



Pomona Valley Corvette Association Frequently Asked Questions and Information

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FAQ:

Q – Do I need to own a Corvette to join/be a member of Pomona Valley Corvette Association (PVCA)?

A – Yes

Q – Do I need to own a Corvette when I renew membership?

A – Generally yes. If you are waiting for a new one to arrive or are looking for a ‘replacement’ of a previous Corvette you will be allowed to renew.

Q – Where does the club meet and can I bring a guest?

A – Pomona Valley Corvette Association meets every second and fourth Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Come earlier for dinner and/or to socialize. Location: Garden Square, 1401 Foothill Blvd. La Verne, CA. The restaurant is on the Northeast corner of Foothill Blvd and Wheeler.

You may bring guests to any meeting/event, however as per current bylaws “Any individual that would otherwise qualify to be a member of PVCA and has decided not to join PVCA shall be permitted to attend only two events listed on the PVCA calendar in any twelve month period”. This is to ensure fair and equitable treatment to all ‘paying’ members.

Q – How much are dues?

A – The annual dues of PVCA are sixty dollars (\$60.00) for a single member. The annual dues for a spouse or significant other are forty dollars (\$40.00). A portion of the dues is to be used to enroll member(s) into N.C.C.C. If a member belongs to another N.C.C.C. club and has already paid his/her N.C.C.C dues through that club then PVCA dues are reduced to thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for a single member and thirty dollars (\$30.00) for a spouse or significant other. There is also a onetime \$20 per member ‘initiation’ fee to cover initial administrative costs – name badges, etc.

Q – When are dues payable?

A – The deadline for renewing your membership is the 1st meeting in November for the next calendar year. Provided you have paid your dues on time you are eligible to vote for the offices for the next calendar year.

Q – Do I have to complete a membership application?

A – Yes, the Director of Membership will provide you with an application, which you will complete and submit with your dues payment.

Q – Is the club for men & women?

A – Yes, everybody is welcome to participate in all club events.

Q – Do I have to attend all the events to be a member?

A – No, however we encourage you to try different events/activities.

Q – If I like something special such as drag racing but I don't see that on the schedule, what do I do?

A – Mention it to the activities director or E-board and see if we can plan a run to that event.

Q – What is the E-board?

A – It is the elected officers and directors of the club. They are elected each year, and they organize and run the club for the membership. The E-board consists of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Director, Activities Director and the NCCC Governor.

Q – Why do I need a 'club' radio?

A – When the club makes a run (goes somewhere together) we caravan as a group. The radios allow us to communicate with each other as we are driving. Typical uses are driving directions, road hazards ahead and even trivia in transit to/from our destination.

Q – What type of radio should I buy?

A – Currently the club uses the ICOM radio which we have determined to provide the best range etc. Motorola also makes compatible radios to the ICOM units. Standard UHF radios, like those found at retail/sporting goods or electronics stores, will also work for communicating with other club members although the range of these radios is more limited than the range with the ICOM radio.

Q – What do the radios cost?

A – An ICOM Radio, extra battery, external microphone are listed on the website in the members only section. Please check there for the current dealer/best prices...you can also check with any member to see if we have found better prices/service that are not reflected on the website. Generally an ICOM Radio is approximately \$150 plus shipping. Used radios can often be found on EBAY.com. Standard UHF radios can be purchased for \$20 to \$40 for a pair of radios.

Q – Does the club have extra radios?

A – Not at this time, each member is encouraged to provide their own radios, however, several members bring extra radios that they have 'out grown' that they will typically lend to someone not having a radio.

Q – What are club colors?

A – This refers to members who wear shirts, jackets, and hats etc. which have the club logo on them. For special occasions we ask members to wear 'white' colors. This means an all white shirt with the club logo.

Q – Must you wear club colors?

A – No. However we like to show solidarity when we go somewhere so club clothing is encouraged.

Q – Do I need a name badge?

A – We encourage the wearing of name badges, when you join, a club name badge will be provided to you, that is part of your first year's dues and induction fee. We are all getting older and PVCA is constantly growing, it takes longer to learn who people are. In some cases, it helps us to remember who we are.

Q – Why is email needed?

A – The club has adopted email as the primary means of communication with the membership.

Q – What is the ListServ?

A – A service that allows a mass emailing to be sent to all club members with information about the club such as upcoming events, meeting places and changes that may come up before the next general meeting etc. Please note, only members may be on the Listserv. Emails from non-members are blocked and are not sent to the membership. The Email address to send a message to the whole club is: PVCA@auto-graphics.com

Q – What types of messages can be sent out on the ListServ?

A – The ListServ should be used to send messages pertaining to club business, runs and events, corvette news and member updates (health, etc.) Personal notes or jokes should be sent to individual email addresses versus the listserv. The ListServ is not to be used for advertising, inappropriate postings or negative comments about the club. Members abusing the Listserv can have their access suspended.

Q – Why does the club want to have us provide phone numbers and cell phone numbers?

A – When we go on a caravan/run, the leader will call members if they are late to verify that they are coming. Also, if someone gets lost or is meeting along the way we have communication means to reach them as the radios may not reach out or the person we are trying to find is 'out of range'. Phone numbers are considered confidential as are addresses etc. and are only visible to other members of PVCA.

Q – I notice that a picture of me or car is not on the website, what do I do?

A – Send a photo(s) to the webmaster to have them placed on the website. Preferred sizes are 72 to 100dpi, 8" X 10" (about 500kb).

Q – What is a Mystery Run?

A – This is a run that only the leader knows the destination. They are typically lunch or dinner runs. This is another reason to have radios and cell phones should someone get lost or meet at a different location than the rest of the group.

Q – What is a Rally?

A – This is a run where participants are given a route or clues to routes on where you are to drive or go. The route guide will have questions that you must find answers to special questions about places, and things along the route. The winner of the rally is the car (typically driver and navigator) with the most correct answers. There may also be a ‘timed rally’ incorporated, so that most accurate time to finish against a set time, or least amount of miles. It is similar to a ‘Treasure Hunt’.

Q – What is a driver’s meeting?

A – Approximately 15 minutes prior to a run, the leader will hold a meeting to disseminate any directions or information about the run or route.

Q – I have pictures of a run, who do I give them to?

A – Send them to the photo editor or the run leader who can gather and send them to the webmaster to be included on the website and our newsletter.

Q – What if I can’t go on a run?

A – If you have signed up for a run on the website (see the website calendar) and for whatever reason you can’t make it, please go to the website and ‘remove’ or ‘cancel’ your signup. If it is last minute please take the time to cancel/remove yourself and if at all possible to call the leader of the run or someone that you know is going so the group is not waiting on you to arrive at the gathering point for the event.

Q – How do I sign up for events?

A – Login to the website with your username and password, go to the events page for the current year and click on the event you would like to sign up for. Click on the ‘signup’ button, your name and the number of people coming will be available for you to select, click on that and you will be signed up for the event.

Q – How do I ‘drop a signup’?

A – Once you are signed into the website, go to the event page that you are dropping. There will be a red underlined arrow next to your name, click that arrow and you will see options for dropping a signup or remove from list. Click the applicable button and you will be dropped from the list, you will see a red line through your name. If it is last minute please ensure the leader (listed in the event description section) is notified, so the group doesn’t wait on you.

Q – I can’t log into the website, what do I do?

A – There are ‘members only’ sections of the website. When you join the club you will have access set up for you by the membership director and you will receive an email with you access name and password. If you don’t receive them within a few days of joining the club, contact the membership director or webmaster.

Q – Can I run for an elected position?

A – Yes, anyone may run for an elected position and/or volunteer for a committee position, the only requirement is that you must be a member for over 1 year to serve in an ‘elected position’ (President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer).

Q – Can I be on a committee?

A – Yes, contact the committee chairperson and let them know you would like to help. Committee chairpersons are nominated by the President and voted on by the general membership.

Q – What is the Homecoming Committee?

A – Each year numerous local High Schools ‘hire’ the club to provide 4-12 cars to drive the Homecoming court around the football field at the school’s homecoming football game. The participants typically go to dinner or for ice cream after the event. Money raised from the homecomings goes to the club’s treasury.

Q – Who is the sponsor? Why do we have one?

A – Our sponsor is Richard Hibbard Chevrolet in Claremont, CA. Each year they provide sponsorship of the club in the form of cash, donations, discounted parts etc. to the club. We receive sticker price or better; contact the Richard Hibbard representative for information.

Q – What do new members get?

A – As a new member you will receive a nametag, club decals, username and password to the website, you should explore the website and become familiar with it. In the ‘club documents’ section there are links to the Bylaws, Rules & Regulations, New member packet and other information about the club. You will also receive a packet (after application has been processed) from NCCC explaining their role at the National level.

Q – What is NCCC?

A – National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) is our governing national sponsor. PVCA is a member and therefore every club member is a member of NCCC (yearly dues to the club provide your dues to NCCC). We are members to socialize and be part of a National group and we also receive Third Party insurance from K & K insurance with our membership in NCCC, this provides insurance in the event the club or NCCC is sued for something that may happen at any of our events/runs.

Q – What is NCM?

A – National Corvette Museum (NCM) is “The Corvette Museum” dedicated to promoting and preserving “Everything Corvette”. The museum is located in Bowling Green, Kentucky across from the Corvette Production Facility. Individuals wishing to have a ‘Museum delivery’ can select that at the time of ordering their car and pick it up in Bowling Green and receive special tours of the museum and Corvette Plant.

Q – I have a daily driver car; can I go to car shows?

A – Of course, car shows are often attended by members as ‘display only’, or a ‘show and shine’. You don’t have to have a pristine car to attend, go out and spend the day with some great people who love to share stories and talk about cars – especially Corvettes.

Q – What is meant by ‘car of the year’?

A – The first meeting of each month the ‘car of the year chairperson’ will judge club cars on a particular area of the car on cleanliness and presentation. Clues to that area to be judged are given at the previous meeting to give everyone time to prepare. This may include anything on the car from rims, glass to the air vents in the cabin. At the end of the year, the member with the most accumulated points will be awarded ‘Car of the Year’. All members that have been judged each month will be eligible for a ‘random drawing’ at the next meeting.

Q – Can I bring friends or family on a run?

A – Yes, they are welcome. If they don’t have a Corvette (are in a ‘steel car’), we ask that they stay at the back of the caravan. Again, we ask “Any individual that would otherwise qualify to be a member of PVCA and has decided not to join PVCA shall be permitted to attend only two events listed on the PVCA calendar in any twelve month period”. This is to ensure fair and equitable treatment to all ‘paying’ members.

Q – What is meant by 50/50?

A – Similar to a raffle, the club holds a raffle at each meeting and at other major club events for cash and prizes. If we sell \$180 in tickets, the club gets half and the winning ticket wins the other half...in this case \$90 goes to the winner, \$90 goes to the club treasury.

Q – What is PVCA’s raffle?

A – At each meeting we encourage members to bring a raffle gift for our raffle drawing. For each raffle item you donate you will receive 5 raffle tickets, these will be eligible for all raffle gifts received at that meeting (does not include 50/50, as that is cash only). There is no price limit on your donation, this is meant to be fun, sometimes we combine lesser value items. We only ask that you do not ‘re-gift’ items that are used or extremely old/outdated.

Q – I want to know more about a specific event. Who do I contact?

A – Each run has a contact on the webpage for that event. Using the roster or event page you can contact that member directly or the activities director. At every meeting we cover ‘up coming’ events for the next month or two, so most questions can be answered at any meeting. You are encouraged to ask questions about events.

Q – Does the club recommend anyone to work on the cars?

A – The club recommends a General Motors authorized service facility specifically our sponsor, Richard Hibbard Chevrolet. There are several members who provide services, you can check with other members for recommendations.

Q – What club property do we have?

A – In 2008, the club purchased 6 (2 red, 2 white, 2 blue) EZ-Up canopies. They are for use by club members at events that the club attends. If a member needs to use one or more they should contact the Vice-President to arrange for pick up and return, these will be checked out to the requester and that individual is responsible for the unit, the responsible member will need to reimburse the club for any damage or replacement. We also have an audio system with microphones that we typically use at the club's major event each year (car show, rally, etc.).

Q – What does it mean when I hear acronyms such as, C5 etc.?

A – A person is referring to the generation/body style of a particular Corvette.

C1 – 1953 to 1962

C2 – 1963 to 1967

C3 – 1968 to 1982

C4 – 1984 to 1996

C5 – 1997 to 2004

C6 – 2005 to current

C7 – scheduled for ?

RPO (regular production option) that designates the options included with a specific model.

Z06 – is an RPO code that designates the higher performance models, typically used with the C5 or C6.

ZR-1 – is an RPO code that designates the higher performance models, typically used with the C4 (King of the Hill). There is also the new ZR1 (no hyphen) that will be a supercharged 600+ HP supercar.

LS1 – the 350HP small block engine used in the C5's

LS2 – the 400HP small block engine used in the C6's

LS3 – the 426HP small block engine used in C6's from 2008

LS6 – the 385 and 405HP engine used in the C5 Z06's

LS7 – the 505HP engine used in the C6 Z06's.

LS9 – the supercharged 600+ HP engine used in the ZR1

LT5 – The 375HP (1990 to 1992) and 400HP (1993 to 1995) engine using in the C4 ZR-1

Q – Caravan, what do we do?

A – When you sign up for a run on the club website, the leader will decide if the group will go as one long caravan or break up into two or more groups. It is hard to manage 20 or more cars in one long line, so we may break up into two groups of 10. For the first couple of runs you are encouraged to stay near the middle of the group so you can learn how we operate in a group. The lead car of each group will provide directions via radio as the run progresses. Every member of the caravan is responsible to keep the car in front and behind them in visual sight. On the crowded freeways of Southern California it is important to stay as close as safety allows. We have learned that if you leave too much space between the club cars other cars will cut into the caravan and break up the group. If the car behind you starts to fall behind, try to call them on the radio. Ask them to close up. If you must, inform the group that we are getting separated as the leader may need to slow. The trail car is one of the most important cars in the group; it is their job to tell the lead car the status of the group. Example: lead car says “We will exit 15 South ½ mile, lead car now on 15 South”. When the trail car gets on the 15 South he/she would say “last car on 15 South”. In this way the lead knows the status and can proceed to change lanes/speed up or slow down to group up. Example of Street driving: Cars getting caught at stop lights would notify others ahead that they are stopped. The lead car would know that he has followers that aren’t right with them...however the lead car should go ahead and proceed through the streets making sure the following cars are aware of turns or other traffic conditions. If the lead car stopped every time someone got caught at a light we would bunch up and cause a traffic hazard, the only time that we should pull off the road to wait in the city is if someone has mechanical difficulty with the car or if there is an urgent pit stop needed, otherwise eventually the traffic congestion will clear and we can find a suitable place to slow or stop to allow everyone to catch up so as not to impede other traffic.

Radio chatter:

As you will learn we all talk or tell stories on the radio. However we ask that if the lead car is giving directions or we are in a city driving environment where the group can easily become split up at lights, please stay off the radio so we can make sure everyone hears or knows what is happening up ahead.

Color Violation:

When we go on a caravan we try to NOT have two cars of the same color immediately following or next to each other in the caravan. So, when forming up, if two red cars are together, we like to let another color car in between the two red cars. There is nothing prettier than seeing 20 or so Corvettes of alternating colors go down the road. If we don’t have enough colors to break up don’t worry, it’s just something we try to do for variety.