

# **Pomona Valley Corvette Association Frequently Asked Questions and Information**

## **Updated November 2017**

### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**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?**

A – Pomona Valley Corvette Association meets every second Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Come earlier for dinner and/or to socialize.

Location: Please check the website for current location as we do have to move occasionally.

As of 2017 the club meets at the Elk’s Lodge in Ontario, CA. The address is: 1150 W. 4th St, Ontario, 91762. (South of the 10 Freeway and West of Mountain Ave. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every Month with a start time of 7:00 PM. Restaurant and bar are cash only and open at 5:00pm.

**Q – Can I bring a guest to a meeting or an event?**

A – 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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a single member. The annual dues for a spouse or significant other are thirty dollars (\$30.00). 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. There is also a onetime \$20 per member ‘initiation’ fee to cover initial administrative costs – name badges, etc.

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### **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 board of 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.

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### **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. 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, it is your login for the club’s website.

### **Q – What is the List Server or Email List Server?**

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

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the membership. The Email address to send a message to the whole club is:  
[PVCA@lists.auto-graphics.com](mailto:PVCA@lists.auto-graphics.com)

### **Q – What types of messages can be sent out on the List Server?**

A – The List Server 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 List Server. The List Server is not to be used for advertising, inappropriate postings or negative comments about the club. Members abusing the List Server may 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’ of our club radios. 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 100 dpi, 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 the least number of miles. It is like a ‘Treasure Hunt’.

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### **Q – What is a driver’s meeting?**

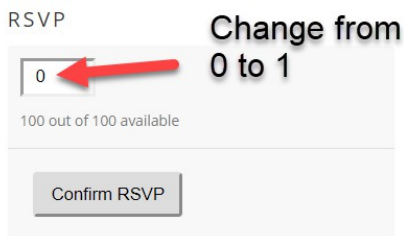
A – Approximately 15 minutes prior to a run leaving the meeting location, the leader will hold a meeting to disseminate any directions or information about the run or route.

### **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. Of course, the photos can be posted to other social media sites if you wish. It is best or suggested that you get permission to post members pictures to sites such as Facebook.

### **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 ‘RSVP’ button,



The image shows a web form for RSVP. At the top left, it says "RSVP". To the right, it says "Change from 0 to 1". Below this, there is a text input field containing the number "0". A red arrow points from the text "Change from 0 to 1" to the input field. Below the input field, it says "100 out of 100 available". At the bottom of the form, there is a button labeled "Confirm RSVP".

Change the number from 0 to 1. Note, Do Not set the number of RSVPs to more than 1 if you do you will be asked to enter your name, email, and phone for each RSVP plus you will then show up on the attendee list 2 or 3 times. WE only need you on the attendee list once.

After you change the RSVP from zero (0) to 1, the following screen information will appear.

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Please fill in the RSVP confirmation name and email fields.

1 Breakfast  
100 out of 100 available

Send RSVP confirmation to:

Full Name:

Email:

RSVP:

Don't list me on the public attendee list

Confirm RSVP

Please enter your name, email and leave the pulldown to Going. And press the confirm RSVP.

If the event requires additional information such as the actual number of people attending or the number of cars, then the screen that will appear is slightly different and it will look like this:

RSVP

1  
100 out of 100 available

ATTENDEE 1

Number of people that will be attending:\*

Number of cars you are bringing:\*

Mobile Phone:\*

Comments:

Send RSVP confirmation to:

Full Name:

Email:

RSVP:

Don't list me on the public attendee list

Confirm RSVP

When you are done filling in the information again click the Confirm RSVP button and you will get a confirming email. If you don't see the email in your inbox please check your SPAM or JUNK folders.

**Q – How do I ‘drop a signup’?**

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A – Once you are signed into the website, go to the event page that you are dropping. Scroll to the section on the event that shows Who is attending. There should be View your RSVP. On the right side of the screen you should see RSVP with a drop-down box of Going or Not Going. Simply change the screen from Going to Not Going.

Reserved by \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) on September 30, 2017

Don't list me on the public attendee list

ATTENDEE 1  
+ Toggle attendee info

Your name and email appear above

RSVP: Going  
Type: Dinner

You may also add a note in the comment field by selecting the +Toggle Attendee info displayed on the left side of the screen under Attendee 1. By doing so you can add a comment that you can't go, or change the number of people and/or cars going.

If it is last minute you are not able to attend an event – especially a run where the group might be waiting for you to arrive to leave, please do your best to contact the event leader (listed in the event description section) or any member that is attending, so the group doesn't wait on you.

### Q – I can't use the Website as a member 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 your 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 – I can't log into the website, what do I do?

A – The first thing to try is to reset your email. From the login select the "Forgot your password?" option. This will send you an email and you can then follow the link provided in the email to reset your password. If this fails, please contact the webmaster. The screen looks like this:

Username or E-mail

Password

Keep me signed in

Login

Forgot your password?

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### **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’ of Club President.

### **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 approved by the general membership.

### **Q – What is the Homecoming Event/Committee for?**

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 Rotolo Chevrolet in Fontana, CA. Each year they provide sponsorship of the club in the form of cash, donations, discounted parts and service (15%), etc. to the club. We receive sticker price or better on purchases of cars and trucks from the dealer; contact the Rotolo 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 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.



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### **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. As a note the club receives annually passes to the museum and plant, so if you are ever in Bowling Green contact our NCM Chairperson for tickets and assistance on your travel if you would like it.

### **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. What is to be judged each month may be a secret or clues to what 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, windshield 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 during the prior month will be eligible for a ‘random drawing’ at the club 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 Raffle?**

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A – Similar to a “normal” raffle, the club holds a raffle at each meeting and at other major club events for cash prizes. The 50/50 is an award of ½ of the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle sales. So as an example, if we sell \$180 in tickets, the club gets half of the \$180 or \$90 and the winning ticket gets the other half \$90. The \$90 that the club keeps goes to the general club treasury. Tickets sold for the meeting’s gift raffle are the proceeds that go to the 50/50 drawing amount. At some events the gift and 50/50 raffles may be separate.

### **Q – What is PVCA’s Gift raffle?**

A – At each meeting the club will raffle off various items that have been given or purchased by the club. Some items include Corvette related items, oil change certificates, wine (this is a very popular raffle item) and the list goes on. Member can purchase tickets for the raffle. At this time tickets can be purchased at the rate of 4 for \$2, 9 tickets for \$5, 20 tickets for \$10 and 45 tickets for \$20. In addition, members who are wearing their colors (club attire) and/or name badge the member will get a special color ticket (White ticket). Members who donate gifts for the raffle will receive 1 raffle ticket of a special color (Blue ticket). All color (Red – purchased, White for name tags, Blue for donations) tickets are eligible to win any of the raffle gifts given out in that night. The “Blue” tickets cannot win or is not included in the 50/50 cash drawing. If a person wins a gift, also donated that gift, that person has the option to not take his/ her gift back and if possible the club will substitute the donated gift for another gift for the winner.

### **Q – What items go into the Gift raffle?**

A – The raffle is primarily made up of donated gifts from our members. We encourage members to bring a raffle gift for our raffle drawing, but it is NOT required. Items that are donated are wine, gift cards, Corvette signs or related items, car cleaning products. Also popular are bath products, gift baskets, movie tickets. For each raffle item you donate you will receive 1 raffle ticket (of a special color – like Blue), these will be eligible to win any of the raffle gifts received and given out that night. The “Blue” tickets cannot win or does not include the 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

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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, Rotolo 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 with the club’s name on them. 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 2013

C7 – 2014 to ??

RPO (regular production options) that designates the options included with a specific model such as Z51 (performance suspension).

Z06 and ZR1 – is the model code that designates the higher performance models, typically used with the C5, C6, and C7.

The Current model codes for the C7 are the Stingray, GrandSport, Z06 and in 2019 the ZR1

ZR-1 – is the model that designates the higher performance models, typically used with the C4 (King of the Hill) at 405 HP. There is also the newer ZR1 (no hyphen) that was reintroduced with the C6 at 640 HP and there will be the supercharged 755 HP supercar for the C7.

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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. Rumors as of this update are the new 2019 ZR1 will also have the LT5 designation for its motor

### **Q – Caravan, what is it and what do we do?**

A – A Caravan is a group of cars from the club that are traveling as a group. 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 leader 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

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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 love to 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.

## **Q: What is a Color Violation?**

A – This started out as just to try and keep different color cars apart in a long line. However, since the “Only color of a Corvette is RED” that is not so easy. If we have a mix of colors it looks cool if we can separate colors, but if it is not possible – don’t worry, just have fun. So, when forming up or driving, 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.