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Forty Years Ago!

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SCVCC Upcoming Calendar of Events

**Apr 5
Thur**

April Business Meeting at TPC Valencia/Oaks Grill – 7:30 PM
Come early for PHOTO DAY!!!

**Apr 14
Sat**

Live Steamers – Griffith Park
Great outing for the entire family – Details Pending – Watch your email!



**Apr 19
Thur**

Taste-of-the-Town – California Pizza Kitchen – Valencia
Time for dinner out and socializing with your Corvette friends. No dishes to do tonight! Join us at another of our Santa Clarita's great eating spots. Reminder to all, start time is 6 PM!

**Apr 27-29
Fri-Sun**

Pismo Get-Away Weekend
Relax and enjoy the beautiful Central Coast





Mark Your Calendar!



**SoCalSACC is
hosting the 2018
National SACC
Convention in
Ventura, California**



SACC National Convention

July 20th to July 22nd, 2018

The SoCalSACC Chapter here in Southern California is hosting the SACC National Convention on Friday, July 20 to Sunday, July 22, 2018. The location is in beautiful Ventura, Ca. and we are planning our stay at the 4-Points by Sheraton along the ocean.

We anticipate a good crowd from out-of-town and want to extend an extra invitation to our SoCal Chapter members.

SAVE THIS DATE!!!!!!

We want you, your family and your C-1 to join us.

- **We are planning a Fun filled weekend to keep everyone busy with activities.**
- **Road Trip Tours**
- **Visits to nearby Museums**
- **Secured Parking**
- **Tech Sessions and Women's Events**
- **Convention information featured will be posted on Chapter Web Site, www.socalsacc.com**
- **Final Evening Banquet with Guest Speaker**





Three Months at a Glance



April 2018

5	Thurs	General Meeting – TPC 7:30pm Photo Shoot evening for you & your cars Approx. 5pm
14	Sat	Live Steamers at Griffith Park more info to follow...bring picnic lunch for the family.... Weather Permitting
19	Thur	Taste of the Town: California Pizza Kitchen 6pm 24061 Newhall Ranch Road, Valencia
27-28, 29	Fri-Sat or Sun	Pismo Get-Away Weekend...relax & enjoy the beautiful Kon Tiki on the Beach...

May 2018

3	Thur	General Meeting – TPC 7:30pm 26550 Heritage Lane (west of I-5 Frwy at Valencia)
17	Thur	Taste of the Town: Olive Garden 6pm 27003 McBean Parkway, Valencia
27	Sunday	Surprise Breakfast Run – Watch your email!
5-31 to 6-3	Thur-Sun	Monterey Coast Corvette Caravan...a fun packed weekend on California's beautiful Monterey Peninsula
5-31 to 6-6	Thur-Wed	Napa/NorCal Road Trip...another opportunity for a Corvette Getaway – enjoy Sacramento Train Museum & Napa Valley

June 2018

7	**WED**	General Meeting – TPC 7:30pm Note DAY CHANGE to WEDNESDAY!
21	Thur	Taste of the Town: Toppers Canyon Country 6pm 18417 Soledad Canyon Rd
23	Sat	2nd Annual Picnic at Steckel Park in Santa Paula...BBQ, Prizes games & more...come one come all!



From the Driver's Seat

March 2018 President's Message

March was a month that turned out to be better than expected, given the weather forecasts that kept changing daily. Fortunately for us, all the events we had planned, took place between rain storms. The week of St. Patrick's Day brought nothing but rain, and even Dallas Raines predicted rain for the 17th, which just happened to be the three Corvette clubs BBQ hosted by Santa Paula Chevrolet. Two days before the run, most of those who had signed up had canceled because of the forecast of rain, but Saturday morning arrived with clear skies, dry roads, and a comfortable temperature. 19 Corvettes and an Arizona registered Tin Can showed up at the starting point. Needless to say, the BBQ was a tremendous success.

Saturday morning on the 24th, 37 people and 19 Corvettes gathered at the Walmart parking lot for what would turn out to be another beautiful run to the coast, and lunch at Brophy Brothers Restaurant in Ventura, with a beautiful view of the harbor. Ron and Joyce Bergmann led the procession, followed closely behind by Jeff and Leeann Carley, our tail gunner for the trip. Well, maybe not so closely, there were 17 other Corvettes in between. Everyone had a great drive, and an unbelievable view proving California does have hills that are green, and lush.

Just a few points to remember:

Be sure to get your election nominations form to the club Secretary, Ron Bergmann, by April 15th.

Thursday, April 5th, starting at 5:00 pm is club picture day, so bring your shiny Corvette for a picture that will be posted on the club's web page, you may want to wear your club attire for this photo, yes you will be in the picture with your Corvette.

Start using the new web page SCVCC.org and get comfortable with it. It changes frequently with news articles, video showing, and featured events. Also, it will become the club's main portal for sign-ups, or cancellations for events, renewal of membership, and dues payments, and other club related information. Any board member can be contacted directly through the web page under the club officer's tab.

September 29th is our 40th Anniversary, Club Car Show for charity at Route 66. Be sure to mark it on your calendar. This year's charity event is for the Santa Clarita Coalition, Adopt-A-Vet.

Lastly, due to conflicts at our meeting location, the June meeting will be moved to Wednesday, June 6th. Mark it on your calendar.

Dwight



Business Meeting on the 1st Thursday of each Month

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

TPC Valencia/Oaks Grill

26550 Heritage Ln, (off Valencia, west of I-5)

Valencia

Next Business Meeting: Apr 5, 2018



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

California Pizza Kitchen

24061 Newhall Ranch Road

Valencia

Next Social Gathering: Apr 19, 2018



Birthdays and Anniversaries

- Jim Allen Apr 2*
- Al Aird Apr 2*
- Kathy Munshi Apr 3*
- Mike Woodings Apr 12*
- Judy Tomlinson Apr 13*
- Judy Thomas Apr 16*
- Judi Lewis Apr 16*
- Melody Reid Apr 23*
- Fred Zullo Apr 23*
- Les Hershberger Apr 24*
- Michelle Veasman Apr 27*



- Dwight and Janene McDonald Apr 1, 1972 46 yrs*
- Joe and Jennette Ramieri Apr 7, 2001 17 yrs*
- Gene and Cindy Schmidt Apr 12, 1983 35 yrs*
- Dave and Karen Jewett Apr 15, 1991 27 yrs*
- John and Linda Noble Apr 17, 2004 14 yrs*
- Dan and Lydie Colonello Apr 29, 1985 33 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 – March 1, 2018

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

Secretary Ron Bergmann read the minutes from the February meeting.

Elke Couples gave the treasurers report concerning the assets and expenditures of the club as of February 26, 2018.

Dwight McDonald gave the president's report. He announced the 40th Anniversary Car Show will be 9/29/2018 at Route 66. KHTS radio will announce from the show. They will also do public service announcements promoting the show. The charity benefiting from the show will be the Santa Clarita Coalition. They support veterans, victims and disaster relief. He covered the upcoming election. The nominating forms must include the nominating members name and are due to the Secretary by 4/15. The ballots will go out subsequent to that date and are due back by 5/15. The new web page is working well and you will be able to pay your dues online in the future.

Don Ceo gave the membership report. Membership is still standing at 100 members. He introduced the guests: Gerald and Dawn Barry, and Bill Robbins.

Janene McDonald gave the activities report. She covered the Three-Months-at-a-Glance. The Lady Face run was a great success. The next Taste-of-the-Town is 3/15 at Chili's. The Santa Paula BBQ is 3/17. The Drive and Eat run is 3/24. The Los Angeles Live Steamers Railroad Museum is 4/14. It will be cancelled in case of rain. The Pismo run hotel is the Kon Tiki for April 27-29. She talked about the National Caravan in 2019. There will be a run to Sacramento and Napa in June. Planning is underway.

Deana Shaver gave the Quartermaster report. Tee shirts in light grey or white with a silkscreened logo will soon be offered with the new 40th anniversary emblem. Women's shirts will be offered in small to X-large and men's will be available in medium to XX-large. A polo shirt with a silkscreened 40th anniversary logo/badge will also be available in white on a preorder/prepaid basis. Sign up for your size.

Anthony Bachmura reminded everyone to read the emails he sends out. Dates and locations can change, so read them.

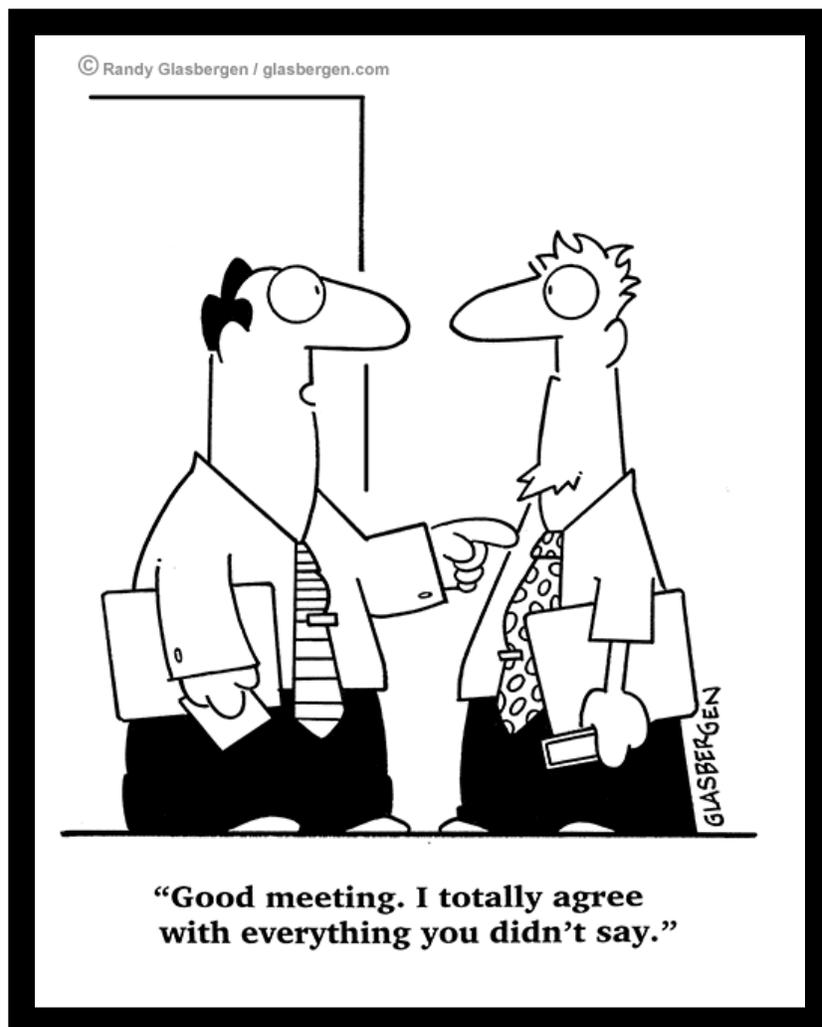


Dwight McDonald gave the Newsletter report. The newsletters are out. It reflects the 40th logo.

Ray Kemple won the 50/50 raffle for the second month in a row for \$160.00. The Badge-It-or-Lose-It winner was Art Rocco who was not present last month and this month took home \$40.

An item for Car Talk was brought up by Tommy Couples. He and Elke bought a 2018 Stingray convertible and had it drop shipped to Santa Paula Chevrolet. They went to Auto Skins for a clear bra and hash marks. Auto Skins did a great job. Mike McCloskey talked about a run 20 years ago to Hearst Castle and told the Arrow Vette story.

Dwight announced the birthdays and Anniversaries.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 P.M.





QUARTERMASTER'S CORNER

**Great Clubwear
Spring
Is Here!**




40th Anniversary Polos and T-shirts are in.
Deana will have them at the April Club Meeting
Bring your cash or checks

- Snow PLUS Go!**
- Order those NEW 40th Anniversary Shirts!!!
 - Club Jacket still great for ALL Club RUNS!!!
 - Available at Club events!



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

The Corvette Kiosk will be **OPEN** for the April 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.



Santa Paula Chevrolet BBQ

Mar 17th

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Tony Munshi and Mike Woodings

The clouds parted just enough during the March rainstorms for the eagerly awaited BBQ at Santa Paula Chevrolet. As in days past, our participants assembled at our start point in the Walmart lot for headcount, waivers and a driver meeting. We know the way, but it's just what we do, besides, you could almost smell the tri-tip on the horizon. Nineteen was the count of the Corvettes as we once again headed west on the 126 and as always, we were a sight to behold!

Our friend and host, John Macik, from Santa Paula Chevrolet, again cleared his lot to for the onslaught of Corvettes that rolled in for another of his now-famous BBQ get-togethers.

We don't all come just for the food though. Some shop and most of us dream as well. There was quite a bit of attention paid to the current Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible on display and also to a certain ZO6 for sale on the lot. Come on people, Santa Paula would love to do business with us!



Laird's Butcher Shop and BBQ keeps getting better and better with the spread they prepare for us at every gathering. The grub and Vettes keep us coming back time and time again. What a great combination. As always, for a Saturday run and a great BBQ, Santa Paula Chevrolet is THE place to go. Thanks to John and his crew for another fine event!



Check out Shutterfly (<https://scvcc.shutterfly.com>) for all the pics!



Taste of the Town - Chili's

Mar 15th

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: From the Net

March again found us meeting for our third Thursday Taste of the Town at Chili's. Not quite St. Pat's Day, but still a great opportunity to sport some green or at least a shamrock as we once again tried the Chili's menu.



Chili's is one of those restaurant chains that you know exactly what you're getting, with even a certain nostalgia of home. So, once again we rolled into one of our standbys at 39 strong, only down one from a year ago

The location offered plenty of Corvette parking and the food is always very tasty and filling. I too can attest that the service was great and we felt appreciated as customers.

Will it be Chili's again next March? Only time can tell, or maybe our Activities Committee. As we move about our community and gather monthly at one of our many

possible sites, we have to appreciate our Activities people for finding locations that will cheerfully handle such a large group. Great job!

Thanks to the Chili's staff for handling our group as we descended on your establishment with such a large group. You did great and we appreciate your hospitality. You helped make our Taste-of-the-Town experience another delicious one!



Our next Club Social TOT will be at the Olive Garden – Valencia on April 19th. Personally, I am a spaghetti and meatball fan and enjoy the salad with bread, but there is plenty on the menu to choose from. Remember, you've got to eat, so come meet Corvette friends at another of our favorite TOT locations. See you there.



Ojai/Ventura Saturday Drive and Eat

Mar 24th

Story: Mike Woodings

Photos: Steve Turkheimer, Janene McDonald

The old saying goes, “April showers bring May Flowers”, but it’s March! What we are living is March showers bring changes to the itinerary.

The planned drive to a Spring outing to Ojai was literally scrubbed due to road conditions after a couple of weeks of rain. What to do? No problem. Our Activities people produced an alternate plan and our Communications guy got the word out and we were still good to go!

Twenty Corvettes with thirty-seven participants for the Saturday run assembled at Walmart for their drivers’ meeting for a caravan out CA 126 to Brophy Brothers at the Ventura Marina.

The drive was beautiful under sparkling blue skies with the caravan adding to the amazing scenery.



There were plenty of thumbs-up from our fellow drivers along the way.

The staff at Brophy Brothers did a great job taking care of our orders and needs, especially after such short notice and our thanks go out to them.



Mark Ware came prepared with his drone and we all assembled for a group shot before heading for other activities in the area, around the marina and beyond. We were even treated to a “mermaid parade”, our lucky day!

Thanks to our Activities Committee for making it all happen and making the needed adjustments to plans so we could hit the road together after being confined by Mother Nature for the past week.



Stay tuned to your email for news about upcoming caravans and events our Activities people have in store!





“Sinkhole” Corvette on Display after Restoration

Courtesy of:  **DAILY NEWS**
Contributed by: “Clutch” McCloskey

Back in black indeed. Looking more like it had rolled off an assembly line than been hauled out of a sinkhole, the restored 1962 Tuxedo Black Corvette is now back on display in the National Corvette Museum’s Skydome.



Unveiled four years to the day after it was swallowed by a 30-foot-deep sinkhole, the '62 was greeted with fanfare and attracted interest from around the world as it took its place in the museum’s exhibit commemorating the cave-in that dropped eight Corvettes into a muddy grave.

“It turned out pretty sweet,” said Daniel Decker, the museum’s vehicle maintenance and preservation coordinator, as he admired the car that gleamed like the vintage 'Vette that it is amid a display that still includes five damaged-beyond-repair vehicles.



Decker was admiring his own handiwork, a restoration project he estimates involved more than 600 man-hours to bring one sports car back to life. “It’s meticulous work to get everything back the way it’s supposed to be,” Decker said. “When you repair a car like this one, you don’t want it to look like it has been repaired. You want it to look like it did before.”



Mission accomplished. Visitors to Monday's event, including a family that traveled from England, filled the Skydome and tens of thousands more joined the museum's live and archived video feed on Facebook to admire the like-new '62. When the silver covering was pulled off the car as AC/DC's "Back in Black" echoed throughout the Skydome, those visitors erupted in applause. For NCM Curator Derek Moore, the sound was almost as sweet as the car itself. "It's a great feeling," said Moore. "Doing it on the fourth anniversary of the sinkhole is very important. This is the last car that can be restored, so it's a great bookend to the saga that's been going on for four years. It shows the rebirth that the museum has gone through since the sinkhole collapse."



That rebirth has included the restoration by General Motors of a 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" prototype and the 1992 convertible that was the 1 millionth Corvette produced. Restoration of the '62, the oldest of the cars involved in the sinkhole collapse, was done at the museum's AutoZone Maintenance and Preservation Area. Moore, who observed the work done by Decker and his crew, said it was important to use original parts in the restoration. "We tried to keep as much of the original parts as we could," he said. "The frame was slightly bent, but we were able to straighten it."

Moore said the response to the restoration, both within the Skydome and via Facebook, illustrates how passionate Corvette enthusiasts are. "It has been incredible," he said. "It shows the passion that people have for the Corvette. It makes us feel like we're doing a job that's worthwhile."

Decker said the unveiling of the '62 "closes the door" on the sinkhole collapse and its aftermath. The three restored cars are on display in the Skydome along with these five that were battered beyond recognition: a 1984 Pace Car, a 1993 ZR1 Spyder, a 1993 40th anniversary coupe, a 2001 Mallett Hammer and a 2009 convertible that was the 1.5 millionth Corvette.





2019 Chevy Corvette ZR1 destroys Ford GT Record

Courtesy of: **MOTOR AUTHORITY**

There's a new king of Virginia International Raceway, and it's the 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1.



It was only a few days ago we learned that Ford's halo, the **\$450,000**, all-carbon fiber GT, set a lap record for production cars at VIR with a time of 2:38.62, beating the previous record of 2:40.02 set by the Dodge Viper ACR in 2015.

The GT's time was set during diagnostic testing a few months back and doing the driving was Billy Johnson, who races the GT in the World Endurance Championship and helped Ford develop the supercar.

Well, Chevy on Wednesday revealed that its ZR1 destroyed the GT's time, with vehicle dynamics engineer Jim Mero having blasted around the track in a time of 2:37.25 during testing last month. That's almost one and a half seconds quicker on a track that's 4.1 miles in length, in this case VIR's Grand Course West, a demanding track that's become a homegrown benchmark for performance not unlike the Nürburgring over in Germany.



The time is made all the more impressive when you factor in the ZR1's less exotic aluminum construction and front-engine layout, and there's no ignoring its price tag that comes in at a quarter of the GT's sticker. Where the GT is really the underdog is in the power department. Thanks to a supercharged 6.2-liter V-8, the ZR1 delivers 755 hp and 715 pound-feet of torque. The GT on the other hand has a 3.5-liter twin-turbocharged V-6 with 647 hp and 550 lb-ft.



GM also boasts that its 8-speed automatic shifts quicker than a dual-clutch transmission, which the GT uses. The car Mero drove to the VIR record was fitted with the brilliant auto, as well as the ZR1's available ZTK Performance Package, which includes the front splitter, adjustable rear wing, Michelin Pilot Sport Cup 2 tires, and unique tuning for the magnetic shocks.



All we can say is, Ford, you should have gone with a V-8.

Now, if the front-engine Corvette is already this fast, we can only imagine what the presumably faster mid-engine Corvette will muster. Porsche and McLaren should be worried.

Sadly, Ford has already backed out of the race.





My C7 Update Update

Story: Mike Woodings
Photos: Mike Woodings

In the February Gazette, your Editor related not just a tale of woe, but also a sort of notice to C7 owners and everybody else driving Corvettes to be alert for unusual symptoms.

To refresh, in early February enroute to the opening of Cracker Barrel in Victorville, both my co-pilot and I heard an unusual noise when the NEW Grand Sport A8 transmission was in gear. A scraping noise. Santa Paula Chevrolet picked up the car and diagnosed the noise as caused by the torque tube bearing. A new torque tube was installed and I was back behind the wheel for just three days when a DIC notice on the dash read "Service Rear Axle". Dang, back to the dealer.



The computer codes CO414 and CO418 were noted and reappeared after attempts to reset them. GM Tech Assistance recommended replacing the rear differential; that's where we left off in the last newsletter. After the slow truck from Pontiac, MI, delivered the new differential, it was installed, all levels were topped off and the Vette was road tested. Dang again...Code CO418 reappeared. That was late on a Friday afternoon and the Detroit people were gone until Monday before further consultation.



Two sad people, one in Santa Paula Chevrolet Service and one here in the SCV, caught up on what had and had not transpired. The two-day weekend seemed like two weeks as the saga continued into another week. Early on Monday the long-awaited call came from service, the GM Tech in Detroit now recommends changing the Rear Differential Control Module. The good news in it all was that the module was available the following day.

So, the part arrived...it was installed...the Vette was test driven and NO CODES. Hallelujah! The Grand Sport came home and still has the new car smell along with some of the newest parts in the SCVCC. All was well as we joined the caravan back to Santa Paula for the BBQ during a break in the weather and we are still looking for a dry day sometime soon for that postponed visit to the Cracker Barrel!

Just remember, you have to listen to indicators and heed the codes. You can look at all of the sites found in Google, but they don't always tell the tale. Also, it's a car, a nice car, but "things" happen! If you hear the scrapy noise or get Code CO418, let's talk!





Laff Traxx



**Cop: You were going fast.
Me: I was just trying to keep
up with traffic.
Cop: There isn't any.
Me: I know! That's how far
behind I am.**



Some of the fastest cars in the world will try to keep pace with it.

This year, America's most successful sports car will lead 33 of the fastest cars in the world around America's most famous brickyard.

It's the Indy 500. And the 1978 Official Pace Car is none other than the Chevrolet Corvette.

Quite an honor. And it couldn't come at a more significant time, since this year marks the Silver Anniversary of Corvette; 25 exciting years of men, machines, and memories.

To commemorate this event and to celebrate Corvette's 25th anniversary, a very special Limited Edition Corvette Coupe has been designed. Production will be held at 6500 and sold on a first come, first serve basis.

This Limited Edition Corvette comes equipped with applicable Official Pace Car Insignia and is powered by a highly respected 350 Cu. In. 4-barrel V8. There are specially contoured bucket seats, choice of an AM-FM Stereo/CB or AM-FM Stereo/8-Track and much more.

Corvette has always done more than just keep pace, but this year is very special indeed. You can see the Limited Edition Corvette at the Indy 500.

Or, see your Chevy dealer.

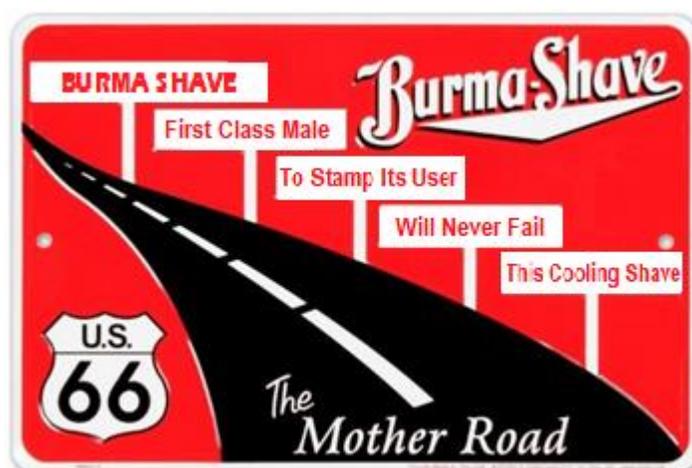
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VETTE VITTLES

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.

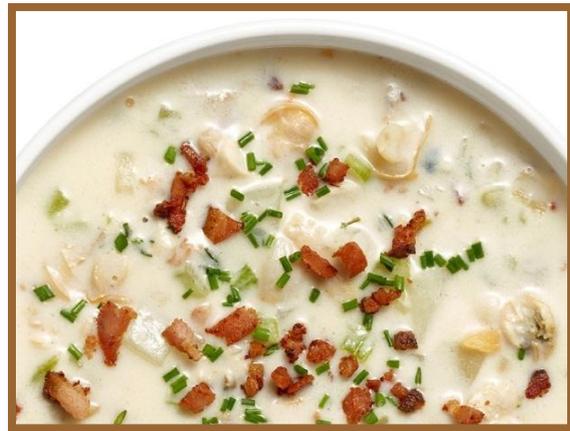
New England Clam Chowder

From the Food Network

Contributed by Judy Tomlinson

Chowder

2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 medium onion, finely diced
2 celery stalks (reserve tender leaves) trimmed, quartered lengthwise, then sliced into 1/4-inch pieces
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
2 cups chicken or vegetable stock
2 (10-ounce) cans chopped clams in juice
1 cup heavy cream
2 bay leaves
1 pound Idaho potatoes, cut into 1/2- inch cubes
Salt and freshly ground black pepper



Heat the butter in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add the onion and celery and sauté until softened, mixing often. Stir in the flour to distribute evenly. Add the stock, juice from 2 cans of chopped clams (reserve clams), cream, bay leaves, and potatoes and stir to combine. Bring to a simmer, stirring consistently (the mixture will thicken), then reduce the heat to medium-low and cook 20 minutes, stirring often, until the potatoes are nice and tender. Then add clams and season to taste with salt and pepper, cook until clams are just firm, another 2 minutes.

Pan Toasted Croutons

2 to 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 baguette, cut into 1-inch cubes
3 tablespoons freshly chopped flat-leaf parsley
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Melt the butter in a large skillet and toss the bread cubes in the butter until browned and toasted, about 2 to 3 minutes. Add parsley and season with salt and pepper.



Final Thoughts:

We are surrounded by many kinds of people, different values, different beliefs and many who don't understand us, Corvette owners. While I am not personally one who appreciates poetry as you saw last month, I thought the following poem expressing another's appreciation for our fine cars was worth sharing:

*Turn the key and open the door;
Exactly what living is for.
Take a moment and breathe in deep;
The smell of leather is so sweet.
Settle in and buckle up;
get ready and fire her up;
Excitement builds backing down the drive;
A perfect day for fun has finally arrived.
Escaping from the world and pressure we live in,
Now entering the realm of Corvette heaven.
All troubles vanish as we drive away;
Nothing can spoil this Corvette day.
Hardtops, convertibles, or ones with tee's,
No finer a machine that anyone can see.
Come join me in heaven, get ready, get set,
As I fly along in my Corvette.*

So, 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



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