. On a side note, Al was very proud to say he graduated from Class #2 of the California Bus Driver Instructor Program. Al continued to attend the California State Instructor Program graduations as a cheerleader for the new generation. Al was honored to be invited back to CDE year-after-year to teach as a visiting educator at the Transportation Administrators Program.

School Bus Drivers would recognize Al as the Keynote speaker at many chapter workshops or hearing his voice as the emcee at the Annual School Bus Safety Rodeos for over 25 years.

Al loved the American sport car "the Chevrolet Corvette". He has owned five and enjoyed all of them. His passion for this American icon began in the 1950's upon his arrival to the United States from France and has

lasted to this day. One of his favorite pastimes is to drive his “Corvette” along California Highway 1 (Coast Highway), with the top down, and with his wife Paula sitting beside him singing Elvis Presley tunes. This was a big part of his American Dream. He adored and loved Paula with all his heart.

Al was a religious man (a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus) and attended mass regularly. He is also an enthusiastic community participant, belonging to numerous local and civic organizations. He was very patriotic and extremely conservative regarding the military, law enforcement, and national security, Al is a loyal American citizen and believes that the United States is the greatest country in the world.

Al is survived by his wife Paula and son Gary, daughters Terri, Michelle, and Anna (son George and daughter Susie passed away at an early age in their lives). He also is survived by four-grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

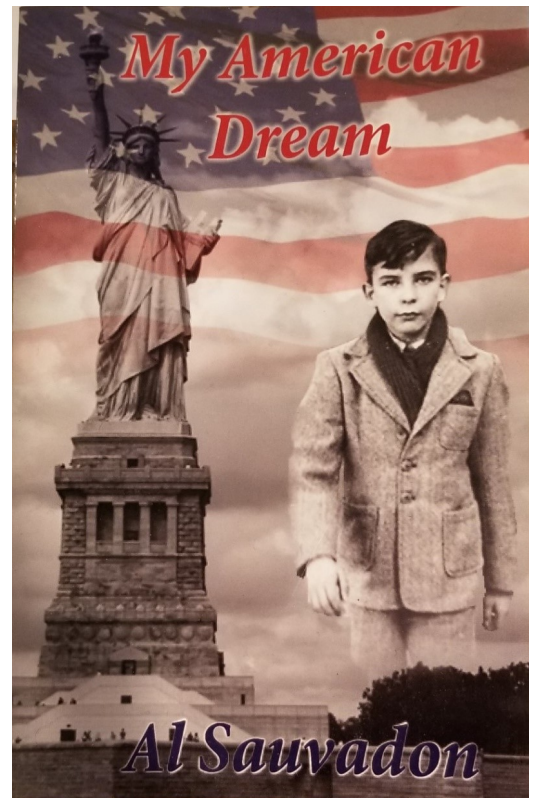
CASTO and the school bus community are honored to have Al be part of our lives and honored to have him make the yellow school bus the “American Tradition”. Al made the betterment of many people’s career. We will miss you Al!

Al was laid to rest at the Dixon United States National Cemetery with full military honors.



Al Sauvadon's Book!

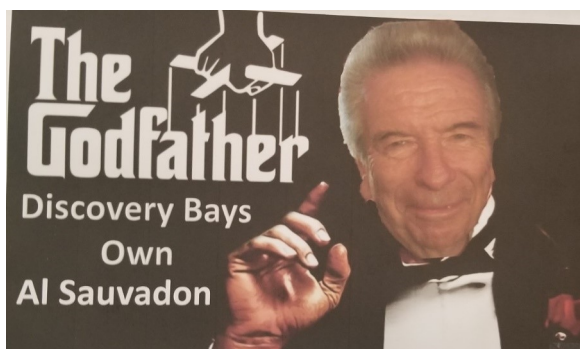
Al Sauvadon published a story of his youth “MY AMERICAN DREAM”. An immigrant from France, Al recounts the migration of his family into the United States with a story of his father, a French Underground, and his heroic efforts to get WWII American soldiers out of Southern France when it was Nazi occupied. A promise from a US Soldier to reunite and bring the French family to the US was fulfilled and the “dream” began.

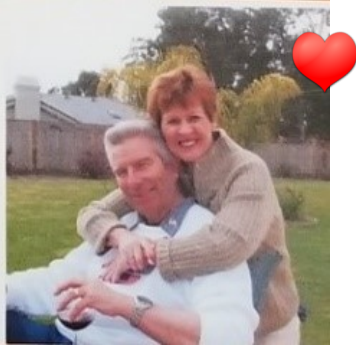
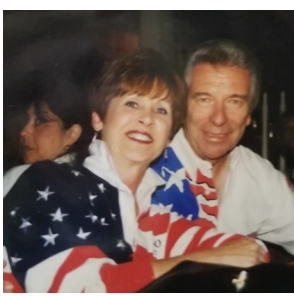


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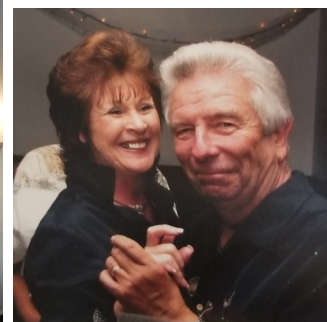
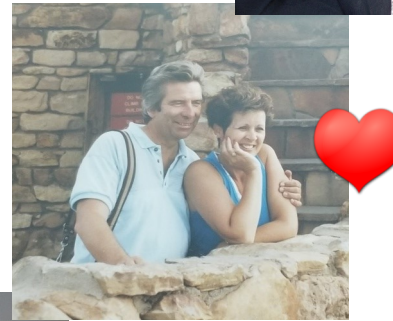
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Merrill Gardens

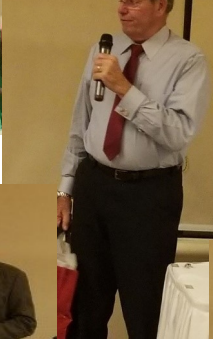
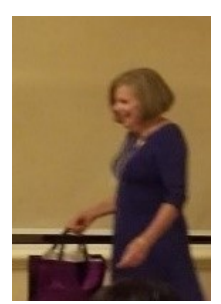
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Sunshine - Sandy Ramos



It was heartbreaking and very sad to hear of the passing on October 20, 2023 of Al Sauvadon, a wonderful, kind and spirited Corvette member. Al loved driving his Corvette with Paula by his side. I also remember the two of them enjoying themselves often on the dance floor. Probably the last time many of us saw Al was at Laura Hardt's birthday party, and he was smiling and appeared to be in good spirits. He was a true gentleman and patriot and will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to Paula and their family.

Our sympathy also to the Diane Enbom and her family for the passing of Diane's mother. Wishing them strength and comfort.

Also condolences to Joe Pimentel and his family in the passing of Joe's brother. Hoping that they find comfort in their good memories.

Lowell Onstad came home from the hospital on Sunday, November 12th, after his back surgery and an extended stay due to some complications. Meanwhile, Joanne entered the hospital on that same Sunday and will be there for a few days. One of their daughters stepped in to stay with Lowell until Joanne is released from the hospital. We wish them both quick healing and bright days ahead.

We have not seen Gina Bischofberger for an extended period of time because she has been dealing with several issues, one of which is severe back problems. She has been in and out of the hospital, and we are hoping she is now home and recovering. Our very best to you, Gina.

Stay safe and healthy.



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



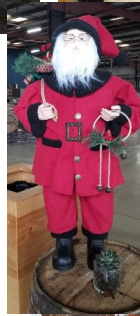
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Jackie Daley 12/17 Judy Young 12/9 Jerry Hardt 12/30



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Rhonda Stark 1/8 Gina Bischofberger 1/27
Jenifer Montgomery 1/29 Jerry Zechmeister 1/30
Paul Bischofberger 1/31 Connie Miller 1/31

Sabbatical Distillery Run! 12/2/23





Discovery Bay Corvette Members Having Fun!

Karen Murphy's C6 at the Delta Valley Athletic Club Trunk or Treat!



Members having fun at the Discovery Bay Yacht Club's Change of Watch!



Congratulations to Rich Allen
for being selected as the
2024 Commodore!



Publications- Laura Hardt

Hi everyone!

This issue is being dedicated to Al Sauvadon. The next issue will include the Christmas Luncheon pictures, anniversary milestones and club history information.

There are certain people that touch your heart and stay with you forever, Al was one of those people. Both Jerry and I will always remember his kind heart and uplifting spirit.

I got to know Al better when he became our Event board member. He did a fantastic job and continued to create many more amazing events. One of those events that I really loved was the CHP Run held on 9/8/17. We were able to see CHP high speed maneuvering which showcased their expert skills and abilities. We also had a delicious lunch and even had awesome pictures taken. After the CHP tour, we were able to learn about the State's bus operation by the Director of Transportation, Al and Paula's daughter, Anna Borges. It was a fabulous presentation, very interesting and educational.



I was so happy Al and Paula attended my birthday and cancer free celebration on 7/22/23. I loved seeing them together and seeing their intense love.

Thank you Al for being so special! We will always remember and love you!

Sending Hugs and Prayers to Al and Paula's family.





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