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CORVETTE GAZETTE



and Remember our Vets!

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SCVCC Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Dec 7
Thur**

December Business Meeting at Vincenzo's Pizza – 7:30 PM
Come early and enjoy the social time!



**Dec 9
Sat**

Annual SCVCC Christmas Party – Robinson Ranch – 5 PM
Get this one on your calendar and get busy assembling food donation bags for the Santa Clarita Food Pantry



**Dec 25
Mon**



Christmas Day – At the Home of your Choice

Certainly not a club event, and congratulations in advance to anyone who happens to find new Corvette under your tree!

**Jan 1
Mon**



New Year's Day – Let's see what 2018 has in store!

As always, keep posted in the Gazette.





TWO ~~THREE~~ Months at a Glance



December 2017

7	Thurs	General Meeting – Vincenzo’s Pizza 24504 Lyon’s 7:30pm
9	Sat	Christmas Party at Robinson Ranch 5 pm for cocktails Dinner at 7pm Don’t forget your donation bags filled with food for the Pantry...
12	Tues	Happy Hanukkah
25	Mon	Merry Christmas
31	Sun	Happy New Year... see you all in Jan 2018 for a great New Year with the SCVCC. Celebrating our 40 th Year!!!

January 2018

4	Thurs.	General Meeting - TPC Valencia/Oaks Grille, 26550 Heritage View Ln, 7:30 PM
7	Sun	Surprise Breakfast...you won’t want to miss this one: Lemon Raspberry pancakes are the big hit at this very nostalgic restaurant and fresh squeezed OJ to die for!
18	Thurs	Taste of the Town: Saddle Ranch Chop House @ 6pm
	TBA	MB2 Raceway & lunch at Bob’s Big Boy in the SFV
	TBA	Mountasia Miniature Golf & Boardwalk Cafe

Future upcoming events in 2018 are in the works.

Your Activities Committee is hard at work planning for an exciting new year.

Watch your Email and the Gazette for what's ahead

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS PARTY REMINDER

The Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club's annual Christmas party will be held on December 9th, 2017 at Sand Canyon Country Club, 5 PM. To 10 PM.

NO charge for SCVCC Members.

Non-member fee is \$65.00 each.

Non-member, spouse, significant other and interested prospective members, **PLEASE SECURE your attendance** /place with payment **prior to** or at the **November 2nd** General Club meeting.

Payment may be made with cash or check payable to SCVCC.

Contact Deana Shaver at: 661-250-0037 or email:

rioguy5@yahoo.com

Return your Evite invitations ASAP!

Invitations (Evites) are one per couple. If you receive two Evites, please RSVP TO ONLY ONE.

If you don't receive an Evite, please contact "webmaster@scvcc.org"

**-Over 35 Raffle Prizes -
-Buy Lots of Raffle Tickets-
Support those less fortunate!**





From the Driver's Seat

November 2017 President's Message

It's hard to believe that this year is coming to an end. I look at the calendar of last year, and I'm amazed at all this club has done, the events we've had, the places we've journeyed, and the sights we've seen. As I look back over the past year I'm proud to say that it's been more of a large 12-month family event.

The year started off with concern of where we would meet as a club because of corporate greed, but we found a place, and we moved forward, as we always do. Our members have responded en masse to the wrath of Mother Nature to help those in need, and have done so willingly, and freely. Our members have come to the aid and assistance of our club family without a second of hesitation when one of us was in need, and we have all contributed to helping the community in which we live, helping those who need a hand. We all constantly work to improve the club, to make it better in every way possible, to avoid the mundane, and focus on the fantastic. That is what has made this club the success it is today.

The monthly activities which draw nearly half the membership as well as guests and guests at every event are great successes because of the Activities Committee people who work tirelessly to come up with ideas, and plans, to make these events successful. There is something for everyone, and nearly every member attends one of the events each month. Our Special Events people go above and beyond to provide the best for our members and guests, raise donations from the community, and ensure our functions/events are a success. In the age of cyber communication, we are ever evolving, and our communications are on track to keep everyone informed. Some will call it change, but it's not change, it's evolution. In 1978, communications was "Word of Mouth", and today it's "Cyberspace". Who knows what communications will be 10 years from now?

2018 will usher in not only a new year, and as ever, excitement of what the future holds. It will bring with it progress and improvement. Our club is no different. We look forward with anticipation of the progress and improvement we will experience as a club family. The club of today is not the club it was 10 years ago, and it will be a different club 10 years from now. We are an ever-evolving club, and that evolution is what makes our club unique, exciting, and desired. 2018 marks our 40th year as the Santa Clarita Valley Corvette Club, and the successes of the past will be our beacon to guide our progress for the new year and the years to come.

This club is a success, not because of the 13 club members on the Board of Directors, and those on the committees, but because of the other 87 members, the associate members, and those people seeking to become members that all make this club a success. In 2014 the Board of Directors focused on the operations of the club, it's structure, its fiscal responsibility, and its moral obligations. The Board took a "Long Range Planning" approach as to where the club should be in the future, and started down the path. The path would not be easy, and may not be popular, but needed to be traveled. Because of that team effort, we are recognized by the community as an integral part of the City of Santa Clarita. Our club is sought after to be part of community events and activities, we are held in high esteem among other car clubs, respected by the business community, and coveted by the people we help.

Speaking on behalf of the entire Board of Directors, thank you for an outstanding 2017, and we wish each and every one of you a safe and joyous Merry Christmas, and a truly Happy New Year.

Dwight & Janene McDonald



Business Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each Month

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
Vincenzo's Pizza
24504 Lyons Ave, (just east of I-5)
Newhall



Next Business Meeting: Dec 7, 2017

Social Gathering on the 3rd Thursday of each Month at 6 PM

No Social this month
Finish your Christmas Shopping!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tony Munshi	Dec 5
Jackie Stein	Dec 10
Patty Kemple	Dec 11
Chuck Negri	Dec 14
Tila Vega	Dec 14
Ron Nolan	Dec 15
Sandy Correll	Dec 16
Donna Webster	Dec 16
Donna Nolan	Dec 20
Michael Miller	Dec 22
Jim Bottoms	Dec 30
John Noble	Dec 31
Tom McAllister	Dec 31



Rocco	December 7, 1963	54 yrs
Gonzalez	December 15, 2009	8 yrs
Shaver	December 30, 2000	17 yrs

Note: Please notify your Newsletter Editor if your name has been missed. Your special day is important and our roster may not have all the correct information.



Meeting Minutes

Recorded by Ron Bergmann – Secretary

MINUTES OF MEETING – November 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM by the President, Dwight McDonald.

Secretary Ron Bergmann read the minutes from the October meeting.

Elke Couples gave the treasurer's monthly report, discussing the assets and expenditures for the past month.

Dwight made the President's Report. He said that tonight is a tryout and requested feedback to the Board. Linda Butler talked about the SCV Food Pantry donations. The Club drive this year is directed toward whole grain foods, peanut butter, and overall wholesome food. Dwight reminded everyone about the Suggestion Box and the Donation Box. The 40th Anniversary celebration planning is moving along. Last month's By-law vote was advisory.

The By-law changes will be voted on along with the Board elections. Associate Members will get a badge, pay a \$20 initiation fee and \$20 dues per year. All membership forms go to Judy Woodings, the Membership Chair. You must submit one form for each person, no more couples on one form. Your Board is doing a great job; please talk to anyone of the Board members if you have an idea or problem.

Judy Woodings gave the Membership Report. She introduced the visitors: Bob and Sharon Spierer, Miron Kalebjian, Ray Kimple, and Jill Boley. Judy inducted two new members, Mike Reader and Rob Weiss. The Club now has 100 members. Judy mentioned that Frank Kopecky is in the hospital.

Anthony Bachmura gave the Communications report. He is checking current email addresses.

Deana Shaver gave the Quartermaster report. She announced that she will have Club sweatshirts available at the December meeting. The Christmas Party is December 9th. Everyone got an Evite. Please RSVP. Members are free and guests are \$65. There will be a plethora of raffle prizes.

Janene McDonald gave the Activities Report. She went through the Three-Months-at-a-Glance. She thanked the Ceos for hosting the Lasagna Dinner on 10/7. She reminded everyone about the San Luis Obispo run on 11/10. The Queen Mary run was a success; the Woodings won first place, the Fulmers were second and Steve Hilton was third. Taste-of-the-Town is 11/16 at Yamatos.



Mike Woodings gave the newsletter report. Dwight complimented Mike on the quality of the newsletter. Mike mentioned the Vette Vittles articles, the Three-Months-at-a-Glance inclusion, and the black license plate frames.

Ed Shaver won the 50/50 raffle for \$134. The Badge-It-or-Lose-It winner was Donna Webster, who took home \$60.

Car Talk:

- Tom Couples has a Lloyds C7 cargo mat for sale. The Couples have ordered a 2018 C7 in ceramic matrix grey.

Dwight announced the November birthdays and anniversaries.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.





QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

**Great Clubwear
For Autumn
Weather**



NEW Ladies Tees



**YOUR
Quartermaster**

Show PLUS Go!

- Order those T-Shirts!!!
- Club Jackets are great for COOLER future RUNS!!!
- Stand out at Club events!



Pro-Celebrity



Ladies Visors



Men's Shirts

**Best Dressed
Corvette Club
in Santa
Clarita!**

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the December meeting and your Quartermaster Deana Shaver will be ready to address your clubwear needs. Remember that you can always contact Deana on-line at quartermaster@scvcc.org between meetings.



Central Coast Getaway

Nov 10th – 12th

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Janene McDonald and Mike Woodings

Weekend runs are always fun and our get-away to San Luis Obispo and the surrounding area was right up there with the best of them. Our Friday began with the headcount and



drivers meeting at Walmart and then off we drove in a tight and beautiful caravan, west on CA 126, to US 101 through Ventura and Santa Barbara (with only one pit stop). Then it was over the mountain past Lake Cachuma and west again to Solvang for a hearty lunch at where else, Pea Soup Andersen's in Buellton.



Then, north again. Before checking in to our waiting accommodations in San Luis Obispo for a two-night stay, we detoured onto CA 1 in Pismo Beach for a stop at the Monarch Butterfly

preserve. On-site docents gave our group information about the amazing insects as we marveled at their beauty in the protection of the eucalyptus grove their species seeks every year at about this time. Our itinerary was light, allowing time for individual activities as well as group functions since there is always plenty to do in the Central Coast.





The big event for the first evening was dinner at Giuseppe's Cucina Rustica on Monterey Street in SLO. We were well taken care of in this spin off from the original Giuseppe's that began in 1988 as a Cal Poly senior project in Pismo Beach. Great food and service left us all with reason for a return visit for future trips to the area.

Some retired to their places of rest while others took in SLO shopping and others enjoyed the "hospitality suite" at our hotel. Day 1 complete.



On to Day 2 then. There were indeed more opportunities to drive and eat, after breakfast that is. Our first destination out of the chute was, what else, lunch. The destination was the Bayside Café at the south end of Morro Bay. There was plenty of Corvette parking and good food available there as well as photo ops in the beautiful surroundings.



Dessert is necessary, but we had to drive for it to work off some of our chowder first. It was north again from Morro Bay to Cayucos and the Brown Butter Cookie Company. Cookies and coffee were a perfect end to Day 2, Part A as our caravan split into different factions to enjoy individual pursuit and to head back to prepare for Day 2, Part B, dinner.



Our Activities committee has another treat on the itinerary for us for our evening meal, Tahoe Joe's BBQ in San Luis Obispo. Once again, plenty of good food and company to conclude our Saturday. Veterans even were treated to a free steak by the restaurant for Veterans Day! We did notice the McCloskey's initially absent from dinner but later showing up with Mike wearing a



new Cal Poly t-shirt and explaining he and Dorothy went to the Cal Poly/Sacramento State football game to witness Cal Poly's defeat, 49-14. Sad for our CPSU alumnus! There was even another hospitality room event with a great turnout to finish Day 2.



Day 3 was much less organized with some wanting to avoid weekend traffic getting an early start while others took a more relaxed approach in leaving the area with more shopping, a visit to See Canyon for a final run to the local apple orchards, and even a later pass through Santa Barbara to be treated by a military style fly-over in honor of our vets!

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Plenty to do, and great people and Corvettes to do it with!



Weekday Run - Summerland

Nov 28th

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Judy Woodings



There seems to be no shortage of club members who are available for a weekday run, even one where the destination has not been announced prior to the drivers meeting. Tuesday, Nov 28th was one of those days. Thirty-eight, should I say retirees, in 22 Corvettes, assembled in the Walmart lot at 10 AM, ready to go to parts unknown.



Janene McDonald drove up with her injured co-pilot and gave us all the update about our heretofore mystery run to Summerland

and breakfast at the Summerland Café. (You will have to ask Dwight about the injured accelerator leg.) Then it was outward bound on an ideal morning with a very impressive caravan lead by Jim and Glenda Fulmer.

Glenda kept us on our toes with hazard alerts about patio chairs in the roadway along CA 126 and all was well for our travelers until the CHP pulled into the middle of the caravan to create a traffic break for debris removal. Sheila Percivalle by default became the caravan leader of the back half of the caravan and did a fine job leading them in to Summerland. She has a lot of tail gunner experience, but could there be a road captain dangle in her future?

The folks at the Summerland Café gave us the entire back patio and took good care of our drive and eat needs.



Once we had dined, we had the day ahead of us and the 22 Corvettes were in the wind to a score of different spots before rolling home. I heard that shopping might have been included in some of the subsequent stops and another destination might have included some new Grand Sport fender stripes.

Great idea to get out on Tuesday. Netflix has a lot to offer, but it really is about the Corvettes though, isn't it?



Supercar Sunday – Corvette Marque Day

Courtesy of: 

Contributed by John Vega

ARTICLE BY Dustin Troyan
Photos by Laurie Basile and Jim Gianatsis

CORVETTES

Lavaggio and Supercar Sunday

The Corvette Marque Day at Supercar Sunday was nothing short of incredible. Example of every generation were on hand as well as Corvettes that went from mild to wild. We even had a few race cars from Cris Gonzalez at JCG Restoration and Customs.

The Marque area was filled to the brim. Over 100 Corvettes came from all over California to participate in the annual marque. Representative of just about every Corvette club were present, clubs included; Redline, Simi



Valley, Vintage, Santa Clarita and Corvettes of Choice. What a wonderful group of enthusiasts.

John Vega who is not only a wonderful man, but a member of every car club in California, organized a brunch at Lavaggio after Supercar Sunday. Corvettes of Choice lead a group of about sixty Corvettes on a leisurely drive ending up at Lavaggio.

Cris Gonzalez from JCG Restoration and Customs sponsored the brunch for about 100 people at Lavaggio. His C5 race car was on display and he answered many questions about building, maintaining and racing Corvettes.

The team at Lavaggio did an outstanding job at hosting the event and there was literally no room for all of the Corvettes as it was such an epic turnout. Bellini Bistro, who is part of Lavaggio did a wonderful job

providing with catering the event.

The entire day, starting at Supercar Sunday to the drive to the brunch at Lavaggio, it was just magical. A more enthusiastic group of car owners may not exist.

And, a very special thank you to the Corvette owners for helping me “set up” Supercar Sunday. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Until next year when John Vega says...”Hey, can we do another Corvette deal in October...”

For more info on Lavaggio and JCG Restoration and Custom please visit:

www.lavaggio.net and www.jcgrestorationandcustoms.com



SUPERCAR SUNDAY



Est 2000



LA Auto Show – 2019 ZR1

Courtesy of:  CORVETTEBlogger.com
sales, news, & lifestyle

As of the middle of last week, I had no plans to attend the LA Auto Show. When we found out about the ZR1's Dubai reveal, I figured we'd be able to watch from afar and then sit back and follow the action. As most details would be known following the Dubai reveal, I saw no economic reasons for a multi-day trip to LA after the fact.

That strategy worked out pretty well as we were able to track down the video of Tadge Juechter and Tom Peters at the 2019 Corvette ZR1's reveal as well as share the details of the 2019 ZR1 as released from GM.

But then a couple of friends said they were doing a "BONZAI run to the ZR1" – flying in to spend the day at the LA Auto Show and then flying home that night. When the group continued to grow with more friends signing on, I figured this would be a cool way to check out the C7's swan song and get some great feedback on the new Corvette ZR1 from some die-hard Corvette fans.



Some of the Corvette enthusiasts flying in for the day include National

Corvette seller Mike Furman from Criswell Chevrolet, along with friends from the Stingray Forums Jeremy Welborn (@John Elegant (@elegant) and Kenneth "Tweety" Berg. Also joining us is occasional *CorvetteBlogger* contributor Robert Casey who writes the "All Corvette Colors" book series. Each of them are inviting their friends so I'm inviting you!

Here is Mike's post on the Corvette Forum about the joining us for the Bonzai run as well as the one from John Elegant on the Stingray Forums.



So, we are all headed to the LA Auto Show on Tuesday, December 5th. It's a "public day" with full-day tickets topping out at \$12 per person! The show goes from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. If you're in the area, or want to jump on a plane for a one-day excursion, let's meet up at the ZR1! We're planning on meeting up at 12:01 PM near the Corvette ZR1 with the ZTX's big wing. (Not sure if it that's the Coupe or Convertible)

Think we're crazy? Maybe so. I know my itinerary is! I'll be leaving my house at 3:30 am on Tuesday morning to catch a 5:00 am flight. After spending the day at the LA Auto Show with other like-minded Corvette fans, I fly out of LAX at 9:00 pm on a transcontinental flight back to Miami, and then wheels down back in Tampa at 8:00

am on
Wednesday
morning.



Will it be worth the trip? We've heard some rumors that the LA Auto Show display will be something special. Not sure what that means, but after a year of tracking the development of

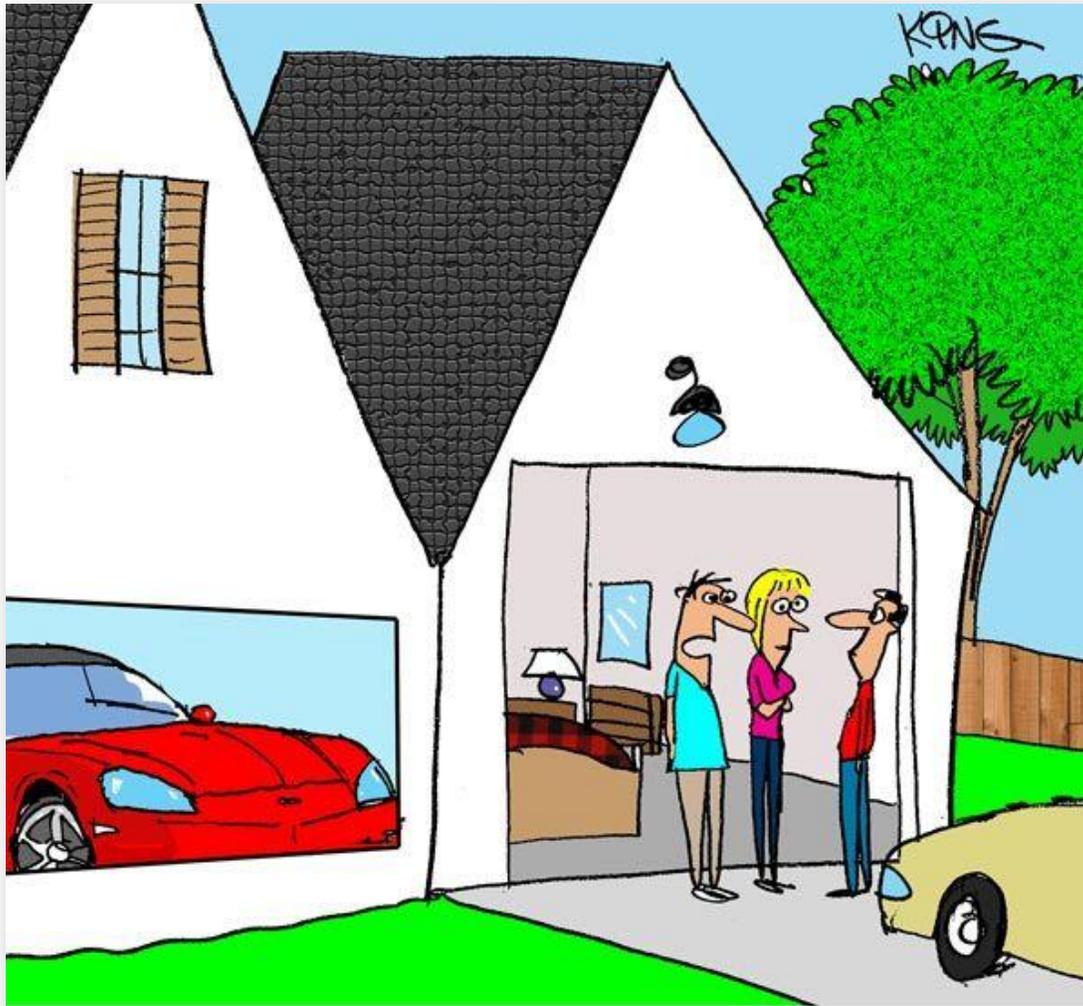
this car, we're very excited to finally see Chevrolet's new 755-hp supercar up close and personal!

Make sure you're following us on Twitter and Facebook as we share a fun-filled day at the LA Auto Show with good friends and the 2019 Corvette ZR1!

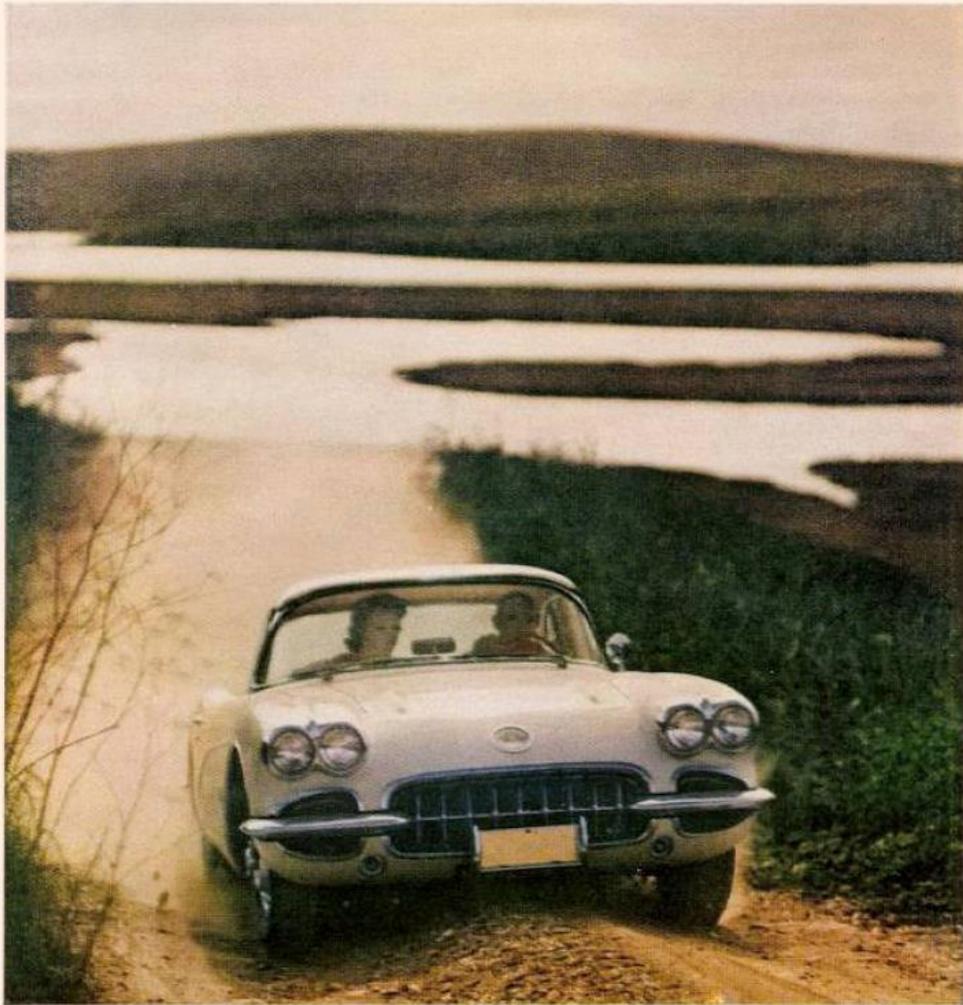
Tickets available on-line at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/la-auto-show-december-1-10-2017-tickets-35179380474?aff=laasticketpage>



Laff Traxx



"Our Corvette is so nice, we keep it in the house. And we sleep in the garage."



adventure is Corvette's business!

Let us caution you about one thing: When you get a Corvette you're going to see more twisty mysterious little back roads than you now dream exist.

The reason isn't hard to find. A Corvette is so beautifully precise in control, so vividly eager and sure-footed that any kind of road is an open invitation. Who wouldn't love to go exploring in a car specifically engineered for adventure, a road-hugging, curve-clinging gem that makes any driver feel like an expert and the experts feel like angels?

The remarkable thing about Corvette is that this

rugged competence carries no penalty (other than the fact you can't carry six passengers). Matter of fact, you can make a Corvette so luxurious it's almost sinful, wrapping yourself in the pure satin of Powerglide transmission, automatic top*, power-lift windows* and so on. But any Corvette, in any guise, is designed primarily for the great adventure of driving. If you want to know what the maximum feels like, you have to try this one!*

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by Chevrolet

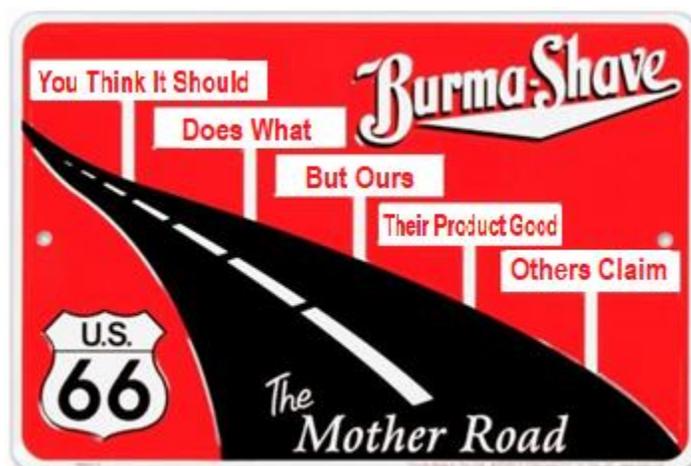
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*Optional at extra cost.

1960 Corvette

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VETTE VITTLES

for connoisseurs of cars and food



'Vette owners are talented as well as giving people. We all enjoy eating almost as much as our cars and many of you are pretty good in the kitchen and on the grill. This is the place for you to share a favorite dish with all of our Club people.

Pumpkin Cake

Contributed by Janene McDonald

Step 1:

Butter or spray bottom of 9"x13" baking dish

Mix 1-yellow cake mix, ½ cup melted butter and 1 egg to create dough.

(Set aside ¾ cup of mixture for topping)

Place the remaining dough mixture in the 9"x13" dish – pat into place.

Step 2:

Prepare Pumpkin Mix

Mix together:

- 3 eggs
- 2 cups evaporated milk
- 1 lb (15 oz can) pumpkin
- ¾ cup sugar
- ¼ tsp vanilla
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp ginger
- ⅛ tsp cloves

Pour mixture over the dough in the 9"x13" dish.



Step 3:

Prepare Topping

To the ¾ cup remainder of cake mixture dough, add: ¼ cup sugar, 1 tsp cinnamon and ¼ cup softened butter

Crumble/mix ingredients

Drop by dollops on top of pumpkin mixture.

Bake at 350° for 45 – 60 minutes.



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Final Thoughts:

November has ended and here we are in December. The month ahead has many exciting events for most. Holidays and family events top the list. There is even the club Christmas party we can enjoy, hardly recognizing each other without Corvette t-shirts and hats.

December also brings with it cooler weather and for Corvette people, the opportunity to "go topless" without the fear of sunburns. Your editor and his co-pilot like to do just that, top down, not off, this time of year. It's time to dig out the Santa hats once again and roll through our community, waving at passersby as they hustle about accomplishing all of their important business. Oh, yes, we love December, especially in our Corvette sleigh!



In the meantime, this is YOUR newsletter and I will try to keep it interesting for old and new alike. Always feel free to submit YOUR personal Corvette stories, YOUR classified ads and whatever Corvette items that interest YOU!

Your Editor can always be reached at newsletter@scvcc.org with your contributions for an upcoming issue.

And hey, Merry Christmas!



Mike Woodings
Newsletter Editor

